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

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

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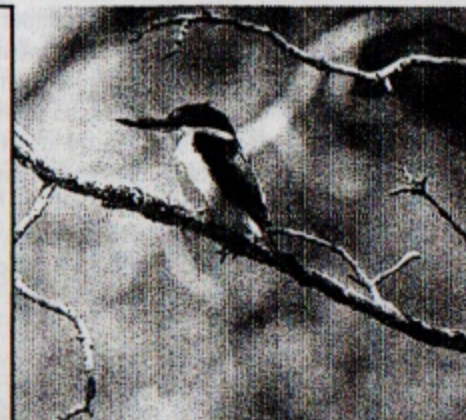
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Distribution 350 - Wootton, Coolongolook
Bungwahl, Bungah, Bulahdelah

Forest Kingfisher

Todiramphus macleayii

Measuring 190-220mm in length, coloured royal blue, turquoise and black and white. Breeds between late August and December and is usually silent except at this time, when you can hear a harsh trilling chatter, t'reek, t'reek or a high-pitched repeated whistle. They nest in a burrow in a termite nest. Incubation is by both sexes and usually they have two broods a season. The Forest Kingfisher, also known as the Blue Kingfisher can be seen and heard in open forests now.



Community Calendar

Sunday 4th Jan	Music with 'Saltic' Great Lakes Winery 11am
Thursday 8th January	Wootton Network Meeting 7pm
Thursday 8th January	Bingo Coolongolook Hall 6.30pm
Sunday 25th January	Music Day Great Lakes Winery 11am
Thursday 29th January	Wootton Fire Brigade Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 30th January	Wootton Dinner 6:30 Alfresco Dining
Monday 2nd February	Council Bulky Waste Clean-Up
Thursday 5th February	Wootton Network Meeting 7pm
Thursday 12th February	Bingo Coolongolook Hall 6.30pm

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Wootton Community Network News

Thanks to: Kevin and Jean Price for covering the chairs for the café. John Hessing for plumbing work, Malcolm Chapman for welding of shelving for the café, Walter Hacene for finishing the paving of the disabled ramp. Other toilers have been Geoff, Neal, Chad, Calum, Oliver, Paul, Craig, Pat, Bron, Garry, Lillian, Francis, Till, Kevin, Jean, Maree and Matt.

Café name-The café at the centre will be called the **Brush Turkey Café.**

Progress on building We were hoping to be open before Christmas but a few hiccups with DA guidelines and grant deadlines has slowed us down somewhat. Work is still happening, lattice, fencing, retaining walls, plumbing, gas installation, kitchen completion, disabled ramp, landscaping, gardening, signage, mailbox, finishing the car park and altering the entrance for safer access are all things that have been completed, are in the process or will be done soon.

Community Technology Centre: As soon as the Centre is complete we will become a CTC outreach of Nabitac CTC. This means we will have the latest in computer technology available in our community, with a satellite access to the internet. We are looking for anyone with computer expertise that is willing to help us purchase and set up our computer equipment. Contact Garry 49977167

Dinners Our Halloween Dinner was a great success with everyone getting into the spirit of things. Our first café dinner went very well for our first trial. Thanks to the kitchen helpers Amanda, Paul, Pat, Bron, Maree and a special thanks to Lillian for waitressing, a hectic job for a first timer. There will be no dinner for December. The first dinner for 2004 will be 30th January. Al fresco.

Garden growth The vegie patch at the café is booming and is producing a variety of spring veges. The intension is to use these organically grown fresh veges in the café. Anyone wanting to work in the garden or donate seedlings can drop in on Saturday mornings.

Table Artwork We have discovered we have many talented artists in our community and their artworks can be viewed on our café tables. They are sure to be great conversation pieces. Thanks to: Amanda Bicknell, Theresa Coleman, Michelle Pressley, Frances, Linda Gill, Paul Bacon, Bronwyn Little, Paul Shipton, Maree Andrews, Ellen Auriac and Alison.

