

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## **White Lily (*Caesia parviflora* var. *minor*)**

This was discovered during the "Know your Bush" Day at Mike and Caro's place near a creek. This minor subspecies is considered endangered. It is a small plant up to 50 cm. The lily-like flower is about 1.2 cm wide. Flowering occurs in spring and summer.

The original specimen was collected in Sydney in 1803. In 1810, the species appeared in *Prodromus Florae Novae Hollandiae*, authored by the prolific Scottish botanist, Robert Brown. The generic name honours Federico Cesi, a 17th-century Italian naturalist. The specific epithet *parviflora* translates to "small flowered".



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun 4 Dec	Wootton Fire Brigade training at the Fire Shed, Squires Rd, 9am
Wed 7 Dec	Kombucha Making Workshop, Brush Turkey Café, 10—12 noon,
Sat 10 Dec	Food Swap, Wootton Community Centre Grounds, 5pm Light Supper and movie Night 6pm supper \$10 pp
Sat 17 Dec	Preventive Health Clinic, Community Hall, osteopath, 9 am—12 noon Wootton Community Christmas Party 4 pm
Wed 21 Dec	Family Christmas movie night 6.30 pm
Sun 1 Jan	Wootton Fire Brigade training at the Fire Shed, Squires Rd, 9am
Sat 7 Jan	Wootton Community Network meeting Brush Turkey Café, 3pm
Sat 14 Jan	Food Swap, Wootton Community Centre Grounds, 5pm Light Supper and Movie Night 6pm supper \$10 pp
Sat 21 Jan	Preventive Health Clinic, Community Hall, osteopath, 9 am—12 noon
Sat 28 Jan	Preventive Health Clinic, Community Hall, podiatry, 9am—12 noon Community Dinner, Australia Day at the Brush Turkey Café 7pm \$20pp

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

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## **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

### **Thank you to all our volunteers:**

With the year drawing to a close, on behalf of the Wootton Community Network, the Wootton Community Hall Committee and the Wootton Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade, we would like to offer our sincere appreciation for the contribution and tireless commitment of all involved.

### **Wootton Community Network Memberships Due:**

It costs just \$12.50 every January to be a member.



The membership fees go to the Brush Turkey Café towards:

- publishing the free Wootton Valley News six times a year, distributed by volunteers to as many households as possible: providing there is a letterbox. It is also available at the Hall, the Cafe and by mail for a small yearly fee. Local businesses are able to advertise in this publication, for an annual fee which helps towards the costs.
- maintaining the wootton.org.au website and pays for the domain name and website hosting. This website provides a wide variety of information on Wootton including a community calendar, Hall information, the Community Plan, current and historical copies of the Wootton Valley News, Rural Fire Service information, interesting places around Wootton, its history and people and a map.
- contributing to public liability insurance, and the normal running of the café.

The Brush Turkey Café and the Community Hall are managed by separate volunteer groups: both venues being great places to meet neighbours, attend monthly dinners, food swaps and other events.

### **Volunteers**

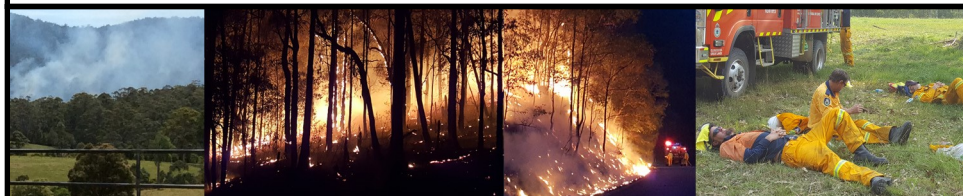
*Wootton Valley News:* new volunteer deliverer to Wattley Hill Road is Jenny Bromage. If you want to know who is delivering and where, see the Oct/Nov 2016 newsletter.

*Brush Turkey Café* needs volunteers for small jobs once a month, before the community dinners. For example, removing cobwebs from windows, washing main area floor, cleaning outside tables and chairs. If you can help please call Fran (0412963161).

*Community Hall:* interested in the library and odd jobs call Caro (0408415420)

*Fire Brigade* is always looking for volunteers. If interested call Mike (0409448330)

**A BIG THANK YOU** to our local RFS members and other fire crews who came to assist in the Wootton Pacific Highway fire that burnt out over 395 ha over 5 days!



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**New Artist: Helga Visser**

Helga studied at East Sydney Art School, assisted with the mural painting at the Overseas Terminal, Circular Quay, Sydney, worked as a commercial artist in Australia, Indonesia, Holland and Hong Kong and is now retired from commercial work to concentrate on art that she loves. Helga now lives on the mid-north coast that is inspiring much of her recent work. She works mainly in oil paint and pastels. Her Bush Concert book has been adapted for a musical presentation for a school children’s education programme. (Book available at the Café)



**Kombucha Workshop:**

Come to our first skill share session on Wed 7th Dec 10am - 12 noon at the Brush Turkey Cafe. Cost is \$15 (\$20 non members). Kombucha provides B vitamins, enzymes, probiotics, improves digestion, increases energy, cleanses, detoxes and provides immune support. You will learn to make kombucha and leave with your own bottle and starter batch. Contact Megan Griffiths (0416210671).

