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## **Brown Pigeon**

### *Macropygia amboinensis*

*A medium sized bird, 300-450mm, with a long tail. Head and upper parts deep russet brown with iridescence on neck, upper breast plain pink-brown and blue-grey eyes with a crimson outer ring. Breeding season September to January. The Brown pigeons contact call is a penetrating whoop-a whoop, is found deep in the rainforest, in the understorey and in the canopy, but it's preferred habitat is broken vegetation with much shrubbery. It is common in pairs and small groups of up to 10 or so in clearings where there are weeds and berry bearing bushes to feed on. The Brown Pigeon seldom travels far, preferring to move from one clump of bushes to another nearby. The mating display of the Brown pigeon is a slow and courtly bow drawing himself up to full height with inflated breast he bows to the horizontal.*



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 16th December	Community Christmas Party Brush Turkey Café
Wednesday 20th December	Coolongolook School Presentation Day 11am
23rd /24th & 30th/31st Dec	Café closed
Sunday 31st Dec '7th & 28th Jan'	Pacific Palms Markets
Sunday 21st January	Wootton Fire Brigade Meeting 9am
Saturday 26th January	Bulahdelah Movie 'Quigley' 2pm
Saturday 27th January	Monthly Dinner Aussie Bush Food them
Thursday 1st February	Wootton Community Network Meeting
Saturday 10th February	Movie Night Brush Turkey Café 7pm

WISHING ALL OUR READERS AND FRIENDS A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## Wootton Community News

**Melbourne Cup Day** We had a fun filled day with games, yummy finger food and sweeps. Prize for best hat went to Sue Smith.

**Pizza oven** Proceeding along nicely. It should be operational by the new year.

**Craft** We have recently added local hand woven baskets to the art we have on display. Think about one of our wares for just that right Xmas present

**Fruit and Vegetables** If you have an oversupply of fruit or vegetables any time of the year, remember rather than let it rot on the ground, the café would be happy to take it off your hands. Thanks to Herbie and Anna from Newman's Road for their donation of oranges and pecans and to Eric, Monica and Allan Wilkes for citrus.

**Wootton Valley News** To allow for the increase in printing costs, advertising rates in the directory for 2007 will be increased to \$55 per year and \$45 per year for members and be a maximum of 4 lines. Invoices will be sent out soon.

**Café News** Remember we're closed for the Xmas and New Year weekends 23rd, 24th & 30th/31st Dec.

### Community Dinners

**October Dinner** Our **German Night** went well with lots of hearty food.

**November Dinner** Our Bar-b-que had a good roll up and a very social night. Oh, the food was good too.

### Coming Up 16th December Community Christmas Party 7pm.

Bring a plate to share and a \$5 present to go under the tree. All welcome

**January Dinner** Will be a Bush Food feast. Awaken your tastebuds.

Thanks to the Bradbury's for their donation of a raffle prize.

### Garden Report

The garden is looking fantastic thanks to the work of Garry, Tracey & Daphne. The café has been benefiting from having fresh local, organic produce to produce meals with. On the drawing board is the construction of a garden shed, thanks to a kind donation for the materials from Wally Cheal.

### Movie Nights

It was decided at the last Network meeting that we would, now that we have both the screen & projector sorted, try to hold a movie & supper night every 2nd week of every 2nd month. Starting February. Remember your support of these events, will mean they will be ongoing.

### Music Nights

To hold these nights we need an organiser who can contact bands, arrange bookings and send out a flyer. The nights were good fun. We just need an organiser. To be held every 2nd Saturday of every 2nd month. Odd month to Movie Night

### Website

Anyone wanting to be included on our website, would like a link or wants more information please contact us by phone or email.  
On 49977296.

### Postcards

Thanks to Ian Dihm for his fantastic photos that we will soon be putting together as postcards for sale at the café.

**Thanks to all our café helpers & our garden helpers for their tireless efforts**

## Community Technology Centre News

### Get an affordable PC from your CTC

WorkVentures in partnership with the CTC Association are able to offer great PC packages

If you are a Centrelink recipient, Health Care card holder or not-for-profit organisation you are eligible to a rebuilt PC package. Choices are as follows: **Plus Delivery fee to mid-north coast \$40**

#### **FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE XP**

Also until the end of December 2006 WorkVentures will include a free copy of Microsoft Office XP for students currently enrolled at school, TAFE or University.

Marie Power, the Manager of the CTC@Nabiac has recently set up a Pentium 4 Pack for a TAFE student for \$490 which included:

MS 2000 operating system  
MS Office XP (free to students)  
AVG Antivirus software  
Ad Aware  
Acrobat Reader  
WinZip

25 hours FREE internet access (dial up)

Assistance by a member of the CTC to set up and provide initial setup/training WorkVentures technical support (phone and email)

**Contact Marie or a Volunteer on 6554 1876 OR**

**See Marie at the Brush Turkey on Saturday afternoons between 2 pm and 4 pm.**

Package	Standard Pack	Power Pack	Pentium 4 Pack	T23 Laptop Pack
Processor	P3 733Mhz	P3 933Mhz	P4 1.8 GHz	1.133GHz
Hard Drive	20GB	20GB	40GB	30GB
RAM	256mb	256mb	256mb	256mb
Price	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$450</b>	<b>\$440</b>

**SANTA WILL BE STOPPING IN  
FOR A VISIT AT THE CAFÉ ON  
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER  
11 AM**



Wootton community is mourning the loss of Prue Marshall, who passed away on Wednesday 6th December, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was, during her time in Wootton, an active member of Wootton Fire Brigade and the Progress Association. Prue, who was 67, was a lovely person whose friendly face will be greatly missed. Our best wishes go to Nick and their family.



