

# DIRECTORY

## Bricklayer/Block layer

Adam Jones 49977125

## 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

Vege garden construction, general garden maintenance and Bush Regeneration  
Bronwyn 49977185

## Hairdresser

Chequers Hair Design-Coolongolook  
Lee Jones 49977125

## Hire

Mower hire all sizes and Trench Digger  
Geoff Williams 49977404 0418482099

## 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

## Massage

**Bowen Technique.**  
For relief of pain, back, neck, shoulders & head. Registered practitioner/instructor. Home visits. \$35 Barbara Leslie 49977339

## Therapeutic and Deep Tissue

Wednesdays at Squires Rd or mobile to you  
Can barter for services  
Jeri 49977287

## 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

**Music- Guitar Lessons Professional Tuition**  
Beginners to Advanced Budget Rates  
Ricky Bell 49977474

## Paving

Down to Earth Paving - Patios, Paths, Driveways, Brick edging Lic No. 37348C  
Walter Hacene 49977344

## Permaculture Design

Garry Williams 49977167

## Real Estate

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

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

## Recycled Timber Furniture

Turn that timber under your house into a nice piece of furniture/table/bookcase etc.  
Paul Shipton 49977256

## Sculpting-Wood

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

## 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

## Winery

Great Lakes Wines now with a newly paved entertaining area, come along for a picnic.  
Verdelho-Chambourcin-Mellow Red -  
Semillon Chardonnay, Shiraz  
Steve and Robyn 49977255

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## Pheasant Coucal

*Centropus phasianinus*

Unlike other cuckoos, the Pheasant Coucal, a long tailed bird which lives mainly on the ground, builds it's own nest and rears it's own young. It has limited powers of flight and moves about in a series of leaps and glides. It's length is between 500-700 mm. They eat insects, small reptiles, frogs house mice, young water rats and bandicoots. Nests are built close to the ground where they are often seen.



## Community Calendar

Thursday 10th April	Wootton Fire Brigade 6:30
Tuesday 15th April	Progress Assoc' Coola' 7:30
Thursday 17th, 31st April	Bingo Coola' Hall fortnightly
Saturday 19th April	Jazz in the Back Paddock
Friday 25th April	Wootton Community Dinner 6:30
Fri/Sat/Sun 2nd,3rd,4th May	TOC/Ab Field Days
Saturday 3rd May	Trash 'n' Treasure-Coola Oval
Thursday 8th, 22nd May	Bingo Coola' hall
Saturday 17th May	Historical Kagak Lakes Tour 49976055
Friday 30th May	Wootton Community Dinner 6:30
Saturday 7th June	Trash 'n' Treasure-Coola Oval
Saturday 7th June	Envirofair Targe
Sun/Mon 8th/9th June	Non-Conventional Homes Tour
Saturday 8th June	Bush Dance Bungwahl Hall
Thursday 3rd July	Network RGM

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## Wootton Community Network Inc

"A community working together"

Phone 49977296 Fax 49977299

Resource Centre The resource centre/café building project is reaching fruition. As of yet no date has been set to officially begin trading. Work is on track to consider June/July 2003 as the earliest date at this stage. The CRC will bring to our small isolated community a range of services including a meeting place, Café, consultation room, office administration, computer facilities, basic groceries and local produce. We've been very lucky in finding Leigh from Feral Flooring of Nabiac to voluntarily lay the vinyl flooring in the kitchen.

The café will at first be open 3 days per week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and will be run by a team of volunteers. As it's popularity and reputation increases the hours of operation will also.

'Spread the Word' Community support is essential. The building of the Resource Centre has consumed all our grant funds and most of our general funds. We've done an unbelievable job making the money stretch as far as it has. Now we have to seriously think about more fundraising.

We are seeking assistance from those/you that can help. HOW?!

