

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## BOGONG MOTH (*Agrotis infusa*)

The Bogong moth migrates in huge swarms each spring from the western slopes and plains of Victoria, NSW and Qld to the high country of eastern NSW and Vic. Westerly winds sometimes carry them out to the coast and sea, where many perish. They progressively congregate at mountain granite outcrops in deep crevices and provide important food for the rare Mountain Pygmy-possums. In recent years they haven't arrived, possibly due to drought and pesticide use, and bright lights from towns and cities.

You can help the moths and Mountain Pygmy-possum by recording your Bogong Moth sighting on the "Moth Tracker" app [www.swifft.net.au/mothtracker/](http://www.swifft.net.au/mothtracker/)



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Many WCN events are on hold during COVID 19*

*Please check online or email the Secretary for updates [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)*

The Wootton Valley News	is usually delivered before the 1st day of each <i>second</i> month. You can read it online <a href="http://www.wootton.org.au">www.wootton.org.au</a>
Sun 4 Oct	<i>Daylight Saving starts—clocks forward 1 hour</i>
Fri 9 Oct	• Privet control workshop with Peter Dixon, call Joël Dunn 0401 932 533
Sat 10 Oct	• Wootton Hall: Food Swap <i>Check facebook to confirm time and arrangements</i>
TBA October	• Wootton Hall: Community Games Night— <i>details to be confirmed</i>
Sat 14 Nov	• Wootton Hall: Food Swap <i>Check facebook to confirm time and arrangements</i>
Sat-Sun 21 & 22 Nov	• Garage Sale trail around Wootton <i>see details page 2</i>
<p><i>People take many <b>photos</b> at community events. If you don't wish to be in Wootton Newsletter photos, email <a href="mailto:secwootton@gmail.com">secwootton@gmail.com</a> before publication closing date.</i></p>	

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Contact us by email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

Visit our website [wootton.org.au](http://wootton.org.au) and [Wootton Community](https://www.facebook.com/WoottonCommunity) facebook public group

## Garage Sale Trail Sat-Sun 21 & 22 November

is a free festival of over 16,100 garage sales that happens in communities across Australia annually. It's a great way to make or save money by buying or selling your pre-loved stuff, whilst also minimising your impact on the planet. You can find out more and hold a sale at your place, or get together with friends and register a shared location by going online to [www.garagesaletrail.com.au/register?](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/register?utm_source=Website&utm_medium=Homepage&utm_campaign=Register)

[utm\\_source=Website&utm\\_medium=Homepage&utm\\_campaign=Register](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/register?utm_source=Website&utm_medium=Homepage&utm_campaign=Register)

## Return & Earn 10 cts container recycling

The Bulahdelah Bowling Club, at 50 Jackson Street, Tel 4997 4365, is set up for the "return and earn" 10 cents bottles. The basics are: - Containers must be in good condition, uncrushed, unbroken, fully empty with the original "10 cents label" attached. \*Empty all liquids from containers, \*Glass in separate bags maximum of 70/bag, \*All plastic, cans and cardboard in same bag and write quantity on bag. The store assistant will randomly select bags from your load and count the containers before issuing you a refund.

Or if you're heading north and would like to help the **Coolongolook Wootton Action Group** fundraising, you can *donate* sorted containers in their trailer in the front garden of the house facing King Street, at the end of the road the Chery Pie Café is on.



Geoff Freeman and Beryl Ede celebrated their birthdays in August. Geoff turned 80 and Beryl turned 90.

## Ssssnake Ssssseassssson

Look out for snakes now. They like cool places (like inside your house) and your pet's waterbowls.



## October 2005 naming of "Wootton Way"

The road through Wootton became a local road as "Old Pacific Highway" in 1999, and in October 2005 it was officially renamed "Wootton Way".

[www.ozroads.com.au/NSW/Highways/Pacific/bulahdelah-coolongolook.htm](http://www.ozroads.com.au/NSW/Highways/Pacific/bulahdelah-coolongolook.htm)



## October games evening

will be held soon, see [Wootton Community](https://www.facebook.com/WoottonCommunity) Facebook and WCN emails for details.



