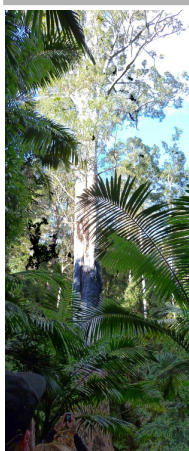


# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## **Flooded Gum (*eucalyptus grandis*)**

Situated between Wootton and Bulahdelah is the tallest in NSW, called The Grandis. It is a 400 year old flooded gum tree that pierces the canopy on the western edge of Myall Lakes National Park, 86m high with an enormous circumference at its base and spared by loggers who extensively harvested the area in the late 1970s. The bark is smooth and powdery, pale- or blue-grey to white in colour, with a skirt of rough brownish bark for the bottom 1–4 m of the tree trunk, commonly known as the boot. The white flowers appear from mid autumn to late winter from April to August, and are arranged in groups of seven to eleven flowerheads. The flowers are followed by small pear- or cone-shaped gumnuts

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fri 3 Feb	• Meet the Artist, Brush Turkey Café, 6pm
Sun 5 Feb	• Wootton Fire Brigade training at the Fire Shed, Squires Rd, 9am
Sat 11 Feb	• Food Swap, Wootton Hall Grounds, 5pm • Light Supper and movie Night 6pm supper \$10 pp
Sat 18 Feb	• Preventive Health Clinic, Wootton Hall, osteopath, 9 am—12 noon • The Grandis Party, Grandis picnic area, Stoney Creek Rd, 3 pm
Sat 25 Feb	• Preventive Health Clinic, Wootton Hall, podiatry, 9am—12 noon • Community Dinner, Cool Blue at the Brush Turkey Café 7pm \$20pp
Sun 5 Mar	• Wootton Fire Brigade training at the Fire Shed, Squires Rd, 9am
Sat 11 Mar	• Wootton Community Network meeting Brush Turkey Café, 3pm • Wootton Hall Committee AGM, Wootton Hall, 4pm • Food Swap, Wootton Community Centre Grounds, 5pm • Light Supper and Movie Night 6pm supper \$10 pp
Sun 12 Mar	• <b>Future of Wootton Community Facilities Meeting, Wootton Hall, 3pm</b>
Sat 18 Mar	• Preventive Health Clinic, Wootton Hall, osteopath, 9 am—12 noon
Sat 25 Mar	• Preventive Health Clinic, Wootton Hall, podiatry, 9am—12 noon • Community Dinner, Bring-a-plate, Wootton Hall 6pm \$5pp

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Visit our website @ [www.wootton.org.au](http://www.wootton.org.au)

### Wootton Community Network News

The bi-monthly general meeting was held on Saturday 7th January 2017 in the Resource Centre. Next meeting 11th March 2017, 3 pm, Resource Centre.

**Memberships** are now due: \$12.50 pp. New members always welcome.

Payments can be made:

1. At the Brush Turkey Café at any community event,
2. At the Library, Sundays 10 am to 12 noon
3. By cheque payable to: **Wootton Community Network**, posted to:  
1 Worth Street Wootton 2423, NSW
4. By bank transfer: Wootton Community Network Inc, BSB 721000 Account 55202  
Please do not forget to put your name in the description/detail of payment  
otherwise we will not be able to match the payment to you.

Any problem, please, email the WCN: [brushturkey@live.com](mailto:brushturkey@live.com)

**Brush Turkey Café:** Due to the unavailability of volunteers to assist regularly in the Brush Turkey Cafe, a motion was passed to cease trading on Sundays as from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Thanks to Jim and Fran for keeping the café afloat over the last year.

**Grants:** The proposal for a new commercial grade stove and freezer under the Stronger Communities Grant opportunity was unsuccessful and will be resubmitted in the next round.

**Railway Walk:** Craig Tate gave an update on the work Forest Corp are undertaking and they consider it one of the best heritage walks in NSW.

