

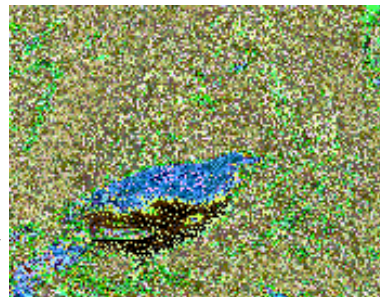
WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH

Satin Bower Bird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*

The adult male has a striking glossy blue-black plumage whilst females and the younger males are referred to as 'green' birds due to their olive-green colour. They have an amazing variety of sounds, including whistles, buzzing and hissing, as well as mimicry. They prefer the wetter forests and woodlands, and nearby open areas. It gets its name from the thatched structure (bower) built by the male as part of its courtship rituals. Adjacent to the bower, usually at the entrance, is a platform on which is placed a collection of coloured display things. The Satin Bower Bird has a



preference for blue objects that match its own blue, satin-like plumage. Before Europeans arrived these consisted mainly of flowers, berries and feathers, but since then the Bower Bird has had a field day with the caps of ball-point pens, crockery, rubber, clothing, paper, pegs and bottle tops. They sometimes visit orchards and back yards during the non-Bower building part of the year.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday 1st October	Fire Permits required until 31st March
Saturday 13th October	Movie & Supper Night Brush Turkey Café 7pm
Wednesday 17th October	Karuah Biological Farming Group Winery 9.30am
Friday 19th October	Art Wine & Cheese Evening Brush Turkey Cafe 7pm
Saturday 20th October	Working Bee Brush Turkey Café 8:30am
Friday 26th October	Coolongolook School Kinder Orientation
Saturday 27th October	South American Dinner Brush Turkey Café 7pm
Sunday 28th October	Wootton Fire Brigade Meeting 9am
Wednesday 31st October	Wootton Photographic Competition closing date
Saturday 3rd November	Photographic Comp' Wine & Cheese Evening 7pm
Tuesday 6th November	Melbourne Cup Luncheon Brush Turkey Café 1pm
Friday 9th November	Pizza & Music Night Brush Turkey Cafe 7pm
Saturday 24th November	Pizza Dinner Brush Turkey Café 7pm
Sunday 25th November	Wootton Fire Brigade Meeting 9am
Friday 16th, Sat 17th November	Bulahdelah Show
Tues/Wed 4th/5th December	Biological Farming Workshop Wootton Hall
Sunday 9th December	Wootton Fire Brigade Picnic Day - Winery

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Wootton Community Network News Community Dinners

We started our Middle Eastern Dinner with Belly dancing by Anna which set the mood for a great night of food and fun.

Our African Dinner had some interesting flavours which everyone enjoyed. Community Dinners are a great social event, so come along to our South American Dinner on **Saturday 27th October** at 7pm. **November** is Pizza Night and **December** is 'bring a plate to share'.



Working Bee The next working bee is on Saturday 20th October. Come along from 8:30am if you want to help. We will be erecting our carved kookaburras, varnishing the back doors, working on the garden shed and garden, gutter cleaning and other jobs. Many hands make light work.

Auction Start collecting stuff for our next auction, to be held March 2008.

Workshops Art, craft and other practical workshops will be held next year. Anyone interested in attending or holding one please contact the café. So far we have papermaking, printmaking, mosaics, bread making and permaculture.

Photographic Competition

Time is running out to enter the inaugural Wootton Photographic competition, which closes on the 31st October. Photos will be exhibited at the Brush Turkey Café for the month of November.

Categories are

Junior <10 years - My Favourite Pet,

Intermediate < 16years - My Space ,

Seniors (\$2 entry) - Funny Farmyard, Wacky Wildlife, Humorous Humans and a late additional category of a Scenic Snapshot. More details at the café.

Winners to be announced at a wine & cheese evening on

Saturday 3rd November at 7pm.

Organic Bulk Foods Anyone interested in buying organic foods can contact Bron Little on 49977185. We will be starting small, building it up depending upon demand. Foods we are looking into so far are self raising and plain flour, oats, lentils, honey, dates, sultanas & tahini.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 6th November 1pm

It's on again, despite horse flu!! Come along for a finger food luncheon, games, sweeps and a fun time. \$10 Prize for best hat. Please book early!



Seniors Week April 2008 We have submitted a grant to put on an event at the Brush Turkey Café. We hope to include lunch and entertainment involving the local school children.

Australia Day 2008 We will again be celebrating Australia Day with a breakfast. Put this date on your calendar!

Local Produce Do you have an over supply of fruit, vegetable, flowers? Drop them in at the café for sale, donation or use on the menu.

