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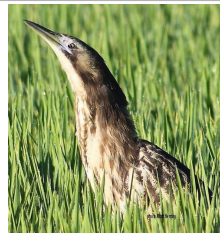
Australasian Bitterns (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*)

are sometimes called the “Bunyip Bird” because of their booming night-time call. They are very secretive birds and nest in thick sedges, reeds and rushes on the edge of freshwater wetlands.



Once common in our region, habitat clearing and feral animals have made life hard for this shy bird. To help bitterns survive and thrive, the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program is supporting Hunter LLS to partner with Hunter Bird Observers Club, local governments and bird experts, in a project “Bittern or Bust”. You can find out more and get involved

<https://wetlands.org.au/bittern/>.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Many WCN events are on hold during COVID 19

Please check online or email the Secretary for updates brushturkey@live.com.au

The Wootton	Valley News is usually delivered before the 1st day of each <i>second</i> month. You can read it online www.wootton.org.au
Sat 15 Aug	• Wootton Hall: Food Swap 5pm <i>Special arrangements are in place for COVID see details page 2</i>
Sat 29 Aug	• Wootton Hall: Community Gathering— <i>details to be confirmed</i>
Tue 1 Sept	• Wattle Day. Bring the “green and gold” into your life.
Sun 13 Sep	• Wootton Fire Brigade Community Information Day ALL WELCOME to come and find out how to prepare for the Fire Season Fire Shed is open from 10am-1pm, Squires Rd
Sat 19 Sep	• Wootton Hall: Food Swap 5pm <i>Special arrangements are in place for COVID see details page 2</i>

*People take many **photos** at community events. If you don’t wish to be in Wootton newsletter photos, email secwootton@gmail.com before publication closing date.*

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Contact us by email brushturkey@live.com.au

Visit our website wootton.org.au and [Wootton Community](https://www.facebook.com/WoottonCommunity) facebook public group

Wootton Food Swap 15/8/20 and 19/9/20

The Food Swap will recommence in August 5pm Saturday 15/8 . We will be implementing risk reduction protocols so

that all you go home with are good memories and food. We ask everyone to use good hygiene practice when picking food...please wash your hands before picking and packaging. We will ask Swappers to go to the swap table one by one and ask them to sanitise their hands before picking up their food. We will provide sanitiser.

We won't be providing afternoon tea, so please bring a thermos and your own nibbles (let's see how jealous you can make others with your home baking!).



Apart from that, we will just ask that standard social distancing rules apply (should not be a problem if you, like me have ended up looking like the Wild Man from Borneo during self-isolation!). If you would like more info, or have any ideas, please contact *Peter Dixon* 0478741111



JULY 2020—overnight hail in Wootton

Too dark to know what all the noise was when it was happening, but next morning *Oliver R* went outside and there was hail lying on the ground. It was still there after 9.30am, and killed patches of grass!



No Masks



One Mask



Two Masks



WCN have applied for a grant to repair the sports clubhouse.... stay tuned for the results.



WOOTTON RURAL FIRE SERVICE

The fire season normally starts on 01 October so now is the time to start preparing your house & property for summer. Always notify neighbours and fire control 24 hours prior to starting any burnoffs 1300 643 262.

To assist the community, an **information morning shall be held on Sunday 13 Sept from 10:00 to 13:00 at the Wootton RFS shed**. Come along and have a chat about what you need to do, take some of the info sheets, organise an inspection by us, and find out what other help is available (see below).

Thanks to the donations received, we are moving forward with plans for extending the shed to include a meeting room, kitchenette, and disabled WC. This will then allow part of the existing shed to be altered for a crew change/locker room and an office. In the meantime, the shed electrics, water collection system, roof leaks, etc have been attended to. THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR FINANCIAL HELP. Further info will be on our facebook page in the near future.

The brigade welcomes a new member, Neal Lyons, who has passed his assessment (no easy task in COVID times) and he will now be on the truck for Summer. If you would like to join as an active member or in a support role, please call me to discuss.... we are always looking for help!

