

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*)

Adult grey butcherbirds are a small grey, black and white bird with a remarkable singing voice. Juvenile birds have less black



and white, and can be mistaken for kingfishers. They are widespread in wooded habitats, from mid-eastern Queensland to Tasmania, and to northern Western Australia. There is also an isolated population in the Kimberley and parts of the Northern Territory.



*"if you sit around long enough not working the birds start landing on you!" - Bill*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please book early / RSVP for events to avoid them being cancelled. If you have booked and can't make it please let us know so we can use the waiting list.

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The Wootton Valley News is usually delivered before the 1st day of each *second* month. If you have a problem receiving it on time, please contact the editors.

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Visit our website [wootton.org.au](http://wootton.org.au) and "Wootton Community" facebook public group

## Wootton Community Network News

**This newsletter** contains stories and photos of recent and coming events around Wootton, sent in by Wootton residents and landholders - we hope you enjoy them. If you have something to share, or would like more information, please email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au) or come to a Wootton Community Network (WCN) meeting.

**Contact details** for WCN members have recently been updated. If you are a member and not received messages, please contact the Secretary [Kate secwootton@gmail.com](mailto:secwootton@gmail.com)

The **Annual General Meeting is at 3pm Saturday 14 September**, in the Brush Turkey Café. The meeting will include reports on the last 12 months activities and finances, and all committee positions will be opened for election. Nominations should reach the Secretary no later than 31 August. Voting is open to financial members who will receive the official meeting notice and details from the Secretary.

**Welcome to new advertisers**— see back page for local businesses who support us.

**New hire fees** have been approved by the Committee, they are on the noticeboards. Please note the **website** <http://wootton.org.au/wcn.shtml> is still being repaired.

- If you would like more information about joining the Wootton Community Network, please email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)
- Updates are generally posted on the “Wootton Community” facebook page

The Wootton-Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group recently held a very successful workshop on maintenance and safe use of chainsaws. Many of the 17 participants have been in touch to say how much they had learned. Our thanks to Craig Tate for so generously sharing his knowledge and providing such an interesting delivery on what is a very serious subject.  
*Carole.*



Yummy, scrumptious, **WINTER** Food Swap (warmer in the Hall)



### Large Animal Rescue Workshop, Saturday 24 August, Taree

Would you know what to do if you came across a cattle truck roll over? If your horse fell into a dam? Got stuck in mud? Or perhaps was involved in a float accident? What procedure should you follow? What equipment should you use? Could you ensure animals were rescued safely? A one-day course held by Manning Landcare. Call Lyn for more information on 0427 530 681



### Sunday 25 August 9am-1pm Memory Walk & Jog to beat Dementia

Principal Sponsor  
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Adding life to years and years to life

104th MEMORY WALK & JOG  
GET ACTIVE. BEAT DEMENTIA.

Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest supports the fight against Dementia

Where: Myall Park Tennis Club Yamba St Hawks Nest  
When: Sunday August 25th 9am-1pm  
Distance: 2km 5km 10km options  
Entry: Adults \$20 Children and Seniors \$10

Register: [www.memorywalk.com.au/events/104/myall-park-tennis-club-memory-walk](http://www.memorywalk.com.au/events/104/myall-park-tennis-club-memory-walk)  
Fundraise: Use the above link to create your group or individual fundraising page  
Donate: [www.memorywalk.com.au/event/donate/104/myall-park-tennis-club-memory-walk](http://www.memorywalk.com.au/event/donate/104/myall-park-tennis-club-memory-walk)

Event Sponsors:

Want to be a volunteer or need more information? Contact Chris on 0403 773 647.

Fundraiser at Hawks Nest  
[www.memorywalk.com.au](http://www.memorywalk.com.au)

### Plant Identification Field Day Sunday 11th August, 9.30am Bulahdelah

Explore the principals of Taxonomy, with walks and talks on plant identification. The property has 30 year old Eucalyptus regrowth with some interesting species to identify. The owner wishes to discuss future management of the regrowth as well as some creek vegetation. For details & RSVP, please contact Hunter Farm Forestry Network Trevor Woolley [secretary@hffn.org.au](mailto:secretary@hffn.org.au)



### Sunday 1st September

Brush Turkey Café opening time to be confirmed, check facebook for details.

