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49974710 or 0408652110

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Scrub Turkey (Alectura lathami)

The scrub or brush turkey inhabits the
rainforest. The male builds a large egg incubat-
ing mound by scratching together leaf mulch or
twigs, approx 4m in diameter and 1 to 1.5 m
high. After attracting the females to mate and
lay their eggs in the mound, the male then tends
the mound until incubation at about 50 days.

After incubation, the chick is on it's own!
Evidence of their presence, is indicated by
scratchings around garden beds as they look
for grubs and roots. Early settlers ate the birds
but they are now protected.

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A dull black or brown feather, skin of head and
neck bare and red, base of neck flared in a ruff of
yellow wattles. The voice is a variety of harsh
grunts.

Community Calendar

Thursday 27th June- Bingo Coolongolook Hall 6:30
Friday 28th June- Wootton Community Dinner 6:30 Italian
Saturday 6th July- Coolongolook Trash & Treasure 10-2:00
Sunday 7th July -Bulahdelah Hill climb
Friday 26th July- Wootton Community Dinner 6:30
(Christmas in July)

Thursday 1st August-Wootton Community Network AGM 7pm
Tuesday 20th August-Progress meeting Cools' Hall 7:30
Saturday 28th Sept- Wootton Sustainability Fair-Winery

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Wootton Community Network

It's getting very exciting with the final stages of the building nearing completion. The work is flowing nicely and the volunteers are keeping their spirits up by imagining some time soon, 'surveying the views of Wootton while sipping on a cappuccino'. Plastering and painting the internals is happening at the moment. At this stage it seems that, everything being equal, we should be opening in about 2-3 months. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated so if you have painting or plastering skills you're needed now! From the feedback we received regarding the use of the centre it seems evident that everyone wants it to be accessible for individuals to use computer and internet, the availability of a photocopier, a distribution and selling point for goods, a meeting place for all ages especially the youth, exposure for artists' works and a face for Wootton. This we hope to achieve with community support. Thanks, Wendy Blackwell, for your suggestions.

We have been in discussion with the Community Technology Centre about equipping the office. A representative will be coming to talk to the community within the next few months and a survey will be distributed.

Grants applied for-

- We were given a \$100 donation from Pacific palms Rec Club. which will go towards a computer programme.
- We have applied for a donation from the Forster Memorial Services Club to help equip the computer area.

Thanks to Garry for putting lots and lots of time into the Network's projects.

Wanted: people who will be able to supply produce for the centre and locals. Eg:-lettuce, rocket, mint, parsley, tomatoes, beans, oranges, lemons, limes, plums, apricots, grapes, mangoes, bananas, avocados, guavas, figs etc. Call Bronwyn on 49977185 to advise.

Non-Conventional Homes Tour Recently our Resource Centre was featured in this tour as an example of a hardwood timber building built entirely with voluntary labour. Feedback from visitors was encouraging.

Dinners-Thanks to Neal and Judy for entertaining us at the last dinner. Our next dinners are on -

- Friday 28th June 6:30 Theme- Italian.
- 'Christmas in July'- 26th July

Bookings 49977292

Wootton Management News

Three applicants have applied for the job of grounds maintenance at the Community Centre. The positions will be decided upon soon.

Coolongolook/Wootton Progress Association

Following our recent AGM on Tuesday, 16th April 2002 at Coolongolook Hall, the following office bearers were elected: President - Rob Harrington, Secretary - Vanessa Perry, Treasurer - Clive Bentley. Heartfelt thanks must go to Norm Richards and Phil Petterson for their hard work and dedication over previous years. Our next meeting will be held at the Coolongolook Hall on 20th August at 7.30pm. All residents are invited to attend, and will be warmly welcomed. After all, it's your community as well!

Vanessa Perry

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

The AGM was held on Sunday 19th May at the Station, with the following being elected as office bearers of the Brigade.

Captain - Phil Clements, Senior Deputy Captain - Robyn Smith, Deputy Captains - Michael Perry, Keith Graham and Colin McCallum, Secretary - Vanessa Perry, Permit Issuing Officer - Michael Perry. Congratulations to all! New members and their families are always welcomed. For information regarding the Brigade, please contact the Captain on 49977213 or the Secretary on 49977184.

Vanessa Perry

Coolongolook Tennis

Bingo - Thursdays 27th June - Prizes!