Community Auction-Unfortunately we had to cancel our community auction due to illness. We will be holding another auction next year, which will again be another "anything and everything" auction. You'd be surprised what people buy, what's useless to you is useful to someone else. Donations of hand made items and services would be gratefully accepted as well. Last year's auction was a lot of fun and successful too, so look out for our next auction, date to be advised in our next newsletter. Don't throw out those old things, keep them for our auction!

Melbourne cup feedback-A great day was had by all that attended the Melbourne Cup Day. Lots of laughter, making new friends and catching up with old ones. There were winners, some luckier than others. The food was enjoyed and never ending.

Movie Night: We will again be having movie nights next year, held bi-monthly. The highlight of the evening is the delicious supper served. The next night will be in February, to be advised next newsletter.



Above: Prue Marshal won "Best Hat" at the Melbourne Cup Day. Denise Gullotta in background.
Right: Kevin Price, Kate McIntyre and son Brock won "Best Dressed" at the Halloween Dinner.



Wootton Way Wins

Wootton Community Network has received the following letter from the Transport/Development Engineer from Great Lakes Council,

"Following the responses to the public survey and submission of a report to Council, it was agreed in principle at Council meeting held 25 November, 2003 that the section of the Old Pacific Highway between Bulahdelah and Coolongolook be renamed Wootton Way. The process will now be continued through the Geographic Names Board. The erection of signs has been placed on Council's program and will be completed as soon as staff are available."



This is a valuable win for our community and it just goes to show that if you ask questions, take some action through the appropriate channels you can achieve things. Thanks to all who returned their survey forms to the Council.

Advertising and Subscriptions

If you would like your business to be included in our 2004 Wootton Valley News Directory, please forward \$33 and information (up to 4 lines) before 31st January, 2004. Invoices will be mailed to existing advertisers. If you would like the Wootton Valley News mailed to you please send \$11 and your address. Mailing address: Wootton Valley News, C/- Pat Tate, 20 Wattley Hill Road, Wootton, NSW 2423



Season's Greetings to all our readers



WOOTTON /COOLONGOLOOK PROGRESS ASSOC INC

- Meetings will now be held quarterly or for special community issues
- Clive Bentley has resigned as treasurer and the Progress Assoc. is looking for a new treasurer
- The issue of the road adjacent to the Caltex being blocked by trucks and the sewerage smell is being dealt with via a D.A. the owners of the Caltex have in progress for extensions of the garage.
- The next meeting will be held in February or March 2004, to be advised in the next newsletter.

Contact: Kerran Duncan 49977297

WOOTTON TENNIS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

A trivia night is to be held in the new year as a fundraiser to pay for the erection of a new fence. We are going into the finals now and no new comp will start until next year, probably February. Coaching has finished for this year.

Championship results

Men's A Grade Singles - Winner Rod Watt, Runner up Miles Dixon

Men's Doubles - Winner Brett Lambourn and Johnny Aitken, Runners up Jamie Poik and Rod Watt

Mixed Doubles - Winner Brett Lambourn and Karen Lambourn, Runners up John Wright and Trudy Graham

Men's B Grade Singles Winner Jake Graham, Runner up Joseph Wright

Boy's Doubles Winners Joseph Wright and Jake Graham, Runners up John Hessing and Trent Lambourn

Junior Mixed Doubles - Joseph Wright and Susan Aitken, Runners up Vernice Watt and Danny Platts

Girl's Singles - Winner Susan Aitken

Court Hire \$5 per day or \$10 per night Phone Colleen on 49977516

COOLONGOLOOK TENNIS AND SPORTS CLUB INC

Thanks to everyone that has supported us during 2003 and we look forward to your continued support in 2004.

- Bingo will continue next year on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Arrive 6.30 for 7pm 'eyes-down'. The first night will be held on the 8th January. So come along and try your luck.
- Tennis Court Update: After Council has inspected the site for safety requirements we can start on the formwork and gravel. Craig Mills is our builder/co-ordinator and can be contacted on 49977239 if you can help in any way.
- Coolongolook Country Fair: The Fair went really well considering the bad weather. Thanks to all the helpers, sponsors and those that came and supported the day.
- There will be no Coolongolook Community Christmas Party this year.
- Market Days: These will now be held quarterly, dates to be decided at our next meeting.

