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Brush Turpentine
Rhodamnia rubescens

This shrub or small tree grows to a height of 25m with fissured reddish brown bark. Leaves have 3 distinct lateral veins and are sparsely hairy on top and densely hairy below. The white fragrant flowers form from August to October and are loved by bees. After flowering the fruit turns from red to shiny black as it matures from October to December. The fruit is eaten by various birds, including the Brown Cuckoo Dove, Figbird, Green Catbird and Rainbow Lorikeet. It is widespread in warmer rainforest and on rainforest margins. The Brush Turpentine flowers can be seen now in our area.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd Oct	Coolongook Hall Reunion
Sunday 3rd October	Car Boot Sale Coolongook Oval 9am
Saturday 9th October	Supper & Movie Night 7pm Brush Turkey Café
Friday 15th October	Ladies Night 5-7pm Brush Turkey Café
Saturday 30th October	Community Dinner "Moroccan" 7pm Café
Saturday 30th October	Halloween and Games Night 7pm Coola Hall
Saturday 6th Nov	Moving Sale 57 Hubbards Rd Wootton 9-4
Friday 19th November	Ladies Night 5-7pm Brush Turkey Café
Saturday 27th Nov'	Community Dinner "Italian" 7pm Cafe

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Pizza Oven

The pizza oven has finally been finished thanks to Adam and Hayden Jones' expert building skills. Thanks also to all the volunteers, Peter, Leanne, Jim, Fran, Craig, Pat & Roger who laid the slab. The pizza oven was christened at our last community dinner when we enjoyed homemade pizzas.

Café Reopening The café has been really popular since it reopened after the winter break. We've had a busy Fathers Day, a large group of trail bike riders and a cycle group from Taree. We are always needing more volunteers to help keep the café running. If you can spare one day a month we would *love* to have you. We especially welcome teenagers who would like to learn café skills which is invaluable when wanting paid employment.

Wootton Website The website will be upgraded over the coming couple of months. If anyone has any information or local/historical photos that would be of interest please contact the editors.

Community Dinners **Bookings essential on 49977296**

Octobers Dinner will be "Moroccan" organised by Peter Dixon.

November's dinner will be Italian organised by Pam, Ella, Kay & friends

Ladies Night Dates are Friday 15th October & November 19th 5-7pm. Call Fran on 49977323 for more details.

Thankyou to...

Sylvie & Patrick for donating shelving, Peter Molloy for pressure cleaning the pavers, Peter Auriac for mowing the lawn, Pat, Fran, Jim, Bron, Judy & Geoff for the garden makeover, all the volunteers in the café for tirelessly working Leanne, Anna, Pat, Fran, Jim, Lyn, Bron, Wayne & Ashley & Malcolm for printing the newsletter.

*"Everyone brings us great pleasure, most as they arrive and others as they leave."
Contributed by Leanne Wright*



Supper and Movie Night Saturday 9th October 7pm “Avatar”

A paraplegic marine dispatched to the moon Pandora on a unique mission becomes torn between following his orders and protecting the world he feels is his home.

\$10 includes pre-movie light meal and supper after the movie.

Wootton Fire Brigade News

Prepare Act Survive It is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your home for the threat of bush fire. You need to act decisively in accordance with your Bush Fire Survival Plan when bush fires threaten. Your survival depends on your preparations, and the decisions you make.

Prepare well, act decisively - and survive.

The Wootton Fire Brigade has been quite active recently attending call outs and local hazard reduction burns. For next meeting and training dates contact Mike Badcock on 49977337. Permits are required from 1st Oct 2010

Small Footprint Initiative at Pacific Palms



Quite a few Woottonites attended the SFI days. Leanne & Colin were lucky enough to win 2 of the great raffle prizes. The day was much like the Sustainability Fair we used to hold here in Wootton a few years ago with information stalls, food and entertainment. An enjoyable day with friendly people. Worth going to next year. This year they raised \$6000, which will go towards a project in the Palms area. Last year it paid for a children's playground. The solar oven was most impressive.

Membership, advertising and subscriptions are now due for this year.

- Membership is \$22.00 or \$5.50 (active volunteers, students, juniors)
- Wootton Valley News Subscriptions is \$11.00

Thanks!!

Thankyou to all concerned, Peter and Leanne had a most pleasurable and relaxing day at the Hunter Valley Gardens. A beautiful day in a beautiful place. It is most appreciated. (Yoga students gave Peter this day out as a thankyou for running yoga glasses over the last 15 years.)

Next Wootton Valley News Deadline is 22nd November

Sparring Wildlife

Has anyone noticed the agro Wallabies and Kangaroos at the moment?

It's Spring and the male Wallabies are fighting each other for the right to mate with the females. They can be seen chasing , growling and kicking out at each other.

Kangaroos and wallabies are social animals living in groups called mobs. Each mob has a number of breeding females and their young, and several adult males. Only one dominant male will breed with all the females. This male defends its breeding rights by fighting other males. The other adult males in the mob may also "spar" with each other to establish their own position in the dominance hierarchy.

The dominant male watches over the females to see if they are ready to mate, and will sometimes follow one for days. Other males will also hang around the females and the dominant male will warn off these rivals if they get too close.

People who get too close to a dominant male when it is pursuing a female or mating could also be seen as a threat.

They can breed throughout the year. This means that a dominant male will always be watching the females in his mob - and also keeping an eye on other males that may try to mate with these females or challenge his dominance.