**Food Swap:**

What a fantastic start to this season’s food swap events.



Congratulations to Warren Richardson for winning first prize in bread making at the Bulahdelah Show for the fourth year!

**John Smith** (1915—2016), formerly of Wootton  
 John went to the old Wootton public school (now Wootton Hall) and was the first child to be formally registered in the Admission Book. For those of you who were at the Wootton 101 celebration, John officially cut the cake! He recently passed away at 101 years.



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**WOOTTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER FROM 4 PM**

Bring a plate of food to share (nibbles, salads, desserts)  
*(Wootton Hall Committee and Wootton Community Network will supply barbeque chickens.)*

Ice creams and drinks for the children.  
 Raffle  
 Santa will arrive in the fire truck!  
 Everyone welcome.

Venue: the Wootton Hall and outside



**COOLONGOLOOK**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**PICNIC**

Dec 3rd  
 From 6pm  
 The Wharf  
 Cedar Park

BYO  
 Chair & Alcohol

Sausage Sizzle  
 Ice creams  
 Drinks  
 Raffle



#### Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare news

Landcare have had a busy schedule of free landholder workshops: Riparian Bush Regeneration, Noel Jupp at Monkerai: Do It Yourself Biological Supplements, Jeremy Bradley Coolongolook; Integrated Weed Management, Terry Inkson and Jeremy Bradley at Bunyah. We've also seen the formation of Great Lakes Soil Health Group, Great Lakes district landholders working together to protect and enhance our key agricultural resource, the soil, with a strong representation from Wootton landholders. To join Landcare or the Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group contact your Local Landcare Coordinator Joël Dunn (email

[joel.dunn@glcr.org.au](mailto:joel.dunn@glcr.org.au)

0401 932 533

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### **“Know Your Bush”**

#### **A field day at Kalybucca (Caro and Mike Badcock’s)**

Mark Graham, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, an ecologist working across northern NSW for over 20 years presented the workshop with around 20 attendees; many of them from outside the Wootton area. We were met at the gate by the call of the Pacific Baza, a medium sized long tailed hawk. It was great to have someone, i.e Mark who immediately knew what type of bird it was. As we toured the property we stopped to investigate nesting nooks and crannies and a variety of plants. The tour took us past a gully area fenced off to protect the cluster of three types of palms (Bangalow, Cabbage and Walking Stick palms) growing together which is unusual in this day and age. We were honoured by a fly-over from our sea eagles who regularly visit and our pair of black swans that we haven’t seen for a year or so. While walking one of the creeks we came across a plant that Mark believed was quite rare, the white lily known as *Caesia parviflora* var. *minor* presented on the front cover.

Mark informed us that the property has a very good balance between pasture and native bush that greatly assists in weed management and maintaining biodiversity.

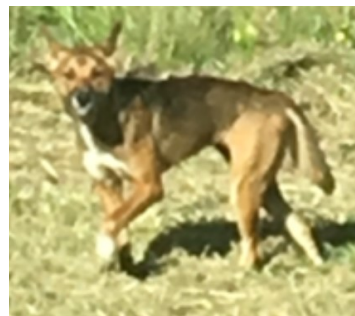
Thanks to MidCoast Council for organising and funding the day.



### **Wild Dogs**

Mitch Ede recently captured this photo of a dingo-looking wild dog that had been seen on two separate occasions on the family property.

Don’t forget to contact Laurie Mullen at Local Land Services (LLS) for all sightings and evidence of wild dogs to ensure that action can be taken. He can be contacted through the Wingham office of LLS on 6553 4233 or on his mobile 0407 785 007.



#### **EXTRA COMMUNITY EVENT:**

Come to a **Family Christmas movie**. Wednesday December 21, 6.30 pm. Kids or no kids—come and join us. Ice cream and chips will be available. Free event.

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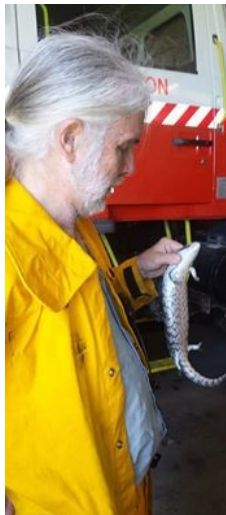
### Fireflies in Wootton by Catherine Mann

One of the wonderful unexpected surprises I got when I moved to Wootton was the presence of Fireflies on my property. I was sitting outside about 7pm when I spotted two flashing lights in the bushes! Having seen them before, I was thrilled to find that they were in the Wootton area. I remember the first time I saw them I was amazed as I did not realise that they existed apart from fairy tale stories like Tinkerbell in Peter Pan. The next few weeks saw me avidly waiting for dusk to see them display their courting ritual of flashing to each other. They are actually a Beetle not a fly. The light is created by an enzyme (luciferase) which reacts with other chemicals in the insect's body to produce light energy. The males that flash the brightest attract the most females but the females also flash to attract the males. They live in the leaf litter and usually near water sources. Apparently they are a sign of a good habitat so my severely neglected property has plusses and I have saved their habitat by not indiscriminately clearing the undergrowth. Light pollution is driving their decline, so turn off your house lights between early October and November if you wish to enjoy this wonderful experience and not disrupt their mating.



