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BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH

The Eastern Blue Tongue Lizard

Tiliqua scincoides scincoides

The Eastern Blue-tongue is silvery-grey with broad dark brown or blackish bands across the back and tail, usually with a black stripe between the eye and the ear, growing to almost 600mm in length. They eat a wide variety of plants and animals such as slugs and snails, so they are welcome in the garden.



When threatened they stick out their broad blue tongue and may hiss and flatten out their body. If frightened they may bite if picked up, but there is no venom. They are slow moving and largely defenceless and vulnerable to currawongs, Brown Falcons, Kookaburras, large snakes, cats and dogs. Mating occurs from September to November giving birth to up to 19 fully formed young in December and January. They have been known to live for at least 20 years.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 8th December	Movie & Supper Night 7pm Brush Turkey Café
Sunday 9th December	Wootton Fire Brigade Picnic Day - Winery
Sunday 9th December	Great Lakes Rural Australians for Refugees
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Carols Bulahdelah Nursing Home
Saturday 15th December	Wootton Community Xmas Dinner Bring-a-plate 7pm
Wednesday 19th December	Coolongolook School Presentation Day
Sat/Sun 22/23/ 29/30 Dec	Brush Turkey Cafe Closed
Sunday 6th January	Bulahdelah Music Festival 12 noon
Friday 11th January	Pizza & Music Night Brush Turkey Café 7pm
Saturday 26th January	Australia Day Dinner Brush Turkey Cafe 7pm

**Wishing all our readers & the Wootton Community a
Happy Christmas & New Year**

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Wootton Community Network News

New member Elizabeth attended the Community Economic Forum in Kurri recently and gave a report to our November meeting. Consequently, Elizabeth is holding a community workshop which will have happened by the time this newsletter is printed. If you would like to be involved in the new directions for Wootton call Elizabeth. 49977167. She would love your input.

Auction Start collecting stuff for our next auction to be held March 2008.

The Photographic Competition was a great success, so much so, that we are already planning for another, bigger and better, for next year. So start snapping! Thanks to all the sponsors, Steve & Robyn from Great Lakes Winery, Kerry Bromage from the Lotus Retreat, Dave & Orla Knezevic, Garry Williams, Jean & Kevin Price and Wally Cheal. Thanks also to John Sayhouen who did an excellent job of judging. Winners were: Wendy Blackwell, Pat & Calum Tate, Bron Little, Wayne Ellis & Grace Harding.

Organic Bulk Foods After investigation it was concluded that this would not be viable with our small numbers.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

All those that attended had a fun time with games, nice food, good company and a few wins.

Trestle Bridge Picnic Area Forestry have filled in the pit toilet and in the process have chopped up the once beautiful picnic area. Wootton Community Network will again be lobbying Forestry to re-install the picnic tables, fencing, noticeboards and toilets. Also, we will be asking them to upgrade the road. Now that Council have resolved to fix Squires Road maybe locals and visitors will be more inclined to visit the wonderful Wootton Historical Railway Walk. Also, we may be able to concentrate following up grant opportunities, now that the Squires Road issue is resolved with Council.

Xmas Closure: The Café will be closed on the 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th Dec

Achievements in 2007

- Were successful in obtaining a grant for a cement slab for the garden shed
- Constructed the garden shed
- Got the Wootton website up and running
- Held 12 monthly community dinners
- Started holding regular Pizza and Music nights
- Started holding regular Movie and Supper nights.
- Held a photographic competition
- Produced our 50th issue of the Wootton Valley News.
- Held Australia Day & Fathers Day breakfast.
- Was successful in obtaining a grant from GL Council for the soft fall area under the playground equipment
- Lobbied State Forests in relation to the Trestle Bridge picnic area
- Successfully lobbied Council with regard to Squires Road.
- Successfully run the Brush Turkey café including mid week catering.

Congratulation to Wootton Guest House for their article in
Sydney Morning Herald Good Living



Judy & John Hammond and Sue Smith enjoying themselves at our November community dinner

Community Dinners

Christmas Community Dinner

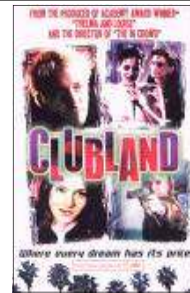
Free Bring a plate of food to share.
Saturday 15th December 7pm



January is an Australia Day Theme. Saturday 26th January 7pm
Please book \$20 Adults \$5 Children (NB: No Australia Day Breakfast)
Art at the Brush Turkey Café We had a big crowd at the cafe for the opening of Linda Gill's Art Exhibition, officially opened by the Mayor, John Chadban. It was a very happy night with lots of delicious food, lovingly prepared by Linda. Her work will be coming down soon, so hurry if you want to see this interesting work. The next exhibition, opening in January, is a selection of prints and paintings by Linda & Tess Chudy.