A dominant male kangaroo shows other males who's boss in a number of ways. Some behaviours it may display are:

1. Walking slowly on all fours with its back arched to intimidate other males
2. Rubbing its chest from side to side on the ground
3. Grabbing onto grass tussocks and low shrubs with its forelimbs and rubbing its chest over them
4. Standing erect by propping itself up on its tail and hindfeet, and urinating
5. Fighting and sparring

If you see a kangaroo behaving like this, move away.



Fireflies are coming to a property near you.

October is firefly month in Wootton so remember to look in treed areas at dusk and see the beautiful lights flickering amongst the bush. Once they start they will be there for about 2-3 weeks. A sight that makes it magical to be in the country. Also, something to skite about to your city dwelling friends.



2010 Election Results for Wootton

Information from the AEC website

Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Swing (%)
LEAYR, Kevin	One Nation	0	0.00	-2.30
BALFOUR, Anna	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	0	0.00	-2.30
LAMBERT, Veronica	Family First	1	1.10	+1.10
DAVIS, Jan	The Greens	16	17.58	+6.09
BALDWIN, Bob	Liberal	53	58.24	+9.96
ARNEMAN, Jim	Labor	21	23.08	-11.40
HENNELLY, Paul		0	0.00	+0.00
WIEDENHORN, Josef	Independent	0	0.00	+0.00
.....	Australian Democrats	0	0.00	+0.00
.....	National Party of Australia	0	0.00	+0.00
.....	Citizens Electoral Council of Australia	0	0.00	+0.00
.....	The Fishing Party	0	0.00	-1.15
.....	Climate Change Coalition	0	0.00	+0.00
.....	Other	0	0.00	+0.00
FORMAL		91	94.79	-5.21
INFORMAL		5	5.21	+5.21
TOTAL		96	0.10	+0.

The Goer

Having just moved to the country -and not really knowing what to do with the green stuff yet -I still find I have time to pursue the urban pleasure of people watching.....

So this month's country social character is The Goer!

It is 5.45, [that's am- for anyone still in the metropolis] And the Goer is padding down the back garden in nightie and wellies to get those veggies in, bowl of last nights veggie scraps tucked in bucket under arm to put on compost heap- egg shells to go under tomato plants. Flicking 'wogs' [country for insects of some sort], off the beans with left hand collecting squash with the right.



Pad back up to house laden with veggies for tea, and to take to the rellos and hospital this afternoon.

7am-Whip up brekkie for hubby – and friend staying who is getting over divorce, [she came to stay for a couple of days 2 months ago, seems churlish to ask her when she might be going - and never have time to get round to it anyway], must have eggs, tea and toast, arrange flowers picked with veggies at the same time.

Cleaned up brekkie, off to town, [having put on good shirt and get out of wellies], take friend to town to find a dress for fundraising event this evening. Go into all 3 women's wear shops in town but all the frocks friend likes too expensive for her - [no good husband ran off with that young thing at the servo and all the cash]- treat her to new frock, couldn't have her not feeling right at the do tonight.

Back to the farm to get lunch for hubby, unpack shopping, hang new curtains, [on special at spotlight], call the grandkids, [all 15 of them]. After lunch jump on the ride on and just trim up a couple of paddocks, round the house and neighbours' yard, [he's away and she has a twisted ankle], just spray those pesky weeds before making a cuppa, 2 trays of bikkies popped in the oven just before hitting the garden, should be ready.

Just hem hubbys new trousers and friends frock so they all looking tickertyboo for the fundraiser. Will just re-make the 2 spare rooms for the kids coming at the weekend.

Change to go out, pack some bikkies and home made cake for the raffle.

Great night out, sang country songs, met up with dozens of old friends and agreed to be on fundraising committee for the kindy. Won tray of prawns, [smell bit strange].

Better get home to bed, have a busy day tomorrow!

(A story by Daphne)

Coolongolook and Wootton Action Group

- Halloween Theme Trivia and Games Night Saturday 30th October 7pm at the Coolongolook Hall \$10 Adult, \$5 Child. For bookings ring Alison 49977126. Proceeds will go to the Coola Oval upgrade.
- Car Boot Sale in conjunction with the Coolongolook Public School Sunday 3rd October at Coolongolook Oval 9am start. Bookings and enquiries Phone Jeni on 49977334 Other events on the day are the Coolongolook Hall Reunion and local Fire Brigade BBQ.

Coolongolook & District Memorial Hall Reunion

October Long Weekend 2nd/3rd October 2010

- Saturday Morning Tea Coola School 10.30am Displays of classrooms
 - Saturday/Sunday Hall open for viewing of displays from 10am
 - Saturday Lunch 12.30pm 2 course meal \$12
 - Saturday Supper Dance 8pm \$15
 - Sunday round robin Tennis Phone Alison 49977126
 - Sunday Car boot sale on oval BBQ lunch
 - Tea/Coffee free, camping available at hall.
- Come along and share your memories, catch up with old and new friends. Contact: Tracey Harwood 49977136 or Neryl Gordon

MOVING SALE

57 Hubbard Road North, Wootton (Schulenbergs)

Saturday 6th November 9am to 4pm

Furniture, whitegoods, small fridge, chest freezer, vacuum cleaner, twin tub washing machine, household and kitchen items, garden & workshop tools, pottery, paintings, South American & Indian artefacts, books and lots more.

For Sale (This service is free)

- 2 old milk cans \$50 each
 - Mudbrick press \$100 Phone Bron 49977185
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