National Landcare Week,  
September 2-8

### Wootton Bush Dance, Saturday 28 September.

We will be welcoming Newcastle based bush band, the Waterbombers, back to the hall for our annual bush dance, so dig out those dancing shoes. Dinner will be the usual bring a plate, starting at 6pm, with bush dancing to follow. The band members will talk us through the dances so no experience necessary, just bring your enthusiasm and sense of fun. All ages welcome. The dinner and dance will cost \$15 per person (the extra charge is to help cover the cost of the band). **Places are limited please RSVP to Megan K on 0418 420 608 by 21 September 2019.**

ANNUAL WOOTTON BUSH DANCE 2019

THE WATERBOMBERS  
28 SEPTEMBER 2019  
AT WOOTTON HALL,  
WOOTTON

STARTS AT 6PM - \$15 AND BRING A PLATE  
RSVP BY 20 SEPTEMBER PHONE 0418 420 608

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MidCoast Council is currently reviewing land use across the region, in both urban and rural areas. Members of Council's planning team attended a meeting in Wootton on Saturday 29 June to let the community know how the review is being undertaken and how the community will be able to provide input.

For Wootton both the Housing Strategy – which looks at residential zones in towns and villages – and the Rural Strategy – for land outside towns and villages will apply.

The Rural Strategy recognises the importance of rural and natural areas to our local communities, and the economy – with the strategy aiming to provide both value for farming and biodiversity. Once completed both strategies will provide a unified and relevant approach to planning in our rural areas, catering for our community now and into the future. The strategy will:

- Reflect contemporary industry practices designed to meet community expectations
- Form part of our future planning framework, to be implemented in planning controls including a new MidCoast Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP).

Minimum lot size was raised as an issue at the meeting, with Council staff confirming it is an issue across the local government area and it will be looked at as part of the strategy. The issue of rural residential lots near villages, which is of interest to some in the Wootton community, is part of a rural residential study that will not take place for approximately 18 months.

Council will be engaging with the community on both the housing and rural strategies when they are drafted. Members of the community will have an opportunity to see what is proposed and provide feedback before the strategy is finalised.

It is anticipated Council will be consulting on the housing strategy later this year and the rural strategy early in 2020.

If you wish to register to be kept informed on the strategy development – head to MidCoast Council's have your say section on the website to provide your details.

Information will also be provided to all rural landowners when the consultation is underway on the rural strategy.

**Marcelle Boyling** [Marcelle.Boyling@MidCoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Marcelle.Boyling@MidCoast.nsw.gov.au)

**Midcoast Council Communications and Engagement Coordinator**

**LLS Annual land and stock return due by 31 August 2019**

<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/livestock/land-and-stock-returns>

**WOOTTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

CALL OUTS: Thanks to our volunteers for attending several fires and vehicle incidents.

Our "top 3" problems have been **people**:-

1. leaving fires unattended,
2. burning off rubbish
3. lighting up piles without notifying Fire Control in Tuncurry or their immediate neighbours.



**If residents follow the rules:-**

1. they won't be fined or charged
2. we'll have more time and energy when the big fires come

*It is a legal requirement that no matter what you light up, neighbours and Fire Control 1300 643 262 are advised no less than 24 hrs beforehand.*

You are also required to attend the fire, manage it, and ensure that it has been extinguished if you leave.

PREPARATION: The drought and forecast dry spring means that more fires are expected, sooner and bigger. The fire permit season could start early, so keep an eye on Facebook, papers and radio announcements.

EXTRA TRAINING: is being held on selected Friday evenings, members will be contacted with details.

**Adam Garnett Captain 0428 272 629**



Do you have children, grandchildren in Wootton?

Would they like to contribute a story or picture?

**Go on, ask them today!**

[brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

*Make this  
your space*



**Saturday 31 August Wootton Community Dinner—Hearty Country Food**

Brush Turkey Café, 7pm. \$20pp and dress "Country". Bookings/RSVP essential by 28 August to *Megan G* 0439 890 525 [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

**Occasional Woottonites** *Bernadette* and

*Steve Ramsey* enjoyed farm-sitting for *Mike* and *Caro*, and *Robyn* and *Stewart*. They would like to hear from you if you would like someone to farm-sit your farm/house in Wootton.

[ramseysb4@gmail.com](mailto:ramseysb4@gmail.com)



**Your membership** helps support monthly dinners, community events, maintain the buildings and grounds. You can direct deposit \$12.50 per person to:

Wootton Community Network Inc.