**The Grandis:** a motion was passed to hold an event at the Grandis to celebrate the repairs to Stoney Creek Road by National Parks which enables the area to be accessed 'again' from the Wootton Way.

**Dinners:** a motion was passed to keep the price for the community dinners held in the Resource Centre at \$20.00 pp.

**Newsletter:** The volunteers taking care of the delivery are doing wonderful work.

Colour issues for Wootton residents, black & White for the broader community.

**\*\*Everyone is encouraged to contribute items and photos—send to Caro and Sylvie.**

*Due date for next issue is 15<sup>th</sup> March.*



## Cool Blue Dinner

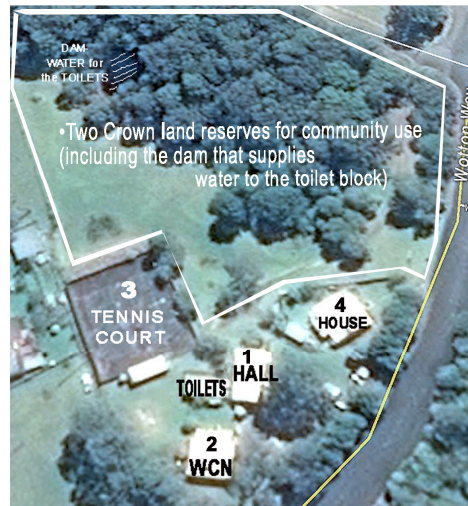
**At the Wootton Resource Centre (Brush Turkey Café)**

- Wear something cool and/ or blue
- Bring something blue for your table (prize for best table decoration)
- Submit suitable trivia question to:  
[brushturkey@live.com](mailto:brushturkey@live.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> February

**25 February 2017 @ 7pm, \$20.00 p/p**  
Bookings: Fran 0412963161

**Skill Share Workshops:** Keep an eye on the Wootton Community Facebook page for regular updates by Megan Griffiths.

## Wootton Community Facilities Under Threat



The Wootton facilities currently consist of:

- Two vacant Crown land reserves for community use (including the dam that supplies water to the toilet block)
- One Wootton Community Reserve Trust managed by the Council on behalf of the Crown, including: Hall and toilets managed on behalf of the Council by a Section 355 committee of volunteers;
- Resource Centre housing the Brush Turkey Café, managed by the Wootton Community Network on a portion of land leased from the Council;
- Tennis courts historically managed by the Wootton Tennis Club that has not been active for over 10 years; and
- School house managed by the Council as a rental property.

In March 2014 the Council passed a motion to hand responsibility for the management and maintenance of these facilities back to the Crown. Around the same time the Crown had a White Paper out for discussion that included plans to move responsibility for community used Crown land to local councils. The Government has now passed the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* to support these proposals.

**If the community does not take over management of these facilities we face their closure with subsequent sale of the land.**

**BUT** there are options and this is a good opportunity to unify the management and use of these facilities so please come and participate in a discussion to decide the future of our community facilities.

**Future of Wootton Community Facilities Meeting:**

**Wootton Hall, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 3 pm.**

*Bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.*



## Brush Turkey Café

**Will close on Sundays from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Thank you to all the volunteers for their extraordinary efforts in contributing to and working at the Brush Turkey Cafe over the years with a special mention for Jim and Fran for their endeavour and enthusiasm to keep the cafe open.

**Note:** community events will continue as normal within the Resource Centre that houses the café

### New Artist: Malcolm Peisker

Originally from Taree, Malcolm returned to the area in 1986 with his family and built a home on a few acres at Dyer's Crossing. He worked at local high schools at Gloucester, Forster and Tuncurry Senior Campus, joined the Gloucester Art Society, exhibited in local exhibitions and gained inspiration from visiting artists giving workshops.



Malcolm has enjoyed drawing and painting as long as he can remember. When he was fourteen his grandmother taught him to use oil paints but these days he prefers painting with watercolours and drawing with pastels.

