



WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS



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BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH

CICADAS (*Cicadidae* family)

"Cicada" is Latin for "tree cricket" and symbolises rebirth and immortality in Chinese tradition.

"Greengrocer", "Yellow Monday", "Floury Baker", "Black Prince", "Cherry Nose", "Blue Moon" are some of the many kinds emerging from their underground homes to fill the summer air with calls as loud as chainsaws.

You can find out more and share Cicada sightings by joining in the **Great Cicada Blitz**

www.inaturalist.org/projects/the-great-cicada-blitz-nsw-australia?tab=about



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Wootton Valley News is usually delivered before the 1st day of each *second* month.

You can read it online www.wootton.org.au

Sat 5 Dec	• Wootton Hall: Wootton Community Christmas Party 2-4pm
Sat 12 Dec	• Wootton Hall: Food Swap, <i>check facebook to confirm arrangements</i>
Sun 13 Dec	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am

Whatever your reason, enjoy the season Woottonites

Fri 1 Jan	• Renew memberships for WCN and Landcare
Sun 10 Jan	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
January 2021	• Australia Day gathering and events details to be confirmed

*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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Visit our website wootton.org.au and [Wootton Community](#) facebook public group

Wootton Community Network News

As you will find in this issue of the WVN events at the community centre are increasing as we get more confidence dealing with the changing Covid requirements. As well as the Veggie Swap and Yoga continuing we added a Games night at the end of October. This was a very enjoyable evening. A similar evening will take place at the end of November, unfortunately, this event will occur prior to distribution of this WVN. We will however notify through the Facebook page and by email to those whose email addresses we are able to use. Please note that we can issue emails to WCN members and a few others but in a general sense we cannot reach others by email without authorisation by each individual. The council will not supply names and addresses of Wootton people so in many ways the WVN becomes the best way we can communicate to the widest group.

Coming up at the Community Centre will be an Xmas gathering on the 5th December and an Australia Day gathering on January 26th. You will see the Xmas gathering details in this WVN. We hope to have a BBQ on Australia Day or at least an afternoon tea or evening of drinks and nibbles. Details of this event will be finalised as restrictions ease and what we can do becomes clearer.

The last WCN Committee meeting held on the afternoon of the 7th of November was open to the community and was attended by 6 locals. It was much appreciated by the committee having members of the community join discussions at the meeting. The December meeting will be a Zoom meeting but it is planned that meetings from January on will be regularly open to attendance by the community.

We are still looking for individuals who would be willing to join the WCN committee. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing or talking to a committee member or myself. Committee work is not burdensome, meetings are generally less than one hour and there is some joy in seeing events being considered and decided upon to reconnect us as a community.

Sincerely, *Bill Buckland* *President WCN*



**Annual
Membership
fee \$12.50 pp
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Porsha has recently got a new pony named Spiderman and they have been successful at the few shows they have attended
...Kate H



The Wootton Guest House will look great for the holidays thanks to Cooper.

....Leanne

2020 WOOTTON COMMUNITY XMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY THE 5TH OF DECEMBER

VENUE OUTDOORS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE WOOTTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIME: 2PM - 4PM FOR AN AFTERNOON GATHERING

WHAT TO BRING: YOUR OWN NIBBLIES & DRINKS, please have your own glasses, paper plates etc. MOST IMPORTANTLY BRING ALONG YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, KIDS & GRANDKIDS

SANTA WILL ARRIVE AROUND 3PM

PLEASE COME ALONG & CELEBRATE SOME XMAS CHEERS
On Behalf of the Wootton Community Network Committee
We wish everyone a HAPPY and SAFE CHRISTMAS

Peter Dixon's very popular "Pesky Privet" recent field days were held at Wootton and Krambach.



Healthy groceries (\$100) "too expensive"
Dinner date (\$100) "reasonable"
Therapist (\$130) "absurd"
Trip to Target (\$130) "great deals!"
Average college class (\$1000) "expensive"
iPhone (\$1000) "a necessity"
Kid's summer camp (\$180) "too much"
New pair of shoes (\$180) "they were on sale!"
60 minutes of exercise "I wish I had time!"
60 minutes on Instagram "OMG time flies!"
1 hour on the phone with parents "eternity"
1 hour watching Netflix "let's watch another one"

**Everything in life is about priorities.
Where do you want to be 10 years from now?**

Is cow-hugging the world's new wellness trend???

www.bbc.com/travel/story/20201008-is-cow-hugging-the-worlds-new-wellness-trend





Woottonites keen on chillies might be on to something, as new research shows chilli-eaters may live longer.
[newsroom.heart.org/news/people-who-eat-chili-pepper-may-live-longer?preview=dd4b](https://www.newsroom.heart.org/news/people-who-eat-chili-pepper-may-live-longer?preview=dd4b)

Jo found a snake behind the laundry basket and was very happy when Brenton Asquith caught and relocated it.
www.facebook.com/thereptiledysfunction



Local Land Services announce new ways for people on *large* and *small* properties to succeed and prosper living in rural areas:-

www.ils.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1147804/Rural-Living-Handbook-2020.pdf
www.ils.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/our-major-projects/every-bit-counts#Every%20Bit%20Counts

WOOTTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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

Welcome to **new member Matt Stark** who has started basic fire training.
 Since January we have **attended over 65 call outs** which is a tremendous result for a small bush brigade...we need to pat ourselves on the back.
 Sup. Kam Baker said to me the other day that..."you guys in Wootton are doing really well, it's being noticed"

NO FIRES WITHOUT A PERMIT

NO SLASHING/MOWING/WELDING ON HIGH RISK DAYS

Download "**FIRES NEAR ME**" for latest alerts near **you**
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/stay-up-to-date



A step back in history October 1993, first funding of the shed and the Wootton bush fire crew.
 Source Trove "Bush Fire Bulletin - Volume 15, Nos 3 & 4 October 1993 ISSN 1033-7598



Brigade members from Wootton, in Great Lakes Council proudly attended the opening of their new station in May.