If you are elderly or disabled and require assistance in preparing your property, go to the NSW RFS AIDER web page www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/aider to book in a request. Call (02) 8741 4955 or email aider@rfs.nsw.gov.au for help with the form or for more information.

www.facebook.com/woottonrfs/ Adam Garnett Captain 0428 272 629

TOP 5 ACTIONS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME



1. Trim overhanging branches



2. Mow your grass and clear an area around your home



3. Remove materials that can burn around your home



4. Clear and remove leaves and debris from your gutters



5. Prepare a hose that reaches all around your home

COVID OR NO COVID
3 to 9 AUGUST
Landcarers across Australia grow our food, look after our environment, care for our coastlines, and protect our native animals. National Landcare Week was created to celebrate our hardworking Landcarers who are fostering a better environmental future for all.
NATIONAL LANDCARE WEEK

22 AUGUST
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY
International Youth Day is a reminder that investment in the world's youth will provide a better future for all

Save the date
14 August 2020

red nose day

Keep Australia Beautiful campaign is to demonstrate the easy ways people can help the environment and also save money by making a few simple changes around the home and in their daily lives

Keep Australia Beautiful Week
19-25 AUGUST

5 to 11 AUGUST

Dental Health Week
raises awareness of how to best look after your and your children's teeth

Join us to drink tea and raise money for human rights

25 AUGUST

Amnesty International Australia

Gather your friends, family or colleagues to share a cup of tea and raise money for human rights. Over the last 33 years Amnesty International has exposed thousands of human rights abuse

Daffodil Day is one of the Cancer Council's most loved fundraising events and this year, every daffodil and every donation grows hope - hope for more survivors, hope for better treatments and hope for greater support.
Cancer Society Daffodil Day
23 AUGUST 2020

WORLD CLEANUP DAY
2020
19 SEP

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
6 SEPTEMBER 2020

Australian Children's Book Week

Children's Book Council Of Australia
Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, Ask your children-grandchildren if their school is having a Book Week
17 to 23 AUGUST 2020

12 August

World Elephant Day

World Elephant Day was launched to bring attention to the urgent plight of Asian and African elephants.

HISTORY WEEK 2020
1 to 9 SEPTEMBER 2020
History: what is it good for?
History Council NSW
History Week is a significant event that engages local communities in the NSW cultural calendar. Each year members of the History Council of NSW collaborate to host events that explore a particular theme in a variety of formats

SEPTEMBER 2020

Save the Koala Month
Australian Koala Foundation
There is currently no legislation, anywhere in the country, that can protect Koalas and Koala habitat in Australia. In 2012, the Koala was listed as 'vulnerable to extinction', under Australian Law.

International TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY
19 SEPTEMBER 2020

Thank You!
NATIONAL THANK A POLICE OFFICER DAY
Saturday 19 September

R U OK?
12 SEPTEMBER 2020
An annual national day of action that aims to get Australians, right across the entire spectrum of society, connecting with friends and loved ones, by reaching out to anyone doing it tough and simply asking: "Are you ok?"
R U OK? Day is about prevention, preventing little problems turning into big problems

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2020
Yom Kippur

1st SEPTEMBER 2020
Wattle Day is oriented towards the future, encompassing positive virtues in the celebration of Australia and the Australian spirit.



WCN Annual membership fee

\$12.50 pp direct deposit to:-

Wootton Community Network Inc.

BSB: 932000 Acct: 50002358

Reference: "WCN20" and your name

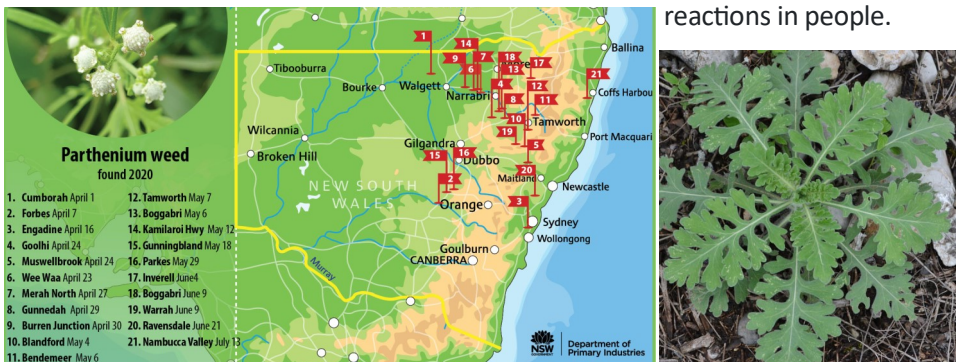
Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer brushturkey@live.com.au



The **draft Cultural Plan 2036** will be published in August 2020 based on the first round of "Have Your Say"
www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Have-Your-Say

Parthenium weed is now on the north coast

Parthenium weed spreads rapidly, is dangerous to grazing animals and reduces crop and land values. Contact with the plant or pollen can cause serious allergic reactions in people.