Come and meet the Artist on **Friday 3rd February** in the Resource Centre/ Brush Turkey Café from 6 pm.

If you wish to see more of his artworks, email to [malcolmpe1@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmpe1@gmail.com)

### Library Opening Hours

#### February:

Sundays during café trading  
During all community events

#### March:

Sundays 10 am to 12 noon  
During all community events

Keep an eye open on the hall verandah for a new way to borrow and return books outside the standard library opening times.



**Wootton 2016  
Christmas party**



### Great Lakes Food Trail

One of the primary goals of the Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group in 2017 is to work with local producers, The Karuah and Great Lakes Landcare and The MidCoast Council to establish The Great Lakes Food Trail. A conceptual meeting for the Trail was held last year in August and a working group was recently formed in January to develop an action plan for the Launch on Saturday 15th of April.

The purpose of the Food Trail is to *connect local and ethical producers with the community*.

The working group is collaborating with key stakeholders to connect producers from Bulahdelah to Blueys Beach and once established, the Trail is expected to expand throughout the region.

The MidCoast Council are assisting us by developing a marketing plan and Karuah and Great Lakes Landcare are assisting with appropriate signage directing visitors to the properties on the Food Trail at the Launch.

There is no application fee for Producers to participate in the Launch and they are welcome to negotiate with others to share venues. Thus far, the following local and ethical producers have expressed their interest in participating in the Launch:



Blossom Eco Skin Care, Wootton  
Bulahdelah Honey  
Good Food Shop, Smiths Lake  
Burraduc Buffalo Dairy  
& Artisan Cheese, Bungwahl  
Blueys Cellars, Blueys Beach  
Brush Turkey Café, Wootton  
Chef Sarah, Smiths Lake  
Garden to Table Permaculture, Charlotte Bay  
Great Lakes Paddocks, Wootton  
King Fisher Café, Blueys Beach  
Lucy Land Merino, Bulahdelah  
Nadine, The Cake Queen, Smiths Lake  
Natural Deodorant, Topi Topi  
Old Inn Road Winery, Bulahdelah  
Palms Sourdough and Coffee, Charlotte Bay  
Sam's Seafood, Pacific Palms  
Topi Open Range, Bungwahl  
Wootton Guest House

If you would like more information or are interested participating in The Great Lakes Food Trail please contact Sue Williams on 0438 433063 or [sue@williamsonline.com.au](mailto:sue@williamsonline.com.au)

**FOR SALE:** SYM HD 200 motor scooter, water cooled 4 stroke Bolwell motor, 12 months rego. Very good condition. Great fun, cheap and reliable transport. Comes with luggage box. \$1950 ONO Peter on 0407974420

### Anna and Brendon O'Meara's Story

Fresh air, rolling green hills, gum trees, cows, horses, kangaroos, garden grown vegetables, birdlife, swims in the dam, family, and Seal Rocks. A few of the things we love about Wootton and the surrounding area. For this reason last December we packed up our house in Sydney and moved. Our eldest daughter is very excited to start at Pacific Palms School with her friends from Nabiac pony club, and waking up to see her pony and chickens each day. We feel very blessed that my parents discovered this area fifteen years ago and are excited to start our life here and be immersed in what we love. I am also looking forward to spending time in the kitchen at the Brush Turkey Café with my mum. I will be working as a Psychologist at Forster Primary School. My husband, Brendon has his own construction company, carpenter/builder and will continue to commute to Sydney until his work grows in the area. No job is too big or too small!

