

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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**LAND MULLET** (*Bellatorias major*) Australia's largest skinks can grow up to 60 cm and live up to 23 years. Their black-brown scales assist with rapid body warming in the restricted sunlight of the rainforest where they live. They shelter in hollows and burrows around fallen trees and are normally very shy, but some have started scavenging close to humans for scraps at picnic and camping sites. Land mullets do not hatch their young from eggs, instead they bear live young with 4 to 9 independent offspring per litter. Largely solitary, they eat woody fungi, mushrooms, berries, seeds, insects such as beetles and grasshoppers as well as decaying fruit material.

<https://barringtoncoast.com.au/explore/find-extraordinary-nature-in-barrington-tops>



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The details of all Events will be confirmed on Social Media and conducted in accordance with Public Health Orders. <a href="#">Wootton Community facebook group</a>	
Tues 8 Feb	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10.00am
Sat 12 Feb	• Shelter shed: Food <b>Plus More</b> Swap <b>4pm</b> (next to Brush Turkey Café)
Sun 13 Feb	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Fri 18 Feb	• Wootton Library: community hall, 10am to midday.
Sat 26 Feb	• Community Event— <i>more information TBA</i>
Tues 8 Mar	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10.00am
Fri 11 Mar	• Brush Turkey Café: Meet the Artist 6pm <a href="#">Bookings essential</a>
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Sun 13 Mar	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tue 15 Mar	<b>**Copy deadline for April May Wootton Valley News**</b>
Fri 18 Mar	• Wootton Library: community hall, 10am to midday.
Sat 26 & Sun 27 Mar	• <a href="#">Great Lakes Food Trail</a> Café open Saturday, special event Sunday

The Wootton Valley News is usually delivered before the 1st day of each *second* month.

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Visit our website [www.wootton.org.au](http://www.wootton.org.au) and [Wootton Community](#) facebook public group

## WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK NEWS

Committee meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month from **10.00am to 12 noon** in the Brush Turkey Café and are **open to the community to attend**, please RSVP [secwootton@gmail.com](mailto:secwootton@gmail.com)

### CAFÉ OPEN FOR BREAKFAST & BRUNCH



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Supporting local  
Produce  
Burraduc Farm  
Topi Open Range  
Fair Game Wild Venison  
Local Bees

Come on in, **Hardwood Espresso** is open at the Brush Turkey Café from **8.30-11.30am Thursday/Friday/Saturday**.

Mandatory covid check-in and masks inside to order, then enjoy your coffee and a delicious breakfast bite outside on the verandah, in the courtyard, or takeaway. *Local Woottonite Neal* is chef and owner. He's getting the thumbs up from each and every customer and *Mike* says : "*The cheesecake is delicious*".

**RIP Woottonite Mark Addison.** Mark lived all his life in Wootton, and died 2 Jan 2022. "Mark lived his life on his own terms and took whatever was thrown at him in his stride." ..*Friend and Woottonite*

Past WCN president Bill Buckland is recovering from a back injury. **Get Well Soon Bill.**

## What are people doing around Wootton?

[Wootton Community Network Inc](#) is an independent, not for profit association formed in 1999 to encourage community spirit, sustainable development, and local employment. WCN is responsible for everything to do with the Brush Turkey Café, Hall & Library (old School) and sports area sited on Crown Land at the corner of Squires Rd and Wootton Way. You can come along to a community dinner or event, borrow books, hire a venue, help at fundraisers and working bees, contribute to Wootton Valley News and the website. The annual membership fee \$20 pp helps cover running costs for the facilities, payment details see page 7.



### [Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group](#)

is the local group of Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare Inc. Landholders meet to share local knowledge, equipment and experience about living and working on the land with livestock, trees and specialty products. Membership of \$10/year or \$25/3 years supports your local Landcare network, gets you on our subscribers' email list, and entitles you to arrange loans of shared equipment. [www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/](http://www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/)



[The Seed Circle](#) meets in the War Memorial Garden, Crawford Street Bulahdelah 10am on the 3rd Saturday each month. Meet other local growers, share seeds, plants and produce. Learn what grows well, when to plant, what to plant.



Wootton Library open 3rd Friday each month 10am to midday

## ***What are people doing around Wootton ctd***

**Wootton Food Plus More Swap—4pm** second Saturday each month in conjunction with [Wallamba Seedsavers](#). Bring your produce and seeds to swap with others and support the **Giveaway table** for any unwanted but still working items that others can give a second life to. Gold coin (or better if you can) donation for the items on the Giveaway table, and funds raised will go to Wootton community events. **Clothes Swaps** and **general goods swaps** are coming during 2022 along with more **cooking classes and demonstrations** to highlight what to do with seasonal produce (can't wait for the "What to do with 500 lemons" workshop!!).



