

WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH

Forest clematis *Clematis glycinoides*

A dioecious (male & female flowers on separate plants) woody climber, often flowering high in the forest canopy, but also commonly flowering near ground level. It climbs via petioles and petiolules that twist around host plants. It has an extensive rootstock and will sprout again from the rootstock after a fire. The feathery fruit/seed pods after flowering has given rise to the common name of 'old man's beard'. The leaves were crushed and inhaled by aborigines to cure colds and headaches and has a powerful effect on the nasal passages. It has had a particularly long flowering period in Wootton this year, from August,

and can be seen draped over low bushes and high in trees, almost everywhere.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wed 1st October	Fire permit period starts
Saturday 4th October	Bulahdelah Markets Visitors Information Centre
Saturday 11th October	Movie & Supper Night 7pm BTC The Black Balloon
Saturday 11th October	Yabby Fest Plough Inn Bulahdelah 10am
Tuesday 14th October	'Wootton Strategic Planning' Workshop 5.30pm
Saturday 25th October	'French' Community Dinner 7pm Brush Turkey Café
Sunday 26th October	Pacific Palms Market
27th-30th October	Railway Walk - Conservation Volunteers
Friday 31st October	Photo Comp' closes Judging, Wine & Cheese Night 7pm
Sunday 2nd November	Wootton Fire Brigade monthly meeting 9am Squires Rd
Fri 14th/Sat 15th Nov	Bulahdelah Show
Saturday 29th Nov	'Indonesian' Community Dinner 7pm Brush Turkey Cafe
10th-14th November	Railway Walk - Conservation Volunteers

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Wootton Community Strategic Plan Workshop

This is being run in conjunction with State and Regional Development and Great Lakes Council to put together a vision statement for Wootton. This will include a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), identify projects and ideas and to prioritise these for Wootton.

**Tuesday 14th October Brush Turkey Café 5:30pm
for 2 & 1/2 hours. Light meal supplied**

Catchment Management

Caro Badcock is a community representative on the Wallis & Myall Lake Catchment Management Group and addressed our last meeting with the view to strengthening community feedback. We gave our ideas, concerns and thoughts, focusing on road maintenance, education and communication of activities, workshops and funding.

Membership Welcome to all our new members and all those that have renewed membership. For enquires about membership ring Elizabeth on 49977167. We have now reached 50 members, half way to our goal of 100. Please consider joining and supporting our community. Thanks to our 'Membership Draw' sponsors for August & September: August- **Nabiac Hotel** Dinner for 2- won by Lyn Skipper, Portable bar-b-que donated by Geoff Freeman & Julie Williams won by Pat, Small Footprint Homes Tour won by Judy Hammond. September- **Mentges Master Meats** Milligan St Chatham, won by Craig, **Forest Lodge Horse Riding** won by Tracey Sutton. Winners of the community dinners for August & September were Jim O'Connor and Keith Grahame. Remember to win a prize you have to be there at our monthly community dinner.

Photo Competition A wine & nibbles night will be held on Friday 31st October to announce the winners of the Wootton Photographic Competition. Categories are:

Juniors U16: 'My Favourite Thing' 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize

Adults: 'A Wootton Face', 'A Wootton Place', and an 'Open Section' 1st, 2nd & 3rd for each. Contact Fran on 49977323 for enquiries.

Sponsors for prizes are welcomed.

Bulletin Board Thanks to Ian Dobson for constructing our new bulletin board and suggestion box. Thanks also to Geoff Williams for helping to put it up. If you have anything to display please contact Elizabeth on 49977167.



Ian Dihm & Susan Mayo at our food stall at Pacific Palms

Café News

Kitchen Renovations are close to completion. The tiling is nearly finished, the coffee machine will be moved soon and a new stainless steel bench fridge has been installed, donated by the owner of the Boatshed Café at Tea Gardens.

Discount Coffee for Members

Members of the Wootton Community Network can now purchase a \$2 cup of coffee at the Brush Turkey Café. Great value for members to have a cuppa and catch up with friends.

Barista Training Jim O'Connor has recently completed a Barista Training Day at Great Lakes College and is now holding workshops for our volunteers of the café, on "making a good cup of coffee". Ring Jim on 49977323 to find out the next workshop date.

Community Dinners The next community dinner will be **French** and held on 25th October 7pm and then **Indonesian** on 29th November. Book early on 49977296.

Café Garden

Thanks to Tracey for her efforts in the garden. Anyone that can help her please contact the café or leave a message on 49977296.

Newspaper, manure and mulch is also needed for the garden.

Artwork at the Brush Turkey Café

This month's artist is Tracey Lang, a local photographer. She will be exhibiting her interesting photos of her recent trip to Indonesia. In December & January we will be holding a group exhibition for Wootton Community Network members and friends, to showcase their artistic talents. If you are interested in being part of this exhibition please contact Wayne on 49977185. Please note, only one piece per member.

Have you seen the Wootton Wootols?

