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Long Nosed Bandicoot

Perameles nasuta

The Long Nosed bandicoot is probably best known from the conical holes that it makes at night when it forages in lawns. It is searching for insects and succulent plants which it appears to locate by smell. Between bursts of digging it moves around sniffing the ground making a shrill grunt like squeak indicating it's presence. A Long Nose Bandicoot spends it's day in the nest. It is a solitary animal, contact between males and females being restricted to the minimum necessary for successful reproduction. Young are born after a gestation period of 12.5 days, the pouch opens backwards, making the journey to the teats quite short. Bandicoots have a potentially high reproductive rate: it follows that there must be a high juvenile mortality. It's muzzle is long and pointed, ears distinctively long. Greyish brown above, creamy white below. Found in rainforest, wet and dry woodland and open areas.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday 1st October	Fire Permit Season starts
Friday 13th October	Freaky Friday Movie Night Brush Turkey Café 7pm
Saturday 14th October	Yabby Festival Plough Inn Hotel Bulahdelah
Saturday 21st October	Movie Night Bulahdelah Court House 2pm \$7 afternoon tea
Saturday 28th October	Monthly Dinner German 7pm Brush Turkey Café
Saturday 28th October	Coolongolook Idol
Sunday 29th October	Wootton Guest House Open Day 10-3pm
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Day Brush Turkey Café 1pm
Saturday 25th November	Monthly Dinner Bar-b-que 7pm Brush Turkey Café

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Wootton Community News

Shade Sails have been erected and look terrific. These are a much needed addition to the café for all our al fresco diners.

Pizza Oven Initial planning is under way for the design, size and location. We envisage regular community Friday night pizza get togethers when it is completed.

Mutual Obligation This is working well. Anyone wishing to take advantage of completing hours locally doing either café, garden or general maintenance work (we are open to suggestions) should contact Bronwyn Little on 49977185.

Garage Sale A number of people took this opportunity to sell or buy their used wares at our recent garage sale. Many happy shoppers stayed for a cuppa and a chat and left with a bargain and a smile on their face. Put your stuff away for next year's. Thank you to all those who supported our Garage Sale. It was a great success. Not only for the items sold but also the support at the cafe on the day.

Wootton Website

We are presently in the process of constructing a web site for the Wootton community. If you would like an inclusion, a link or can offer photos, information or suggestions please contact us on wcnbrushtukey@hotmail.com We will be including advertisers to help fund this project. Thanks to Danny Dunne for helping with this.

Brush Turkey Café News

Xmas Holiday Closing Please be advised that the café will be closed Xmas and New Year Weekends
(23rd,24th & 30th,31st December).

Community Dinners

Our Japanese dinner proved to be a resounding success with a room full of well fed, chatty and happy people. A great night!

Our fondue night was fun and filling.

Saturday 28th October 7pm - German theme

Saturday 25th November 7pm - Alfresco barbeque dinner

Saturday 16th December 7pm - Bring a plate to share (bbq available)

NB: earlier date due to Xmas

Café Helpers We have been lucky enough to increase our numbers since August but helpers are always needed as people move on to paid jobs, leave the area or need a break. On the job training is provided so please consider volunteering for this worthy community enterprise.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon 1pm 7th November Light lunch of finger foods. Prizes for games, trivia and best hat. A sweep will be run by Keith Graham.

Community Technology Centre News

The computers have proved to be a much needed asset to the community often being used by local residents, students and travelling tourists. 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.

New Artwork on Display The new artist for the next two months will be Lina Basile from Hallidays Point. The exhibition is called "Clouds and Skies at the Beach". Lina's work reflects her love of the natural environment and is the culmination of many months exploration of the small beach community where she resides. Her works are full of movement, texture and colour. She delights in building up surfaces, scraping back and uses a variety of media to achieve her unique vision. This exhibition achieves a beauty in the freedom Lina uses in her line, colour and form, and comes highly recommended.

