

DIRECTORY

Boarding Kennels/Caravan and boat storage Lynette Lawry 49974574

Bricklayer/Block layer Adam Jones 49977125

Building
Pyramid Limestone. Thermally efficient. stylish, sleek & easy and quick to erect.
Paul Shipton 49977256

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Diesel Services Agricultural, Earth moving and tractor spares.
Chris Link 65541513 04112834460

Electrical Contractor
STS Services P/L Lic 27928C
Garry Williams 49977167 0417369670

Excavations Dwelling sites prepared, road constructions, property drainage & dams, light clearing, tipper & grader hire, sand & gravel supplies Pete 49977327 0427740990

Garden Makeovers
Garden rejuvenation and bush regeneration.
Bronwyn Little 49977185

Hairdresser
Chequers Hair Design-Coolongolook
Lee Jones 49977125

Horses At Stud-GEMBIRAS DOCS ONYX ASH SM-133207 AQHA A-2966
Young stock for sale-come and see!
Gembira Horses 49977335 0419201913

Ice-Cream Cakes
For that special occasion!
Roscoes 49977351

Lawn Mowing
Daf's Lawn Mowing & Yard Maintenance
"Free Quotes" 49974736 0414254817

Massage Therapist
Qualified remedial Swedish Massage .Home visits \$35 per hour Terrence 0417450601

Motor Repairs-Small
Lawnmowers and chainsaws etc
Geoff Williams 49977404 0418482099

Mobile Mechanic-(Lic No. 38287) Specializing in repairs of farm tractors, earth moving equipment, irrigation pumps, diesel & hydraulics. Machining and welding. John Spali 49977154 0418623318

Permaculture Design
Garry Williams 49977167

Plumber & Metal Roofing Specialist
John Hessing 49977427

Real Estate
Rural Valley Realty -Your local Real Estate Agent servicing Bulahdelah to Nabiac
Steve Devries 49977214

Edes Farm Sales Stock & Station Agent & Property Management. Brian Ede www.edes.com.au 49974566, 49977180(A/H),0408492883

Roofing
Licensed roof contractor - tile, iron, guttering
William Bell 49977525

Sculpting-Wood
Old stumps and trees into garden sculptures, fence posts into works of art. Garden seats, tables etc. John Startin 65591553

Tree Services
"Woodpeckers Professional Tree Services" All aspects of tree services and woodchipper hire (18") Bunyah Duncan Brown 65591629

Trencher & Mobile Crane/Borer Hire
MRM - Specializing in trenching for underground services and power pole replacement
Mick 0408669105

Water
Sam the Waterman-Local Water Delivery
49974710 or 0408652110

Welding
Slasher repairs Bruce Shoesmith 49977484

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Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides*

The Tawny Frogmouth is a common nocturnal bird, seen regularly in our area. They are sometimes referred to as owls but are not related to owls. They hunt just after dusk and just before dawn. During the day they remain perched in trees and stay relatively motionless. Their feathers are coloured much like the bark of the trees that they roost in. When perched during the day they look like a broken tree branch. Their primary prey consists of nocturnal insects and spiders, although they will feed on small mammals. The closest relative is the

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Community Calendar

Friday 12th April- end of school -Term 1
Thursday 8th and 14th April- Bingo Coola' Hall
Friday 26th April-Wootton Community Dinner 6:30
Fri-Sun 3rd,4th,5th May-Toocal Field Day
Friday 31st May -Wootton Community Dinner 6:30
Thursday 2nd, 16th, 30th May -Bingo Coola' Hall

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Wootton Community Network

The resource centre is moving along nicely. You may have noticed the new addition of the railings, with the lovely gum leaf design, thanks Amanda. John Startin has offered to carve two Kookaburras for the tops of the handrails leading into the centre. The wet weather last week forced us inside so we started the lining boards which look pretty good. Gyprock will be used on the walls with boards on the lower half. Kitchen needs-sink, benches and layout, requires a little more thought to be just right.

Red Dinner- Was a real success with everyone dressing the part and not too many hyperactive people with the red jelly and cordial. The next dinner will be 26th April at 6:30.

An application form showing the aims of the network has been included in the centre page of this newsletter. This should give people a better idea of the objectives of our group. Membership is open to people who are prepared to be actively involved and who will participate in monthly meetings with the desire to better our community. Opportunities for involvement include building construction, administration, dinners, ideas and numerous other ways.

