



WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS



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NSW CHRISTMAS BUSH (*Ceratopetalum gummiferum*)

NSW Christmas bush has been popular with gardeners and florists here and overseas for many years. Its showy red colour in December are “bracts” remaining after the small white flowers finish in October. By the 1880s it was well established as a symbol of Christmas in the colonies and thousands of bunches were harvested from the bush. During the early 1900s, the Parry family pioneered cultivating plants around Gosford to avoid wild-harvesting, and learned to propagate more colourful forms. *Brian Parry* continues the family tradition growing spectacular Christmas Bush at Bunyah, along with other families in the mid coast region. [Read more here...](#)



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| The details of all Events will be confirmed on Social Media and conducted in accordance with Public Health Orders. Wootton Community facebook group | |
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| Wed 21 Dec to Thur 26 Jan <i>School Holidays</i> | |
| Fri 2 Dec | • Coolongolook Oval: Christmas BBQ 6pm <i>see back page for details</i> |
| Sat 3 Dec | • Great Lakes Paddocks 4pm: WOOTTON CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION <i>bookings essential see page 2 for details</i> |
| Sat 10 Dec | • Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday. <i>Peter D 0478 741 111</i> • Working Bee details page 2. <i>Chris George 0411 036 917</i> |
| Sun 11 Dec | • Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am |
| Tue 13 Dec | • Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am-12 |
| Fri 16 Dec | • Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday |
| <i>Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year</i> | |
| Sun 8 Jan | • Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am |
| Tue 10 Jan | • Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am-12 |
| Sat 14 Jan | • Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap <i>Peter D 047 874 1111</i> |
| Sun 15 Jan | **Copy deadline for Wootton Valley News** |
| Fri 20 Jan | • Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday |

Upcoming Events

Xmas Celebration—Saturday 3rd December 4pm.

Wootton Community Network Xmas Party will join with the Christmas Party at the Great Lakes Paddocks. [Book your tickets online](#) now to avoid disappointment for the event which features live music from 6pm. BYO Chairs and picnic rugs. **Strictly NO BYO alcohol.**

Working Bee – Saturday 10th December 1pm – 4pm

There is another working bee at the Community Centre surrounds planned to address some outstanding issues and regular maintenance. The main activities on the day will be to fix:

- ♦ *Retaining wall at back of café – (heavy work – many hands).*
- ♦ *Weeding of Bocce Court and precinct grounds/gardens (light work – many hands)*
- ♦ *Pruning and trimming of bushes and plants – carpark, grounds etc (light work – many hands)*

Please bring along any tools you can for the jobs you think you might be able to take on.

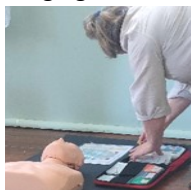
There will be a sausage sizzle/bbq and refreshments after the work is done, so please stick around if you can.

Please contact Chris George on 0411036917 if you have any questions.



Spring Dinner We had a great turn out for the Spring Dinner at the Wootton Hall on Saturday 24th September 2022. We had 32 adults and 2 children attending and served turkey breast with potato bake, fennel roasted with hazelnuts in an orange sauce, pasta salad with homemade basil pesto and fresh garden greensalmost all the ingredients (not including the turkey) were from our gardens. *Leanne* made a delicious selection of desserts to finish, and the hall looked so pretty, decorated with lovely spring blooms. Many thanks to *Tracy* and *Cath* for all their help with food and flowers.

Defibrillator Training On Saturday 29th October 2022 at the Wootton Community Hall, *Karen George* organised for *Deb Booth*, NSW Life Saving and First Aid Facilitator, who volunteered to train over twelve local Wootton community members in how to use a defibrillator and conduct basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). We learnt the basics of how to follow DRSABCD (Danger, Response, Send, Airway, Breathing, CPR, Defibrillator) in case of an emergency. We practiced CPR with adult and baby manikins singing “row, row, row your boat”(thankfully in our heads) to help keep the beat of



30 compressions then 2 breaths. Everyone learned how to use the defibrillator. We learned how to place the pads on a patient, what to do and how to ensure your safety and the patients’ safety when using a defibrillator. It was a very insightful morning of learning. Living in a remote area, it reminded us of the importance of knowing basic first aid and how to use a defibrillator, which could save a life.

Defibrillator location and instructions

*Did you know we have a **defibrillator** at the Wootton Community Hall in case of an emergency? Located on the verandah under the front awning.*



The defibrillator box installed at the Community Centre includes the resuscitation machine and laminated instruction sheets for your/ community use if required.



Everything Wood Exhibition – Hardwood Espresso / Brush Turkey Café

The Wootton Creative Alliance in collaboration with the WCN and the Hardwood Espresso Café have created an exhibition titled “Everything Wood”. The exhibition was launched at an event held on Friday 18.11.22 and will be on display until the end of December. ***Works can be viewed whenever the Hardwood Espresso is open for business (Fri-Sun).*** This exhibition involves 12-14 artists, photographers, woodworkers and craftspeople from Wootton and its immediate surrounds presenting a large variety of works that all have a ‘wood’ theme. There is a wide range of contributors from very well-established exhibitors through to several people who are exhibiting publicly for the very first time.



Some items on display will be ‘For Sale’ but others will be for ‘exhibition only’.

This exhibition has been developed over the last 4 months and has involved some hard work and organisation from several members of the Wootton Creative Alliance.

Special thanks must go to *Paul* and *Chris* for their efforts to organise and source artists and to *Ella, Ian, Kate* and *Damian* for their assistance to set up the exhibition.