A group hanging is planned for December and January for **local talented artists**. If you would like to be part of this exhibition contact Wayne 65545009 or the café 49977296. One artwork per person.

Garden Report

We have been lucky enough to enlist the help of two new volunteers, Kathy and Tracy. The garden is gradually being transformed with the help of Garry. We will be harvesting our organic vegetables for the café in the not too distant future. Unfortunately we were not successful in obtaining the Open Garden Grant. Funding will come from the Network's fundraising.

We want to hear from you

This newsletter is like a time capsule, an historical reference of our area. If you have an interesting story about this area let us know. If you see something, have something happen to you that you find funny, interesting or unique, especially about life in this area, other people enjoy hearing about it. (see page 6) We get a lot of positive feedback about the newsletter and have quite a few subscribers living in the city who love to hear about country life. And why wouldn't they, you only have to look out your door to realize **we live in paradise!**



Freaky Friday Movie Night
Friday 13th October 7pm
\$10 per head includes wine & cheese on arrival at the Brush Turkey Cafe & 2 Classic Movies with a supper at interval Bookings 49977296



Wootton Rural Fire Services

Fire season starts 1st October.

All fires (other than for cooking purposes) require a permit.

The Wootton RFS permit officer is Mike Badcock phone 49977337. Remember Mike is a volunteer. He isn't paid to do this, so if you need a permit remember he has a life too, so give him good notice as he has to inspect your fire site before issuing a permit.

Last Sunday was a taste of our forthcoming summer. Remember we had in excess of 6 inches of rain 2 weeks ago and already Sunday was terrible for fire conditions.

The Wootton brigade called in the Bulahdelah garbage tip fire and Keith Graham and myself attended in the tanker followed by Toby Bradbury in the striker. The bush between the tip and Bulahdelah Caravan Park was well alight and had crossed the highway into the Golf course blocking the highway. Many brigades fought this fire to secure the town and the sewerage treatment plant behind the tip. At 7.30pm Keith and Toby were relieved by Garry Williams and Bernard & Karen Caron. By about 8.00pm we thought we had the fire under control when a new fire had started up on Alum Mountain under the phone tower. This fire was in very hazardous terrain, steep and rocky. Worse still the fire had burnt through the security fence into the tower compound. Some specialised insulation had caught alight. 2 members of another brigade had to be hospitalised due to the toxic fumes from the insulation. By about 10.30pm a very exhausted brigade was stood down when we received a call from Garry & Bernard in the striker who had already headed for home that a large blaze was going in the Flora Reserve on the Wootton side of O'Sullivan's Gap. Fortunately we were still active and had just replenished our water. 6 brigade units took until after midnight to extinguish this fire.

The brigades who fought these fires were from Tuncurry to Tea Gardens and everywhere in between. Without such backup these fires would have been as destructive as the Picton fire on the same day. The Caravan Park was in the direct path of the first fire. Some of the volunteers had been on the fireline for 10 hours before the Wootton fire was called in. If you're fit and local join the brigade. We have been lucky so far. Eventually there will not be enough of us to respond to fire conditions like last Sunday if they last for days on end and that is when it could be **your** property in jeopardy.

Craig Tate Captain

**Wootton Guest House
Open Day
Sunday 29th October
10am till 3pm**

After all this time the Wootton Guest House is finished and opening it's doors to the public.

We would like to invite all who are interested to come and chat and have a cup of tea.

1 Worth Street Wootton 49977201



**Movie Night ~ Bulahdelah Court House
3rd Saturday of the month 2pm
\$7 includes afternoon tea
Next movie Saturday 21st October
"She Wore a Yellow Ribbon"
starring John Wayne**

Coolongolook School News

A couple of things for next term are:

- Kindergarten Orientation Days will be Monday 23rd and 30th October. If anyone is interested please ring the school on 49977183.
- Coolongolook Idol will be on Saturday 28th October.
- The Manning River Times will be featuring a full page spread on 'A Day in the Life of Coolongolook Public School'.
- Swimming Scheme will be on every Friday next term at Forster.

