

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo (*Chalcites basaliscuculidae*)

Pat Tate recently saw this little bird on her place. She has never seen it there before and thinks it is here to eat the hairy caterpillars which nothing else seems to eat. They inhabit a wide variety of lightly wooded habitats, where they often perch on a fence-post or exposed branch of a shrub. Being a cuckoo, they lay eggs in the nests of other species,



and often generate irate alarm calls of potential hosts. Birds are olive-brown above with pale scaling and a bronze to green sheen on the back and upper tail. The underbody is white to cream with dark-brown barring at the sides, with the bars joining in the middle on the upper breast only.

Photos: Left © web;

Above © Pat Tate

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat 9 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wootton Hall Grounds: Food Swap 5pm</li> <li>Brush Turkey Café: <i>Light supper night</i> 6pm supper \$10 pp</li> </ul>
Sun 10 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: <i>training</i>, Squires Rd, 9am</li> <li>Community Hall Library open 10am to 12 noon</li> </ul>
Fri 15 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brush Turkey Café: Meet the Artist from 6pm</li> </ul>
Sat 16 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wootton Community Christmas party, Hall, 4pm, bring a plate of food to share</b></li> </ul>
Sun 24/ 31 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Hall Library <b>CLOSED</b></li> </ul>
Sun 7 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Hall Library open 10am to 12 noon</li> </ul>
Sat 13 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wootton Hall Grounds: Food Swap 5pm</li> <li>Brush Turkey Café: <i>Light supper night</i> 6pm supper \$10 pp</li> </ul>
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Sun 21 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Hall Library open 10am to 12 noon</li> </ul>
Sat 27 Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brush Turkey Café: Community dinner, 7pm, \$20</li> </ul>
<b>CHECK FACEBOOK FOR LAST MINUTE EVENTS</b>	



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### Wootton Community Network (WCN) General Meeting

- **Wootton Valley Newsletter:** anyone wanting to help with folding or delivering please contact the editors.
- **Events**
  - Dates for dinners, suppers, meet the artist etc: see front page
  - We need help cooking, setting up tables, cleaning, coordinating.
  - Interest in forming a committee to organise all future events?
  - Please contact Fran (Secretary) on 49977323.
- **Poetry and Short Story Reading** afternoon: Postponed to 2018
- **O'Sullivan's Gap Picnic Area and Walk:** written to National Parks about maintenance and saving this from closure .
- **Tourism Advisory Group:** A motion was passed to support engagement with other hinterland community groups from Nabiac to Bulahdelah and future initiatives for the benefit of these communities - such as tourism, economic development, road safety, growth (outlined in the Wootton and CWAG Strategic Plans). A local community representative will attend a meeting in early 2018.
- **Wootton Strategic Plan:** Our plan will be presented to Council along with the CWAG plan, at an upcoming Council meeting. Date to be determined.



### Wootton Community Hall Announcement

This is an early notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Community Hall Committee will be held on **Saturday 24th March 2018**. All positions will be vacant and the Chair and Treasurer will be standing down from the Committee.

We need an active hall committee to keep the community events happening (e.g hall dinners, bush dance, Christmas party, workshops), an active library and to work with the WCN to ensure that the Wootton community's needs and aspirations are met. Currently there are negotiations between Council and the State Government (Crown) to hand back management of the Trust to the Crown. Earlier this year the Wootton community voted that the WCN expand its role to incorporate management of the Trust. The Council wholeheartedly supported and included this in their submission to the government.

The Hall is managed by local volunteers in a Section 355 Committee of the MidCoast Council who are the Trust Managers on behalf of the Crown for the Wootton Community Trust that covers the hall site. Until the negotiations are completed and a decision is taken the Hall committee will still be required to manage the hall and its surrounds under the Local Government Act..

If you think you are interested in joining the committee and would like more information please contact Caro Badcock (Chair) [caro\\_badcock@bigpond.com](mailto:caro_badcock@bigpond.com) and I can answer your questions and help you with your nomination.





### 2017 Myall Lakes Community Awards Senior Citizen of the Year—Beryl Ede

Congratulations to Beryl Ede who was recently awarded the Myall Lakes Senior Citizen of the Year, presented by Local Member, Stephen Bromhead and Premier Gladys Berejiklian. Beryl grew up in Coolongolook and attended Coolongolook Public School, in later years Beryl returned and became the

sewing teacher sharing her knowledge and experience to all the young students, as years went on Beryl also taught craft and cake decorating.