- Cash donations/sponsorship
- Increasing membership
- Donations of goods to be used in the CRC or later auctioned for fundraising such as:
  - \* Kitchen equipment, utensils and linen
  - \* Office furniture/stationery
  - \* Cleaning equipment eg: vacuum cleaner, buckets, mops etc.
  - \* Native trees and shrubs
  - \* Barbeque and outdoor furniture
  - \* Timber chairs—all sorts
  - \* A comfortable lounge
  - \* Yard and gardening equipment
  - \* Local history and historical photographs or artifacts
  - \* Piano
  - \* Helping out with weekend working bees

For further information please phone Terrance 0417 450601 or Garry 49977167 or ring the Centre on Saturdays 49977296

Meetings Network meetings are held the first Thursday after our monthly dinners 7pm at the Wootton Community Centre. Our AGM will be held on 3rd July 2003. We are always seeking new members and new ideas.

Newsletter The Wootton valley News is put together completely voluntarily and we are pleased that it has become so valuable to the community. Apart from the contributors we would also like to thank the Coolongolook School for the use of the photocopier at a reasonable rate, Clive Bentley for delivering to the Bulahdelah Post Office and the Posties, Kerry and Craig.

Membership We have created to a two tier membership. A full member pays \$20 to join and is required to do 20 hours voluntary work per annum and then pays only \$5 per year membership and receives all benefits. An associate member pays \$20 per year and is not required to do voluntary work but receives discounts on dinners and advertising. By the way, the community dinners are a great way of meeting new people and catching up with friends, apart from having a delicious meal.

Dinners Last month's dinner at the winery was another success, enjoyed by over 50 of us. The food was great, the company convivial and the wine delightful. Thanks, Steve and Robyn for your hospitality. Thanks also to all the cooks and organizers!!!

Next Dinner Anzac Day - Friday, 25th April at 6.30pm. We will be having an Aussie Barbeque. There's a rumour of a game of 2-up and an old favourite - 'toss-the-coin at the bottle'. Book early, phone Pat on 49977292

2003 Sustainability Fair We've set the date for the fair this year and it will again be held at the Great Lakes Winery - such a great venue. So put Saturday 20th September in your diary. It will be even better this year.

Old Highway Signage We have put together a committee and are working with Council to put up tourist signs at either end of the Old Highway. Anyone wanting to participate or be included should contact Garry on 49977167. Speaking of the Old Highway, we wrote to council suggesting the Wootton Way and received a letter back saying our suggestion would go to the relevant committee but it looks like they've settled on O'Sullivan's Way. \*Research into the proposed name revealed that Michael O'Sullivan was one of the first surveyors of the Pacific Highway in the area. The name is also known for the geographic feature O'Sullivan's Gap and the rest area and the flora reserve.\*

## AUCTION

We will be holding an  
"anything and everything" Auction  
in mid June. We are asking everyone to donate  
any unwanted goods. Money raised will go  
towards the Resource Centre.

Contact Terrance on 0417 450601 or Pat on  
49977292 or Bronwyn on 49977185 or Garry  
on 49977167 to arrange pick up.



### The Cost of War – A Personal Account

Jack Squires was kind enough to give us access to the following letter written by his cousin during the Second World War. Records show him as Private Howard William Munroe who died during the battle of El Alamein on Thursday 29th October, 1942 aged 20, twenty two days after this letter was written. He is buried at the El Alamein War Cemetery in Egypt (Some parts of the letter were difficult to read, hence the ?)