## Wootton Community Network News

Message from Bill Buckland

The WCN AGM took place on the 19th September. The meeting was poorly attended with only the original committee, the Public Officer and three other members present. While it can be understood that fears of Covid may have kept people away, the lack of interest is very concerning for the long-term health of the WCN. The WCN is an open organisation which needs the enthusiasm of the Wootton Community to survive. If the WCN is to survive it is critical that new volunteers come forward to guide the organisation. Two long term members of the committee, Franz and Patrick, have agreed to delay their departure from the committee till the end of January 2021. This is a help but is only a short-term fix giving the community a chance to consider the implications of a less representative committee. It should be appreciated that the WCN is both a social organisation and the Manager of the Wootton Crown Lands. The long term implication of the demise of the WCN could be the eventual loss of control of the Crown Lands and all that implies. The WCN Committee seeks input from anyone in the community who would like to volunteer for the Committee or help in any way.

### **Will you help keep Wootton alive?**

Living in Wootton has many bonuses, whether you are full-time, part-time, owning or renting. A lot of them only exist because someone in the Wootton Community Network has been involved.

*+ Café/function Centre + Community Hall + Community space & sports area + Library  
+ Social network + Community dinners + Dance nights + Yoga classes + Art shows  
+ Food Swap + Community Facebook + local newsletter the Wootton Valley News  
+ fundraising for Schools, Firefighters, Scouts and other needs +Working bees  
+ Community garden + Council information days + support for new ideas, and more*

The WCN is people, and some of them need a break after many years. So they're happy to help new people and handover their important and exciting roles, plus develop new roles.

**Without new people, all of these bonuses can vanish.** Imagine the land and buildings being taken over, the Wootton community will have no say in what happens there. Please talk to your family and friends about what is important to you right now, and contact someone at the WCN about how you can be involved and help make Wootton even more the way you want your future to be.

*2020-2021 WCN Committee*

Bill Buckland President - [wmbuckland@gmail.com](mailto:wmbuckland@gmail.com)

Sandy Coxon Vice President

Leanne Wright Treasurer

Kate Hosey Secretary - [secwootton@gmail.com](mailto:secwootton@gmail.com)

Peter Dunne Committee Member

Franz Flintrop Committee Member (until January 2021)

Patrick Riviere Committee Member (until January 2021)

**Bill Buckland, President**

To provide emails with Community announcements and latest events **WCN NEEDS** your current email address, please email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au) to receive emails.

## WOOTTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

[www.facebook.com/woottonrfs/](http://www.facebook.com/woottonrfs/)

From 1st of September 2020 it is mandatory to obtain a fire permit.

This means that NO FIRES can be lit without a permit

### OBTAINING A FIRE PERMIT IN WOOTTON

- \* Contact your RFS Permit Officer: Michael Coventry on 4997 7155 or 0407 458 167
- \* The Permit Officer will assess your site and issue the permit.
- \* The permit must be with you when you light the fire.

### LIGHTING A FIRE WITH A PERMIT IN WOOTTON

- \* You are required to notify the Rural Fire Service on 1300 643 262 at least 24 hours prior to burning.
- \* You will be asked for ... your address, name, contact number, the fire permit number, and the day(s) you intend to burn or **register online** at: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify)
- \* Your information will be entered in a central database which can help reduce unnecessary emergency calls.
- \* You are required to notify your neighbours 24 hours prior to lighting up by; SMS text, Email, phone call, notice in their mailbox or pay them a visit. Remember, it is important to notify your neighbour to give them time to prepare; move stock, stay indoors if they have asthma, change their washing day, etc
- \* If you have registered online, the RFS will notify you with any change in weather conditions and will advise you to not proceed with the burn but it is your responsibility to check if a total fire ban is in place before you light up.
- \* Prior to lighting the fire, you must ensure that is safe to do so. Double check the weather, clear around the burn area, have water on standby to fully extinguish the fire if required.
- \* To assist the Wootton fire brigade **volunteers**, please advise Michael Coventry 0407 458 167 or Captain Adam Garnett 0428 272 629 whenever you are lighting up to avoid unnecessary emergency RFS calls.
- \* You have to stay in attendance until the fire is fully extinguished.

