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BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH

Pink and Grey Galah *Eolophus roseicapilla*,

Galahs have the reputation of being somewhat of a pest or nuisance. But Galahs are actually a highly intelligent, social and highly adaptable animal. It can be found in open country in almost all parts of mainland Australia. Galahs are one of the few animals that have benefited from the arrival of European settlers to Australia. The clearing of land and planting of cereal crops have really suited galahs. This led to the increase in galah populations, and the galahs expansion into every corner of Australia (helped also by the escape of pet galahs, especially in Tasmania). The term *galah* is derived from *gilaa*, an aboriginal word. The Galah nests in tree cavities. Like most other cockatoos, Galahs create strong life-long bonds with their partners. It is unusual for wild galahs usually to survive beyond 30 years of age. Cars, cats and shooting are the three main causes of death for wild galahs. In captivity galahs can live to 80 years of age. So galahs are definitely a pet for life! Wootton sees it's fair share of galahs, often seen feasting on grass seed and the Christmas Bush seed.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 12th February	Pizza & Movie Night Brush Turkey Café 6pm
Sunday 13th February	Wootton RFS Meeting 8am Fire Shed
Sat/Sun 12th/13th Feb	Bulahdelah Bass Bash
Friday 25th February	Applications close Wootton Hall committee
Saturday 26th March	Nabiac Show 8am, Fireworks 8.30pm
Saturday 26th February	Wootton Community Dinner Thai Theme 7pm
Saturday 19th March	Bulahdelah Hill Climb
Saturday 26th March	Wootton Community Dinner BYO "P" night 7pm

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Community Dinners Bookings essential on 49977296

Our Christmas Party It was a really nice party with lovely food, dancing and a nice bunch of Wootton people.

January's Australian Dinner was a fun night with lots of games, stories, good food and good company.

February's dinner will be Thai food.

March Dinner will be a BYO "P" Theme. So bring a plate of food to share and wear something beginning with "P". (eg bring a pie and come as a pirate)

Working Bee to be held during the cooler weather.

Café News

Due to lack of volunteers the café will at times not be opening on certain weekends. Please check the blackboard out the front.

Thanks to John & Sue Smith for attending the free food hygiene seminar held by the council last month.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their time once a month for this worthwhile community asset can contact Leanne on 49977201.

Pizza Oven

Left Peter Auriac, smelling the delicious aroma of the first pizza out of the oven.



Ladies Night

No ladies night will be held until the beginning of Winter when the weather is less oppressive.

Art at the Brush Turkey Café

Our artist this month is Mary McEnallay. Mary has been involved in the Great Lakes Art Society for many years and has won many awards and completed various art courses at TAFE. She works in pen and ink, watercolour, mixed media, acrylics and pastels. All works on display are available for sale. Well worth a look.

Wootton Valley News Distribution

A number of people have mentioned that they are not receiving the WVN in their mailbox. Please contact the editors if you have a problem. The newsletter is available as a subscription for \$11 for 12 months or can be downloaded from our website.

Wootton Hall Committee.

We have been advised by council that as no nominations for the Wootton hall committee have been received.

“ We will be locking the building up in January and sealing the building to prevent unauthorised access or vandalism....”

Since then Caro Badcock has nominated herself but we still need another 3 people to make up a quorum. See councils ad on page 4.

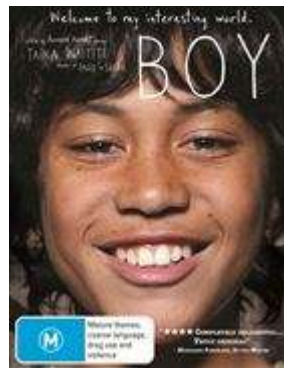
The present hall, formally the old school, has had a lot of use over the years such as Playgroup, kidsplay, yoga, markets, hires for parties and dances, “Back to Wootton” days, meetings, seminars, fundraisers and elections.

It has been well maintained over the years thanks to the hall committee. The former committee have been holding the positions for 10 years and have done a great job but new people are now needed.

The hall offers a good dance floor, kitchen, tables and chairs, disabled access, clean toilets, easy parking and affordable hire rates.

*Pizza and Movie Night
Saturday 12th February,
6pm Pizza, 7pm Movie
\$10 includes pre-movie pizza
and supper after the movie.*

*The most successful New Zealand
film ever, rating in the top ten of
all time in the NZ box office.*



What else is on?

- Bulahdelah Bass Bash Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th February
Myall River Bulahdelah
- Bulahdelah Hill Climb Saturday 19th March Wootton Way
- Nahiack Show Saturday 26th March Nahiack Showground

**Next Wootton Valley News Deadline is
28th March, 2011**

**Wootton Community Centre
S355 Management Committee is looking for new
members!**



Great Lakes Council is currently renewing its **Wootton Community Centre Management Committee**. This volunteer committee assists Council by managing the Wootton Community Centre - a valuable community asset and local landmark - and/or providing advice on particular issues of interest to your community.

