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NATIVE STINGLESS BEES (*Tetragonula carbonaria*)



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Have a close look in your garden and there are probably native stingless bees working hard just like the European honey bees. The good news is these ones don't sting, and the small amount of honey they produce in spiralling hives has a distinctive, delicious flavour. Stingless bees are found throughout tropical and subtropical parts of the world where their honey is highly prized as a specialty food.

[www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2021-08-28/
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The details of all Events will be confirmed on Social Media and conducted in accordance with Public Health Orders. [Wootton Community facebook group](#)

Sun 10 Oct	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tues 12 Oct	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10.30am
Fri 22 Oct	• Brush Turkey Café: Meet the Artist 6pm, Tracy Smith
Sat 30 Oct	• Old School House (Wootton Hall): Halloween Dinner 6pm
Tues 9 Nov	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10.30am
Sat 13 Nov	• Shelter shed: Food Swap 5pm (next to Brush Turkey Café)
Sun 14 Nov	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Mon 15 Nov	** Copy deadline for December January Wootton Valley News **
Sun 21 Nov	• Old School House (Wootton Hall): Market Day 9am to midday
Sat 4 Dec	• Wootton Tennis Courts and Shed: Christmas BBQ 6pm

The Wootton Valley News is usually delivered before the 1st day of each *second* month.

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Visit our website www.wootton.org.au and [Wootton Community](#) facebook public group

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK NEWS

At the AGM on Saturday 18 September, the new President, Sue Williams, thanked all previous committees and volunteers for their tireless efforts in building and maintaining our wonderful community facilities.

Our current team now includes *Andrew Holland, Chris George, Leanne Wright, Robyn Piper, Susanne Kennedy and Tracy Smith* and we have agreed to meet on the **2nd Tuesday of each month from 10.30am to 12 noon**. These meetings will be open to the community to attend.

Sue Williams WCN President



If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: \$22

Place your order by: 27th October for November or December Delivery!

For Further information contact:

Kelly Ede 0400501468

Money raised will be used to: Support Coolongolook Public School P&C in providing special activities and equipment for our students!



WOOTTON YOGA IS BACK ON

Subject to covid changes, Mondays 9-10am we unwind with a gentle yin/ restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries.

Wednesdays from 9.15-10.45am it's an active Hatha class where we get moving. Please contact Naomi 0414 387 008

Calling all artists (acrobats, crafters, dancers, muses, painters, poets, photographers, musicians, readers and writers) ...we would love to hear from you. Please let us know if you are interested in connecting with our community events by contacting Sue Williams on sue@williamsonline.com.au

"Creativity is contagious, pass it on" – Albert Einstein



"Meet the (unknown) Artist"
Is this the opening of the Wootton Topi-Topi arts trail? Find out for yourself at the corner of Wattley Hill Rd and Barbies Rd.

SALTY DOG UPDATE

New hours, new phone number
0401 497 595
Sat/Sun/Mon 10.30–3.30
Tues/Wed Closed
Thurs 10.30–3.30
Fri 10.30–6.30



**Brush Turkey Café Fri 22 Oct 6pm,
MEET THE ARTIST—TRACY SMITH**

Hi Woottonites, I'd like to introduce myself Tracy and my husband Paul. We moved into the area earlier this year, We are loving the beautiful scenery and can't wait to meet many of you. As we moved from our small community and home of 38 years we felt it was important to join in as soon as possible. So I volunteered to be part of your residents group.



© Tracy S

I hope I can bring to it the passion I have for a connected community. We are both artists and we are keen to be involved in the creative community.

I feel very excited to be invited to be the October Meet the Artist. I have had several solo exhibitions and exhibit my work in numerous mixed shows and competitions. I have worked as an art teacher, curator and Community art judge. Its hard to describe my work as I work from my head and my heart and combine painting and sculpture in landscapes. *Tracy Smith*

SPRINGTIME IN WOOTTON where the birds are partying, gardens are flowering, bananas are ripening, potatoes are ready and the spiders are jumping. Kookaburras like worms and anyone who is kind enough to dig some up for them....