Movie & Supper Night "Clubland"

(Australian Comedy, Drama)
This Saturday 8th December 7pm
Brush Turkey Café Wootton
\$10 includes pre-dinner nibbles , delicious supper & trivia



Pizza & Music Jam Night
Friday 11th January 7pm
Brush Turkey Café

Come along for some tasty pizzas and some entertaining music BYO
Musicians can leave a message at the café if you would like to play Phone: 49977296

Best Wishes for the health of
Peter Auriac, Jack Squires, Edie Mudford.
Sympathies to the family of George Woodward
Also to the family of Bill Hughes.

Squires Road Update

Since our last newsletter, progress has been made on the campaign to improve the condition of Squires Rd. Numerous letters have been sent to Councillors and staff. Bronwyn Little and Sue & John Smith addressed Council. The Wootton Community Network invited all councillors, John Turner and The Director of Engineering Services, Ron Hartley, to inspect the road. Mayor Chadban, Councillor Stevens and Mr Hartley made the trip out to Wootton to inspect the road and agreed that the road was in a very poor condition. Subsequently, Mr Hartley wrote a report which can be viewed on the Council website, concluding with *“Whilst these are valid complaints, it highlights the issue of inadequate funding of Council’s rural road network and also shows that Squires Road is not an isolated case. Accordingly, I can not support the addition of further roads to the program without corresponding additional funding.”*

Last Tuesday I addressed Council, on behalf of the Wootton Community Network, urging them to include Squires Road on their maintenance schedule and to include it in Council’s next budget. Council agreed that Squires Road was probably the worst road in the Great Lakes Shire.

Council resolved to:

1. *Council undertake the one-off option of moving gravel from the crests and utilising this on other Council roads for the net cost of \$13,800 and this money be found in the next quarterly review.*
2. *Council seek funding from the Federal Government of at least \$200,000 for rural road upgrade.*
3. *Additional roads in this category be included in the 2008/09 Budget for consideration, including both capital and maintenance works.*

Hopefully funding will be obtained, so all rural roads are adequately maintained. Thankyou to all Councillors for finally 'doing the right thing' by the residents and Wootton Community.

Pat Tate

YOGA

Yoga at Wootton & Bulahdelah is finished for 2007 but will be starting again when school returns in 2008.
Call Peter Auriac on 49977201 for more information.



Wootton Fire Brigade News

Fire Brigade Picnic

Christmas picnic lunch at Great Lakes Winery this Sunday 9th December.
All welcome.

Fire Permits

Are in force until the 31st March 2008.

Fire Permits are issued on Thursdays. To book an inspection phone Mike Badcock on 4997 7337.

New Members

The Wootton Brigade is still desperately in need of new members.

RFS website information

You can call 1800 679737 (1800 NSW RFS), 24 hours a day for updates on major fires.

If you live in a bushfire prone area you must be prepared for the possibility that you will have to defend your family and property against fire at some stage.

A **Bush Fire Wise Action Plan** involves taking preventative measures well in advance to protect your property, and ensuring everyone in the family understands their roles and responsibilities should a bushfire approach.

Decide who is going to stay and defend and /or who is going to leave early.

Then decide and document the various activities to be undertaken. These include locating your:

- bush fire survival kit
- protective clothing
- drinking water
- important personal items

To help you create Bush Fire Wise Action Plan, the NSW RFS has created a range of Fact Sheets and Checklists. These are available from the website.

Are you thinking of putting a sprinkler system in for bushfire control?

Peter Molloy of Newman's Road has recently installed a sprinkler system and has gone through all the ins and outs, priced and installed. He realises this is quite a task and if anyone is thinking of doing the same, he is offering his help. If you would like Peter's advice you can ring him on 49977476

Great Lakes Rural Australians for Refugees

"Finding a Safe Place –Mental Health for vulnerable people".

Guest speaker Professor Louise Newman to speak at Human Rights Day in Forster. A dynamic speaker who captivates her audience

Sunday December 9th 7:30pm Forster Golf Club Strand St Forster

Coolongook School News

- We have purchased 2 new school banners with the School Creed and School Song on them. This was made possible with fundraising by the SRC.
- We are hoping to upgrade the bus route in 2008 so that it will include Bunyah Village and the Riverlands Estate. P&C have written to Busways asking them to support this proposal.
- Presentation Day will be on Wednesday 19th December

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Lombard Street Coolongook 2423

Phone: 4997 7183

Fax: 4997 7232

Email: coolongook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Peter Mason (Principal) & Jan Oxford



For Sale (This service is free)

