

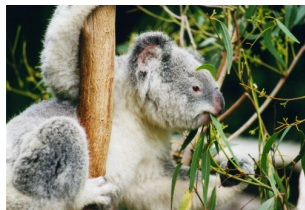
WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*):

As we all know, the koala is a tree-dwelling marsupial with large furry ears, a prominent black nose, long sharp claws adapted for climbing and no tail. However did you realise that koalas in the north of Australia have soft, light grey fur, but further south, in Victoria and South Australia they have thicker reddish-brown fur? They are also heavier and fatter due to insulating layers of fat to protect them from the harsher southern climate. What colour are our local koalas, are they more grey than brown or more brown than grey? And do they weigh as much as the southern koalas (females 8kg and males 12 kg) or are they in the lighter range (5-6 kg for females , 6-8 kg for males in Queensland)? Do we know enough about our local populations? More page 5 : Saving Our Species Iconic Koala Project.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun 7th Oct	Café open for Great Lakes Food Trail : 10am to 3pm
Sat 13th Oct	Wootton Hall Grounds: Food Swap 5pm Brush Turkey Café: Light supper night, 6pm supper \$10 pp
Sun 14th Oct	Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd, 9am
Sat 20th Oct	Community Public Meeting in the Hall, 2pm Wootton Community Network AGM, Brush Turkey Café, 3pm
Sat 27th Oct	Brush Turkey Café: Community dinner, Oktoberfest, 7pm, \$20pp
Sat 3rd Nov	Wootton Community Network Meeting, Brush Turkey Café, 3pm
Sat 10th Nov	Wootton Guest House: Wootton Cup, 3pm Food Swap and light supper to be held at the Guest House (see article)
Sun 11th Nov	Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd, 9am
Sat 24th Nov	Brush Turkey Café: Community Dinner, "N" for November, 7pm. \$20pp
	CHECK FACEBOOK FOR LAST MINUTE EVENTS

Wootton Community Network (WCN)

- * Hats off to Maureen and Frank who organised the British Dinner for August, a very successful evening.
- * Blue signs on Wootton Way are out of date and we will need to redo them
- * We really need people to help with grant applications, hall bookings, organising dinners, helping with catering. Contact brushturkey@live.com.au
- * We received correspondence from Steve Bromhead MP asking for nominations for the 2018 Myall Lakes Community awards. If you would like to nominate the WCN in the community group category go to: stephenbromhead.com.au and go to the "How can I help" tab, before 12th Oct.
- * We are sending a letter to council thanking them for work completed on the Wootton facilities
- * Community Public Meeting in the Hall, 20 Oct: 2pm



Our Lemon Myrtle cheesecake, served at the Long Table Dinner, Topi Open Range Farm



Farewell get together for Mike and Caro at the Brush Turkey Cafe



Saturday 8th September 2018





OKTOBERFEST!

The October Community Dinner, on Saturday 27th Oct will be Oktoberfest! Brush Turkey Café, 7pm, \$20pp. Bookings please! If anyone would like to be involved, please contact brushturkey@live.com.au

7th October – another busy day for the region

proudly sponsored by KGLL and *Heath and Hoff*, **the Great Lakes Food Trail** is happening again, all day. Our producers are committed to the humane production of wholesome food and to showcasing the wonderful diversity our region has to offer..

For details visit <https://www.thegreatlakesfoodtrailnsw.com.au>

The **Brush Turkey Café** will be open from 10am to 3pm. Come and see local art, enjoy morning tea, light lunch or afternoon tea in a beautiful rural environment. For more information, email brushturkey@live.com.au, or visit our facebook page.



- 1 Yeo Farm
- 2 Old Inn Road Vineyard, Bulahdelah Honey
- 3 Brush Turkey Cafe
- 4 Great Lakes Paddocks, Elkins Oysters
- 5 Topi Open Range Farm, Chef Sarah, Long Table Farm, Nadine the Cake Queen, Palms Micro Bakery, the Natural Deodorant
- 6 Burraduc Buffalo Dairy, The Kingfisher Café
- 7 Bungwahl Public School
- 8 The Coastal Brewing Co, Our Fish

Learn the fascinating hobby of honey bee keeping!

The workshop will be held at 956 Comboyne Road, Cedar Party. Sat 27th or Sun 28th Oct 2018; 9am until after noon, \$30.00 pp for 3 hours. Please book a place by the 18th of October with Lyn or Alison at the Landcare office, Wingham or call Maureen on 0488 956 950.

Bring a chair, a hat and depending on the weather we may hold the event outside near the bees!



