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### Lolly Bush

*Clerodendrum floribun-  
dam*

The cream flowers pro-  
duced in spring or summer  
are fragrant and clustered in  
large multiple heads. The  
calyx which protected the  
flower swells and turns red  
to provide a backdrop to the  
blue fruits. Most specimens  
reach a height of between 2-  
5 metres. Occurs in various  
rainforest types and flower-  
ing in our area now.

## Community Calendar

Thurs	13th Dec	Bingo and Xmas Party	Coola' hall	7:30
Fri	14th Dec	Community Mural	Get-together	6:30
Sat	15th Dec	Community Xmas Party	Coola' Hall	
Tues	18th Dec	Progress meeting		
Tues	25th Dec	Christmas Day!		
Fri	25th Jan	Wootton Dinner		6:30

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## Wootton Community Network

Construction of our Resource centre has been progressing steadily thanks to the efforts and skills of the tireless workers. It's virtually at lock up stage, with a few boards still needed on the eastern wall. Peter Spali has recently graded the carpark and moved soils around. The verandah floor boards are next which will increase the floor area by 1/3. Oiling of the external boards is happening, then guttering, a tank and then the interior. Its starting to feel like a reality- after all the hard work. Thanks again to Garry, Geoff, Paul, Kevin, Jean, Peter A, Peter T, Bronwyn, Pat, Craig, TJ, Robbo and Bill B.

Dinner-There will be no December dinner.

Next Dinner will be the last Friday of the month as usual, being Friday 25th January 2002 6:30pm

Bring a plate and get \$5 off your dinner. Bookings 49977292

Thanks to Wayne and Rhonda Evans for their donation of kitchen equipment.

Advertising fees are due from January and we would appreciate payment before our next newsletter to Jill Nairn 49977453

Membership fees for 2002 are also due. \$5 to Jill.

Old Highway- We have written a letter to Council regarding our concerns about the maintenance of our road, the condition of the bus stop area, Herivals road turnoff, the RTA toilets and decisions regarding motor sports. A response was recently received from Council advising us that regular maintenance and inspections have been arranged, the gravel and concrete blocks at Herivals Rd will be removed once a suitable storage area has been found, the toilets are up for discussion (usage and cleaning) there will be two car rallies per year-3rd March and 7th July 2002 and an additional note concerning the re-naming of the Old Pacific Highway. With regard to maintenance we have been advised that for urgent attention contact Mr John Hockett 49974297 or Council on 65917200

Underpass Mural-To celebrate the completion of this huge project the community is invited to a friendly get-together at the site on Friday 14th December at 6:30pm The work is a credit to Amanda, Ellen, the workers and the volunteers of the Wootton Community Network for making this possible.

## Social Capital

Earlier this year, Professor Putnam, a leading American sociologist gave a talk to a large audience at the Brisbane Convention Centre, in which he addressed the importance of social connections.

**Social Capital** is a term coined by Professor Putnam to describe the benefits derived from social networks. This, he argues makes us more productive, benefits our careers and insulates us from the deleterious effects of social isolation.

Social networks, it is suggested have value not only for the people in them, but also for bystanders, as a forum for mutual give and take tends to evolve, thus benefitting the community at large.

Socializing at the moment seems to be at it's lowest ebb since the Great Depression.

One of the reasons for this dramatic downfall appear to be the car as the biggest culprit. We spend significant amounts of time commuting. Long hours outside the home and TV viewing habits again robs us of time which would once be spent on communal activities.

Living in a neighbourhood where many people know each other on first name basis has the effect of lowering the crime rate. People look out for each other.

On a personal basis, there is good evidence that your chances of an early death are lessened by membership of a club or community group.

Think when was the last time you actively participated in a community or neighbourhood activity.

Contact Paul Shipton for a full or summarised transcript of this lecture or go to [www.abc.net.au/rn](http://www.abc.net.au/rn)



## Tourism

Our first Tourist Trail has seen the Hawkes Nest Gardening group enjoy a day where they visited John Startin's wood sculpting, served with scones, jam and cream, then onto the Great lakes Winery for tastings and lunch. They also visited Roscoes for ice-cream. The feedback was that they were not aware of what our area has to offer and would spread word to their friends. Maybe our area can hope for employment out of these types of Tourist ventures If you have any ideas on what other attractions could be included in our Tourist Trail or just a brilliant suggestion, contact me, Bronwyn on 49977185.

'Wootton Valley News' -Your Contributions are welcome. Next deadline 31st January 2002



### Wootton C.C. Management Committee

Our Grant application for the shade cover was unfortunately unsuccessful. Competition with 17,000 other applicants across the state was a bit strong. We will try again in the future. As vacancies exist in the committee, anyone interested in joining the management team should contact Andrew Braybrook Great Lakes Council 65917222

**Before There Was Christmas** (Why we have a Christmas Tree) Thousands of years ago, and long before Christ was born, people did not understand what caused winter. They believed that the gods who watched over the crops and harvests during the spring, summer, and autumn had suddenly departed. The gods' disappearance seemed to explain why plants died and trees grew bare; why the grass turned brown and the ground froze. The fear that the sun might not return made people nervous. To cheer themselves up and to encourage the gods to return to earth, they held huge festivals at the end of December. Houses and festival halls were decorated in evergreen branches, holly and ivy. In those Ancient times, any plant that stayed green during the cold winter was thought to have magical powers. For that reason, people sometimes wore crowns of ivy and laurel around their heads. Others would drape the vines about their homes. People would gather branches from the large evergreen forests and decorate their homes with them. The sight of all this greenery gave people hope that the other seasons would soon return. This tradition is still carried on at Christmas time today. "The Whole Christmas Treasury For Kids-Louise Betts Egan"



