

# DIRECTORY

## Air Conditioning

Repairs, sales, installation. Domestic and commercial. Mark Tidbury Lic no 123069C  
0427500329 49977308

**Backhoe Hire** 49977154 0418 623318

## Building & Maintenance Contractor

Solutions to building problems R.C. McDougall  
49977335 0427955958

## Café

Brush Turkey Café  
'Food Without Fumes' Wootton 49977296

TJ's Diner 'Best burgers on the coast'

Bulahdelah 49974427

## Cleaning

5 Star home grooming Quality and attention to detail assured. Phone Jenni B.H. 49977330

## Electrical Contractor

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

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

**Gardener** Hard working and meticulous, ready to work Kathy Harrison 49976406

**Horses** GEMBRAS DOCS ONYX  
DUAL SIRE REGISTERED STALLION  
AQHA-A17174 ASH-SM133207

Standing at stud: progeny usually for sale.  
Gembira Horses 49977335 0419201913

## Ice Cream Cakes

For that special occasion!  
Roscoes 49977351

## Massage

**Healing Hands Therapy** Energetic Healing. Relief of physical and emotional pain  
David Flakelar 0418407750 49977320

Therapeutic and remedial massage, qualified and registered ATMS - relieve your pain/stress  
Kerry Bromage 0422977977 49977320

**Bowen Technique** for relaxation and relief of stress and all types of pain. Enrol now to learn Bowen and help family and friends 49977339

**Motor Repairs (small) & Equipment Hire** Geoff  
Lawn mowers and chainsaws etc. Mower hire all sizes and Trench digger 49977404 0418482099

**Mobile Mechanic** (Licence no 38287) Repairs of tractors, earth moving equip, irrigation pumps, diesel & hydraulics. Machining & welding John Spaliviero  
49977154 0418 623318

## Organic Small Goods Supplier

Pastas, dry goods etc Paul Shipton 49977256

## Paving

Down to Earth Paving - Patios, paths, driveways, brick edging Lic no 37348C  
Walter Hacene 49977344

## Plumber & Metal Roofing Specialist

John Hessing 49977427

## Real Estate

Rural Valley Realty - Your local real estate agent servicing Bulahdelah to Nabic  
Steve Devries 49977214

Edes Real Estate Pty Ltd - Stock & Station Agent & Property Management Brian Ede www.edes.com.au  
49974566 49977180(AJH) 0408492883

## Sculpting Wood

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

**Signs** Hand painted signs and vinyl lettering, shop-fronts, vehicles, boats, windows, light boxes, 3D models, promotional displays Bruce Peachey 0438235057

## Slashing & Noxious Weed Spraying

Local area, reasonable rates.  
Scott Gordon 49977401 0408259183

**Tractor Hire** Slashing, fertilizing, lime and seeding, spreading, ploughing and post driving  
Jason Ballantine 49977207

## Trencher & Mobile Crane/Borer Hire

MRM Specializing in trenching for underground services & power pole replacement  
Mick 0408669105

## Water

Sam the Waterman Local water delivery  
49974710 0408652110

**Winery** Great Lakes Wines 115 Herivels Rd Wootton Semillon, Semillon Chardonnay, Mellow White, Shiraz, Tawny Port. Ph Steve & Robyn 49977255

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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## Native Tamarind *Diploglottis cunninghamii*

Usually a medium sized straight tree to 20 metres and 0.75m stem diameter. It is most conspicuous in rainforests with its umbrella shaped crown and very large compound leaves, dark green above, rusty brown below. Fruit is brown and hairy, each containing a seed enclosed by a yellow/orange juicy pulp of a pleasant acid flavour that are used in jams and stews. Fruits are ripe now and can be observed along Wootton Way, where this photo was taken.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 11th December  
Sunday 12th December  
Thursday 16th December  
Friday 17th December  
Saturday 8th January  
Thursday 13th January  
Saturday 29th January  
Thursday 3rd February

Movie Night Brush Turkey Café 7pm  
Wootton Fire Brigade Xmas Party  
Brush Turkey Café Volunteers Xmas Party 6pm  
Coolongook School Presentation Day 11.30am  
Music Evening Brush Turkey Café with Gareeba 6pm  
Bingo Coolongook Hall 7pm  
Wootton Dinner 7pm Summer Seafood Soirée  
Wootton Network Meeting 7pm

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## Wootton Community News Grand Opening of Wootton Resource Centre

Saturday 6th November saw the culmination of years of hard work rewarded with the mayor John Chadban officially cutting the ribbon and declaring the centre open. Guests included local councillors John Stevens, Linda Gill and Karen Hutchinson. Also attending was Kay Cooper from the Dept of Transport and Regional services, who we obtained our grant from, John Turner, State M.P. and Andrew Braybrook from Great Lakes Council.



Over 100 people enjoyed gourmet finger foods, champagne cocktails and Lemon Myrtle Spritzers accompanied by the sounds of Peter Kershaw on Harp and Rhumb Line Trio (Penny Kealy, Mick and Nicky Legge).