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© Catherine M



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CWAG update on Coolongolook/Wootton area highway speeding. Going North, the speed limit changes from 110 to 100 near Wootton Way and to 80 just before Coolongolook. Many cars do not adhere to this and speed through Coolongolook Village.

The village has three service stations and

frequent turns across the highway. Added to this, the highway patrol police frequently pursue cars through the village at inappropriate speed.

The more people who fill in the form on the link below, to request speed cameras, the more likely are we to be taken notice of.

Pam D., CWAG

www.saferoadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursayspeedcameras.aspx



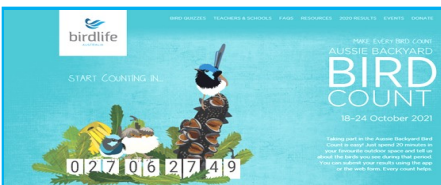
<p>GREAT LAKES ART SOCIETY</p> <p>ANNUAL MEMBERS EXPO</p> <p>1 October to 31 October</p> <p>You be the judge</p> <p>Cast your votes from 1 October to 29 October for the best works in six categories</p> <p> 34 Lake St. Forster Open 10 am - 4 pm every day</p>	<p>GREAT LAKES ART SOCIETY</p> <p>1-31 October 2021</p> <p>Every spring A Members Exhibition is run. This consists of New Artwork by members that has not been previously exhibited in the Lake Street Gallery, 34 Lake St Forster.</p> <p>The exhibition in 2021 will open on 1st October and close on 31st October.</p>
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Wootton Topi Topi Sustainable Farming **landcare gatherings are still on hold**, and we're planning to engage with frogs and fireflies in 2021. Meanwhile the properties trialling cool-season pasture plants have prepared and sown their seed which laughed at the frosts and is responding to the rain. In October we're taking soil samples to help understand how the soil biology progresses over time with more plant species in the mix.

A **drones field day** around Wootton and a **soils get-together with Bulahdelah** landcare group are also being planned for October/November, so stay tuned for news about how that can happen. www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

New members are always welcome, contact Fred 0427 461 101 or Joël 0401 932 533
Congratulations to landcarers recognized in the **Mid Coast Regional Landcare Awards**:

- Robyn Lamond - Individual Landcarer Award
- Andrew Yeo - Landcare Farming Award
- Karuah Catchment Landcare Group - Landcare Community Group Award



FREE EVENT—WHEREVER YOU ARE
AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRDCOUNT
18-24 October 2021

<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/faq/>

WOOTTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE www.facebook.com/woottonrfs/

The fire season was brought forward into September and thanks to *Pat T.* for updating everyone on the [Wootton facebook page](#). Do you know the **permit officers for Wootton** are all unpaid volunteers doing their bit to help Wootton stay safe? Contact *Mike Coventry, Renee Spiteri* or *Adam Garnett*. They can help you organise fire season preparation, bush fire plans please call to discuss, see mobile numbers below.

BEFORE BURNING OFF YOU MUST CONTACT RFS AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS

For more info visit - www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans

Permit Officers: Michael Coventry 0407 458 167

Renee Spiteri 4997 7149

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

[MyFirePlan | How Fireproof is Your Plan](#)

When there is a FIRE BAN you must not burn even if you have a permit.

NSW RFS BURN NOTIFICATION



PLEASE SCAN
HERE TO NOTIFY

You must notify neighbours and RFS at least 24 hours before burning even if you have a permit.

RFS Fire control 1300 643 262

Smartphone users can scan this QR code and tap on the website/link. The page that opens has a form you can fill in to **notify RFS fire control of your intention to burn.**

ON LINE BURN NOTIFICATION

Kristy Hope and family are looking for their lost rabbit "Noodle" last seen around the Wootton village. You can contact her on the [Wootton facebook page](#),



Lost bunny she is chocolate Brown there will be a reward of \$500 and she has droopy ears she is deaf in both ears.