The station was partially funded by the Brigade which raised \$9,000 in local fundraising activities.

Wootton RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Join or Renew Your Membership



What are your neighbours doing in Wootton?

Wootton Community Network Inc is an independent, not for profit association formed in 1999 to encourage community spirit, sustainable development, and local employment. WCN is responsible for everything to do with the Brush Turkey Café and Hall (old School) sited on Crown Land at the corner of Squires Rd and Wootton Way. You can come along to a community dinner or event, borrow books, hire a venue, help at fundraisers and working bees, contribute to Wootton Valley News and the website.



Wootton Community
Network Inc

wootton.org.au/wcn.shtml

Annual membership fee \$12.50 pp, please pay by direct deposit to:-

Wootton Community Network Inc.

Regional Australia Bank

BSB: 932000 Acct: 50002358 Reference = your name

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

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group is the local group of Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare Inc. Landholders meet to share local knowledge, equipment and experience about living on the land with livestock, trees and specialty products.

Membership of \$10/year or \$25/3 years supports your local Landcare network, gets you on our subscribers' email list, and entitles you to arrange loans of shared equipment.

www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

www.midcoast2tops.org.au/karuah-great-lakes



Wootton Rural Fire Brigade is a volunteer brigade helping protect the community from fire and other emergencies, based in the fire shed in Squires Road.

Free membership and training! Adam Garnett Captain 0428 272 629

www.facebook.com/woottonrfs/



Wootton

Do you have another community group based in Wootton? Contact us to be included in the newsletter. brushturkey@live.com.au

Landcare groups are happily back in the field day business with Covid-safe procedures in place. Friendly Woottonite and veteran bush regenerator Peter Dixon is presenting a practical "**Pesky Privet**" field day at **Stroud on Saturday January 30th, 9.30am-1pm** please RSVP by emailing Joël at his ***NEW EMAIL ADDRESS joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com***



The *Property Resilience and Recovery Action project* combined RFS and other groups to run a **Hot Spots** program at Bungwahl, with more to come on fire ecology and property action planning to decrease risk while managing native vegetation.

2021 events planned around Wootton/Topi Topi so far are the pasture trial, combined with Bulahdelah, and using woodchippers and composting for tree and weed trimmings to improve soil and reduce pile burns.

Videos and resource materials from most events are being added to the websites www.midcoast2tops.org.au/ and www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

Fall Armyworm Alert in our region.

Landholders and producers have been urged to be on the lookout for signs of damage and the presence of fall armyworm larvae in crops following the first detection of the pest in the Hunter.

Anyone who suspects the presence of fall armyworm should immediately call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

www.ils.nsw.gov.au/regions/hunter/latest-news-and-newsletters/h-news/2020/first-fall-armyworm-detection-in-the-hunter

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant/insect-pests-and-plant-diseases/fall-armyworm



How smart are these birds!

Walter sent us a link to this story about Hans Forsberg who has trained the birds around his home to collect bottle tops, and they can be recycled.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCtkv3wuEP-Veur4iYJWkBgA

In Australia, Gisela Kaplan is passionate about our birds and has written many books about her amazing experiences. You can listen to her story at

www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/conversations/gisela-kaplan-native-birds/11665574



Electric cars in regional and rural NSW

Read the story of an all-electric roadtrip.

www.abc.net.au/news/2020-10-06/how-practical-are-electric-cars-in-regional-australia/12731896



Water Tanks can still have last year's bushfire ash in them,
and all kinds of Waste Tanks need regular cleaning.

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.**
Please email brushturkey@live.com.au with other contacts to include here. Thanks.



Wootton Community Network

President: Bill Buckland
Secretary: Kate Hosey 0402 776 376
Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201
Email: brushturkey@live.com.au

Bookings—all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?
Getting people together?
Kate Hosey 0402 776 376

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428272629
Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177
www.facebook.com/woottonrfs

Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
(24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com
Joël Dunn 0401932533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Police: Sector Supervisor,
12 Meade St Bulahdelah
Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,
4997 4204, 0438 140 370
mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au

State Emergency Service 13 2500

Local Land Services

Wild dogs Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007
Rural Resilience Group
Peter Brown 0437 671 459

National Parks & Wildlife 6591 0300

Fawna Wildlife Rescue 6581 4141

Electricity Essential Energy 13 20 80

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Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton

Wootton Hall 9.15-10.45am each Wednesday for an active Hatha class where we will get moving, and on Mondays 9-10am we will unwind with a gentle yin/restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries., all welcome. 0414 387 008

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