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Spectacled Monarch

Monarcha trivirgatus

The upper parts of this 14-16 cm bird are dark blue-grey with a black masked face and some white end tail feathers. The lower throat, breast and flanks are orange-rufous with the underparts white. An inquisitive and friendly flycatcher, the Spectacled Monarch is often seen flitting through the rainforest in search of its



insect prey. It inhabits rainforests, mangroves and wet sclerophyll forests and mostly lives in the middle and lower regions of the forest canopy. It breeds from October through February and builds a conical nest of bark strips and rootlets beautifully decorated with moss and scraps of lichen. It makes a harsh, buzzing *gzzhhh*, sometimes repeated several times or a nasal rattling call.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 10th February	Movie Night Brush Turkey Café 7pm "Kenny"
Monday 12th February	Jazz in the Library Forster 6:30pm
Saturday 17th February	Garage Sale Jack & Gloria Squires-Squires Rd
Friday 23rd February	Dinner Brush Turkey Café 7pm "Chef's Favourites"
Saturday 24th February	Movie Bulahdelah Court House 2pm "Mystery Surprise"
Saturday 10th March	Photographic Exhibition Opening Night Brush Turkey Café
Saturday 17th March	Movie Bulahdelah Court House "Our Little Girl" 2pm
Saturday 24th March	Free Workshop Brush Turkey Café 9-3pm
Saturday 31st March	Community Dinner Brush Turkey Café "Hawaiian Night"

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CAFÉ NEWS

Dinners

STOP PRESS Due to a clash of dates in our area, the February dinner will be held on **FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY (Not our regular Saturday)**

On the menu for February will be 'Chefs' Favourites', sure to be a tasty delight.

Price Increase Due to rising costs we have increased the community dinner price to \$20 Adults and \$10 for Children (still a bargain meal by today's standards and you will be supporting the community).

Future Dinners

February	'Chefs' Favourites'
March	Hawaiian (Drag out your Hawaiian attire)
April	Italian (possibly with 'Company of Voices' Choir)
May	Curry Night (mild, medium & hot)
June	Japanese (Very popular so book early)
July	Christmas in July
August	Middle Eastern
September	African
October	South American
November	Pizza (Wood Fired)
December	Bring a plate to share

Supervisor/Cooks needed in the Brush Turkey Café

We are in urgent need of more community support to keep the café operating throughout the year. Two of our valued cooks will be taking extended holidays during the year which will mean we will have to close for Winter if we can't get more helpers. If you can spare a weekend day once a month to help with the running of the café you will receive \$10 fuel money and a meal voucher for your efforts. Training provided. If you would like to do the weekly ordering, shopping and cooking you will receive \$50 for out of pocket expenses. Please consider attending the **Free Workshop** on Saturday 24th March to find out how it all works and help keep this community venture operating.

Take Away Meals As of this weekend we will be introducing take away meals for all our listed menu items.

Thanks to Trevor and Cheryl Grant for supplying award winning roses to the café.

Wootton Community News

Web site

Our web site is up and running and can be found at www.wootton.org.au. Thanks to Danny Dunne for setting it up for us. It still needs a little bit of tweeking but is almost there. If you have anything that you would like to be included or a link please contact the editors. The Wootton Valley News will be available to view along with past editions.

Garden

Our garden is going brilliantly. We are harvesting fantastic tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers, corn, herbs etc. Thanks to Tracy, Garry, Daphne & friends. We are looking for a green fingered person to grow seedlings for us so we can have a constant supply. Phone Garry on 49977167 or the café on 49977296 if you think you can help.

New Artist at the Brush Turkey Café

The latest exhibition is by local artist **Sarena Mary Cross** who graduated from COFA and proceeded to make art continuously. In this exhibition, Sarena presents a retrospective of some her works made during the past 17 years. As an explorer of the natural world, her inspirations begin with nature and expand with her imagination. For this specific exhibition Sarena states "I simply chose works that suit the gallery and its setting."

Our **March** exhibition (starting 10th) is by **Eric Dunn**, a photographic artist living in Sydney, is passionate about the concept of stimulating people's imagination through photography. As a frequent visitor to the Great Lakes district, his latest works explore the images found at Seal Rocks. "I was taken by the faces of people and animals I saw in the rocks washed up on the beach and set about capturing those images. I became very excited, not only by the obvious people and animals that stand out in the photos, but also by what other people see when they explore the images with their own imagination."