### Local Market Dates

- Blackhead Bazaar** 1st Sunday of each month ph 65592257
- Forster** 2nd Sunday of the month-Wharf St Ph 65549348
- Pacific Palms** Last Sunday of each month -Community Centre 9-1pm 65540348
- Tuncurry** 4th Saturday of the month -John Wright Park 65557556
- Krambach** 3rd Sunday of the month-Krambach Hall-65591745

### GOOD LUCK

Ellysha, Tina, Letitia, Mitchell, Michael and Calum who are heading off to high school from Coolongolook School.

### Hail Storm Hits

It sure hailed in Wootton and parts of Coolongolook last Monday the 3rd of December. From roofs being blown off to animals running wild to trees ripped out of the ground. The shredding of leaves and the amount of broken branches on the roadside made it evident that we had had some wild weather. Many people had their vegie patches smashed. Most people had some damage whether it be their house or fallen trees. Alex Lowrie was struck by a flying piece of wood. Most was minor, and we don't know of any human fatalities. Worst hit was the agricultural businesses like the Duncan's Christmas Bush, their crop being wiped out. The grapes at the winery also sustained some damage. The forces of nature can be unpredictable, badly timed or even cruel. Making a living off the land is such a challenge.



**FACT:** Hail is formed by raindrops in Cumulonimbus clouds swept vertically in the turbulent air currents of thunderstorms. The hailstone grows by repeated collisions with supercooled water. When the particles of hail become too heavy they fall to earth. They can range in diameter from 2mm-13cm. (Encarta)

Beware of the many animals crossing Hazel Downs area -the Wootton bends. Many animals namely lizards are being squashed -water dragons and blue tongues, followed by wallabies etc. The lizards are sunning themselves and the wallabies just want to get from A to B. Take care, take your time and look out for our wildlife. Any significant sightings in our area? Inform the Editors who are keeping an inventory.



Bye George  
Now my guitar gently weeps.





## Welcome New Residents

Terrence (TJ) Macaulay, ex-Newcastle, who has finally arrived to his dream home after 7 years. Terrence is keen to be part of the community. His talents include Senior Level Massage Therapist. He is presently working at O'Sullivan's Gap Service Station and is available for handyman work etc Phone him on 0417450601 Barry and Angela Mason of Elmar Road have also recently moved in and we wish them well.

## PLUMS ARE IN SEASON

### Try these:

#### Plum and Ginger Jam

1kg of dark plums, stoned and chopped  
4 cups sugar  
1/3 cup finely chopped glazed ginger  
2tblspn green ginger wine

Combine plums and 1 cup of sugar in a bowl. Cover and stand overnight. Combine plum mixture remaining sugar and glaze ginger in a pan, bring to boil. Continue boiling uncovered and without stirring, for 15 minutes or until jam sets when tested on cold saucer. Let stand for 5 minutes, stir in ginger wine. Pour jam into hot, sterilised jars, seal when cold.



#### Plum Chutney

1kg plums  
250g brown sugar  
600ml vinegar  
30g chopped garlic  
30g ground ginger  
Salt and Pepper  
500g seedless raisins

Stone plums, put into pan with sugar and vinegar, simmer until tender. Add other ingredients, cook until mixture thickens. Pour into jars and seal airtight.

### STOLEN

One Stihl chainsaw, one saddle and fuel container from Peter Kemps place - October. An addition of one surf board red and yellow stripes to Gibbs's loss. For some reason our little town of Wootton has become a target with additional reports to those above. Secure your valuables, lock your gates and keep your eyes and ears open. Check your insurance. Police have been notified and are doing the rounds regularly. If you have suspicions call Bulahdelah police Station on 49974204

## FOR SALE

Chickens and Fullets Cross and pure bred varieties. Day old to twenty weeks Phone: Graham and Helen Hardy +9977129

Copper Pot (needs welding around rim) \$40 Beds-Unpainted Pine 1 single trundle bed with 2 mattresses as new \$150, Sealy Queen Ensemble \$150 1 Cane 2-Seater lounge + cream Canvas Cushion \$30, Shaggy Pile Rug (Greens) 1.85 x 2.70 \$50, 2 Lamps + Shades (Green Base) \$40 each Market umbrella cream cotton \$30, Sunbeam vertical griller and toaster as new \$20, 4 small wooden louvred doors 90 x 50 \$25, Linen all new in package 2 x SB sheets + 3 pillow cases \$25, SB sheets \$12, SB flanellette sheets \$12, SB mattress protector \$6, Microwave-Panasonic 1250 watts \$50, Tow Pack for Ford, Pickford heavy duty new in box \$250 White basin never used 49 X 40 - \$50, Oval basin 55cm - \$50, small corner basin \$40, double ss sink \$45. Various good quality kitchen and bathroom linen and other odds and ends make an offer 2-4 Saturday. Contact: R & W Evans PM Friday to PM Sunday 49977343

Set of French Doors \$100

Cane lounge \$150 both need restoration Contact Terrence on 0417450601

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