Brendon 0421245197 [www.binnaburraconstruction.com.au](http://www.binnaburraconstruction.com.au) Anna



## The Grandis Party

**The Grandis can now be reached from Wootton Way!  
Come and join us to celebrate the reopening of Stoney Creek Rd and  
the amazing sight of the tallest tree in NSW.**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm  
The Grandis picnic area,  
Stoney Creek Rd  
Drinks and nibbles supplied**



New display at Food Swap

**Police Update:** Between 7 and 14 January 2017 unknown attended a rural property adjacent to the Wootton Way. They attempted to force a lock off a shipping container. They also forced the lock to the storage shed nearby by and removed two unregistered motor cycles and a toolbox. It is believed that more than one person may have been involved. If anyone knows of anybody coming into possession of motorcycles around this time police would appreciate a call.  
*Senior Constable Trevor McLeod, Bulahdelah, 49974204*



Next training 5 February

### Don't Squash Funnel Webs!

Funnel-web spiders thrive in warm, humid and wet conditions — especially at night. The Australian Reptile Park is encouraging residents of NSW to not kill funnel-web spiders but rather follow their safety guidelines online to capture the spider, and hand them in at the park or a participating drop off centre. Last season the Park completed 1500 funnel-web milkings, far below the 5000 needed to build up venom



supplies. Since Australia's funnel-web spider anti-venom program began in 1981, nobody has died from a funnel-web spider bite.

After researching the story Caro checked around the house and found many funnels including the one pictured here on a bank ..... We encourage you to go and check!



FunnelWeb from Sydney  
*Atrax robustus*



Female Funnel Web from the Blue Mountains  
*Hadronyche versuta*  
photo: Ants & Mice

No beds in Wootton? A great idea from Larn and Adam who hired tents to house their many guests for their daughter's wedding.



**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

# DIRECTORY

## Accommodation

### **Wootton Guest House**

Too many visitors? 4 air conditioned bedrooms with en-suites and balconies. Reasonable rates. Contact Peter & Leanne  
www.woottonguesthouse.com.au  
**4997 7201 0407 974 420**

## Earth Moving/Tractor Work

### **David Knezevic**

Excavation, demolition, auger, rock hammer, grab bucket, tipper, truck hire  
**4777 7402 0410 441 428**

## Slashing and Excavating Services

### **Chris Nebauer**

Free quotes, all areas, no job too small or too large. 70hp 4WD tractor, heavy duty slasher or mulcher - 4.5 ton excavator with auger, bobcat, tipper.  
www.slashingservices.com **0416 128 502**

## Property and Livestock Services

### **Tony Mills**

Rural and domestic handyman, maintenance, repairs and other projects. All fencing. Garden maintenance, mowing, landscaping. Shearing sheep & alpacas, plus other animal husbandry tasks. Free quotes. All areas. Years of experience and skills. **0427 332 155**

## Wootton Livestock Transport

### **Neil Ede**

For any livestock handling needs. 30 years experience. **0407 787 920**

## Quality Silage Feed

Round bales of silage for sale \$88.00 (inc GST). No order too small or large. Delivery can be arranged.  
Coolonglook. **0484 627 852**

## Plumber

### **Richard Green Plumbing**

All plumbing, drainage, gas and LPG fitting, metal roofing (domestic, commercial, industrial)  
Lic no. 53903C **6559 1555 0418 618 583**

## Real Estate

### **Great Lakes Realty**

Comprehensive range of properties  
info@greatlakesrealty.com.au **4997 8200**

### **Edes Real Estate Pty Ltd**

Stock and Station agent and property management www.edes.com.au  
Brian Ede  
**49974566 4997 7180(A/H) 0408 492 883**

### **Rural Valley Realty, Coolonglook**

Local agent for 25 yrs. Rural specialist.  
Steve Devries **0458 448 019 4997 7214**

## Bulahdelah Post Office

Bank@Post personal and business.  
HCCU banking. Opal cards, Phones and gifts  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm and most Sat 9am-12noon  
**Ph/Fax 4997 4283**

## Health

### **Dot Williams**

Local podiatrist available for all foot care services: home-visits, weekly clinic  
Bulahdelah, last Sat. month Wootton Hall.  
**0406 287 694 Williams.dot@gmail.com**

## Podiatrist



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