Originally from Perth, Eric worked as a professional musician until the late nineties when he shifted to the bright lights of Sydney and a career in IT. While still occasionally playing music Eric now prefers the visual stimulus of photography and video as the medium to express his creativity and vision.

An Opening Night will be held on **Saturday 10th March** with wine & nibbles and some music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Community Technology Centre News

A reminder that the Wootton CTC is open every Monday and Wednesday 4pm-6pm & weekends 10am-4pm. **Nabiac Opening hours:** 10am-noon, 3.30pm-6.00 pm Mon-Thu, 10am-noon Fri, Sat. Internet access is also available 8.00 am-5.00 pm 7days at the Nabiac Cafe Takeaway next to the Nabiac Hotel on the Pacific Highway. **TAFE Computer Course**

Introduction to Microsoft Office Word, spreadsheets, data bases, electronic presentations, business technology, keyboard skills and business documents. St Josephs school Bulahdelah Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-9pm Starts 6th February

FREE FULL DAY WORKSHOP

Saturday 24th March 9am to 3pm

**Come see how the café operates and learn new skills
Creating food for life - from the garden to the table!**



A volunteer induction programme including:

- ◆ How to create your visions - life building and life changing skills - invaluable!
- ◆ Garden preparation, planting, growing and playing in the dirt!
- ◆ In the café - people, cleaning, service and cooking - the nitty gritty
- ◆ Getting down to volunteer business

FREE REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH

Bring a volunteer friend.....new volunteers wanted!

Learn skills you can use for work and life

Book early, limited numbers, teenagers welcome. Phone 49977296



Come see the award winning
Australian comedy.

"Kenny"

Saturday 10th February at
7pm

Brush Turkey Café Wootton
\$10 includes

pre movie nibblies and supper

For bookings phone 49977296 (Comfy Chairs limited BYO)

Wootton Rural Fire

Wootton brigade attended a large Section 44 fire in the Myall Lakes National Park running into private lands between Tea Gardens & Nerong. As of writing, the fire is still going but under control. 700 hectares, with identified threatened ecological communities, have been burnt. Wootton brigade worked all Sunday night until Monday morning. Another exceptional effort from the small band of dedicated members. Because we respond when our neighbouring brigades are hard pressed we will get their support when it is our turn.

Brigade Meeting – There will be a Wootton RFS meeting at 09.00 on Sunday 18th February 2007. There has been at least one call-out for the Wootton Brigade every week this year to attend major fires in neighbouring areas. Thanks to Daryl, Toby, Craig, Mike Badcock, Mike Coventry, Karen & Bernard, Sue & Ian, Keith, Garry & Colin. All residents are reminded to prepare themselves and their properties for fire in what is turning out to be a busy fire season. New members are always needed and will be fully trained. Mike Badcock Secretary/Fire Permit Officer 49977337 0409448330

Wootton Hall News

Another act of vandalism, for the second year in a row, over the Christmas holiday period has occurred in the hall grounds. (Graffiti on the towel holder, tomatoes splattered through the toilets and fibro broken in the tennis shed). Please be advised that all children are to be supervised by an adult whilst in the grounds of the Wootton Hall. A request that locals be aware of where their visitors are whilst staying at their place. We still have no date as to when the tennis courts will be completed. The next tennis competition does not look like starting too soon.

Coolonglook School News

Great start to the year A big welcome back to everyone who have been associated with the school in the past years. The students have all returned very keen to get stuck into hard work. There have been four new enrolments Ethan, Madeleine, Indiana and Blake and they have all settled into the routines very smoothly.

Swimming Carnival Gloucester The Manning West Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Gloucester next Friday the 9th

Photocopier The old photocopier is still for sale. It is in great order, and anyone who thinks they might use it please put in a quote.

Life Education Van The Life Education van will be here on Monday 12th February.

Mural Completed A huge thanks to Ellen Auriac and Amanda Bicknell for completing the craft room mural. It looks absolutely fabulous.

