

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus*

Kingfishers live all over Australia but mainly in coastal regions. We have 10 native species including the kookaburra, the largest. They nest in tree hollows and in termite nests, feed mainly on insects and small reptiles .



Photos from Fred and Sue from Wattle hill Road, Wootton. Kingfisher nesting in a termite mound on their property

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat 10 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wootton Hall: afternoon tea with Peter and Megan, 4pm</li> <li>Wootton Hall Grounds: Food Swap 5pm</li> <li>Brush Turkey Café: <i>Light supper night</i> 6pm supper \$10 pp</li> </ul>
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Tue 13 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable Farming Group Meeting: Topi Open Range, 10am</li> </ul>
Sat 24 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brush Turkey Café: Valentine's Community dinner, 7pm, \$20pp</li> </ul>
Sun 25 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Hall Library open 10am to 12 noon</li> </ul>
Sat 3 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wootton Community Network Meeting, Brush Turkey Café, 3pm</li> </ul>
Sat 10 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wootton Hall Committee <b>Annual General Meeting</b>, Hall, 4pm</li> <li>Wootton Hall Grounds: Food Swap 5pm</li> <li>Brush Turkey Café: <i>Light supper night</i> 6pm supper \$10 pp</li> </ul>
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Sat 31 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Lakes Food Trail, Brush Turkey Café, 10am to 3pm</li> <li>Bric-a-brac sale, Wootton Community Hall, 10am to 3pm</li> <li>Wootton Hall Community Dinner, bring a plate, 6pm. \$5pp</li> </ul>
	<b>CHECK FACEBOOK FOR LAST MINUTE EVENTS</b>

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### Wootton Community Network (WCN) and Community Hall Committee News

- **HALL general meeting**
  - Regular working bees to be held for 1 hour before the Food Swap
  - Library: looking for two people to share opening on the 5th Sunday
  - Bush Dance has been confirmed for September!
  - The HALL and WCN committees are in discussion to combine the two groups to minimise workloads and to provide a better, unified use of the facilities
  - **AGM** to be held **March 10**, Chair and Treasurer positions open for nominations.
- **WCN general meeting**
  - Agreed in principle to participate in the Great Lakes Food Trail on Easter Saturday, Queens Birthday and October long weekends depending on the number of helpers available. (contact Fran: 49977323 or email: brushturkey@live.com.au).
  - Agreed to develop a brochure to explain benefits and encourage membership of the Wootton Community Network.
  - An open discussion will be held at the next meeting to evaluate the leasing of the Brush Turkey café to operate as a commercial business
- **Wootton Community Strategic Plan**—to be presented to Council on 28th February



Welcome to Gary and Denise Cross who will be delivering the Wootton Valley News to Herivals and Ferny Creek Rds.

Welcome to Susanne, Larn and Deb who will be sharing the opening of the community library on the 4th Sunday of every month and Sue helping on the 3rd Sunday.

Welcome to Peter, Bill, Tony and Colin as new members of the Wootton Fire Brigade who have successfully completed the Basic Firefighting course

### Do you have any left-over water-based white paint that you are not going to use?

We would like freshen-up the inside of the tennis shed by painting it white as we are using the tennis court and shed more often. Our intention is to mix the donated paint to obtain one shade of white. To donate please sms Sylvie on 0408861051.

### DECEMBER 2017: Meet Danny Dunne “the artist” - a very vibrant evening





**DECEMBER  
2017:**  
Wootton  
Christmas  
party  
Friends, fun  
and food!



**MEMBERSHIP  
2018**  
**Join or Renew!**

### **Memberships for WCN due NOW!**

Members of the Wootton Community Network are eligible for monthly dinner members' draws, receive email alerts for local events and are part of a group of people who enjoy being part of this wonderful, active community. \$12.50 per person.

Payment options:

- Cheque/cash to Wootton Community Network, 1 Worth Street Wootton
- Bank transfer: Wootton Community Network Inc, BSB 721000, Acct 55202
- include your name with payment

**Join us for afternoon tea at the Hall,  
4pm Saturday 10 February 2018  
before the Food Swap.**



Share with us your ideas, let us know if there is something that you would like to do in the Hall or if there are any activities or events that you would like to organise. If you are keen to help out in any of the current activities (eg Hall dinners, food swaps, library, bush dances), we can help you get involved. We'd also like to see you if you just haven't been to the Hall yet, and want to look around.

