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ACREAGE IN LOCAL WOOTTON AREA

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CATS \$5 DOGS \$10/NIGHT
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WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

APRIL 2000 NO.4



Scarlet Honeyeater
Sighted in our local area now.
A brilliant fire-engine red.
Encouraged by flowering natives.
A bright, welcome visitor.

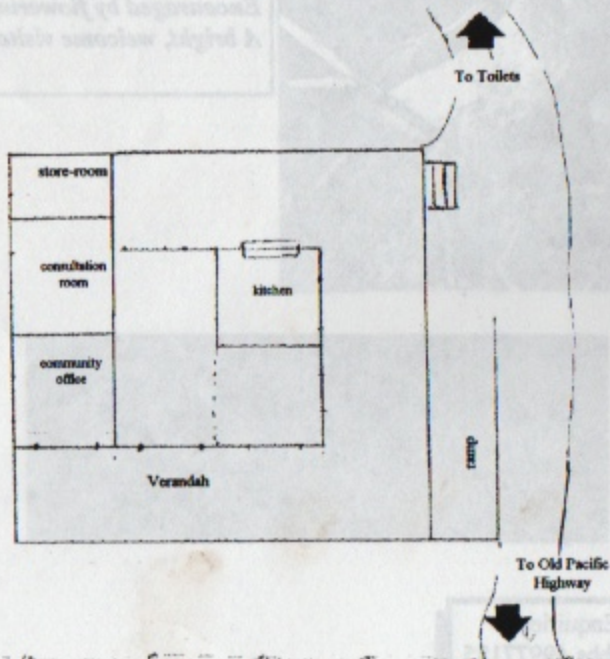
MEETING DATES

Progress Assoc. AGM 18th April
Landcare Meeting 1st May
Wootton Network AGM 1st June

Newsletter Enquiries:
Bronwyn Gibbs 49977185
Pat Tate 49977292

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

- ◆ We held a Market Day on 26th March which was small but friendly. Locals enjoyed sitting around eating scones and drinking tea and having a chat. Next one planned for June.
- ◆ Due to an overwhelming response to our last dinner bookings will now be essential as we can only cater for limited numbers. Next dinner will be held on Friday 28th April, 6.30pm. Book early. Phone Pat Tate on 49977292.
- ◆ Our Fruit & Vegetable Orders are up and running again, thanks to Phil and Vonne Calvert and Peter Curiaac. Ring Calverts to order on 49977113. Pick-Up and pay before 8.00am Tuesday Mornings.
- ◆ We have applied for a grant to fund a Community Resource Centre to be located in the Community Centre grounds at Wootton. Your views and positive feedback is welcome.



PROPOSED COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Location: In the Wootton Community Centre Grounds, between the existing toilet block and the Old Pacific Highway.

Aims: To provide a focal point in the community.

Objectives:

- 1 An information centre for tourism, local history, services, government services and landcare use.
- 2 Community Office, computer, fax, photocopier, Internet access and book-keeping service.
- 3 Consultation room - for rent, for private appointments, health services, local business, government departments.
- 4 Cafe/shop - light meals, tea and coffee, basic foodstuffs, local products and produce.

FREE GST SEMINAR Thursday 11th May Wootton Community Centre 7pm An officer from the Australian Tax Office will give a presentation and answer questions for Community groups, small business people or interested individuals. Contact Gary Williams on 49977167 or Craig Tate on 49977292

WOOTTON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Andrew Braybrook, Director of Community Services - Great Lakes Council, visited the Community Centre last Wednesday and gave a favourable report on the progress made with the Centre's Management. He praised the Committee's work.

Regular Hall Bookings

Yoga Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.30 pm

Self-Defence Class Saturday Mornings

Network Dinners - The last Friday of every month



WOOTTON TENNIS

Tennis Presentation Day - 15th April 2000 at the Wootton Community Centre

Contact: The Secretary, Jean Price 49977155



**COOLONGOLOOK/WOOTTON PROGRESS
AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC**

Annual General Meeting to be held at the Wootton Community Centre on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm. All residents welcome. President, Secretary and Treasurer will not be sitting for re-election. New office bearers will be required.

COOLONGOLOOK SCHOOL NEWS



- ◆ Children are very busy making paper-mache Easter Eggs.
- ◆ We visited Mitchell's Island to play soccer and T-Ball. Ace catch by Elliott Gibbs.
- ◆ P & C Easter Fancy Dress Disco. Friday 14th April 7 - 11 pm.
- ◆ Donation Tin at the shop has raised \$408.
- ◆ Lauren Harwood has made the reps for Great Lakes Netball.
- ◆ Ellysha Andersen came 2nd in a recent gymnastics tournament.

WOOTTON RURAL FIRE SERVICES

Fire restrictions have finished as at the end of March. Permits are no longer required until October 2000.