Western Desert Egypt

NX 41987

Allamo J D.Corp 2/13/12

A.I.F. Abroad 7/10/42

Dear Aunt,

Your letter was extremely welcome and I must say very long, looked forward to when I opened it and out tumbled a photo of some bonny lass. I couldn't make out who it was from and I still can hardly realise that it is Ginger, gosh she has changed and I am looking forward to seeing for myself if that is really the same old Ginger who taught me to dance, of course not including my dear Aunt and poor old Enid. I received Uncle Jacks letter some time ago and answered it and am looking forward to lots more here. Aunt I do regret not having listened to your and Uncle Jacks advice but as you know youth must have it's way and experience is the greatest teacher. By my address you can see where I am and believe me Aunt it hasn't been at all, all sunshine and I'll be awful glad when it's all over and we can all return home. I've saw quite a lot ?? coming over and had some very good times but the best of my time was spent in Sryia. (Syria) It was with great regret that we left that pleasant country to come up here to face the hun. We struck action almost as soon as we came into the desert and Jerries first few shells soon made me realise that I was a quiet and peace loving boy and where I wanted to be most of all. My first face to face encounter with the enemy happened a few weeks ago when he attacked our positions in the early hours of the morning. Our section was out in no mans land on listening post and the first that we knew of it was that we're surrounded and the Huns were chattering like a mob a turkeys. Anyhow we fired the distress signal and our artillery and machine guns lay down a very good defence barrage so we left all our equipment and guns and made a break for it. Only three of us out of nine got back in and we were extremely lucky to do so. In the battle that followed Aunt I somehow lost my tin hat and I only had a revolver and hand grenade left. Gosh I don't think anyone could have prayed as hard as I did in those few hours of hell, and I'm sure that it was only through Gods guiding hand that I escaped injuries. Jerry was repulsed with severe losses and many prisoners were taken. Now we are twenty miles back from the front having a spell and gosh it's great to be able to move around freely without being shot at and shelled. I managed to get six days leave the other day in Alexandria and I had a very good time. Anyway the beer was okay as it makes one forget the war and this rotten desert and I think that that is going to be every soldiers problem to forget these things and in any way possible. Well dear Aunt it seems as if I only have the nasty old war to write about which is true and I don't think that you want to hear about that so I won't write any more about it.

I'm sorry to hear that Col is in camp and sincerely hope that he never has to go to the front, although he may feel that he is shirking his duty Aunt, I hope that you can get him out and keep him out of the army for good. You may think that this not very nice of me but really I've saw horrible things and good men in terrible misery and I want to see all my relations well and without the signs of war on them when I return home. Talking of home well I'm just longing for that day to come and I think there will be some very happy men when they can return back to their loved ones again. I once thought that I may be home for Christmas but those hopes have long now been shattered and God only knows when we will be allowed to return. Kay and Edith have my congratulations on their engagement, but I hope they can hang off until my return to see them happily married which is I suppose is their idea for I don't suppose they became engaged for naught. And as for Ginger well I think she will be wise if she loves them all and marry none for a few years but although by her photo she sure looks capable of taking care of herself.

Well Aunt I guess I had better soon finish as I have sixteen letters to answer yet so I'm sure that you excuse me for once. I wish you and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year now and I regret that I am unable to see you all by then but hope that the day is not far distant when I can. I guess that John is quite a man now. Well remember me to all the family and give them all my fondest love and take a fair share for yourself. I close wishing you all the best from your loving nephew  
Bros.

The campaign in the Western Desert was fought between the Commonwealth forces (with later, the addition of two brigades of Free French and one each of Polish and Greek troops) all based in Egypt, and the Axis forces (German and Italian) based in Libya. The battlefield, across which the fighting surged back and forth between 1940 and 1942, was the 1,000 kilometres of desert between Alexandria in Egypt and Benghazi in Libya. It was a campaign of manoeuvre and movement, the objectives being the control of the Mediterranean, the link with the east through the Suez Canal, the Middle East oil supplies and the supply route to Russia through Persia. (www.cwgc.org)

The Battle of El Alamein, was primarily fought between two of the outstanding commanders of WW2, Montgomery and Rommel, and is seen as one of the decisive Allied victories of the war and led to the retreat of the Afrika Korps and the German surrender in North Africa in May 1943. The Battle of El Alamein began in late October 1942 and by November 2nd 1942, Rommel knew he was beaten being hopelessly outnumbered. On November 4th, when Rommel started his retreat, 24,000 Germans and Italians had been killed or wounded in the battle and 13,000 Allied troops. Private Howard William Munro, son of John Francis and Ellen Elizabeth Munro, of Wootton, New South Wales, Australia, was one of these brave men who never came home. On this Anzac Day have a thought for this 20 year old, a life cut short, who grew up where we all enjoy our lives today. Spare a thought also, for all the 20 year olds fighting another war in another foreign land in our present world.