Wootton Hall News

- The whole area is looking pretty good at the moment. The lawns are mown and the tennis courts are well on the way to being finished.
- A successful day was recently held at the centre with the Memories of Wootton Day, organised by Jack Squires and Jim Ballantine. A good venue for such an occasion.
- The hall hire is quite reasonable and is available for hire for parties, conferences etc. Call hall hirer Garry Williams on 49977167 to book your next function.
- The management committee are at present working on sprucing up the building. New blinds have been purchased and will be fitted soon.
- The leaking concrete tank will soon be emptied and re-cemented to stop the leaks. A mural is planned to be painted on it to dress up the faded grey, mouldy concrete.

Your Contributions

A letter we received last week:

Dear Bronwyn,

A cousin of yours, Grant Thompson came to repair my leaking toilets and I told him "my son Kenneth lives in Wootton," he said "his cousin lived there who helped run a cafe." I replied "I bet it's the popular Brush Turkey Cafe" When he left I re-read yours and Hats wonderful M.A. bulletins. Kenneth posts them to me. They have so much information that oldies like me enjoy. Hope you had a great Xmas in July. Wishing you and Hat continuing success, good health too.

Lots of love. Hope. x o Beverley Hills XSM

Editors note: How wonderful to receive such feedback and what a small world we live in.

Dear Hat & Bronwyn,

Hello Wootton people! Thought you might like my recent little ditty? Can you guess who they are? regards Jamella

The Road Runners

If you happen to live on Newman's Road
At Wootton that great little place
You are sure to see each morning
Two men like they're running a race!

Each day they get up quite early,
Nothing will stop the road runners
They run in the cold days of winter
And also the hottest of summers.

They say it makes them feel good
To go for their run each day
So if you happen to see them
Just wave and call out G'day!!

The 'Memories of Wootton' Day proved to be a great success. Over 300 people attended from as far afield as Newcastle, Queensland, Camden and Gunnedah as well as locals from Taree, Bulahdelah, Nabadac etc. It was a very happy day with lots of stories being told of the past years. All agreed it was a wonderful day and asked "that another one be considered in a few years". A stockwhip was donated by Les and Fay Morgan of Bulahdelah and auctioned for \$350 which was donated to the Wootton Tennis Club. The day started with cream and scones for morning tea then a barbeque lunch and later afternoon tea. The day finished at 6.30 with a sing-a-long and a whip cracking demo. A 'great day'. The organizers Jim Ballantine and Jack Squires would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success.

Improving water quality. Can you help?

The water quality of Wallis, Smiths and Myall Lakes is the focus of the \$1.8 million federally funded Great Lakes Coastal Catchments Initiative.

Through this project Great Lakes Council are working in partnership with landholders, local groups, agencies and the federal government to work out the best ways to improve water quality in the area. If you are interested in being involved, researchers would need access to your property during Spring and Autumn and will need to talk with you about how your property is managed. To establish water quality improvement plans for the three lakes we also would like members of the community to provide us with their views on the importance of our lakes and methods for improving water quality. Public meetings will be held during late October, early November for this purpose. If you are interested in working with us, contributing information to this project or simply want to find out more please contact the Coastal Catchments Initiative Co-ordinator at the Great Lakes Council ph: 65917374.



Boolambayte Creek Church Open House

10am Sunday mornings. Entrance opposite Forest Lodge on the Wootton Way.

Contact Dave and Kathy Barker 49974675



Courses/Tuition

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

For Sale

- ◆ Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake \$25 only made to order. To order in advance Ph Bronwyn 49977185
- ◆ Pottery by Rose Maher and Artwork by Lina Basile available at the Brush Turkey Café.
- ◆ 2 door glass fronted fridge, needs repairing, best offer. 49977296
- ◆ Fertilizer/Spreader for tractor \$100 ono Phone 49977476

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