- ◆ Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake \$25 only made to order. To order in advance Ph Bronwyn 49977185
- ◆ Aluminium sliding window, Heritage Red (brown) large 2800X1500cm plus insect screens Exc cond. Bargain \$100, External solid core door, carved panels, exc. cond. only \$40, Alpine car amplifier, hardly used 40w + 40w \$20, Rola Roof Racks suit small car \$330 new only \$120 Phone 49977320
- ◆ 1998 Toyota Camry Conquest, metallic blue, rego 10/08, 216000km, detailed log: \$6,900 ono
- ◆ NZ Campermatic, tent-trailer, annexe: \$2,500 ono
- ◆ Once Giant competition road bike: \$1,500
- ◆ Competition Kayaks,TKI X 2, fibreglass, \$600 and \$400
- ◆ Pot Belly stove, flu, top-hat & flashing: \$300 ono
- ◆ Simpson 5.5kg washing machine, near new:\$300
- ◆ Sofa beds X 2, \$100 ono
- ◆ Lemair 280L fridge:\$100 ono Sue or John Smith 49977178 or 0438261077
- ◆ 2 bedroom "Hitech" Relocatable Home 11.3X6.3m v/g cond \$50,000 ono 0412 441039 after 5.30pm

Freebies

- ◆ New kitchen corner floor cupboard, topless
- ◆ Expired Astor 310L chest freezer, secure storage
- ◆ Assorted cameras, lenses, filters etc.
- ◆ Mixed power tools, cordless drills, circular saw
- ◆ Garrard turntable

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

Please contact the editors for new advertisers or wording changes.

Please send a cheque payable to the Wootton Community Network at
1633 Wootton Way, Wootton 2423

These businesses support this newsletter.

Please support them wherever possible.

Boolambayte Creek Church Open House Every Sunday

Get to know God in a simple way! Arrive from 10am onwards to enjoy a relaxed and informal day. Share lunch, fun for kids. Entrance opposite Forest Lodge on the Wootton Way. Dave and Kathy Barker 49974675

How Wootton Polled in the election 24th Nov

Party	Votes	swing
<i>Labour</i>	30	+4.3%
<i>Fishing Party</i>	1	+0.18
<i>The Greens</i>	10	+2.75
<i>Christ' Demo' Party</i>	2	+2.3%
<i>One Nation</i>	2	-3.35%
<i>Liberal</i>	42	-3.35%

DIRECTORY

Accommodation

Too many visitors! Send them to **Wootton Guest House** 4 a/c bedrooms with ensuites & balconies, reasonable rates.
www.woottonguesthouse.com.au
Peter & Leanne **49977201 0407974420**

Air Conditioning

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Paul Shipton **49977256**

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6557 5263 0405 265 341

Dog Grooming

'Paws of Wootton' Professional dog grooming salon, all breeds, clipping/grooming
49977330

Earth Moving

Excavation, demolition, auger, rock hammer, grab bucket, tipper truck hire
David Knezevic **49977402 0410 441428**

Earthmoving, tilt tray hire & scrap metal services A-CRO-TOW Transport P/L Call Rob
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Electrical Contractor

STS Services P/L Solutions toward Sustainability, Solar systems Grid connect or Stand alone Lic 27928C Accredited F524
49977167 0417369670

Entertainment

Singer/songwriter/pianist, Aust' Institute of Music. Available for your next function. CD available, Singing & piano lessons for any age. Elisa Barker **49974675 0402274116**

DIRECTORY CONTINUED

Handyman

Carpenter/painter/handyman/mechanic own tools, van & trailer. Prompt & reliable service Good rates. Charles **49976005**

Horses Gembiras Docs Onyx dual sire registered stallion AQHA-A17174 ASH-SM133207 Standing at stud: progeny usually for sale. Gembira Horses
49977335 0419201913

Ice Cream Roscoe's Ice Cream Trade enquires welcome **49977351**

Motor Repairs (small) & Equipment Hire

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Plumber Richard Green Plumbing All plumbing, drainage, gas fitting, LPG gas fitting, domestic, commercial, industrial Lic no 53903C **0418 618583 65591555**

Real Estate

Rural Valley Realty - Your local real estate agent servicing Bulahdelah to Nahiack

Steve Devries **49977214**

Edes Real Estate Pty Ltd - Stock & Station Agent & Property Management Brian Ede www.edes.com.au **49974566 49977180(A/H) 0408492883**

Removals

Dave Barker Removals "Moving with Care" **49974675**

Signs Hand painted signs and vinyl lettering, shopfronts, vehicles, boats, windows, light boxes, 3D models, promotional displays Bruce Peachey **0438235057**

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Tree Climber/lopper-experienced

Cut and leave jobs required, firewood split Reasonable rates Garth J Muxlow **49977314**

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Water

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