Contact: Neryl Gordon

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WOOTTON RURAL FIRE SERVICE REPORT

At a well attended meeting on 27th November 03 the brigade was informed by Captain Keith Graham that the Brigades Category 1 Tanker will be returned on Thursday 11th December 03. Unfortunately the tanker is still in Tuncurry undergoing repairs.

Even though we have experienced fairly good rains over the last month the sub-soil is still dry. Dangerous fire conditions could be upon us if we experience only 2 weeks of hot windy weather. With this in mind the return of the tanker was met with great relief.

Remember Wootton is an hour at best, response time, from any other fire or emergency facility. The Wootton Brigade needs all of this community's support if we are to retain our capabilities. Don't think that because your neighbor is involved you will be OK in an emergency. Get involved or don't be surprised if when you need us the facilities are not available due some other demand. Similarly don't expect the dedicated few to carry the whole community responsibility for fire fighting forever.

Tanker and plant checks are conducted every odd Saturday. If you are interested ring the following number and one of the Deputy Captains would be glad to explain the brigade workings to you.

Our next general meeting at the brigade shed will be on

Thursday 29th January 2004.

Contact 49977292

WOOTTON HALL NEWS

Matters discussed at the last Hall Management Committee meeting were:

Carpark - quotes received for upgrading, lighting and fencing for septic tank

Water Tank - leaking, needs liner or cement rendering.

Signage - at Squires Road entrance needs updating for phone numbers.

Playground shade cover - looking into council regulations.

Slashing - to be done 3 times per year

Bulahdelah Landfill and Recycling Depot North of Bulahdelah on the Pacific Highway

Hours

Tuesdays 1-5pm

Friday 12-4pm

Sunday 8-12pm

Closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday -fees apply

Next 'Bulky Waste Clean up' will be

Monday 2nd February -

Mixed Waste only (furniture, small appliances etc)

Contact Councils Environmental Services Branch 65917222

Welcome to New Residents

- Pete Loveday residing at Riverlands in Coolongolook
- Steve and Monica Panos and their baby son Byron, the new owners of Roscoe's home and business
- Chris, Mark and Madeline of Squires Road



Lightning Flash

We've had some pretty amazing lightning storms in the last couple of months so here's some information.

Lightning results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positively and negatively charged areas. Most lightning occurs within the cloud or between the cloud and ground.

- The average flash of lightning could turn on a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months.
- The air near a lightning strike is hotter than the surface of the sun!
- The rapid heating and cooling of air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in thunder.
- Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000 but those chances can be reduced by following safety rules.

Lightning Fact and Fiction

Fiction: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Fact: Lightning has "favorite" sites that it may hit many times during one storm.

Fiction: The rubber soles of shoes or rubber tires on a car will protect you from being struck by lightning.

Fact: Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning.

Fiction: People struck by lightning carry an electrical charge and should not be touched.

Fact: Lightning-strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.



Lightning is potentially hazardous to both people and property. For example, in the period 1803 to 1992, there were 650 registered fatalities attributable to lightning in Australia. In addition, bushfires, which result in damage to the natural environment, property and loss of life, are also associated with lightning.

FIND-A-WORD

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FOR SALE

- Compressed fibro sheeting new 2 x 1800, 2x 2100, 1 x 2700 @ 10mm thick \$10 per sq metre. large commercial fan \$100, corner hand basin, white \$20 ono, Phone Paul 49977256
- 500 gallon overhead fuel tank \$200 49977292

WANTED

- Artwork, sculpture and craftwork, local and of high standard, for the 'Brush Turkey Café' at Wootton for display or sale Phone 49977185
- A person with Computer skills to help set up the CTC - contact Garry 49977167
- Unregistered car for paddock use, must go. Phone Bronwyn 49977185