Don't wait too long to wean your new calves...

Farmers with very young calves are being urged to consider early weaning again this spring. There are lots of new calves around, and our District Vets are reminding us that lactating cows and calves require double the feed and nutrition of cows and calves that have been separated. Hunter Local Land Services will be running an early weaning workshop for cattle producers in the Upper Hunter looking at their options.

Email us by 15th November 2018

Hidden Treasures Honour Roll Nomination

"If you want something done ask a busy person". Caro Badcock is a busy person and she gets things done. As well as helping her husband, Michael, on their farm, supporting his captaincy of the fire brigade, working as a statistician and spending time with her family, she has devoted much of her spare time over the past 20 years to making Wootton a better community. She stepped up to the plate when the Wootton Hall was threatened with closure and chaired the Hall Committee that brought life back into it – organising a celebration of the opening of the Wootton school (closed and transformed into the Wootton Hall), has been instrumental with running the Wootton Community library, community dinners, dances, working bees and a community noticeboard. She has co-edited the Wootton Valley News, a vital form of communication. She also helped set up our Facebook page. She organised community meetings for a Wootton Strategic Plan which will put ideas into action and help secure grants. Her most recent achievement has been, as part of a small committee of the WCN, to set up a trust with Crown Lands, which secures our community facilities for the future. She is not afraid to put the case forward to Council or other government departments. We have been lucky to have this smart, organised, hard working woman in our community. Caro never looks for accolades, thanks or 'pats on the back' so I would class her as a real *hidden treasure*.

Pat Tate



ALL WELCOME to the "Wootton Cup"

Forget the Melbourne Cup! This year, again, one of the regular craft groups that come to the Wootton Guest House, is hosting this fun filled event, with ***all donations going to our local Wootton Fire Brigade***. If you wish

to participate in this fun race afternoon, please bring your hobby horse, broom or mop.



There will be a gold coin entry fee for the races, or just come and enjoy being a spectator (gold coin also). There are prizes & raffles to be won, so wear your best clothes, hats, even a Jockey outfit. Soft drinks, champagne and nibbles will be available. *Races will start at 3.15pm.* Saturday 10th Nov, 3pm at the Wootton Guest House, 1 Worth St. Wootton.

For details, call Leanne or Peter on 0407 974 420

Please note: **THE FOOD SWAP WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GUEST HOUSE AT 5PM** instead of outside the Community Hall, and will be followed by a light supper (no cost) although your donation would be greatly appreciated by the Wootton Fire Brigade.

Do you have a story to tell us?

New Art in the café!

Stephen Bauert was born in Forbes and grew up as a country boy. He studied art in high school in Sydney, mostly in acrylics, finding it a way of expressing his frustrations with schooling. After a career in horticulture and landscape design, he moved to Rainbow Flat, via Wingham and joined the Great Lakes Art Society working on his painting with renewed vigour. He has exhibited his work widely in the area and enjoys the satisfaction of undertaking works on commission.



Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

The Brigade formally announces the resignations of Mike Badcock, Capt and Craig Tate, Senior Deputy Capt. They were two of our longest serving members with decades of experience between them. We recognise the tremendous effort that each has given to the Brigade & community with an untold number of call outs to fires, motor vehicle accidents, false alarms, etc at any time of the day or night. Their leaving the Brigade closes a chapter of local history and also starts the next. We wish them the best of luck for their futures.

We have several new members who have now obtained their Bush Firefighter status and a few current members are looking to obtain higher qualifications.

A new Call Out procedure and the use of new truck navigation tablets has also improved our response time. *If you would like to help the community, please call me to discuss joining the RFS. Adam Garnett Captain 0428 272 629*



Bush Fire Danger Period has now commenced. Burning activities now require a permit.

Get a fire permit. They're free.

Heavy fines apply for the unsafe use of fire or if your fire escapes.

SAFE BURNING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

DON'T BE THE FIRE RISK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/safeburning



You need to have a Bush Fire Plan in place and you need to have your property prepared for a fire ...

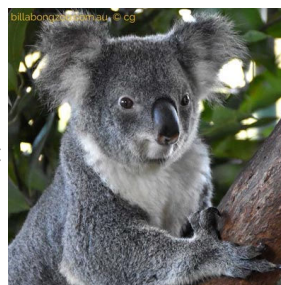
street identification, clearing around & under the house, truck access, water supply, cleaning out gutters, these are all critical.