Trash and Treasure Market Day - first Saturday each month 10-2pm 6th July, 3rd August etc

\$10 per site

Reserve your site phone 49977170 or 49977322



Wootton Tennis

A Championship weekend will be held on 22nd/23rd June Singles, mixed doubles, ladies doubles and men's doubles. If anyone is interested contact Alison Kemot on 49977126

A new comp will start 1st August Ring John on 49977159

Membership is now due \$20 per family, \$10 a single

A Chat with Beryl Ede

Beryl has lived in Coolongolook and Wootton all her life and has a pretty good memory. She remembers vividly the day the Second World War ended. She was eleven, at school and standing on the basketball court. It was 11 o'clock and play lunch time. The teacher walked up and declared, "The War is over!". Everyone rejoiced, but the best thing was "we were given the afternoon off school". Speaking of school, the teachers didn't do playground duty then, the children looked after themselves, and Beryl can't remember anyone going to high school—they all finished at Primary School. In those days there was not only a school at Coolongolook but schools at Wootton, Topi Topi, Wattle Hill, Wang Wauk, Willina, and Bunyah. It wasn't uncommon to have large families like the Latimoors, with 10 children, the Fennings with 12 and the Newtons with 11.

Throughout our conversation with Beryl a great sense of community spirit continually surfaced. She spoke of people helping and sharing with one another, be it vegetables from the garden or sharing the grief of the loss of a loved one.

Wootton, of course, had its own hall. It had a raised stage, a large supper and tea room. This was a great place for meetings, playing cards, weekly dances and balls. A ball was held every Friday night either at Bulahdelah, Wootton, Nabitac, Krambach or Bungwahl. One dance was so large the men had to build a bush timber extension to the Wootton hall to accommodate all the people. Music was usually provided by the Murray's Band or Schultz' Band. The hall was even used for church services. Beryl said she felt very sad when the hall was demolished, "it had the best dance floor in the district".

Wootton had not one, but two, General Stores, "both as big as Wades" and you bought in bulk - sugar and flour in sacks and tins of butter. Everyone had a good veggie garden, chooks and you killed your own meat. A carcass would be quartered for four families, the bulk of which would be 'corned', fresh meat had to be eaten in four days due to no refrigeration. There were 36 dairy farms in Wootton selling only their cream, as milk wouldn't keep without refrigeration. The cream was taken to Coolongolook and then by boat to Forster. On the return trip the cream cans were filled with butter. The skimmed milk went to the pigs. Most dairy herds were less than 40. No-one was fat and in fact Beryl can remember only one "fat" person in Taree (It's a little different these days!).

How did the children entertain themselves? There was plenty to do - games of jacks and marbles, 'dogs and wallabies', riding horses, hiking, rabbiting, fishing, swimming (every creek had a swimming hole) and cubby houses. In other words, having a great adventurous time and not in front of a television. Coolongolook had its own football team in Winter and Cricket team in Summer. They played against Bulahdelah, Krambach, Nabitac and Tun-curry, travelling 8-10 in a car or on the back of a truck.

Beryl remembered fondly the dances, balls and going to the movies on the back of a Blitz Wagon truck at Nabitac or Bulahdelah. Yes, Bulahdelah and Nabitac both had movie theatres. Women always wore dresses and men were in suits and ties.

Beryl has a wealth of memories and it makes one wonder if, with all our modern technologies, do we really have a 'better' life than years ago? There's a lot to be said for "community spirit".



Amazing sightings-

A night time rainbow was sighted by Garry Williams in Newmans Road on a full moonlit night.

Hail storm A recent hail storm was experienced by many Wootton residents leaving some properties covered in a blanket of white, "a foot deep"-said Peter Auriac. Kids were seen sliding down the slopes on boards. It was still there the next day!

Snake belly A sighting on Bronwyn's property of an engorged python who had obviously eaten something particularly large, probably a bandicoot. It's stomach was so large and the scales were stretched so tight that the design looked like a 'dot art' painting.



1080 BAIT is in use in the Wootton area at the moment.

Please keep dogs tied up at night for their safety.



Local Concerns

• Historical Railway Walk

A friend went for a walk the other day along the historical railway walk and became lost as the path was so overgrown. After repeated phone calls to Forestry asking them for some maintenance to be done, nothing seems to have eventuated. Ring 49974206 and question why. More numbers may hold more weight.

• Old Pacific Highway

Apart from a weed spray, there seems to be very little done in regards to maintenance. A maintenance allocation of \$900,000 over the next 10 years was given by RTA on it's handover to Council. The roadway is getting narrower as trucks and school buses use the centre to avoid overhanging trees. Moss growing on road edges and branches makes driving slippery.

Our roads are not being serviced properly and the Council should be given pressure from the community to do something about it.

