

WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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GREY GOSHAWK (*Accipiter novaehollandiae*)
Grey Goshawks live in forest areas in the eastern, south-eastern and northern parts of Australia where they catch their prey in flight and even chase them into undergrowth. There are two colour types, or "morphs", the grey and the white. The white phase Grey Goshawk is the world's only pure white raptor. [Photo by Aviceda - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=3688380](https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=3688380)



The Aussie Bird Count is back
17-23 October 2022!

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	
Mon 26 Sep to Fri 7 Oct <i>School Holidays</i>	
Sun 2 Oct	• Brush Turkey Café & Hall: Great Lakes Food Trail (<i>see p3</i>)
Sat 8 Oct	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday. <i>Peter D 0478741111</i>
Sun 9 Oct	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tue 11 Oct	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am
Fri 21 Oct	• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday
Sat 22 Oct	• Wootton Hall, Wootton Community Network AGM 10am
Tue 8 Nov	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am
Sat 12 Nov	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap <i>Peter D 0478741111</i> • Wootton Hall: Trivia Night , 6pm. <i>RSVP Megan 0418620608 (see p2)</i>
Sun 13 Nov	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tue 15 Nov	**Copy deadline for Wootton Valley News**
Fri 18 Nov	• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday

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

Working Bee – Saturday 6 August 22

This was a really productive working bee with 14 members turning up to do some great work around the WCN grounds. We were able to get weeding done on the tennis courts, bocce court and around the buildings, a lot of clearing and trimming of bushes and undergrowth and replacement of the timber fence railings beside the café. A huge thankyou to the following people for their efforts on the day: -

Mark O'M, Chris K, Sue F, Gabrielle H, Alan B, Sharon D, Patrick R, Sylvie R, Peter N, Victoria N, Chris G, Ian D, Mary L.



Maintenance Update We are continuing to address the many maintenance issues of our buildings and grounds, and we have recently seen three items addressed. The leaking roof panel on the verandah of the café has been replaced. The damaged storage shed has been dismantled and removed. The shade sails on the rear of the café have been repaired.

Wootton

Trivia Night

6pm 12 Nov 2022

\$5 and BYO dinner

Tables of 8 or just come and join the fun

RSVP to 0418 420 608



The **Wootton Creative Alliance** is a newly formed group of artists and creative people.

We just love Wootton and want to share with our community the inspiration we get from our unique forest and farming surroundings.

Our beautiful logo was designed by local talented artist *Wendy Rapee*.



We have brought art to the walls of the **Brush Turkey Café** and have had some great exhibitions and functions/workshops including a picnic day at **Sculpture in the Vineyards**. We hope to have a **raku pottery** day shortly.

Together with **Great Lakes Paddocks Winery** we have put on an exhibition of local work in their tasting room. Pop down and see us there.

We are interested in gathering some **key historical photos** with stories to use as part of a permanent collection. **If you have something interesting we would be keen to see them and discuss possible scanning and printing.**

We are very excited that 2 of our members *Kristin Coburn* and *Ella Szpindler* have had their work selected for an [exhibition at the Manning Regional Gallery](#) opening in October. Congratulations to both of them. We encourage everyone to go up and have a look at their work, which is both very skilful and has deep meaning with implications to the future of our region.

In November we are having a **Wood exhibition**. Do you make anything from wood? Would you like to be part of this exhibition? *All welcome*. Please feel free to contact us to join or just get onto our mailing list.

Tracy Smith wcalliance2423@gmail.com



2022 Spring Trail

2nd October 2022

Wootton 9am - 4pm

We are ready to see you all again and are very excited! Interactive Map

Advertiser in Focus

RPS Enterprises (Bulahdelah Buses)

Paul & Renee



How long have you been doing this type of work? Renée and I have been involved in marketing combined for over sixty years and have run different business together in the past. We have been running our Bus business in Wootton for the past five years.

Why did you decide to do the work you do?

We were working for different large companies in Cobargo both putting in an average of 70 hours a week and one day we both decided we need to get back into our business. We came very close to purchasing a Bus business down South. The sale went ahead to the owner's daughter not us. We found this business for sale and decided to go with it and here we are.

What do you enjoy about the work you do? Transport to and from school. We know all our students by name, we celebrate each of their birthdays throughout the year and we have a party bus at the end of each year with a small present for each of them.

Watching them grow into young teenagers over the years has also been special for Renée and I.

How long have you lived/worked around Wootton?

A very happy six years.

Where did you move from to come to Wootton?

(if not from Wootton originally) As mentioned, we moved from Cobargo in NSW

What is the best thing about living in this area? Beautiful mid coast at our doorstep, the fresh air and the lovely people we have in the Wootton community.

!!!!Newsletter Distribution Update The Committee has reviewed the distribution of our Newsletter to ensure that our community in Wootton still receives a copy in their mailbox as well as our newsletter remaining available at the Brush Turkey Café, Hall Library and Bulahdelah Post Office.

Historically our Newsletter was distributed to areas that no longer had current members such as Coolongolook and Pacific Palms and other areas that have their own active community halls like Bungwahl.