The Coola Kids Restaurant was Beryl's brainchild where she taught the students to cook meals and serve in their restaurant at Year 6 graduations; year 5 students would cook and serve a farewell dinner for the students and their parents.

After 50 years' service Beryl retired and was made a Patron of Coolongolook Public School. After finishing school Beryl, alongside her late husband Joe started organising Mystery Bus trips for the Seniors communities of Bulahdelah, Coolongolook and Wootton with all enjoying Beryl's' old fashioned morning tea and hospitality.



### Local Case Study Featured by Landcare NSW

Congratulations to Craig Tate, a long time Wootton resident with a lot of experience in forestry who has been applying an ecological forestry approach to protecting, restoring and recreating forest ecosystems on his property and around the locality with other Wootton Landcarers. These tree-planting projects were chosen by Landcare NSW to feature in a new marketing campaign to raise awareness of the work of state-wide Landcarers.

The case study features in a digital campaign that will be sent to decision makers in NSW based organisations that have a history of philanthropic giving to environmental and social issues. The information the digital campaign contains can be viewed here:

<http://landcare.interesting.email/>





### Brush Turkey Café: New Artist Danny Dunne

Although I have taken photographs since I was a young man, I only developed an interest in photography as a hobby when I retired from work in 2006. In 2006 I joined the Forster Digital Photography Club (FDPC). I have been entering the monthly competitions since then and have progressed from D to A Grade. I was appointed President in 2009 and held that position for 3 years and then 3 years as Vice President. I am still on the committee and have been Web Master since 2010.

In 2006 I purchased my first SLR camera, a Sony A100 Digital SLR and started to learn Photoshop. In 2014 I upgraded to a Canon 5D Mk3 DSLR with 24-105mm and 100-400mm Zoom lenses. I process my images in Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. Nearly all of my work stays as digital for display on screen and projector as FDPC is not involved with print images but I have started to print images to enter print competitions. Also this year I have entered National and International Competitions with the intention of applying for honours with the Australian Photography Society. This is a matter of collecting enough acceptances and awards to satisfy the criteria. Most of my photography is done when travelling on holiday in Australia and overseas. It is just a bit harder to get motivated when at home, where there are many other distractions. Most of the images in the exhibition will be from my recent holiday to North Vietnam. **Come and meet me on Friday 15th December in the Café from 6pm.**



### October Great Lakes Food Trail: Another resounding success!

If you are interested in following what the Great Lakes Food Trail members are up to see:



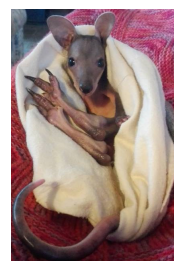
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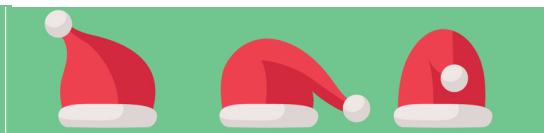
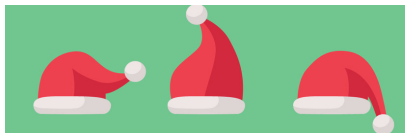
### Look Out Wallabies About

Julie and Geoff had an incident where a wallaby was killed outside their place on Wootton Way and a baby joey was given to them. They rang the vet and were given FAWNA's details. The joey had to be stabilised before going to Coffs Harbour until it is old enough to be returned to the Wootton area. If you find an injured native animal or bird you can contact FAWNA on phone: 6581 4141 at 4 Bennet Close, Rainbow Flat.

Web photo







**October Community Dinner:**  
Spooky Halloween with ghosts and broom sticks.



#### **Advance Care Planning Workshop held by Peter Dunne in October.**



Peter gave a great presentation with some very interesting discussion and plenty to think about. Advance care planning promotes care that is consistent with a person's goals, values, beliefs and preferences. It prepares the person and others to plan for future health care, for a time when the **person may no longer be able to communicate** those decisions themselves.