Deep in the Wootton forest
Hiding in the tallest trees
You may see the little Wootols
Where they play amongst the leaves

They are hard to see in daylight
At night is always best
As they love the light of moonbeams
When all the worlds at rest

They live on tiny insects
And catch them on the wing
If you're very, very quiet
You may even hear them sing

They sing about the forest
As they dance among the leaves
And hope that forest logging
Won't take too many trees

So next time you're in the forest
If you're lucky you may see
Some furry little Wootols
Hiding in a big old tree

By Pamela



Community Volunteers Australia Historic Railway Walk

The Community Volunteers Australia Group are doing a wonderful job clearing the Historic Railway Walk. They recently worked on the track at the Old Trestle Bridge end. The final dates are, 27th-30th October and 10th-14th November. If you would like to come and work along side international and local volunteers ring Bron on 49977185 to find out more.



Does anyone remember the Cook Family?

We received this email recently.
If anyone can help please contact Ryan Dudley
Email: ryan_dudley@yahoo.com.au

To Whom It May Concern

I was wondering if anyone in the community have any history on the Cook family who lived in Wootton c.1910 to c.1917. I have a couple of photos of my great grandfather, Arthur Cook and his family, taken outside his home "Newhaven", Wootton in 1915, and a later photo of the family taken with a team of bullocks c.1922 around Pindimar (the family moved to Bay View, Windy Woppa about this time). Arthur was a selector and sleeper cutter for the railway. I would like to find out exactly where "Newhaven" is/was as my uncle and I would like to visit the site sometime. Thanking you for your time and assistance.

*Yours Sincerely,
Ryan Dudley*

MOVIE AND SUPPER NIGHT
"THE BLACK BALLOON"

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Saturday 11th October 7pm

Brush Turkey Café Wootton

\$10 includes pre-dinner nibbles, delicious supper



Wootton Fire Brigade News

Meeting Sunday 2nd November, Squires Road Fire Brigade shed 9am
New Members are always needed. Call for more info or come to meetings. Mike Badcock (Captain) Phone: 4997 7337.

The Bushfire Danger Period The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period runs from October 1st to March 31st, however it may vary due to local conditions. If you are planning to light a fire in the open during this time, you will need a permit. Depending on the type of fire, a permit may be required all year round or only during the Bush Fire Danger Period. For example, a Fire Permit is required at all times if a fire is likely to be dangerous to a building.

OCTOBER IS FIREFLY MONTH IN WOOTTON

Watch out for flashing lights in the early evening. Fireflies can often be seen cruising around in the forest and undergrowth. It is a small beetle that is commonly sighted in late spring, usually in wind protected areas of rainforest with high rainfall. The lights you see are the little lanterns on the underside of the abdomen of a carnivorous beetle. These beetles have been misnamed fireflies. It is believed that the flashing light is used by males and females to attract each other. The light is created by an enzyme (luciferase) which reacts with other chemicals in the



insect's body to produce light energy. The firefly regulates the emission of light by controlling the amount of air supplied to the cells. The regularity and intensity of the flashing may help fireflies identify males and females. This is one of the magical experiences of living in Wootton!

Coolonglook School News

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The school has received news that they have been successful with this funding program for 2009-2012. Great news! It will mean extra funding and additional programs to support teaching and learning at our school. Thanks go to all parents/carers for their important contribution to our success.

HEALTHY FOOD

We try to encourage healthy habits here at school. If children learn to eat good food they will have a much healthier and happier adult life, without problems such as obesity and diabetes. We are appalled by some of the foods the children regularly bring to school. Lollies, cold pies and sausage rolls are not healthy food.

It is not recommended that your child dictates the types of foods they eat. **PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH.** If they are hungry they will eat it. They won't starve to death. Please think of your child's future!

3/4/5/6 EXCURSION

An excursion is planned for Term 4 to Happy Hallidays.

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Lance Sharp (Principal) & Jan Oxford



Wootton Tennis Club

The new competition starts next week 6th October. Ring Alison Watt on 49977126 for more information. Anyone interested in playing Friday mornings contact Leanne Wright at the Wootton Guest House on 49977201. Social players can also contact Leanne for the key.

SUMMER GARDENING TIP



Use water wisely and also take particular notice of trees and other plants which can, because of lack of water, become stressed. It's when this happens that they express certain nutrient deficiencies. One really common nutritional deficiency is boron. Two other common nutritional deficiencies are magnesium and potassium, and of course when plants are stressed by drought, watch out for pests because they move in. Wherever you live and whenever plants are affected by drought it's important to feed plants little and often. If you give plants too much food when they're under stress, this makes problems worse. The best way to feed plants during drought stress is to use a water soluble fertiliser so you feed as you water the plants.

Some Native Spring Flowers in Wootton



Lomandra longifolia



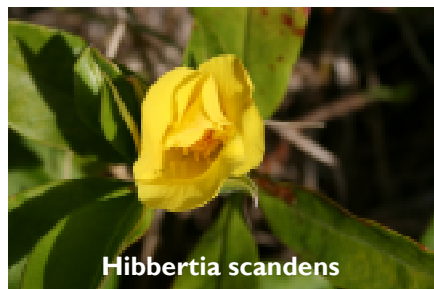
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Hardenbergia violacea



Rice Flower.



Hibbertia scandens

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