Pizza & Music Night Our next night will be on 9th November. Any musicians who would like to play please leave your name at the café. Great pizzas!
Movie Night "The Oyster Farmer" will be showing this Saturday Night 13th October at 7pm with great nibbles and supper for \$10. Please book.
Xmas Closure: The Café will be closed on the 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December.

Thankyous

- ◇ Patrick & Sylvie for a constant supply of current magazines
- ◇ Fran & Jim, our new helpers in the café
- ◇ Francis for supplying vegetable Seedlings
- ◇ Eric Wilkes for donating timber for shelving & sawdust and mulch for the garden

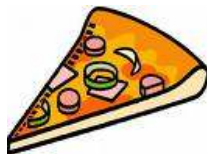
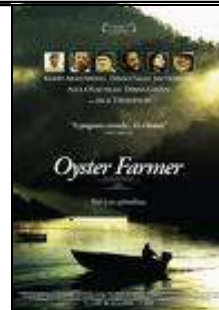
Sydney Morning Herald Good Living Watch out over the next few weeks for the Brush Turkey Café revue in Tuesday's Good Living Section of the Sydney Morning Herald. A journalist visited the café recently and was so impressed she decided that it warranted an article.

Art at the Brush Turkey Café

Our new artist for October/November is Linda Gill. Linda is a local of Wootton & also a councillor of the Great Lakes. A long time closet artist, Linda now presents her latest series, 'Wandering Through The Universe', a whimsical look at the universe we live in. Other works look at the world in a surreal way. We will be having a wine & cheese opening and artist welcome on Friday 19th October at 7pm. Please come and support our local artist.

**Movie & Supper Night
Saturday 13th October
7pm**

**"The Oyster Farmer"
Brush Turkey Café Wootton
\$10 includes pre-dinner
nibbles , delicious supper**

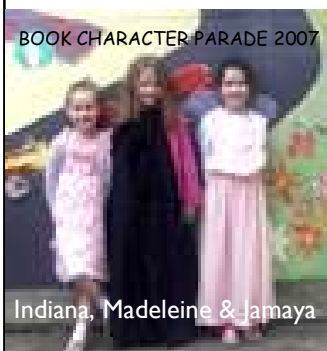


*Pizza & Music Jam Night
Friday 9th November 7pm
Brush Turkey Café*

*Come along for some tasty pizzas and
some entertaining music BYO
Musicians can leave a message at the café
if you would like to play Phone: 49977296*

Coolongolook School News

Kinder Orientation Day Friday 26th October Contact the school if you have any child that will be starting Kinder in 2008



Indiana, Madeleine & Jamaya

Congratulations to Madeleine, from Wootton, who has moved up five levels in her reading groups.

Welcome to new Principal, Mr. Lance Sharp who will take up his new position in 2008.

Touch Football Gala Day 26th October
SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Lombard Street Coolongolook 2423
Phone: 4997 7183 Fax: 4997 7232
Email: coolongolo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Peter Mason (Principal) & Jan Oxford

Wootton Local Artist Makes Good

Alison Higgs had an extremely successful exhibition at the Manning Art Gallery recently and has been invited back for another exhibition in 18 months. The sales of her art resulted in the most successful exhibition the gallery has ever had for an artist. Congratulations Alison.



Welcome

Fran and Jim O'Connor of Wattley Hill Rd
Judy and John Hammond of Elmar Road
Elizabeth Christo of Newmans Rd

LANDCARE NEWS

A meeting to form the Karuah Biological Farming Group will be held at the Great Lakes Winery on the **17th October starting at 9.30am**.

The first Biological Farming Workshop will be held at the Wootton Hall on the **4th and 5th December**. 'Retaining Water in the Landscape' run by Judi Earle. Registration & payment by 23rd November.

Grass Identification and Dung Beetle Day

18th October Book on 65917378

Tree Establishment & Orchard Field Day

17th November Firefly

For more information contact Albert Mullen on 65541655

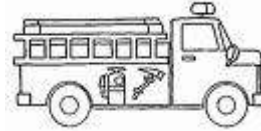


Boolambayte Creek Church Open House Every Sunday

Get to know God in a simple way! Arrive from 10am onwards to enjoy a relaxed and informal day. Share lunch, fun for kids. Entrance opposite Forest Lodge on the Wootton Way. Dave and Kathy Barker 49974675

Wootton Fire Brigade News

Our next meeting will be on Sunday
28th October at 9.00am



Fire Brigade Picnic

Wootton Fire Brigade is having a picnic lunch at the Great Lakes Winery on **Sunday 9 December 2007**. The brigade wishes to invite all members of the Wootton community, families & friends to come along & enjoy a relaxing day at the winery. The Brigade's vehicles will be available for photo shots with the kids etc. To help with catering (BBQ) could everyone wishing to attend please RSVP to Mike Badcock on 49977337 by Wednesday 5th December.