Presently we are putting a grant in for much needed office equipment for our Resource Centre. We would like some feedback from you, the community, as to what use you will make of the Centre. We hope to have computers for public internet use, computer tuition, access to a photocopier, fax machine etc. Contact Garry on 49977167

N.B. Membership and advertising fees are due now.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

A small group of 7 volunteers at Wootton and 5 at Coolongolook, cleaned up the most needy areas, driven past by many. The Wootton clean-up was a little bigger than last year with Stuart Tate finding tyres and car parts in back roads in the forest.

Thanks to: Bronwyn, Llewellyn, Elliott, Pat, Calum, David, Stuart, Amanda, Paul, Laurence, Vincent and Lillian.



W C C Management Committee News:

Farewell to two former Management Committee members Trevor Godbolt and Jean Price, who have moved out of our area. We thank you for your input over your time spent on the committee and am sure you will find other committees to join in your new area.

Applications for a grounds person to perform mowing duties around the Community Centre and tennis court surrounds are now called for. (contact Bronwyn for more details on 49977185) closing date 2nd May, 2002 They should be forwarded to

The President- Bronwyn Little -W.C.C Management Committee - 441 Squires Rd Wootton 2423

TOTAL FIELD DAYS

**C.B.ALEXANDER AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AT PATERSON
FRIDAY 3RD, SATURDAY 4TH, SUNDAY 5TH MAY**

An annual event well worth attending, especially for small landholders. Information, displays, workshops, etc etc related to rural living. www.tocal.com.au

BINGO

Where: Coolongolook Hall

When: Every 2nd Thursday 7:30

Dates: April 4th & 18th, May 2nd, 16th 30th

Cash Jackpot Prize, Meat Vouchers, Fruit and veg trays.

9yrs to adults welcome

Enquiries Neryl 49977157/107, or Sue 49977170

In support of Coolongolook Tennis & Assoc. Sports Club Inc.

*Your contributions to the Wootton Valley News are welcome
Next deadline 31st May 2002*

MEMBERSHIP FORM



WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK INC "People helping People"



History Established in March 1999, after a series of public meetings, the Wootton Community Network Inc was formed to encourage community spirit, sustainable development and local employment.

Aims Our aim is to see the local area prosper once more, with improvements to existing services and the creation of employment opportunities in an environment of community not isolation.

By providing infrastructure and support with business administration and also a market place, both locally and on the web, we hope to make businesses easier to establish and thus more sustainable. Linked to a café/information centre we hope to provide a focal point for locals and a tourist facility to attract visitors to Wootton through the scenic route of the Old Pacific Highway.

Through education and information distribution we hope to improve community co-operation, business skills and land use practices, fostering growth in employment through both eco-tourism and sustainable agriculture.

Youth Our focus on youth is to cater for their needs, both creative and social, and provide employment opportunities.

Our Achievements

- a bi-monthly newsletter
- monthly community dinners
- Annual Sustainability Fair
- Markets and information evenings
- Construction of a Community Resource Centre
- A recognized lobby group for local issues with Council, government bodies etc.

Members are required to do 20 hours voluntary work per year and will receive discounts on our monthly dinners, newsletter advertising, bulk buying and benefits within the Community Resource Centre. Joining Fee: \$22 Annual Fees: \$5.50 payable 1st January to the Treasurer.

President: Garry Williams 49977167; **Secretary:** Pat Tate 49977292; **Treasurer:** Jill Nairn 49977453

Administrative Officer: Jean Price 65521253

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Dinners are held the last Friday of each month and meetings are held the following Thursday at 7pm, both at the Community Centre until the Resource Centre is completed.

NAME:.....
ADDRESS:.....
PHONE NUMBER: HOME:..... WORK:.....
FAX:..... EMAIL ADDRESS:.....
NOMINATED BY:.....

Weed Awareness



Madeira Vine

Anredera Cordifolia

This invasive, insidious weed is flowering in our area now. It's a vine with a creamy long flower and numerous tubers which fall to the ground and multiply readily. It spreads by vegetation. Eradication is by removal from the site, spraying with roundup or scrape and paint the stems. Don't be fooled by it's lovely flowers, it will take over easily and you'll be a long time getting rid of it.

An area found to have Anredera is on the Community centres' fence. Measures have been taken to start it's removal. Also sighted in Coolongolook. Wingham Brush was once completely invaded by it, and only after extensive regeneration work did it return to it's original splendour.