### **Wootton Rural Fire Services**

Please remember that all fires need a fire permit during the bushfire season. Ring Mike for a permit on 49977337. A total fire ban means absolutely no fires should be lit. Penalties will apply. New members are always needed, so if you want your home protected please consider joining the brigade.



**9am Sunday 21st January 2007** is the next scheduled meeting . For more information ring Mike on 49977337.

### **Wootton Hall News**

- The water tank has been repaired and is ready for a face lift. It was decided that the best alternative would be to cover it with wire and train a vine over it. It will be less costly than painting a mural, take less time, won't need to be repainted, will keep the tank cooler in summer and have a more natural look.
- The new blinds have arrived and will be fitted as soon as possible.
- For hall or furniture hire phone Garry Williams on 49977167.

### **Movie at Bulahdelah Court House "QUIGLEY"**

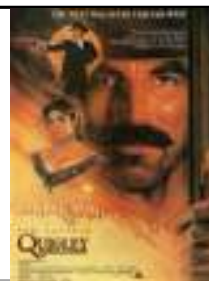
**2pm Friday 26th January (Australia Day)**

\$7 per person includes Afternoon Tea

Come along at 12 noon

for an 'Open Barbeque'

Contact Malcolm at the courthouse on 49879274



A SNAPSHOT OF  
WOOTTON  
IN 2006



### Wootton Guest House

Over 100 people had a sticky beak at our newly opened guest house, overwhelming us with local support, which we greatly appreciated. We are already taking guests and have had great feedback. The relaxed family atmosphere caters for locals, visitors to the area and the disabled. It is 'the quiet alternative' to the hustle and bustle of the highway noises with affordable rates and special deals for locals. We have 3 double rooms and one family/disabled room, all of the highest quality accommodation and air conditioned. Local artist 'Alison Higgs' has her art decorating the walls and is a great addition to the décor. Contact Peter and Leanne on 49977201 for more information and rates.

Peter Auriac

### Coolonglook School News

- Morgen and Megan took part in the Westpac Australian Mathematics competition and both did well. Congratulations!
- Senior Camp is being held this week at Hallidays Point and should be fun.
- Welcome to new Kindy student, Cinnamon.
- The Annual Presentation Day Ceremony will be held Wednesday 20th December commencing at 11am with morning tea.
- We have been participating in our Swimming Scheme at Forster Aquatic Centre
- Ellen Auriac has been nominated for the 'Paterson Electorate Citizen of the Year' for all her work at the school over the last 15 years.

Peter Mason Principal

### Christmas Treats



#### Rum Balls

**Ingredients:**

8 crushed vita brits/weet bix  
1 tin condensed milk  
1 cup chopped raisins  
½ cup coconut  
2 tablespoons cocoa  
8 tablespoons rum

**Method:**

Mix all together. Put in refrigerator for ten minutes. Take out and roll in coconut.

#### Apricot Balls

**Ingredients:**

2 cups coconut  
2/3 cup condensed milk  
½ cup dried apricots

**Method:**

Mix together, make into small balls and roll in icing sugar. Keep in refrigerator until required.



### **Food for Library Fines Helps Salvos**

In true Christmas spirit Great Lakes Library has come up with a novel way for people to clear outstanding overdue fines. The Library will accept reasonable donations of suitably tinned or sealed items of food in lieu of payment for standard overdue fines. This food will then be delivered to the Salvation Army to distribute to the community.

The 'Food for Fines' project will run for the month of December, operating out of the Forster and Tea Gardens libraries. Of course people don't need to have fines to participate. The library staff will happily accept any donations of food towards the Salvos's cause. So why not wipe your slate clean. Help the library to help the Salvos, who then help those within our community. Giving is what Christmas is all about.

### **Courses/Tuition**

**Yoga classes** are held 6pm Mondays at Bulahdelah RSL Hall and Wednesdays at Wootton Hall Classes will not be held over the school holidays. Call Peter on 49977201

**Computer Help** Marie Power, our CTC manager, is available 2-4pm at the Brush Turkey Café every Saturday to help with any questions you may have with your computer. Marie is an I.T. teacher at TAFE so take advantage of her wealth of knowledge. This is a free service but any donation would be appreciated.

### **For Sale**

- ◆ Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake \$25 only made to order.  
To order in advance Ph Bronwyn 49977185
- ◆ Locally produced arts & crafts for sale at the Brush Turkey Café .  
Paintings, prints, pottery and ceramics, hand made woven baskets, available at the Brush Turkey Café.
- ◆ Ride on mower Cox 11HP 32" cut, electric start. reduced to \$1200 ono Ph: Geoff 49977404
- ◆ Rayburn stove complete \$1,000 Ph Garry 49977167

### **Wanted**

- ◆ Volkswagen motor suitable for use in buggy. Phone Elliott 49977185

### **Advertising rates for 2007 for the Wootton Valley News are \$55 for Non-members, \$45 Members - per 4 line ad space**

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1633 Wootton Way, Wootton 2423

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Steve Devries 49977214

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