Thanks to all the locals who attended helping us celebrate this wonderful facility and mark another chapter in Wootton's varied history. Robyn Pascoe's comment on the day, referring to the food, was, "this is as good as Kirrabilli House".

### Signs

Wootton Way signs have arrived and should be erected before Christmas depending on volunteer's availability. If you can help call the Resource Centre.

### Quotes from the visitors book at The Brush Turkey Café

"Coffee to die for", "Luscious Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake, great service, friendly atmosphere, delicious sandwiches - will definitely call again", "great outlook, great food and the best coffee", "Great for us locals as well as visitors", "Fantastic food, great effort from all involved - an achievement to be truly proud on", "Congratulations on this wonderful café - 10 out of 10".

### Exhibition at Brush Turkey Café

We are hosting exhibitions from local aspiring artists. Recently we had a photographic display by Dale Feeney and currently we have another photographic display by Lauren Baker which will finish the end of January 2005. Photographs are for sale as are her handmade cards. Talent runs in the family with her mother, Roz Baker's novels for sale at the café. They have been recommended as a 'good read'. If you wish to have an exhibition contact Amanda Bicknell on 49977352 or the café on 49977296 to discuss.

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all

**N.B.** The Brush Turkey Café will be closed Christmas & New Year Weekends

## Music Evening Brush Turkey Café

Saturday 8th January 6pm

featuring Gareeba

Gold coin entry

Café will be open

Bookings are advisable to secure a table

ph 49977296



**Laughter is the Best Medicine** Illness is no laughing matter, but there is mounting evidence that a good laugh can help fight disease, improve general health and work as a natural anti-depressant. A good belly laugh works the diaphragm, abdominal muscles, respiratory system, face, leg and back muscles and can burn about 300 calories in 10 minutes. *Sydney Morning Herald*



## National Parks Opens New Boardwalk To The Grandis

A new boardwalk, part of a \$120,000 upgrade project was recently opened by Mayor John Chadban. The Grandis, the tallest tree in NSW, a Flooded Gum, is extremely healthy, even with a bees nest and termites and is between 300 and 400 years old. Tree experts from University of Sydney were engaged to assess the health of the tree and climbed to the top as part of the process. The area was disturbed as little as possible while they were building the boardwalk to the extent of sterilizing tools and footwear on entering the area. The Grandis is situated 6 kms off Wootton Way on Stoney Creek Road and is well worth a visit with a lovely picnic area and information board.



The mayor John Chadban and Steven Smith from NPWS cut the ribbon

## Wootton Rural Fire Services

Remember under extreme weather conditions a total fire ban can be announced without notice, as happened recently during extremely hot days. Be aware that all Fire Permits would become null and void. To check, ring Fire Control on 65555782, or watch the media. Inspection Day for permits is Wednesday. Phone Robyn on 49977209 or 0413386803 Xmas party 12/12/04

## Coolongolook Public School

- ◆ Presentation Day is Friday 17th December at 11.30am, everyone welcome.
- ◆ Teachers are busy writing reports.
- ◆ The seniors have had a wonderful 3 days recently at Happy Hallidays Caravan Park. Juniors also attended for one day.
- ◆ Enrolments for 2005 should contact the school on 49977183
- ◆ The P&C are running a raffle of a DVD to raise funds for new playground equipment to be drawn on the Presentation Day. Tickets available at Coolongolook Shop.

The school has had a happy 2004 with delightful students and happy teachers. Small schools can be a rewarding experience to grow up in. 2005 is shaping up to be another good year. We look forward to welcoming any new students to Coolongolook Public School.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## Wootton Hall Committee

The committee's emphasis at the moment is the beautification of the grounds. A regular maintenance program has been introduced to keep the grounds neat and tidy. Improvements to the amenities block has happened and projects such as a shade shelter for the playground equipment and fencing are in the pipeline.

The hall is available for hire at a reasonable rate.

Contact hall hirer Garry Williams on 49977167

## Coolongolook Sports & Tennis Club

- ◆ Bingo starts again Thursday 13th January 7pm 'eyes-down'.
- ◆ The tennis court is ready to be surfaced with concrete.
- ◆ The Country Fair was a good day but may not be on again next year due to the insurance costs and heavy workload.

## More of 'It Could Only Happen In The Country'

Recently, at The Wootton Resource Centre, Shane Blackwell appeared in the doorway with a 2 metre python wrapped around his arms asking us, "What do you want me to do with this? I found it on the road outside the café." Without flinching we responded with, "Put it back in the bushes, over the road". We were impressed but, you can tell when you've lived in the country a while when a **huge** snake doesn't faze you any more. How lucky we are to have wildlife on our doorstep.



Returning from a visit to 'The Two Cows' Café on the Lakesway, it was evident it was Spring, when we glanced over to see a pained expression on a cow's face, followed by the birth of her calf. You wouldn't see that on your way home from a city café. By the way, The Two Cows is worth a visit with nice food, coffee and interesting old wares.