Interested community members are encouraged to nominate for membership of the Wootton Community Centre Management Committee and should apply in writing to the Business Support Officer, Community Services, Great Lakes Council, PO Box 450, Forster, 2428 or by email to dianne.denton@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au.

Applications must be received no later than 4pm on Friday 25 February 2011. Interested persons may nominate as an individual representative or be nominated as an endorsed representative of a particular group. Nominations should include the following: Reasons for nomination, relevant experience and any other information considered relevant. For more information, please contact Dianne Denton on 6591 7279.



Wootton Fire Brigade News

Next meetings dates, training and working bee

Meetings are now held bi-monthly. Meet at the Fire Shed 8.00am

Next meeting date is Sunday 13th February.

Training is held on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Meet at the Fire Shed 8:00am

Next dates are Saturday 19th February and 19th March.

Working Bee: Saturday 12th February at the shed, 8am.

We will be rebuilding the kitchen and office area and doing general maintenance of equipment.

New members are welcome at meetings, training days and working bees.

During January there was a very successful working bee where we demolished the old kitchen and office area.

Also, a successful training day was held and the members that attended are now "au fait" with drafting procedures on the new truck.

Permits are still required until 31st March. Contact Mike Badcock.



Top Right Bernard Carran, training officer.

Bottom Left Jim O'Connor rolling out the fire hose.

Above Jameison Garnett, Mike Badcock and Adam Garnett, new members on the training day with Captain Mike.

Wootton Guest House News

“Remember last issue”

Nicole & Anthony expecting their baby early December.

Leo Anthony Wrigley entered the world on Saturday the 11th December 2010 weighing 3.860kg.



FIVE LIVING GENERATIONS

Nicole nursing Leo, Nana Leanne, Mum-ma Helen & Grandma Eileen



Congratulations to...

Beverlee and Norman Brunton on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on the 3rd February 1951 at the St George Church of England at Hurstville. Their reception was held at St Marks Hall, South Hurstville where they met at a Saturday night dance when they were teenagers. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grand children. The Bruntons are long term residents of Wootton.



How to lose a small fortune

Judy H

1. Take several tools with you when gardening. Gradually cover one of the tools with weeds and prunings. Collect all the rubbish and throw it onto the compost heap. Next time you wish to garden you will be missing one essential tool and not have a clue where you last put it.
2. Occasionally feed your chickens with some boiled rice. Take a spoon from your good cutlery set to spread the rice around. Put the spoon down somewhere, anywhere, while you watch the chickens enjoy their feast. Come back to the house with only the pan. Spend the next few weeks searching the whole chicken coop on hands and knees looking for a spoon. Finally reason that a chicken must have eaten it.
3. Put your favourite sunglasses in your shirt pocket and as you wander around the property, stop to pull a weed or two here and there. As you bend over, the sunnies fall out of your pocket and hide themselves. Now you can wear those cheap and nasty sunglasses you kept 'just in case'.
4. Discover too late that a bush rat has nested amongst the air conditioning wiring under the bonnet of your car. That explains the small pile of leaves and fluff on the floor under the car as you reverse out of the garage and also why the air conditioner no longer is effective.
5. Plant lots of native seedlings without plastic sleeves or chicken wire for protection from the wallabies. They only eat grass, don't they?

"The Best Dance Floor in the District" The original Wootton Hall

During a recent fire brigade cleanup a photo of the original Wootton Hall surfaced. The hall was located opposite Worth Street and was the centre of Wootton's social life up until 1986, when it was demolished. This was to make way for widening of the highway and it was declared to no longer meet the required safety standards. Locals fought to keep the hall open but were unsuccessful. Older residents have many fond memories of wonderful dances and get togethers attended by all in the district.

Some of the materials from the hall are still having a second life in various buildings in Wootton. The Community Centre/ Brush Turkey Café has some of it's windows.



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For Sale

(This service is free)

Honda 750 SHADOW Excellent condition, new rear tyre, new battery, long rego, 20,000 kms \$7,500 **49977210**

House for sale end February

3 bedroom open plan timber home, solar, wind and mains power, 3 metre veranda's on 100 acres with rainforest and paddocks, dam, bush foods, workshop, sheds, small cottage at rear of property. contact Bron on

49977185

Windows (3) 1570 X 1200mm, 1810 x 1200mm & sliding door 2110 x 1810mm complete with wooden frames ready for re-installation- dark blue colorbond

Flat bed Scanner (Hewlett Packard),

Epson Stylus Photo 720 printer

Fischer & Paykel double drawer dish-

washer (electronic control needs attention)

Make an offer Phone Fran/Jim **49977323**