Advertiser in Focus
Wootton Guesthouse
Peter & Leanne

How long have you been doing this type of work?

16 years

Why did you decide to do the work you do?

For retirement income

What do you enjoy about the work you do?

Meeting different people

How long have you lived/worked around Wootton?

20 years

**Where did you move from to come to Wootton?
(if not from Wootton originally)**

Bulahdelah

What is the best thing about living in this area?

Quiet, friendly and a stress free environment



Wootton Rural Fire Brigade is a volunteer brigade helping protect the community from fire and other emergencies, based in the fire shed in Squires Road. The Brigade has a small membership and you can help your community by BECOMING A MEMBER. Free membership and training!

Wootton Please contact us if you are preparing to burn off.

Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629

Permit Officers **Mike Coventry** 0407 458 167; **Renee Spiteri** 4997 7149

[Permits are currently required for all fires in the MidCoast LGA](#)

**YOU MUST CONTACT RFS
AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS
AT LEAST 24 hrs BEFORE LIGHTING UP**

Use these links to [FIND OUT MORE](#)
and to [USE THE ONLINE NOTIFICATION FORM](#)





*Asset protection zone around house and gardens, burnt trees at rear.
Photo Daintry Gerrand*

"EcoBurn Education"

workshops will introduce you to fire ecology, creating a fire management plan and how to implement this plan on your property.



For more information, contact **Olivia Eglin**
0437883995 mc2t.fire@gmail.com

[Subscribe to the Landcare newsletter, check online](#) and contact Joël for updates for upcoming events around Wootton including "Attracting and Identifying Birds", "Tool Sharpening" and "Plant Propagation" as well as news about more [drought/fire/flood recovery and resilience projects](#).

www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/

KGLL events *Joël Dunn* joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Landcare newsletter *Jessica Leck* rlc@midcoast2topslandcare.org

The Wootton Free Economy The **Food Swap** moved back to its original time of 5pm just for September, but there was still a good turnout of people and produce and some new attendees, which is always nice. We shared beautiful produce including Bunya Nuts from the [Indigenous Plants for Health Workshop](#) that was held at our Hall during the day. The October Swap will be held at **midday** on the 8th of October, in the Shelter Shed at the Hall.

The consensus seems to be that the middle of the day swaps are preferred, so we will keep them at this time unless there is a groundswell of opinion to move them (Midnight Swaps on the Full Moon, anyone...?). Bring along any home grown or home made comestibles, seeds or craft for swapping. It's an honour system, so we all just take to what we consider the value of what we brought. We have joined up with Wallamba Seed Savers, and the Food Swap is also a Seed Saver event.

We will also keep on with the **Give Away Table**. This has proven popular and a surprising amount of stuff gets picked up. The intent of this is to bring along any unwanted or unneeded goods to go on a table and anyone can come and take what they like. The only rules are that the stuff must be serviceable/fit for purpose, it is understood that this is a giveaway, not a swap, and anything that is unwanted on the day must be taken home by the bringer.

A few months ago, I floated the idea of a **Clothes Swap** event and there was a fair bit of interest. The idea is that this would be run separate to the Food Swap, though we will ask around for opinions, and we may do it on the same day. I apologise to the people that expressed an interest in helping out organizing the day. I haven't had the time to put in for the arranging...hopefully I will have the time soon, or VERY happy if someone else wants to drive this event!

We are always keen to hear about other ideas on the Free Economy that we might be able to do in Wootton. *Peter Dixon 0478 741 111*



Emergency Animal Disease Information

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Foot-and-mouth disease | Lumpy skin disease



Watch on YouTube

BANKING DETAILS FOR WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

Same banking details apply for all MEMBERSHIPS and EVENT BOOKINGS, please direct deposit to **Wootton Community Network Inc.**

- **CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496**

- Reference = Name and Reason eg "Joe Blow mship" or "Jill Doe Feb dinner"

Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer woottonguesthouse@gmail.com

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



Wootton Community Network

President: Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Secretary: Robyn Piper

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: secwootton@gmail.com

[FoodSwap](#): Peter Dixon 0478741111

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

Bulahdelah Police: 4940-7470

State Emergency Service 132 500

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

Wootton Justices of the Peace (JPs)

Warren Richardson 0407 146 373

Paul Spiteri 0407 298 954

Renee Spiteri 0407 516 089

Gary Cross 0418 251 090

**Bulahdelah Waste Facility
opening hours**

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4997 4283

STOP PRESS 3 Wootton locals (*Carol B, Ella S & Ian D*) attended the September MidCoast Council Community Conversation in Colongolook. Council members want to hear your opinion on roads, drains and everything else and there will be a future meeting in Wootton for Woottonites. Stay tuned for a local announcement on the [Wootton Community page](#) and [Council website](#). *Ian D*

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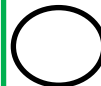
Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton

Wootton Hall. 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. All welcome. 0414 387 008

Celebrant—Karen George

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MOON PHASES



FULL MOON

10 Oct & 8 Nov



NEW MOON

25 Oct & 24 Nov

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK Committee meetings are held each month as per community calendar in the Brush Turkey Café and are open to the community to attend, please RSVP secwootton@gmail.com