Moth Vine ***Araujia sericifolia***

This climbing plant is easily distinguished by its choko-like fruit, which when ripe emits thousands of hairy seeds that are dispersed readily by wind. The vine is fruiting now and immediate attention would be to dispose of the fruit by bagging and removing from the site before it bursts open and is cast to the wind. Long-term treatment would be to hand pull or cut/scrape and paint with glyphosate.

SEMI SWIPES SERVO

On Wednesday 28th March, a refrigerated semi trailer collided with our Coolongolook Servo. The awning was torn from the wall but fortunately didn't collapse because of the wedging of the building and the truck. No one was injured in the incident but Wendy and Adrienne were a little shaken by the experience. A crane was called for and did the job to extricate the awning from both the truck and the building. A large crowd gathered to view the big event.



Wootton Tennis & Community Club

The Autumn competition has commenced with 3 divisions and will run until early June culminating with the Grand Finals. Thankyou to those who worked hard cleaning the courts at the recent working bee.

President: Dennis Watt, **Vice president:** John Wright,
Secretary: Colleen Wright, **Treasurer:** Joanne Ede



WELCOME

To our new residents Neil and Nanette and their two children Grace and Oliver. We hope you will enjoy living in our beautiful, peaceful, scenic, idyllic, friendly area.

Neil is an excellent handyman and is looking for work in our area. He can be contacted on 49977408

They have been seen attending community events already and am sure they will feel the move was a good move.



Yoga

Wednesdays 7:00 -8:30

Wootton Community Centre

Share a ride with others from Coolongolook
contact Peter 47799201



Great Restaurant find- At Wingham. It's called '**Convivia**' specializing in fresh organic pasta. Open Mon-Fri 8:30-5pm and regularly holds 3rd Friday each month dinners, with music. Sound good? For bookings Phone 65570450- Convivia 99 Isabella St Wingham Bronwyn

Wine Talk

What's happening at the moment?

The wine at the moment, was filtered and put into the vat for fermentation and over the next 6 months will be monitored, tasted, added to, filtered up to six times and finally bottled around the middle of the year or a little later. The winery was closed over the weeks leading up to Easter as the wine was completely sold out. (it was just too good-Webber would have loved it) Good Friday saw the re-opening with two new wines, a 2001 Chambourcin and an unwooded 2001 Semillon Chardonnay and in a few weeks a Mellow Red, a Shiraz and a Muscat. In the pipeline is a new cellar door/wine bar, art gallery and further down the track some cabins.

Call in and taste the new wines available, or better still bring some friends along to show off what a wonderful area we live in. Bar-b-que facilities are available.

Bron



The Lower North Coast Catchment Management Board has issued their draft blueprint of our region which takes in the Manning catchment and Karuah/ Great lakes catchment.

The key issues that were addressed were:

- loss of vegetation and wildlife habitat.
- blue-green algae blooms in Myall Lakes
- water quality in Wallis lake
- acid drainage from exposed acid sulphate soils
- riverbank instability
- wetland decline
- declining soil health

For more information contact Phil Fogarty, Landscape Manager, Dept Land and Water Conservation, Taree on 65522788



"For Sale

- Bus/camper, bedroom, kitchen, dining areas-still goes- ideal home while building, fair condition, Phone Bill 49977289
- 2 computer tables-good condition \$50 ono Ph Peter - 49977201
- Tamiea Fighter Buggy - Remote control car (new \$300) sell -\$85 Ph Vincent 49977352
- Single Tub S/S Sink \$5, 2 Aluminium Windows, with screens, 180x90 \$30 ea, Screen Doors - 3 Security \$15 ea, 1 plain \$5, 3 old internal doors \$5 ea, 1000m roll high-tensile barb wire \$20, Roll-Top Desk, good condition \$200. Ring Pat and Craig Tate 49977292



LOST- One pair of Footy Boots with Red & Blue Knights Sox. Left at Coolongolook oval. Ring Calum 49977292

WANTED- 2 to 3 bedroom house to rent in Wootton area. Ph Bronwyn 49977185 -also wanted small acreage close to village to buy.

Ads in this section are FREE. So, if you've got something to SELL, SWAP or WANT something, ring the editors for its inclusion in the next edition of the Wootton Valley News. That 'thing' you're always tripping over, the kids have outgrown, or you no longer have use for may be worth dollars to you and be just what someone else is looking for. Use this newsletter to communicate with others in our community and everyone will benefit.

Coincidences are simply knots in human existence which, once unravelled, can lead us to personal truth." Monica McInerney, author.