Spring is swarming time for honey bees

Why do bees swarm? Swarming is the natural method of colony reproduction. *What causes a colony of bees to swarm?* Once the weather starts to warm up the queen bee will start laying anything up to 2000 eggs per day. What happens in a healthy colony is they outgrow the space currently occupied whether that be a hollow tree, wall cavity in a house or a managed hive. Instead of the whole colony moving into a bigger home they will rear themselves a new queen then approximately half the bees and usually the old queen will leave the colony (called swarming) in one mass of bees and settle in a tree, a letter box, on a fence or anywhere the queen decides to land, the bees will then cluster around the queen and this is what produces the classic football shaped swarm of bees.

Are swarms dangerous? If left alone bees are actually quite docile when in swarm mode. There are two main reasons for this, they do not have a home to protect therefore are more focused on finding a new home. Before they leave the mother colony they will also gorge themselves with honey for emergency stores which makes it difficult for them to sting you.

What to do if you come across a swarm? If there are masses of bees still flying around in the air walk away from the general area, there is the possibility of getting stung through a bee getting stuck in your hair. Within 30 min or so (often quicker) the queen will land and all the bees will cluster around her in a clump. If the bees have already settled in a clump and are hanging off a branch or a fence etc then just leave them alone.



Do not Hose or spray them with anything

Do not throw things at them

Do not try and smoke them or burn something nearby to make them move

Just leave them alone and they will not worry you, however a good idea is to take a couple of photos with your phone from a safe distance as the swarm collector will need these.

Please be prepared for these questions before you ring a swarm collector

Where is the swarm located (fence, tree, etc)?

Is the swarm accessible from the ground?

Is the swarm on your property, a neighbour's property or public land?

How long has it been there?



Approximately how big is the swarm (use an orange, rockmelon or watermelon as a size guide)?

Is anyone in your household highly allergic to bee stings (anaphylactic)?

Can you text them a photo or two of the swarm?

This will give the swarm collector an idea of what gear to bring and whether they will need an assistant as well.

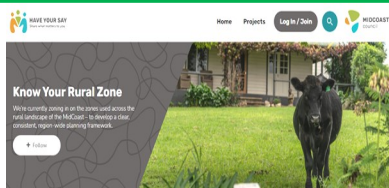
What happens next? Providing the swarm is accessible the Beekeeper will come out and put the swarm in a collection box and probably leave it there until dark, bees are like chooks and come back to their home as it gets dark.

If you need a swarm to be collected please go to this link www.beekeepers.asn.au/swarms.

Type in your postcode and it will give you contacts for beekeepers in your area.

MidCoast Council draft Rural Strategy

submissions close 19 November 2021. Among other proposed changes, it looks at bringing rural land into a single zone with consistent rules about what landowners can do on their properties, and proposes a standard minimum lot size across the region. <https://haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/know-your-rural-zone>



October—November is FIREFLY SEASON around Wootton.

Catherine M. enjoys them around her house every year, usually starting about 15th October. Just on dusk after a hot day is best. They like natural bush areas, like creeks and gullies.



Facebook: David Finlay

NEW BANKING DETAILS FOR WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

Annual membership fee \$12.50 pp, please pay by direct deposit to:-

Wootton Community Network Inc.

Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Account No 162518591

Reference = your name

Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer brushturkey@live.com.au

Same banking details now apply for all MEMBERSHIPS and EVENT BOOKINGS

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.**

Please email brushturkey@live.com.au with other contacts to include here. Thanks.



Wootton Community Network

President: Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: brushturkey@live.com.au

Bookings—all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?

Getting people together?

Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

www.facebook.com/woottonrfs

Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
(24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Police: Sector Supervisor,
Senior Constable Trevor McLeod,
4940 7470, 0438 140 370
mcle1tre@police.nsw.gov.au

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