How can you help? There is power in numbers! Ring, write, fax the following: Councils phone number is 65917222

Mike Keegan Engineers Department Great Lakes Council Breese Pde Forster
The General Manager, Great Lakes Council Breese Pde Forster
Local Councillor Lynette Lawry, Harmony farm Pacific hwy Bulahdelah 2423
Ron Hartley Director of Engineering, Great lakes Council Breese Pde Forster
Chairman of Works Committee Darcy Peacock P.O. Box Stroud
John Hockett Bulahdelah Works Depot Phone 49974297

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

Manning Regional Art Gallery/Exhibition Programme

May 31st-July 7th Wigs and Jewellery from the Opera Australia collection of Dame Joan Sutherland.

June 13th-July 14th Centenary of the first Women's vote in Australia

July 18th-August 25th Portraits 2001-
An Australian Odyssey plus bronzes.



ONE TREE PROJECT

An exhibition on display at the Bulahdelah Court House 10am to 4pm. A Tasmanian Stringy Bark destined for wood-chip was fully utilized into these amazing creations-furniture, sculptures etc. Free admission. On display till 9th July.

Wanted -Women who would like to sing, with a view to meeting regularly. No previous experience necessary just a love of singing.
Phone Linda on 49977263



For Sale

- 2 Beds (Car bed and Bat mobile bed) \$150 each Ph Sam 0422203338
- Spinning Wheel \$150 Ph Bronwyn 49977185
- Jarrah Burl Coffee table top 1m x 500 mm \$115 ono Phone Paul 49977256
- Bull Bars (2) car and truck make an offer ph 49977185
- Assorted windows, timber and aluminium \$20 - \$100 ph 49977185

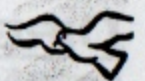
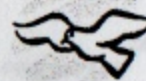
Wanted

- Baby sitting jobs. Only cute kids need apply. Ph Llewellyn 49977185
- Trailer-doesn't have to be registered-in reasonable condition-Phone Bronwyn 49977185
- Someone to Slash acreage in Topi Road Contact Terry on 49977467
- Volunteers for Bulahdelah Tourist Information Centre 49974981

Missing

2 Horses - approx. 12 hands: High Bay Mare and Strawberry Roan Gelding with white facial marks (answers to "Chip"). Went missing Wed 12th June from Wattle Hill Rd & probably went into the forest at Red Hill Rd. Ring Dave Golby on 49976208

Bird Inventory of the Wootton and Coolonglook Areas



The following is a list of birds sighted in our area. It would be nice to have a more comprehensive list, so if you can add to this please contact the editors. We will in the future be compiling a further list containing other fauna- including mammals, marsupials reptiles etc.

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| * Wedge Tail Eagle | * Brown Quail |
| * Sea Eagle | * Spotted Turtle Dove |
| * Brown Goshawk | * Crested Pigeon |
| * Grey Goshawk | * Brown Cuckoo Dove |
| * Nankeen Kestrel | * Wonga pigeon |
| * Black Shouldered Kite | * White headed Pigeon |
| * Collared Sparrowhawk | * Wompoo Pigeon |
| * Tawny Frogmouth | * Green Catbird |
| * Southern Boobook Owl | * Satin Bowerbird |
| * Barn owl | * Regent Bowerbird |
| * King Parrot | * Whip Bird |
| * Yellow Tailed Black cockatoo | * Noisy Miner |
| * Eastern Rosella | * Swamp Pheasant |
| * Crimson Rosella | * Spur-winged Plover |
| * Magpie | * Yellow breasted Scrub Wren |
| * Magpie lark | * White browed Scrub Wren |
| * Pee wee | * Blue wren |
| * Australian Raven | * Silver Eye |
| * White-Winged Chough | * Red browed Finch |
| * Pied Butcherbird | * Willy Wag Tail |
| * Scrub Turkey | * Grey fantail |
| * Lyre Bird | * Rufous fantail |
| * Eastern Yellow Robin | * Buff-rumped Thornbill |
| * Rufous Whistler | * Purple Swamp hen |
| * Shining Bronze cuckoo | * Yellow Tufted Honey Eater |
| * Horsefields Bronze Cuckoo | * Eastern Spinebill |
| * Grey shrike Thrush | * Scarlet Honeyeater |
| * Scrub Turkey | * Jacky Winter |
| * Lyre Bird | * Sacred Kingfisher |
| | * Laughing Kookaburra |



Erratum or not: Did I leave the last word off the tawny frogmouth's description, did I want you to race away and look up the answer or did I move the text frame just a little and miss the last word. Well the answer of course is... Nightjar.