**Wootton Historical Railway Walk:** Good news! Lot's is happening. An update will be provided in the next newsletter.

### Wootton Rural Fire Brigade



*Fred saving the wildlife*

Wow! The last couple of months have been very busy! All our volunteers have attended numerous fires and motor vehicle accidents. Unlike the large fires at Karuah and Lime Burner's Creek, no household dwellings were under threat.

Looking into the crystal ball and excluding people doing rain dances the bush is ready to pose a serious threat to houses and property. The conditions according to most pundits is to remain dry (let's hope they are wrong). If you haven't done so already, make sure you have an updated Bush Fire Survival Plan that you are prepared to enact. Guidance on preparation of you plan can be found on the Rural Fire Services website

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

Fire permits: ring Fire Control at Tuncurry on 6539 7700 (Mon—Fri, 9am - 4pm). A Permit Officer, a volunteer from the Wootton Brigade will contact you to arrange for a time to visit you, assess the fire site and provide you with a permit. Even after obtaining a permit you still need to give 24 hours notice to Fire Control and all surrounding neighbours, including National Parks (65910300) and State Forests (6585 3744) if adjoining your land. Failure to comply with this rule could result in heavy fines.

**Training:** 1st Sunday of the month, 9 am at the Wootton RFS shed, Squires Rd

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### A Selection of Market Dates

Bulahdelah	1st Sat	8 am — 1 pm
Blackhead Bazaar	1st Sun	8 am—12 noon
John's River	2nd Sat	9 am—1.30 pm
Wingham Community	Every Sat	
Myall Quays	3rd Sat	9 am—1 pm
The Hub (Taree Showground)	3rd Sat	8 am—12 noon
Nabiac	Last Sat	8 am—12 noon
Forster Farmer's Market	3rd Sat	8 am—12 noon

The below link will give you all the markets on the Mid North Coast  
[www.monthlyimag.com.au/mid-north-coast/markets-on-the-mid-north-coast-nsw/](http://www.monthlyimag.com.au/mid-north-coast/markets-on-the-mid-north-coast-nsw/)



**Wootton Directory** contains important local contacts . Please email Caro (ed) if you know of an important contact that we should include here. Thanks.



#### **Wootton Community Network**

President: Jim O'Connor 0412963161  
 Secretary: Fran O'Connor  
 Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201  
 Email: [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

#### **Wootton Community Hall Committee**

Chair/Bookings: Caro Badcock  
 0408 415 420

#### **Wootton Preventive Health Clinic**

Osteopath, Jenna Norrie 0488 520 456  
 Podiatrist, Dot Williams 0406 287 694

#### **Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group**

Chair: Sue Williams 0438 433 063

#### **Wootton Rural Fire Brigade**

Captain: Mike Badcock 0409 448 330  
 President: Adam Garnett 0428272629  
 Sen Dep Captain: Craig Tate  
 0431644953

#### **Karuah Great Lakes Landcare**

Joel.Dunn@glcr.org.au 0401932533

**MidCoast Council:** 6591 7222

#### **Police**

Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,  
 Sector Supervisor, Bulahdelah  
 4997 4204 0427233745

**State Emergency Service** 13 2500

**Local Land Services** (Wild dogs)  
 Wingham 6553 4233

**State Forests** Wauchope 6585 3744

#### **National Parks & Wildlife**

6591 0300

**Tuncurry Fire Control:** 6539 7700

#### **Bulahdelah Waste Facility**

##### **opening hours**

**Tuesdays** 1—5pm

**Fridays** 12—4pm

**Sundays** 10-2pm

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### **Wootton Guest House**

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Brian Ede  
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### **Rural Valley Realty, Coolongolook**

Local agent for 25 yrs. Rural specialist.  
Steve Devries **0458 448 019 4997 7214**

## Bulahdelah Post Office

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HCCU banking. Opal cards, Phones and gifts  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm and most Sat 9am-12noon  
**Ph/Fax 4997 4283**

## Health

### **Dot Williams**

Local podiatrist available for all foot care services: home-visits, weekly clinic  
Bulahdelah, last Sat. month Wootton Hall.  
**0406 287 694 Williams.dot@gmail.com**

## Podiatrist



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