Please feel free to contact us to join or just get onto our mailing list. Tracy Smith
wcalliance2423@gmail.com



Advertiser in Focus: Naomi Patton – Yoga Classes

How long have you been doing this type of work?

I have been teaching yoga from Wootton for the last 4 years, I also teach down at Bungwahl.

Why did you decide to do the work you do?

My yoga journey began 25 years ago and I just loved it. It has helped me in all aspects of my life. What better way to deepen your knowledge about something than to teach it? I was also a Remedial Massage therapist and make natural skin care products, so I guess natural therapies was my calling.

What do you enjoy about the work you do?

I love the locals, Wootton has such a great community that have embraced yoga and have been coming for years, seeing how yoga has become part of their life too. I get to teach what I love and am forever learning.

How long have you lived/worked around Wootton?

I have lived just down the road from Wootton in Topi Topi for 12 years.

Where did you move from to come to Wootton? (if not from Wootton originally)

I'm originally from Victoria, but moved from Sydney after returning from years in Europe.

What is the best thing about living in this area?

The peace and quiet, the hills, bush, lakes and beaches and of course the beautiful community.



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. The Brigade has a small membership and you can help your community by BECOMING A MEMBER. Free membership and training!

Wootton Please contact us if you are preparing to burn off.

Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629

Permit Officers **Mike Coventry** 0407 458 167; **Renee Spiteri** 4997 7149

[Permits are currently required for all fires in the MidCoast LGA](#)

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Why did you decide to do the work you do?

I have been in Real Estate for the last 10 years and my family have been operating Ede's Real Estate since 1956 started by my

grandfather Joe Ede, then taken over by my father Brian Ede in 1999 due to my grandfather passing. I find it a passion of mine and it's in my blood being the 3rd generation Real Estate Agent.

What do you enjoy about the work you do?

I enjoy the people, the challenge and the chance to help people purchase their dream property and sell to move on to the next stage of their life.

How long have you lived/worked around Wootton?

All my life. My family, The Ede Family settled in Wootton in 1955 when my father was 5 years old. I have grown up on the family property in Wootton

Where did you move from to come to Wootton? (if not from Wootton originally)

I am lucky I have never had to move, lived in Wootton all my life.

What is the best thing about living in this area?

The area itself. It is based between Taree and Newcastle just west of some of the finest beaches like Pacific Palms and Seals Rocks, Rainforest walking trails, motor bike and horse-riding trails.

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK AGM (held 22 October 2022)

President *Sue Williams* summarised key achievements including:-

- Working towards fostering a socially connected, resilient and diverse community.
- Increasing social activities such as dinners, fundraisers, art exhibitions and workshops.
- Supporting the reopening of the Brush Turkey Café and our community Library.
- Establishing our maintenance program, scoping our new website & support systems.
- Completing applications for funding grants with agencies including Crown Lands.
- Building productive relationships with key community stakeholders, including MidCoast Council and Karuah Great Lakes Landcare.

Sue thanked committee members *Andrew Holland, Leanne Wright, Rob Piper, Chris George, Susanne Kennedy* and *Tracy Smith* for all their considerable time & talents.

All WCN committee members were re-elected—*thanks guys!!!*



Mid Coast Intrepid Landcare

Last month, a group of friends hosted the first Mid Coast Intrepid Landcare event for our region! 25 people signed up on eventbrite and 15 showed up to the hike which, considering the rain of the day, was great! The group has set up social media to follow along and stay up

to date with future events - or even suggest what that event might be!

Join [here](#) or search for them on instagram!

www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

KGLL events Joël Dunn joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Landcare newsletter Jessica Leck rlc@midcoast2topslandcare.org

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Vale Peter 'Spali' Spaliviero, an active member in the 'early' Wootton Community Network has passed (17 Feb 1956 - 1 Nov 2022). He was a great bush mechanic, a problem solver, and a giver, not a taker. He will be missed.

BUYING PLANTS FOR CHRISTMAS? Check out these ornamental garden plants that look great and have a low risk of spreading into natural areas.

www.gardeningsresponsibly.org.au/



WOOTTON LIBRARY NEWS Drop in to the library and discover how easy it is to find your favourites. There are also some duplicate books for booklovers on the verandah, please leave a small donation. Carol



WEED ALERT—*Ochna serrulata*

“Mickey Mouse plant” has yellow flowers and distinctive black berries surrounded by red sepals. It invades bushland and gardens

BANKING DETAILS FOR WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

Same banking details apply for all **MEMBERSHIPS** (\$20pp) and **EVENT BOOKINGS**, please direct deposit to **Wootton Community Network Inc.**

- **CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496**

- Reference = Name and Reason eg “Joe Blow mship” or “Jill Doe Feb dinner”

Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer woottonguesthouse@gmail.com

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. *Always dial 000 for Emergency.*



Wootton Community Network

President: Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Secretary: Robyn Piper

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: secwootton@gmail.com

[FoodSwap](#): Peter Dixon 0478741111

Bookings—all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?

Getting people together?

Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

www.facebook.com/woottonrfs

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(24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Bulahdelah Police: 4940-7470

State Emergency Service 132 500

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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Paul Spiteri 0407 298 954

Renee Spiteri 0407 516 089

Gary Cross 0418 251 090

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Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton

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Bbq food for sale
And raffles
Byo chairs
AND REFRESHMENTS

Date: Friday, December 2, 2022

Time: - 6:00 P.M.

Place: Coolongolook Oval

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MEMBERSHIP**
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