*Peter Dixon*

### **FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD**

Here's to all the people who actively participated in the monthly Food Swaps in 2017, introduced us to new and exotic, home grown products and regaled us with stories of how to grow and cook them.

Look out 2018!



**Email us by 15th April 2018**





### Books for all ages!

Kiddies—come and see the new, donated children's books.

Adults—fancy talking orchids?

We have received books about Australian orchids with photos of the many local flowers that you will recognise like *Cymbidium suave* and *Sarcochilus falcatus* (in trees); *Dendrobium speciosum* (in trees or on rocks); *Dendrobium kingianum* (on rocks); *Caladenia*, *Pterostylis*, *Diuris*, *Thelymitra* species and *Spiranthes sinensis* (in the ground).

You'll be amazed at all the variety of colours and shapes to be found at different times of the year, and what's growing where. They can be very long lived plants, easily 50 years, and usually have flowers with special scents or shapes that attract only a couple of insects to pollinate them.

The books have chapters on how to grow some of them in your garden. There's an orchid nursery at Tinonee and orchid clubs in Forster where you can find out more.

Did you know, Bulahdelah is home to an orchid that grows and flowers its whole life underground, and all orchids are "protected plants" so they should be left in the bush for others to enjoy?

Come to the Wootton community library and browse  
Sunday mornings 10am—12pm

### Motion sensor cameras available for loan

KGLL have some snazzy motion sensor cameras for members to loan out thanks to our Pests and Weeds drought funding project that made the wild dog workshops possible. These are a great tool for spying on goings on around your property, whether it be surveillance for wild dogs, feral pests, or just capturing images of your friendly local wildlife. Check out the action shot of a wallaby, captured by Fred's borrowed camera.



To arrange a loan, please contact Joël on 0401 932 533 [joel.dunn@glcr.org.au](mailto:joel.dunn@glcr.org.au).

### Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group—Annual Planning Session,

Tuesday February 13th, 10am to 12 noon, Topi Open Range.

BYO plate to share for morning tea.

Have your say on the future plans and activities of your local Sustainable Farming Group at a planning session facilitated by Local Landcare Coordinator, Joël Dunn.

Please RSVP to Sue Williams on 0438 433 063

## DON'T FORGET EASTER SATURDAY 31st MARCH 2018

**Great Lakes Food Trail** is happening all day  
[www.thegreatlakesfoodtrailnsw.com.au](http://www.thegreatlakesfoodtrailnsw.com.au)  
(for more information contact Sue Williams 0438433063)



**Brush Turkey Café** will be open 10am to 3pm  
If you have some time to spare, help will definitely be needed  
(contact Fran on 49977323 or email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au))



**Bric-a-brac sale** at the Wootton Hall 10am to 3pm  
\$10 per space/ table  
Spaces/ tables are limited—book early  
(contact Sylvie on [arteton7350@gmail.com](mailto:arteton7350@gmail.com))



**Community dinner** at the Wootton Hall 6pm to late  
Bring a plate of food to share  
\$5 per adult, children free

## Cicada Cacophony Concert!

We've all heard the cicadas singing this summer. Some can produce noise levels up to 120 decibels which can be quite distressing to us.

Cicadas are familiar insects to many of us because of their large size, their conspicuous songs in summer and the empty nymphal shells they leave discarded on tree trunks. Many large species are very common in suburban areas and childhood folklore surrounds them, many being known by quaint common names. Generations have grown up catching and swapping Green Grocers, Yellow Mondays, Floury Bakers, Black Princes and Cherry Noses.

There are more than 240 different species of Australian Cicadas and over 800 species that call Australia home, varying in size from a wingspan of 20 mm to 140mm. Most are only active in the summer months and different species are found in all sorts of vegetation from lush rainforest to eucalypt woodlands, grasslands.