More details: weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/weeds/partheniumweed

Report biosecurity concerns online: biosecurity.transactcentral.com/Biosecurity/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=report-a-biosecurity

WEARING A MASK CAN SAVE A LIFE



Do your Citrus trees have **gall wasps**? You can use a potato peeler to fix them!

ABC TV [m.youtube.com/watch?v=_QmWf9YLXUQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QmWf9YLXUQ)

Have your cows been to the hairdresser lately?



Cow brushes have been designed for cows to scratch themselves against whenever they need to. It can improve the cows' quality of life, and they are less likely to scratch themselves against fences and trees.

Be careful buying online—it might be illegal

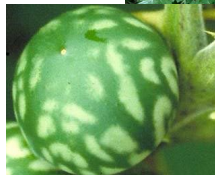


"Prickly Pear" cactus plants are just one of many invasive and poisonous plants turning up in NSW gardens. Unsuspecting buyers can put their stock and neighbours livelihood at risk

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/weed-categories#Must-not-be-sold-in-NSW

Tropical Soda Apple

Can take over your pasture! If you spot this plant, please contact *Terry Inkson* 7955 7777. (Midcoast Council)



weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/TropicalSodaApple

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

The lack of large events has freed some coordinator time for individual property visits. Contact Joël if you want to walk and talk through a project idea, and borrow some equipment like wildlife cameras, “tree-poppers”, microscopes & the popular Yeomans Plow. We have received a small grant including privet removal around Wootton, so contact us for more information and if you’d like to be involved. *Fred Fetherston* is now the local contact for the *Wootton Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group*, and thanks to *Carole Robinson* for the last few years. KGLL’s Facebook page is very active, along with Youtube where local landcarers are opening their properties to “virtual visitors” for live events and videos.

Contact Joël at joel.dunn@glcr.org.au, 0401 932 533, and “like” on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/) for more

Facebook news, events and videos: www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

Youtube videos: youtube.com/channel/UC0uMf162UuYhyTNvBGHa-nw/videos



LLS ANNUAL STOCK RETURNS DUE 31st AUGUST 2020—EVEN IF “NIL STOCK”



Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.**

Please email brushturkey@live.com.au with other contacts to include here. Thanks.

<p>Wootton Community Network President: Bill Buckland Secretary: Kate Hosey 0402 776 376 Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201 Email: brushturkey@live.com.au</p>	<p>MidCoast Council: 6591 7222 State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744</p>
<p>Bookings—all facilities <i>Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?</i> <i>Getting people together?</i> Kate Hosey 0402 776 376</p>	<p>Police: Sector Supervisor, 12 Meade St Bulahdelah Senior Constable Trevor McLeod, 4997 4204, 0438 140 370 mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au</p>
<p>Wootton Rural Fire Brigade Captain: Adam Garnett 0428272629 Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177 www.facebook.com/woottonrfs</p>	<p>State Emergency Service 13 2500 Local Land Services <i>Wild dogs</i> Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007 <i>Rural Resilience Group</i> Peter Brown 0437 671 459</p>
<p>Midcoast Fire Control Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262 (24hour prior notice)</p>	<p>National Parks & Wildlife 6591 0300 Fawna Wildlife Rescue 6581 4141</p>
<p>Karuah Great Lakes Landcare Joël.Dunn@glcr.org.au 0401932533</p>	<p>Electricity Essential Energy 13 20 80</p>
<p>Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group Contact Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Bulahdelah Waste Facility opening hours Tuesdays 1 - 5pm, Fridays 12 - 4pm Sundays 10-2pm</p> </div>

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Snakes start waking up around September

be careful where you walk