Following these rules will help the Wootton Community to stay bushfire safe



### WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY NETTING

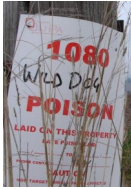
There are several ways that you can install wildlife-friendly netting to your fruit trees, with varying levels of cover. Wildlife-friendly nets can also help to exclude fruit fly and other insects.

If you find animals/birds needing help call

Fawna Wildlife Rescue 6581 4141



[www.clarenceconversations.com.au/flyingfoxes/news\\_feed/protecting-fruit-with-wildlife-friendly-netting](http://www.clarenceconversations.com.au/flyingfoxes/news_feed/protecting-fruit-with-wildlife-friendly-netting)



## **BULAHDELAH DISTRICT PEST ANIMAL CONTROL**

The Spring Control program is underway and Public reserve managers and private landholders are baiting and trapping across the district. From 2016 to date, 500 wild dogs have been trapped/shot.

To report pest animals, for newsletters and more information and to become involved contact the coordinators:-

- Art Brown-Chair, Bulahdelah Pest Animal Control 0400 136 544 [artbrown658@gmail.com](mailto:artbrown658@gmail.com)
- Laurie Mullen- Snr. Biosecurity Ranger 0407 785 007 [laurie.mullen@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:laurie.mullen@lls.nsw.gov.au)
- Kirstin Bisley - Biosecurity Officer 0438 593 875 [Kirstin.bisley@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Kirstin.bisley@lls.nsw.gov.au)



Project team: Back-row (L-R) Brendan Alting, Ben Pitcher, Neil Jordan. (Front-row (L-R) Michelle Campbell, Nick Patteson, "Rain"

## **The Myall Lakes Dingo Project**

While Dingoes are covered by "Wild Dog" legislation, scientists are continuing to discover how they are a special part of Australian ecology and to develop and test non-lethal tools for Dingo management, and to further our understanding and appreciation of this iconic Australian carnivore. The Myall Lakes Dingo Project is a collaborative project involving collaring dingoes with custom-built satellite GPS collars to record the locations of the individual every two-hours to have an accurate picture of where the Dingoes spend their time.

To know more: [carnivorecoexistence.info/myall-lakes-dingo-project/](http://carnivorecoexistence.info/myall-lakes-dingo-project/)

Current research video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHBdn1eAjwY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHBdn1eAjwY)

1978 CSIRO video: [www.scienceimage.csiro.au/video/12303/yellow-dog-dingo/](http://www.scienceimage.csiro.au/video/12303/yellow-dog-dingo/)

## **Art workshops at Topi Topi**

Artist Christopher Rigley lives in Topi Topi and has exhibited at Brush Turkey Cafe. He is offering workshops 1 day per week, for 4 hours, at a small cost helping people develop their draftsmanship and printmaking techniques. Students would be required to bring some equipment, and Christopher has an editioning quality roller press, and can supply inks and non-toxic clean-up material. The printmaking is colourful, experimental and organic, and good results can be easily and quickly achieved.

Contact [chris.rigley48@gmail.com](mailto:chris.rigley48@gmail.com)

## **Mystery photo, guess what this is!!**



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We are lucky to have so many great services available in Wootton. One of them is Naomi Patton **Yoga Classes**. There is an awesome Active Hatha class on Wednesdays 9.15 - 10.45 am and Monday mornings 9 - 10 am is a restorative class great for increasing flexibility and strengthening your body suitable for people recovering from injury or surgery or just wanting to get fit. Relaxing gentle workout for body and mind. *Walter H*

### Things to consider before getting into bees

Backyard beekeeping is fast becoming the latest must do in sustainability, maybe it's the popularity of the Flow Hive many thousands sold in Australia alone, the plight of bees worldwide and increased exposure in the media or the fact active (Jelly bush or Manuka) honey is proving to be a replacement for Antibiotics in topical applications or bees are experiencing the perfect storm and it's a combination of all of these elements? The Beekeeping Bio security code of practice applies from the 1st of July 2020 which lays out your hive inspection and record keeping requirements as a beekeeper depending on how many hives you have. The requirements of the code are what all beekeepers should already be doing and is something you should be aware of before getting bees

[//beeaware.org.au/code-of-practice/](http://beeaware.org.au/code-of-practice/)