WOOTTON - TAREE/FORSTER - WOOTTON

How many times have you gone to town and forgotten to pick up that item or you desperately need something and it's not worth a trip to town. Well, Jean Price has offered to pick it up for you, as she goes to Taree on Mondays. Anyone who regularly goes to town on a particular day and could help out it would be appreciated. Contact Jean Price 49977155

STREET TREES

Stage 1 of the beautifying of Wootton Bus Stop will be planting on the hill, of wattles and bottlebrushes attained from Great Lakes Council. Anyone wishing to help plant, contact Bronwyn 49977185



OUR ENVIRONMENT

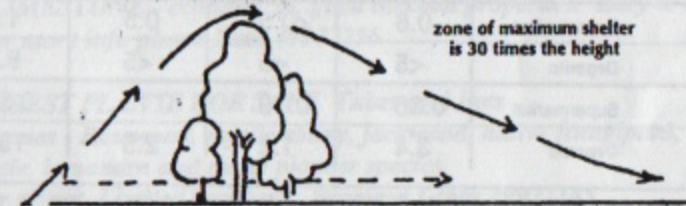


WOOTTON VALLEY LANDCARE

- ◆ First, a thanks to all of the 15 people who helped out at the working bee on The Railway Walk. It would be nice to do some maintenance down there every six months or so.
- ◆ Water testing has begun on five sites in the area under the Community Water Sampling Programme. At this point sampling in the catchment is just beginning and hopefully within the next year some patterns will emerge in regards to changes in water quality across the catchment.
- ◆ A nursery is being planned for propagation of local trees.
- ◆ Our next meeting will be on Monday 1st May at 4.30pm where we will be discussing our next outing to examine some forest systems along the river.

PIONEER AND WINDBREAK TREES

Desirable Windbreak Profile



To function effectively, select windbreak trees which allow up to 60% of the wind to pass through

These plants are hardy enough to serve as pioneers, some of them on very difficult sites. Pioneers may add nitrogen to the soil, increase organic matter by leaf drop and provide shelter from the wind. Windbreaks should be planted before orchards and gardens to prevent damage to valuable, young trees. If trees will be close to orchards then careful selection is needed to avoid competition for nutrients and water. Avoid planting allelopathic trees such as eucalyptus and pines in close proximity to fruit trees, they also increase fire risk. Many short-lived pioneers can be used later for mulch and firewood.

WEEDS

What weed is it this month? A yellow flowering shrub called Cassia (Senna Pendula). It looks lovely but if you wish to grow it you must be responsible enough to remove the seed pods and dispose of it in your garbage, otherwise you may be guilty of letting yet another weed escape into our bush. Look around for the yellow and you'll be surprised where it has got to. The seeds are readily spread by birds, water and dumping.



Another particular nasty weed sighted in Wootton is Madeira Vine (Anredera Cordifolia). It's flowering at the moment and is capable of regenerating from tuber and vegetation. Virtually it can regenerate from any part of the plant. Act swiftly with this one! Remove from site or spray in autumn (now!) or scrape & paint with glyphosate. Lots of follow-up maintenance is required.



Organic Vegetables average 10 times more nutrients than Supermarket Vegetables

Mg/kg		Beans	Tomatoes	Capsicum	Silver Beet
Calcium	Supermarket	40	6.7	4.7	65
	Organic	480	67	84	1600
Potassium	Supermarket	260	200	150	450
	Organic	1900	300	1600	2600
Magnesium	Supermarket	26	10	11	69
	Organic	240	89	700	1700
Sodium	Supermarket	<1	2.4	<1	180
	Organic	<10	26	20	1800
Iron	Supermarket	0.6	<0.5	0.5	1.4
	Organic	<5	<5	<5	9.4
Zinc	Supermarket	0.38	0.19	0.13	0.57
	Organic	3.4	1.2	2.5	130

GREAT ESCAPES

- Yeranda Cottages Dungog Skimmings Gap Rd, Main Creek 6 kls from Dungog. A pleasant stay with alternate power self-contained cottages with all conveniences at your finger-tips. Phone: 49921208 \$75 per night/2 people
- Frying Pan Creek - Dungog State Forest. From Dungog head north to Chichester Dam then follow the signs. Clean, clear running water, swimming holes and grassy camp sites. Recommended by Kay Desmond.

TUITION/CLASSES

YOGA: Every Wednesday 7pm Wootton Community Centre \$3 Peter 49977201
GUITAR: Friday Lessons 4-5 at Wootton & individual lessons Michael 49977141
TUTORING: Early intervention/intensive reading tutoring Warren 49977185
 General Infants/Primary Bronwyn 49977185

FOR SALE

GARDEN TRANSFORMERS Give your garden a make-over or construct it from scratch. (Vege or house garden.) Five capable women can transform your tired old weedy vege patch or overgrown house garden to its former glory. For quote phone Bronwyn 49977185

MASSAGE - For aching muscles, headache relief and general well-being. In your home. \$25 per hour
 Phone Paul on 49977352

FAMOUS LEMON MYRTLE CORDIAL \$4 per bottle
 Mix with soda & ice and experience the taste Phone Bronwyn 49977185

LEMON GUAVAS FOR SALE \$2.50 per kilo Phone Paul 49977256

BIG BAG OF LEGO FOR SALE Best Offer Phone Calum 49977292

Thinking of building? A time-honoured building material is now on the East Coast - **LIMESTONE** - economical, good thermal properties. Easy to construct with. For more info phone Paul 49977256

RAINFOREST PLANTS FOR SALE Tubes and Pots
 Local Species - Rosewood, myrtle ebony, jackwood, native frangipani, euodia, rose myrtle, lomandra and many pioneer species.
 \$3.50 per 6" pot. Limited numbers. Bronwyn Gibbs 49977185

THANKYOU

Thanks to Steve Devries for assisting the Network with photocopying.

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EASTER FANCY DRESS DISCO
 All proceeds to Coolongolook School
COOLONGOLOOK HALL FRIDAY 14TH APRIL
 7-11 PM \$3 per person or \$10 per family
 Snacks & drinks available
 Prizes, Raffle, Easter Hat Parade
ALL WELCOME