### Coolongolook/Wootton Progress Assoc'

Next meeting will be held on

**Tuesday 15th April at Coolongolook Hall at 7:30**

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every 2nd month  
The Progress Assoc' is your voice in the Community.

### Wootton Tennis

Championship Days will be held on:

**Friday 25th and Saturday 26th April** -Men's, women's and children

Next comp will be starting around the end of April.

Coaching classes are on every Saturday afternoon at 4pm

Contact John Wright for more info on 49977159

### Wootton Rural Fire Service

As from 31st March, fire permits are no longer required. However, it should be stressed that burning off be done with extreme caution as conditions can still be very dry and fire can easily get out of control. eg: the curing of Whiskey grass is a real problem in Autumn and Winter and this is a time when the volunteers need a break from ingesting smoke.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not to burn ring David McLeod on 49977128 or Robyn Smith on 49977209.

Next Meeting of the Brigade will be early **Thursday 10th April 6:30**

Wendy Graham Sec

### Coolongolook Tennis & Community Club Inc.

What's happening? A Construction Certificate is the next step, awaiting on the surveyor. So far, the community has raised \$7,000 in fundraising plus a Sport and Recreation Grant. The committee would like to thank everyone for their support. Every little bit helps. Don't forget our fundraisers...

BINGO every second Thursday... next on 17th April

TRASH & TREASURE MARKET on the first Saturday of every month at the Coolongolook Oval. New hours: 9am to 2pm

The Tennis Club is also hosting a FAMILY FUN DAY for the whole community on the 18th May, 10am to 3pm, at the Coolongolook Oval. There will be games for the littlies early in the day and games for the 'big kids' later. There will be a "Lunch Special" for \$3 of a Barbeque Sausage on a roll with a drink. Other refreshments will be available.

Great Lakes Nursing Home Bulahdelah.....

urgently needs volunteers to help with elderly residents.

Even one hour per fortnight would be a big help.

Phone Kathy Freihaut on 49974122

GREAT LAKES WINES PRESENTS

## **JAZZ IN THE BACK Paddock**

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 11- 4 PM**

**HERIVALS ROAD WOOTTON**

**\$5 ADMISSION**

**ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN UNDER 15 FREE**

**CONTACT STEVE ON 49977255**



### For Sale

**Guided Yoga Relaxation CD** ( 25 minutes ) \$18 Phone Peter 49977201

**Fire hood** Good condition \$80 Phone Matt 49977411

**Sailing boat** Fibreglass Lazer 14ft long 2 person, trailer included \$1,000  
Phone Bronwyn 49977185

**Outdoor Settings** - Three. Call Bernie or Greg on 49977315

### Moving Sale

Entertainment Unit: 6ft long lime-washed timber (3 glass doors) \$200  
Triton Workbench \$150

### Free

2 large aluminium windows with timber frames (1 glass pane missing)

6 Guinea Fowls: Free to a good home if you help catch them.

Old Caravan, Many garden pots

Many Books. Other items, best offer. Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th April at 353 Wattley Hill Rd, Wootton Call Diane on 49977353

### Wanted

**Kitchen equipment**, wooden chairs, vacuum cleaner etc for The Wootton Community Resource Centre Phone 49977296 Saturdays

**Old Caravan** in reasonable condition, will swap for labour

Phone Terrance on 0417 450601

### Tuition

Yoga every Wednesday 6pm with Peter at the W.C.C. Phone 49977201

Infants/Primary school coaching Phone Bronwyn 49977185

**Stolen** About 6 weeks ago. Honda generator from Dinnans property on Newmans Road. Any information contact the local Bulahdelah Police.

### PALM SUNDAY (ON SATURDAY)

#### RALLY FOR PEACE

**Saturday 12th April. 11.15am Johnny Martin Oval, near 2BOB radio for a march through Taree CBD to Fotheringham Park. A family friendly rally and walk for peace. You are invited to participate with banners and flags.**

**Organised by Manning People for Peace**