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Spur-winged Plover *Vanellus miles*

The Spur-winged plover is so named because it has a sharp, yellow, black-tipped spur on each wing. It is also known as the Masked lapwing and Masked plover. It is a long-legged wading bird with a black head, white belly and yellow facial wattles. The Spur-winged plover is found mainly in South and Eastern Australia. They are ground-nesting birds, and usually have two chicks. These birds used to migrate from Australia to Siberia, where they could nest in peace without any predators around. However, they now breed in Australia, and have to constantly defend their chicks against intruders. The parents are very protective of their



two chicks, and swoop anything that comes too close. However, the plovers are unlikely to cause any harm, because most of the time when they swoop they are bluffing. Often they threaten intruders by extending their wings and making a loud screeching cry, and they also try to draw potential predators away from the nest by feigning injury. Plovers are nesting in our area now so be aware of their well camouflaged eggs lying on the ground.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| Saturday 8th October | Supper & Movie Night Brush Turkey Café 6pm |
| Thursday 27th October | Soil Workshop Bulahdelah 9.30-4pm |
| Saturday 29th October | Community Dinner 'Polish' 7pm |
| Thursday 10th November | Wootton Weeding Day 9.30-2.30pm |
| Saturday 12th November | Bush Fire Survival Plan Wootton Hall 5pm |
| Saturday 26th November | Community Dinner 'Spanish' 7pm |

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Wootton Community Network

The Wootton Community Network have donated \$100 each to two local charities: Bulahdelah Nursing Home craft group and the Bulahdelah Hospital auxiliary.

Community Dinners

Our last BYO community dinner was small but enjoyable.

The next dinner on 29th October will be Polish and our November dinner, on 26th will be Spanish. So book early on 49977296 and note the date on your calendar.

Cafe news

We have re-opened again on Sundays, 9am till 4pm. We are always needing helpers in the café. Contact Leanne if you can help.

Thanks to the cooking helpers Pam, Sylvie, Patrick, Bron, Jim, Fran and Dulcie. Also thanks to the café volunteers Fran, Jim, Pat, Bron, Leanne, Sue, John, Pam, Danny, Ella, Judy, Sue, Ian, Anna, Linda and Lyn.

*Supper and Movie Night
Saturday 8th October
6pm Sausage Sizzle
for 7pm movie \$10
Brush Turkey café
Wootton Way Wootton*



Nowhere Boy

*A John Lennon biopic, chronicles his tender years
before forming the Beatles.*

Anyone who would like the Wootton Valley News emailed to them please let us know your email address and we can send it in PDF format as soon as it is published. Alternatively you can find the newsletter at www.wootton.org.au.

**Next Wootton Valley News Deadline is
28th November, 2011**



Wootton Weeding Day
Thursday 10th November
20 Wattle Hill Road, Wootton

9.30 am: Start - introductions, safety sign-on etc.

9.45 am: Weed Identification and control strategies. Information on the Riparian zone.

10.30 am: Privet control methods and demonstrations.

11.15 am: Lantana control methods and demonstrations of the 'gas gun/splatter gun' method for weed control.

12.00 pm: Other weeds: Honeysuckle, Moth Vine etc Site inspections, and demonstration of strategy and methods

1.00 pm: Lunch

1.45 pm: New Directions, Integrated Pest Management, Bioherbicides, Biological Controls

2.30 pm: Finish

OHS: Please bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent & water. Wear long clothing & sturdy walking shoes.

Park at the fenceline on Wattle Hill Road at the signs.

Landholders in Wootton and surrounds are invited to a field day for a demonstration of methods for controlling local weeds.

The demonstration day is an opportunity to visit a local property where weed control works are being carried out.

CMA Officers will be present to answer questions and discuss effective weed control techniques and strategies.

Please RSVP by calling Tina Clemens or Andrew Paget to register on 6551-8994 at the CMA - Taree Office

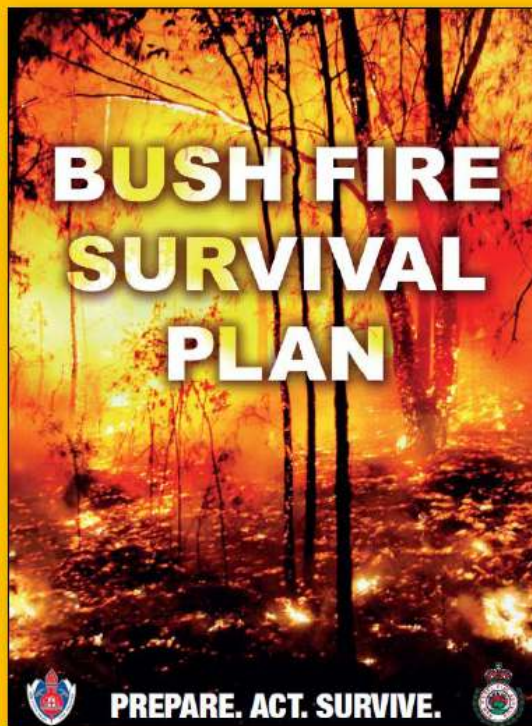


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Do you have a
**BUSHFIRE
SURVIVAL PLAN?**