BSB: 633 108 Acct: 162518591

*Reference: "WCN19" and your name*

Please email when paid to notify the

Treasurer [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

**Brush Turkey Café - *Supper and Entertainment* events, 10 August and 14 September**

Peter D and Megan K are organising these two evenings. To coordinate the catering, if you are coming you need to RSVP, or events will be cancelled due to low numbers. Details and RSVP Megan K on 0418 420 608



**Field Day - Beekeeping in Wootton**

Wootton-Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group are planning a springtime field day this coming spring, watch facebook for details:-

*"Even the very best protective clothing does not mean you will not get stung. The thing with stings is almost everyone reacts differently. If in any doubt about a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to a bee sting then ask your GP about being tested before you take up beekeeping. EpiPens are great in an emergency, however we really do not want to get to that stage."* Len

**Update on registering Pets and Livestock**

What animals do you have? Are they registered? What are the laws?



**Dogs and cats** in town or on the farm need to be microchipped and registered, <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats>

**Farms need a Property Identification Code (PIC)** It is a requirement in NSW for owners of livestock such as cattle, sheep, goats and pigs to have a Property Identification Code (PIC) when trading or moving these livestock. The requirements have expanded to also include *deer, bison, buffalo, alpacas, llama, horses, 100 or more poultry, or 10 or more emus or ostriches.* <https://www.ils.nsw.gov.au/livestock/pics>

**Wootton Community Network Inc** is an independent, not for profit association responsible for everything to do with the Brush Turkey Café and Hall (old School). You can come along to a community dinner or event, borrow books, hire a venue, help at fundraisers and working bees, contribute to Wootton Valley News and the website.

**Wootton Rural Fire Brigade** is a volunteer brigade helping protect the community from fire and other emergencies, based in the fire shed in Squires Road. Come to the shed at 8am on the 2nd Sunday any month, see what we do, and talk over a coffee.

**Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group** is part of Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare Inc. Landholders meet to share local knowledge and experience about living on the land with livestock, trees and specialty products.



Reminder—**Great Lakes Food Trail Sunday 6 October**, including local award winning producers:- **Old Inn Road** - Verdelho **Burraduc Farm** - Buffalo Cheeses, **Valley View Farm & Co** Garlic, **Farmers Wife Distillery** - Gin (London), **Nikki Dixon** from the Bungwahl Public School - Environmental Education, **Coastal Brewing Company** Craft Beers,  
<https://www.thegreatlakesfoodtrailnsw.com.au>

"We found them in a small pine forest over at Pacific Palms... ", *Natsumi* and *Andrew*. They're beautiful but very dangerous "Fly agaric" mushrooms, *Amanita muscaria*. Originally from Europe, they are spreading into the bush and threaten the native mushrooms and truffles that native plants and animals depend on. [www.fungimap.org.au](http://www.fungimap.org.au)



Hunter Local Land Services are seeking participants for a free, two-day **Farm Planning Course**, contact *Daintry Gerrard* on 0429 198 472 or [daintry.gerrard@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:daintry.gerrard@lls.nsw.gov.au)

**Wootton Directory** contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.** Please email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au) with others to include here. Thanks.

#### Wootton Community Network

President: Megan Griffiths  
 Secretary: Kate Hosey  
 Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201  
 Email: [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

#### Bookings—all facilities

*Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?*  
*Getting people together?*  
 Susanne Kennedy 0402 742 226

#### Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Chair: Carole Robinson 0428 009 952

#### Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428272629  
 Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177  
 Deputy Capt: Jim Garnett 0422916002  
 President: Adam Garnett 0428272629

#### Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262  
 (24hour prior notice)

#### Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

Joel.Dunn@glcr.org.au 0401932533

**MidCoast Council:** 6591 7222

**State Forests** Wauchope 6585 3744

**Police:** Sector Supervisor, Bulahdelah Senior Constable Trevor McLeod, 4997 4204, 0427 233 745  
[mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au)

**State Emergency Service** 13 2500

#### Local Land Services

Wild dogs Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007  
 Rural Resilience Group  
 Peter Brown 0437 671 459

#### National Parks & Wildlife

6591 0300

**Fawna Wildlife Rescue** 6581 4141

**Bulahdelah Waste Facility**  
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 Tuesdays 1 - 5pm, Fridays 12 - 4pm  
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[lynette.arnoldus@bigpond.com](mailto:lynette.arnoldus@bigpond.com)

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Mon-Fri 9am-5pm 4997 4283

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A big thankyou from the Wootton Community Network to *Peter D* and to *Kieran* for their very timely donations of a PRINTER and MICROWAVE