Follow the [Food Swap](#) and [Wootton Community](#) facebook pages for info or to run an activity, call Peter Dixon 0478741111.



## ***[Midcoast Growers Network](#)***

brings together growers from all over the region, aiming to connect, inform and ultimately empower them through the sharing of local knowledge, experiences, demonstrations and research. Please share your own experiences, thoughts, insights from reading and discussion with us on the theme of building resilience to a changing climate from a grower's point of view. Read about our content and local stories on this



theme on our Website [www.midcoastgrowersnetwork.net.au](http://www.midcoastgrowersnetwork.net.au)

Send us your stories, tips, photos - we'd love to hear from you!

email: [midcoastgrowersnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:midcoastgrowersnetwork@gmail.com)

Find and follow us on facebook: [MidCoast Growers Network on facebook](#). Join in the conversation, ask the question you've always wanted to on [Growers Q&A: Growers Q&A facebook group](#)

*Do you have another community group based in Wootton*

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### 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! Please contact us if you are preparing to burn off on your property.

Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629

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



**Wootton**

On 23 Dec 21, we took delivery of a brand new Isuzu Cat 1 tanker. The truck is packed with crew safety features, new equipment, and the latest technology for the deployment & tracking of the truck. Although we had formed a bond with the old truck that had taken us to many fires, MVA's, and other incidents we now look forward to responding in turbo charged, auto magic bliss with aircon & all the mod cons.... it's even got that "new truck smell"! The truck was commissioned on 5 Jan 22 and will now allow us to provide a more efficient and safer emergency service to the Wootton and neighbouring communities. *A big thank you to RFS Mid Coast District Office and RFS Engineering for supplying the truck through the in house RFS Replacement Prog.* Recognition is also given to our current members who have repeatedly responded to call outs 24/7 and to retired members who gave their time & energy in keeping the Brigade active and community safe.



## **NO FIRES WITHOUT A PERMIT**

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## Meet the Artist - Jo Lyons "People of Wootton" exhibition

Brush Turkey Café Fri 11 March 6pm

**Bookings essential** [secwootton@gmail.com](mailto:secwootton@gmail.com)

*"Everything I do is born from holistic roots and the deepest respect for all living things. For each photo shoot, I go with the flow, connecting with each animal as the unique individual they are. I'm open, honest, and truly enjoy my work, because of what it means to people who love their dogs like I love mine."*



## FUTURE OF FARMING - BEYOND DIESEL

Over 80% of energy consumption in agriculture comes from diesel. Tocal College has a series of online presentations where you can explore:

- What will power machinery in future
- What transition technologies are possible
- Current and emerging technologies that may shape the future

[www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/courses/short-courses/business-management/exploring-beyond-diesel-1](http://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/courses/short-courses/business-management/exploring-beyond-diesel-1)

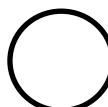
## MIDCOAST WATERWAYS AND CATCHMENT REPORT 2021

Healthy waterways and catchments keep our local towns and communities thriving and ensure a healthy and vibrant future. [Midcoast Council website](http://www.midcoastcouncil.nsw.gov.au) has the 2021 [report](#) and [video](#).



[www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/resources/fag](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/resources/fag)

## MOON PHASES



**FULL MOON**

17 Feb & 18 Mar



**NEW MOON**

1 Feb & 3 Mar

**THANKYOU to Midcoast Council** for re-grading Newmans Rd, Wattley Hill Rd and Squires Rd. To **report general problems** to council use the online form, [www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Council/Report-Request](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Council/Report-Request), and if your request is an **urgent safety issue ring 7955 7777**.



**BANKING DETAILS FOR  
WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK**

**Annual membership \$20pp now due**

Same banking details apply for all MEMBERSHIPS 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](mailto: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](mailto:secwootton@gmail.com)

**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](https://www.facebook.com/woottonrfs)

**Midcoast Fire Control**

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262  
(24hour prior notice)

**Karuah Great Lakes Landcare**

[joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Police:** Sector Supervisor,  
Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,  
4940 7470, 0438 140 370  
[mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au)

**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

**Bulahdelah Waste Facility**  
opening hours  
Tues 1-5pm, Fri 12-4, Sun 10-2

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## Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton

Wootton Hall. Mondays 9-10am we unwind with a gentle yin/restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries. Wednesdays from 9.15-10.45am it's an active Hatha class where we get moving. All welcome. 0414 387 008

## Earth Elemental Massage

Hawaiian Lomi Massage; Earth elemental massage (Hot stones, Herbal Compress, Sound Healing); Remedial Massage (health fund rebates available) By Appointment Only 0466 881 030 Charmaine Nielsen, Willina

## HELPERS NEEDED!

Some of the volunteers who deliver your Wootton Valley News will be unavailable in 2022.

Please email [secwootton@gmail.com](mailto:secwootton@gmail.com) if you can help.

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