## Wootton Guest House Starts Construction

Peter Auriac is working hard on the construction of the Guest House. You should have noticed the steel frame structure emerging. We will watch it's progress with interest!

## Mustard Pickle

A very, very old recipe, contributed by Wally Cheal. (Probably from around 1900)

6 pound Green Tomatoes (or any vegetables) (2.7 kg)	1 cup of plain flour
1lb onions (2.2 kg)	1 tablespoon mustard powder
¼ cup salt	1 teaspoon mixed spice
White vinegar	1 tablespoon turmeric
5 cups white sugar	1 dessertspoon curry powder

Cut up tomatoes (or any vegetables) and onions, cover with boiling water and ¼ cup of salt. Cover and leave overnight. Next morning: Drain and cover with white vinegar. Boil until vegetables soften - takes 20 to 35 minutes. Add sugar and stir until dissolved.

Mix flour and spices to a paste with some white vinegar.

Add paste to vegetables. Boil and stir, in case of lumps. Takes 5 to 10 minutes to thicken. Bottle in sterilized jars while still warm. (Plastic lids are best. If using tin lids cover jar with plastic.)

Why don't you try this with your excess tomatoes this Summer.

## The Indian Mynah Battle

Traps have been developed to catch Indian Mynas which exclude other birds by means of selective valves. An efficient and humane euthanasia system has been designed. The system is clean, green, safe and humane, and has met with approval from animal welfare and conservation groups. Mynahs are highly intelligent and wary birds with keen eyesight and good communication. Mynahs learn quickly to avoid danger through their own experience and by watching and listening to others of their kind. The more they are hassled the more wary they become and the harder to catch - if you want to trap mynahs don't let them know your intentions.

Don't let them see you watching them — observe only out of the corners of your eyes.

Don't approach traps during daylight hours unless you absolutely have to.

If you are interested in owning or building a trap details can be found at:

<http://sres.anu.edu.au/associated/myna/trapping.html>

They are one of the world's most successful birds and a very formidable competitor. Some of their characteristics are:

- \* they are very aggressive;
- \* they are extremely persistent when breeding;
- \* they show no preference for size or shape of hollow or of entrance size;
- \* they build voluminous nests inside hollows which many native birds dislike;
- \* they build dummy nests in adjacent hollows to help protect a breeding territory;
- \* when wet, old nests can "work" like a compost, killing native chicks.

A nest box, called the Matchbox, has also been developed to control mynahs.

Go to web site [http://users.bigpond.net.au/ozbox/myna\\_control.htm](http://users.bigpond.net.au/ozbox/myna_control.htm) for more details

Mynahs in Australia are feral animals that can be legally destroyed, but are protected by law from cruelty <http://sres.anu.edu.au/associated/myna/index.html>

The top most significant pests in NSW are Feral Cats, Indian Mynah and Cane Toad  
[www.abc.net.au/wildwatch/results/maps.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/wildwatch/results/maps.htm)



Selective Valve trap

Advice from the grandmother of Bob Dylan, who he describes as "filled with nobility and goodness":

"...that happiness isn't on the road to anything. That happiness is the road."

"...be kind because everyone you'll ever meet is fighting a hard battle."

Bob Dylan Chronicles Volume 1 Simon & Schuster 2004'

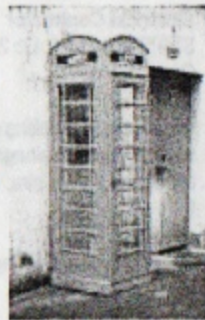
Peter Garrett, musician, environmentalist, humanist and politician shares his values: Responsibility for your actions. Having some awareness of the conditions of other people who aren't as well-off as you. Valuing tolerance and openness of discussion about issues...and talking about personal tragedies he says, "...it does affect you. But I don't see it as anything but a stage of life that you have to experience. There's a sadness to it, but you get up the next morning and do the best you can."

Taken from an article in the Spring edition of The Australian Worker.

## Wootton Phone Box Alert

It has been brought to our attention by a concerned resident, that our only public phone is continually being vandalised by being stuffed with paper and paddle pop sticks and therefore 'out-of-order' inconveniencing those who rely on it. It's a shame to see this happening in Wootton.

Hopefully we will see a stop to this soon.



## For Sale at the Brush Turkey Cafe

- ◆ Lemon Myrtle - Cordial \$6 per bottle - Cheesecakes \$25
- ◆ Novels by Roz Baker \$17 or 2 for \$29
- ◆ Framed Photographs \$35-\$55, handmade cards \$4.50
- ◆ CD's by Peggy van Zalm \$15-\$25
- ◆ Peter Auriac Yoga relaxation \$10
- ◆ Limestone sculptures -various prices
- ◆ Fresh organic seasonal vegetables-spinach, lettuce, cucumbers, potatoes, salad greens, rocket, herbs, beans, zucchini \$2.50 a bag