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Email us by 15th April 2018

## Wootton Rural Fire Service

### INCIDENTS

The brigade has had numerous call outs throughout December and January attending bush, grass, & structure fires as well as motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) on the highway:

- January 7—the call out at 10.30 pm was like driving through a Hitchcock horror movie with huge lightning bolts and torrential rain bursts as we searched the highway from Bulahdelah to Wootton Way (north) for a reported fire —> false alarm!



- The team was one of the 5 brigades that made up the Mid Coast Strike Team that attended the Williamtown Airport fire on Sunday 14 January and were allocated a sector of scrub at the north end of the runway (protecting airport assets) which rapidly became the centre of the fire due to wind shifts and increasing intensity of up to 60 km/hr. Whilst we waited for the fire front to pass, helicopters of all sizes (including "Elvis") water bombed around us and the DC10 jet flew low overhead dumping loads of retardant. From a participant's viewpoint .... for such a huge multi agency task force, it was a well organised day!

A big thanks to the brigade members who attended all the call outs.

### FIRE PREPARATION

Recently, the RFS AIDER (Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents) team conducted a letterbox drop in our area. The AIDER program is a free, one-off service which supports some of our most at-risk community members.

It is designed for people who have limited domestic support available from family, relatives, friends. This could include older people, people living with a disability, and people who are already receiving community assistance and services. If you would like to follow –up contact AIDER services on 02 8741 4955, email [aider@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aider@rfs.nsw.gov.au) OR speak to Mike Badcock (0499448330) or me, Adam (0428272629) for help.

*Adam Garnett (President)*

#### **Community Hall Committee needs an assistant to help with bookings.**

We have a number of regular events which will continue to be managed by the Hall committee and currently have about half a dozen external Hall hires a year. I am looking for a Wootton resident to help and assist me in taking phone calls and arranging hire for occasional external events.

The person will help me provide information to people wanting to hire the hall, provide a key to hall hirers, letting hirers know how to pay and checking the hall after hire to make sure everything is left in a neat and tidy state.

I would love you to help me, please call me, Caro on 0408415420.

### Holistic Management

Holistic Management is a process of decision-making and planning that gives people the insights and management tools needed to understand nature: resulting in better, more informed decisions that balance key social and environmental factors.

In 2018, Wootton is again going to host the Certificate and Diploma TAFE courses in the Hall with catering provided by the Brush Turkey Café.

The course will consist of two days a month from April to November.

Contact Brian Wehlburg on 0408 703 431 for further information.

### Bury your "cotton" undies to check soil health

Experts claim interring a pair of cotton undies in a paddock can reveal information about soil fertility. Sterile and lifeless soil will keep undies intact but organically thriving soil will eat away at them leaving nothing but the elastic waistband.



<http://www.theland.com.au/story/5082505/bury-your-cotton-undies-to-check-soil-health/>

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\* \* \* REMEMBER TO READ THE ON-LINE NEWSLETTER TO SEE LARGER PHOTOS \* \* \*

**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  
Treasurer: Marg Dobson

#### 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

Email us by 15th April 2018

# 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

## Real Estate

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

Stock and Station agent and property management www.edes.com.au  
Brian Ede 49974566 0408 492 883

### **Rural Valley Realty, Coolongolook**

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

## Builder

### **Binna Burra Construction**

Custom building and carpentry, servicing Smiths Lake, Pacific Palms, Wootton, Nabiac, Forster and surrounds.  
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## Wootton Livestock Transport

### **Neil Ede**

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

## Bulahdelah Post Office

Bank@Post personal and business banking needs, passports, travel and computer needs, phones, gifts and more. Bendigo bank.

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Ph 02 4997 4283

## Health: Podiatrist

### **Dot Williams**

Local podiatrist available for all foot care. Weekly clinics at Bulahdelah and Wingham, home-visits throughout the district.  
williams.dot@gmail.com 0406 287 694

## RPS Enterprises Bus Services

### **Paul and Renee Spiteri**

Charter bus available. Will be offering day tours, travel to entertainment venues, long lunches, anything within reason for a trip.  
49977149 or 0407 298 954



Mistletoe bird seen at the Hall