Welcome Back K/1/2 It's lovely to see everyone back again, having all grown at least a couple of centimetres in five weeks I'm sure. We are missing two in our class at the moment as Jake is having a holiday at Stewart House and Cinnamon is visiting her grandmother in New Zealand. Lucky aren't they? A big welcome to our new Kindergarten children and their families. We have Madeleine, Indiana and Ethan who have started to settle in well already. I'm sure they will be happy and valued members of our lovely school.

Help our School As we have lost two valued members of our P&C in Ellen and Lyn, we will need some new helpers (mums and dads) this year.

P&C, Canteen & Reading helpers are always needed Please see Peter or Jan if you can help out. Peter Mason (Principal) & Jan Oxford (K/1/2)



Movies at Bulahdelah Court House

Saturday 24th February 2pm "Mystery Surprise Movie"

Saturday 17th March 2pm "Our Little Girl" starring Shirley Temple

\$7 includes afternoon tea

Contact Malcolm at the courthouse on 49879274

Congratulations to...

Claire Bradbury of Newmans Road who has helped put Wootton on the academic achievement map whilst a student at St Clare's High School Taree. Claire was awarded the Academic Excellence Award as the top achiever in Year 12 and subsequently became Dux of St Clare's for 2006 with the highest University Admissions Index (UAI) at 98.15. Claire is going to further her studies at the University of New South Wales reading Law and International Studies.



Friends of Great Lakes Library Service Inc.

Jazz in the Library has proved a very popular event and the Friends are delighted to be able to present the fifth performance organized by John Boak.



The band "JAZZ AND BLUES REUNION" will be reminiscing in rhythm on Monday 12th February, 6.30 pm start, at the Great Lakes Library, Breese Parade, Forster. Musicians are John Boak, trumpet; Mark Brown, bass; Richard Gawned, saxophone and clarinet; Garry Smith, guitar. Tickets \$10 (includes drinks and nibbles at interval) on sale at the Library. Early bookings recommended as this popular function is always "sold out". Phone: 65 917256

Council News In order to keep up to date with Council's activities, following is a brief outline of planned works, that may affect our area. Contact 6591 7271 for more information.

- **BULLOCKY WAY, FAILFORD RECONSTRUCTION:** The final seal on the Bullocky Way reconstruction, from Failford Road to just beyond Highlands Estate, has now been completed. Linemarking will be undertaken and is expected to be completed during February 2007.
- **THE LAKES WAY RECONSTRUCTION:** Reconstruction works have now commenced on The Lakes Way, between Sugar Creek Road and Bungwahl. The total cost of these works is \$2 Million and has been funded by the Australian Government under the Aus-Link Strategic Regional Programme. Tree clearing and earthworks are currently being undertaken, with the project due for completion later this year.

Moving / Garage Sale

Saturday 17th February

46 Squires Road Wootton

Furniture, bedspreads, blankets & linen, ornaments, stuffed toys/dolls, clothing, crockery, bric-a-brac, books, framed pictures and loads of other stuff.

Commencing at 8am till 5pm

Phone 49977132



Courses/Tuition

Yoga classes are held 6pm Mondays at Bulahdelah RSL Hall and Wednesdays at Wootton Hall Call Peter on 49977201

Computer Help Marie Power, our CTC manager, is available 2-4pm at the Brush Turkey Café every Saturday to help with any questions you may have with your computer. Marie is an I.T. teacher at TAFE so take advantage of her wealth of knowledge. This is a free service but any donation would be appreciated.

For Sale (This service is free)

- ◆ Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake \$25 only made to order. To order in advance Ph Bronwyn 49977185
- ◆ Locally produced arts & crafts for sale at the Brush Turkey Café . Paintings, prints, pottery and ceramics, hand made woven baskets.
- ◆ Ride on mower Cox 11HP 32" cut, electric start. reduced to \$1200 ono Ph: Geoff 49977404
- ◆ Rayburn stove complete \$1,000 Ph Garry 49977167
- ◆ 3 Seater chairs X 2, yellow, good condition \$495 for both ono Ph: 0416 015 044
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Wanted

- ◆ Lemons, will come and pick Phone 49977185
- ◆ Book by George Farwell "Land of Mirage"- Will pay. Ring Beverley 49977252

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