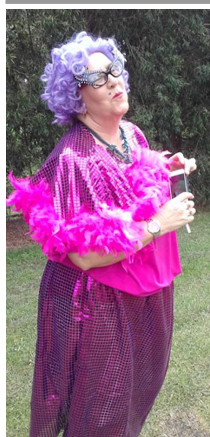
To find out more go to

[www.advancecareplanning.org.au](http://www.advancecareplanning.org.au)

#### **The Wootton Cup at the Wootton Guest House**

This was a lot of fun with people coming from Newcastle, Bulahdelah and Wootton to participate in this event. Thanks go to our regular craft group for their fabulous effort and donating the \$150 raised to the local Rural Fire Service.

From Peter & Leanne



**Wootton Community Library** has received many new books. Come and investigate Sundays 10—12.





### Wootton Rural Fire Service

Thank goodness we have had some rain but the bush is still very dry! So please be careful. Permits are required for open fires and are currently only available for small heaps—the type of fires allowable under permits is constantly reviewed but the decision is always dependent on weather conditions.

The Brigade has still been active fire fighting and attending motor vehicle accidents where unfortunately two of the accidents contained deceased people. The four new members have completed their Basic Fire Fighting training and will shortly be available for fire fighting duties and, importantly one has a heavy vehicle drivers license which will assist greatly in being able to provide crews in the large truck. Michael Badcock(Captain)

**Grinding** = Sparks → **FIRE**

**Ride on mower** = hot engine → **FIRE**

**Slasher** = sparks → **FIRE**

Before working: do a hazard assessment, check fire conditions, check clearance for grinding, **think of the consequences.**

### Sheep and Goat Health Workshop

**Monday Dec 11,  
Krambach, 9.30 – 1pm**

We have an information packed morning coming up for sheep and goat owners with District Veterinarian Lyndell Stone and goat specialist Kylie Greentree.

The presenters will give you the health essentials for sheep and goats on the coast, including common conditions and their prevention and management.

For more information and bookings, please call Joël on 0401 932 533 or email [joel.dunn@glcr.org.au](mailto:joel.dunn@glcr.org.au)



### Weed Alert – Tropical Soda Apple

A new outbreak of the noxious Tropical Soda Apple has been found at the Gloucester sale yards. An existing infestation around the Wingham sale yards is under management and surveillance. This spiky specimen causes pasture productivity to plummet and can run rampant in riparian areas. A few plants can form a hectare sized impenetrable thicket in as little as 6 months. It spreads via cattle, who won't touch the leaves but are attracted to the fruit, and shed its myriad seeds in their dung. This outbreak is a timely reminder to be careful to confine all new stock to a small, easily monitored quarantine paddock when they arrive on your property. Cattle take six days to eliminate viable tropical soda apple seed, and should always be quarantined for at least this long.

If you suspect you have seen this plant, immediately notify your local Strategic Weeds Biosecurity Officer, Terry Inkson, on 6591 7302. For more information, <http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/eds/Details/186>





**MIDCOAST council**

Come and join us for the big reveal of this year's report card scores and meet some of the local legends that are looking after our waterways.

Stay on for a relaxed and informative cruise on the Manning River Estuary.

When: 9am, Tuesday 5 December  
River Cruise and morning tea from 10am-12pm

Where: MidCoast Council Chambers, Taree

RSVP closes: 28 November  
[www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/reportcard](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/reportcard)  
or 6591 7320

**FREE EVENT**

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
**MIDCOAST WATERWAY AND CATCHMENT REPORT CARD RELEASE**  
2017



MidCoast Council waterway improvement projects are made possible by the Environmental Special Rate.

### Water Quality

The new MidCoast Council report card will include the Manning catchment. Everyone is welcome to attend the presentation of the Report Card at the Council office in Taree followed by a cruise on the Manning River. Book your spot by **28 November 2017** on 6591 7320.

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\*\*\* REMEMBER TO READ THE ON-LINE NEWSLETTER TO SEE LARGER PHOTOS \*\*\*

**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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### Bulahdelah Post Office

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### Health: Podiatrist

#### **Dot Williams**

Local podiatrist available for all foot care. Weekly clinics at Bulahdelah and Wingham, home-visits throughout the district.  
[williams.dot@gmail.com](mailto:williams.dot@gmail.com) 0406 287 694

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#### **Paul and Renee Spiteri**

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 49977149 or 0407 298 954