Bee clubs and private beekeeping courses offer a depth of knowledge and resources that are invaluable to new beekeepers. Most clubs also have honey extractors etc that are available to members to use when required and some also offer mentors for new beekeepers. It was once said the solution to the plight of bees was not a beekeeper with a thousand hives, but a thousand beekeepers with one or two hives each. This is possibly true, however those thousand beekeepers need to be confident and responsible keepers of bees and if you're keen to become one of them then seek out your local bee club, find an experienced mentor and be prepared to hopefully become obsessed with a wonderful creature. *Len V*

[www.beekeepers.asn.au/find-a-club/](http://www.beekeepers.asn.au/find-a-club/)



*Mystery photo—Len's bees ran out of space to store honey, so filled the lid of their hive*

### Bushfire affected properties tree giveaway

In partnership with Mid Coast Council, Mid Coast 2 Tops is hosting a native tree giveaway for Bushfire Impacted Properties. With a decent outlook for rain, now is the time to start replacing what was lost. The native trees are provided to landholders free of charge, with recipients asked to plant, protect and maintain these trees and shrubs for the benefits of koalas and other wildlife. Currently available stock will be distributed to bushfire affected sites, with all expressions of interest remaining on our register as new plantings become available. By the end of the program the targeted number of trees to distribute is 2000. [www.midcoast2tops.org.au/drought-and-bushfire-tree-giveaway-](http://www.midcoast2tops.org.au/drought-and-bushfire-tree-giveaway-)



**Free online TAFE Course in Bush Regeneration** The course is online, typically over six months with approximately 6 hours online study per week. Start date is completely flexible. Click on [this link for TAFE course.](#)



*Free landholder field day*

# Pesky Privet Practice Bush Regen Strategy & Techniques

*With Peter Dixon, Bush Regenerator & Gentleman Farmer*

**Wootton, Friday 9th October, 10am-1pm**

Register now for this free event, our first public field day since Covid lockdowns started.

Learn how to stop privet killing the native bush and taking over paddocks.

Numbers strictly limited to comply with health directives, Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

**More Karuah Great Lakes Landcare news** [www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/](http://www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/)

KGILL have now purchased some "Tree Poppers" for easy and efficient physical removal of woody weeds. Members can borrow them by contacting Joël Dunn 0401 932 533.

Robyn and Fred demonstrate how to use them in a short video

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=je-Jhf9ming](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je-Jhf9ming)

KGILL has also offered funding to local landcare groups, and *Wootton Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group members are being asked to nominate a local project.*

Contact Joël at [joel.dunn@glcr.org.au](mailto:joel.dunn@glcr.org.au), 0401 932 533, about joining Landcare and "like" for more news, events and videos: [www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/](http://www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/)



**Wootton Directory** contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.**  
Please email [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au) with other contacts to include here. Thanks.



## Wootton Community Network

President: Bill Buckland  
Secretary: Kate Hosey 0402 776 376  
Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201  
Email: [brushturkey@live.com.au](mailto:brushturkey@live.com.au)

## Bookings—all facilities

*Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?  
Getting people together?*  
Kate Hosey 0402 776 376

## Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428272629  
Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177  
[www.facebook.com/woottonrfs](http://www.facebook.com/woottonrfs)

## Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262  
(24hour prior notice)

## Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

Joël.Dunn@glcr.org.au 0401932533

## Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Contact Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

**MidCoast Council:** 6591 7222

**State Forests** Wauchope 6585 3744

**Police:** Sector Supervisor,  
12 Meade St Bulahdelah  
Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,  
4997 4204, 0438 140 370  
[mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au)

**State Emergency Service** 13 2500

## Local Land Services

*Wild dogs* Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007  
*Rural Resilience Group*  
Peter Brown 0437 671 459

**National Parks & Wildlife** 6591 0300

**Fawna Wildlife Rescue** 6581 4141

**Electricity Essential Energy** 13 20 80

**Bulahdelah Waste Facility**  
opening hours

Tuesdays 1 - 5pm, Fridays 12 - 4pm

Sundays 10-2pm

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[lynette.arnoldus@bigpond.com](mailto:lynette.arnoldus@bigpond.com)

### **Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton**

Wootton Hall 9.15-10.45am each Wednesday for an active Hatha class where we will get moving, and on Fridays 9-10am we will unwind with a gentle yin/restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries., all welcome. 0414 387 008

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