NSW Rural Fire Service - Mid Coast District

Koala sightings in the region

MidCoast Council is calling on residents to report sightings of koalas as part of a project that maps and defines the distribution, population and trends of the species across the Council region. The project is funded by a NSW Government grant as part of the Saving Our Species Iconic Koala Project.

<http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Council/Works-and-Projects/Council-Projects/MidCoast-Koala-Mapping>



Email us by 15th November 2018

Wallaburra Open Garden Day

Sat 20th & Sun 21st October, 10am-4pm

151 Forest Glen Rd, Limeburners Creek

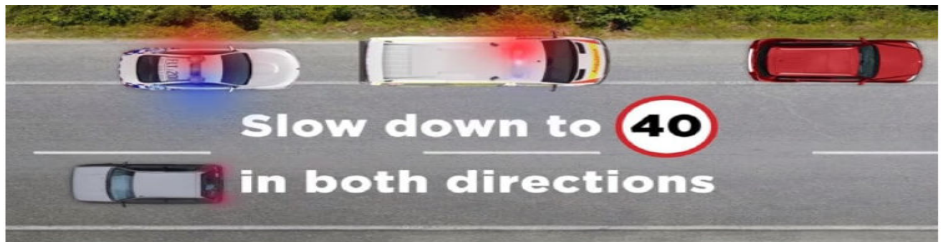
Tour an inspiring rural garden and wildlife sanctuary showcasing clean air, water and land, growing food and gardening for wildlife. Entry of \$5 pp or \$10 per family includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, and raises funds for the *Ironstone Community Action Group Inc.*

For more information, please call Stephen or Amanda Albury on 4997 5979



The new rules require motorists:-

to slow down to 40km/h when passing all emergency vehicles with their red and blue lights turned on, and to give way to any person on foot in the immediate area of the emergency vehicle. The rule applies to vehicles travelling in both directions, unless the road is divided by a median strip. Motorists should not increase their speed until they are a safe distance past the vehicle, so as not to cause a danger to anyone in the vicinity. Motorists who do not comply with the rule will face A \$448 fine and three demerit points.



November Community Dinner 24th November 7pm \$20pp

The theme for November at the Café will be **"N for November"** ie Nice Nutritious Nosh (all dishes beginning with N? Now there's a challenge!) and prizes for the best "N"-dressed Noteworthy Nibblers on the Night. Nuff said?

For more ideas, why not try this link....

<https://holidappy.com/costumes/Costume-Ideas-Starting-with-the-Letter-N>



Community Public Meeting 2pm 20th Oct at the Hall

The WCN will report on what has happened since the meeting on 12th March 2017 on the future of the Wootton Community Hall and facilities.

CRC Trailer Roadshow

MidCoast Waste's mobile Community Recycling Trailer is coming again to a place (reasonably!) nearby, where we can drop off household quantities of gas bottles, paint, motor oils, car batteries, household batteries, fluoro globes and tubes, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

Thu 25 Oct: 9-11am Nabiac Oval, Nabiac

Thu 25 Oct: 12.30-2.30pm Krumbach Hall, Krumbach

Fri 23 Nov: 12 – 2pm Waste Transfer Station, Bulahdelah

Thu 6 Dec: 9-11am Waste Transfer Station, Tea Gardens

Dates & times are subject to change, Ph: [1300 290 763](tel:1300290763)



Don't forget! Daylight saving

change on 7th Oct or you'll be late for the Great lakes Food Trail!

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts . Please email Editor if you know of an important contact that we should include here. Thanks.



Wootton Community Network

President: Jim O'Connor 0412963161

Secretary: Fran O'Connor

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: brushturkey@live.com.au

Wootton Reserve Management Group

Hall Booking Officer:

Larn Garnett 0427 272 629

Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Chair: Carole Robinson 0428 4009 952

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

President: Adam Garnett 0428272629

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428272629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

Deputy Capt: Jim Garnett 0422916002

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

Joel.Dunn@glcr.org.au 0401932533

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Police: Sector Supervisor, Bulahdelah
Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,
4997 4204, 0427233745

mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au

State Emergency Service 13 2500

Local Land Services

Wild dogs Wingham 6553 4233

Rural Resilience Group

Peter Brown 0437 671 459

National Parks & Wildlife

6591 0300

Bulahdelah Waste Facility

opening hours

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Sundays 10-2pm

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Fences and grass fire are not compatible!

With summer approaching it is a good idea to clean under all fence lines and at least one metre on each side of the fence line. Grass fires cannot easily be stopped but by cleaning under and around the fences the damage can be minimised. And remember, even the cheapest of fences costs **LOTS of money** to replace