Changes To Fire Brigade Personnel

In August our Captain, Craig Tate resigned as captain. Fortunately Craig has decided to stay on at the brigade. The Wootton Brigade would like to take this opportunity to thank Craig for his time as captain. The role of captain is voluntary & the duties that a captain must perform outside of fire fighting are many. To name just a few, Craig as captain attended a variety of meetings, was on call 24hours a day every day of the year to receive phone calls & make numerous calls to arrange crews, he had to train his crews etc, & be available to the community for advice. Thanks Craig for a job well done.

A new captain, Mike Badcock & Senior Deputy Captain Bernard Carran have been appointed.

Fire Permits

As of the 1st of October & until the 31 March 2008, Fire Permits are required. Fire Permits are issued on Thursdays & to book an inspection, phone Mike Badcock on 4997 7337. Once a permit is obtained, the following are a list of requirements that must be carried out before lighting the fire.

- i/ Fire Control at Tuncurry must be notified by phone (6555 5782 Mon-Fri) 24 hours before the fire is lit.
- ii/ All neighbours must be notified 24 hours prior to the fire being lit.
- iii/ Fire Restrictions take precedence over a fire Permit. (No fires can be lit during a period of a Total Fire Ban & if any fire has been lit prior to a Total Fire Ban, that fire must be extinguished)
- iv/ The responsibility for keeping the fire safe & under control rests solely with the Permit Holder (If unsure of weather conditions etc DON'T light up).

New Members

The Wootton Brigade is desperately in need of new members. The Brigade will welcome anybody who would like to contribute to the community in a fire fighting capacity. The RFS provides a full training program. For enquiries regarding details on joining the brigade please contact Mike Badcock on 4997 7337.

Condition of Squires Road Appalling

Residents of Squires Road recently addressed a Council meeting to inform councillors of the state of Squires Road. As a result, council have resolved to inspect the road and do a costing and seek funding through Tourism/Heritage grants. It was disappointing that no immediate action will be taken and that the concerns of the residents was given little regard. As a result, the Wootton Community Network have invited all councillors, John Turner and Ron Hartley to personally inspect the road on Thursday 18th October at 10am.

Have you driven out there lately? The road is in complete disrepair. It has been estimated that about 50 vehicles use the road weekly and numerous motor bikes. During the recent 'Great Lakes Rally' approximately 100 vehicles were observed to use the road. The residents are at their wit's end and find it hard to understand why their rates don't entitle them to the road maintenance that everyone else in Wootton receives. The road is very dangerous in parts and residents are fearful of a tragedy. Access for emergency vehicles is also a concern.

For Sale (This service is free)

- ◆ Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake \$25 only made to order. To order in advance Ph Bronwyn 49977185
- ◆ Attractive Ige cedar-framed sliding door \$750; New TV aerial-set suit Wootton area, \$150; Genuine Oak roof-shingles 50cents each; old style used concrete roofing tiles 50 cents each; Murray ride-on mower 11/30 complete, needs recond' \$350 - ph 49879291 or 0407451206
- ◆ Akai Colour TV with remote, 51cm Perfect working order/Great for kids bedroom. Exc. Cond. \$45, Aluminium sliding window, Heritage Red (brown) large 2800X1500cm plus insect screens Exc cond. Bargain \$100, Gas Heater, runs off LPG, great for shed/caravan, small cottage. Perfect working order. No longer needed 900X650X280 \$50, External solid core door, carved panels, exc. cond. only \$40, Alpine car amplifier, hardly used 40w + 40w \$20, Yamaha Stereo Cassette Deck K-200 a, needs some work Free, Rola Roof Racks suit small car \$330 new only \$120 Phone 49977320

Wanted

- ◆ Egg cartons and newspapers. Drop in at the Brush Turkey Cafe

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Please send a cheque payable to the Wootton Community Network at
1633 Wootton Way, Wootton 2423

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Nominations Now Open for Australia Day Awards

Do you know someone living in the Great Lakes area who deserves to be recognised for their exceptional contribution to the community?

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Great Lakes Council Australia Day Awards. These awards have been established to recognise outstanding achievements or invaluable service to the community by individuals in two categories:

* Great Lakes Citizen of the Year (28 years of age or over); and

* Great Lakes Young Citizen of the Year (over 16 and under 28 years of age).

Open to all residents of the Great Lakes area, this is an opportunity to pay tribute to local people who have gone out of their way to make this community a better place. It is a unique opportunity for residents and community groups to acknowledge the hard work of colleagues, family or friends who publicly deserve our thanks.

These awards will be presented in a ceremony on Australia Day, 26 January 2008. Eligible nominees will be encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony.

Applications and guidelines are available by telephoning Sue Bookallil on 6591 7295. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 14 November 2007.

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