To learn more about how to prepare for the upcoming **Bushfire Season** come along to this meeting

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

5pm Saturday 12th November 2011
Meeting followed by free sausage sizzle
Wootton Community Hall

Wootton Fire Brigade News

1. The brigade has been called out numerous time since the last Wootton Valley News, mainly to fires that have escaped peoples property & jumped into adjoining properties including the National Parks, Also the brigade has attended another house fire in the Wootton area.

2. A Community Meeting will be held at the Wootton Community Hall on Saturday 12 November at 5.00pm to discuss Bush Fire Survival Plans & issues that may arise during the upcoming Bush Fire Season. (See Poster), a free Sausage Sizzle will follow the meeting

3. Fire Permits are now required (1st October 2011 until 31st March 2011). Please contact Mike Badcock (49977337) to organise a permit, be aware that the act requires you to contact your neighbours, State Forest, National Parks & Fire Control at least 24hr prior to lighting the fire.

New Members Welcome

Mike Badcock 49977337

WOOTTON SCHOOL HALL

For bookings contact Caro Badcock on cbadcock@bordernet.com.au
49977337 or 0408415420.

The Fundamentals of Soil

One-Day Workshops with Dr Christine Jones



Three one-day workshops will be held at the following locations across the Manning-Great Lakes region:

Krambach: Tuesday, 25th October

Kundle Kundle: Wednesday 26th October

Bulahdelah: Thursday, 27th October

Discussion topics include restoring soil function and transitioning to biology-friendly farming.

Venue for Bulahdelah is Bulahdelah Golf Club 9.30 to 4pm

RSVP: By 21st October, Karen Bee on 65917305 or email

karen.bee@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

WOOTTON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL GROUP

This group has now met twice and have been given the skills and tools to do soil tests and water testing on their own properties. If anyone would like to join contact Karen Bee at Great Lakes Council 65917305



Keith Graham collecting a water sample



Testing pH

The Man Who Planted Trees.

In 1953, Jean Giono wrote an account of Elzeard Bouffier, a shepherd who set out each day to plant 100 acorns on the degraded hills around his solitary home in Provence, France. In the story Giono describes how, as the trees grew, the wildlife, the water and later the people, returned to the once barren landscape. The shepherd also changed, at least in the way he farmed: he sold his sheep and took up beekeeping. *The Man Who Planted Trees* has inspired the planting of millions of trees. Jean Giono's goal in writing this fictional story was "to make trees more likeable, or more specifically, make planting trees more likeable."

Today, in Australia, we face the challenges that clearing and farming have caused to the landscape. Planting trees on degraded land can actually repair the soil by restoring biodiversity and ecological function, provide new commercial products and support a second wave of agricultural prosperity.

Clearing and farming have caused massive soil degradation, upset the hydrological balance and resulted in large scale biodiversity loss.

Although much of the landscape needs trees, most has little prospect of ever being 'profitable' for plantation development. Quality forests can produce high value timber whilst protecting the land but the time and risks involved mean that few can justify the investment.

Jean Giono wrote his story to show that planting a forest is more than an economic investment. It is worth doing because trees and forests can restore degraded land, provide opportunity for future generations and give meaning to our lives.

(This is an edited extract from an article by Rowan Reid in Australian Agroforestry Issue 64. The story of *The Man Who Planted Trees* can be easily found on the internet.)

Craig Tate





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FOR SALE

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You are invited to visit one of our best Practice Farms!
Come along to Wootton and hear about the planned property works and find out in this hands-on workshop what's in your farm dam. Learn basic water tests, water bug ID, tips on how to improve the water quality of your dam

Venue:

Please RSVP for location details and provide a contact phone number

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2011

Time: Workshop 9.30am – Noon

Food: Morning tea provided

Bring: Hat, sturdy shoes, water, chair

RSVP:**By October 20** to Karen Bee
(02) 6591 7305 or email

karen.bee@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au



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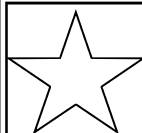
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