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WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS JUNE 2004 NO 30

DISTRIBUTION 350 WOOTTON COOLONGLOOK
BUNGWAHL BUNYAH BULAHDELAH

Purple Swamp Hen *Porphyrio porphyrio*
This commonly seen water-bird has dusky black upper parts and wings with a dark blue collar. It's neck, breast and upper belly are deep blue. It's massive red bill and frontal shield, as well as it's peculiar tendency to jerk it's stubby tail up and down, are it's most striking features. Their diet centre's on young reed stems as well as herbs, seeds, fruit, eggs, small vertebrates, insects, spiders and molluscs. They are seen around here near dams and roadsides. Baby chicks can be seen now.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday 12th, 13th, 14th June	Brush Turkey Café open 10 - 4pm
Sunday 13th June	Music Great Lakes Winery 11.30 - 4pm
Thursday 24th June 8th, 22nd July	Bingo Coolonglook Hall 6.30
Friday 25th June	Wootton Supper and Entertainment 7pm
Sunday 27th June	Fishing competition 6:30 - 10am registration
Wednesday 30th June	Art competition closes
Sunday 4th July	Wootton Rural Fire Services Training Day
Sunday 25th July	National Tree Day
Friday 30th July	Wootton Supper and Entertainment 7pm
Thursday 5th August	Wootton Community Network AGM 7pm
Saturday 7th August	Trash and Treasure Coolonglook Oval 9-2

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WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK NEWS

The most exciting event for Wootton is the long awaited opening of the Brush Turkey Café. The long weekend will see the doors open to locals, visitors and tourists. An 'Official Opening', everyone invited, will come a little later. The café has been advertised in the very popular 'Eco Homes Tour' guide on the mid-north coast, Great Lakes FM, Tourist Information Centres and locally. Please spread the word of the centre and the café's opening. 26 volunteers have been in training to man this wonderful community venture. Come along for lunch or enjoy an espresso coffee, check out a 'community in action' and have a look around.

Hours of opening over the Long Weekend
10am to 4pm Sat, Sun, Mon

Future hours of operation will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 -4pm. As demand increases, so will the hours of opening.

Our committed regular Saturday Working Bee volunteers have been putting in even more hours recently to 'get the Centre open'. Four years and over 5,000 hours voluntary work put into this project is finally coming to fruition. Profits from the café will help to run the centre and future community projects.

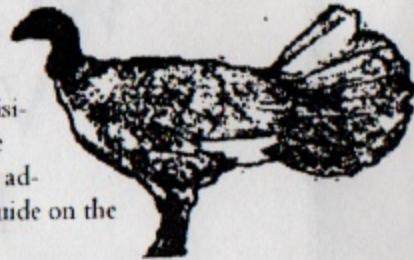
What else is happening?

- * A Food Handlers Course was run in which 20 people attended. Everyone was enlightened and enjoyed the social aspect of the day.
- * Gas and hot water is now connected. Thanks to Paul Burman, gasfitter and plumber, for giving us a discount on his work.
- * Signs will be going up soon on the site and watch out for new signs either end of Wootton Way.
- * Thanks to all the volunteers for the café. We're all looking forward to having a great time together.
- * The Computer Technology Centre will soon be up and running.

Dinners: Due to the opening of the Café and Resource Centre we have decided to change our usual format. A Supper and Entertainment night will be held on the last Friday of the month in the Brush Turkey Café. This month we will start at 7pm on 25th June. It will be a great social evening with live music and a warm friendly atmosphere. To book call in at the centre or ring 49977296.

AGM Thursday 5th August 7pm All members welcome

Feedback: The last Musos Jam night was a great success, with many new talents taking the stage. The audience appreciated the variety and talent on the night. Many people have requested another music night in the future. Any inquiries to



Wootton Rural Fire Services

Our AGM was held on 26th May and new officers were elected.

Captain:	Craig Tate
Senior Deputy Captain:	Robyn Smith
Deputy Captain:	Garry Williams
Deputy Captain:	Colin McCallum
Deputy Captain:	Keith Grahame
Secretary:	Adrienne Hacene
Training Officer:	Mike Coventry
Treasurer:	Colin McCallum
First Aid Officer:	Darryl Buchanan
Permit Officer:	Robyn Smith
Permit Officer:	Mike Babcock

Thank you to all the outgoing and welcome to the new officers.

Ongoing activities include:

- Some members attended a First Aid course recently
- The Wootton Brigade attended a callout on the Pacific Highway, Coolongolook on the 21st May
- Training days have been organized on the 4th July for new and old members.

Please note that the Bushfire Permit Season is from the 1st October until the 31st March unless otherwise introduced earlier by the Rural Fire Service. However, if you are planning a Hazard Reduction Burn you are required to give 24 hours notice to your neighbours and Fire Control on 65 555787 during business hours, leaving your name and phone number. This avoids unnecessary callouts for our local brigade. New members are always needed and welcome. For any enquiries please contact the Secretary, Adrienne Hacene on 49977344 or Fire Control Headquarters on 65 555787.

Great Lakes Wildlife Rescue

Telephone for 24 hour emergencies 49976388,
for injured and orphaned wildlife from Karuah
to Stroud to Holidays Point

For general enquiries contact Ron & Margaret
Seal 49976157

Caring for any injured or orphaned wildlife
Rescue, rehabilitate, release



ART COMPETITION CLOSSES 30TH JUNE

Open age, any medium, any ability Phone Alison on 49977246

- Exhibition Venue: Wootton Hall
- Prizes, Entry Fee \$2
- Subjects 'the essence of Wootton'
'the face of Wootton'



Continuous Stories ..the beginning ..

Attention all budding authors.

You are invited to continue the story. In the August issue we will publish the next instalment. The complete story will be published and distributed through the Community Resource Centre when an ending has been written. Contact the editors for your inclusion.

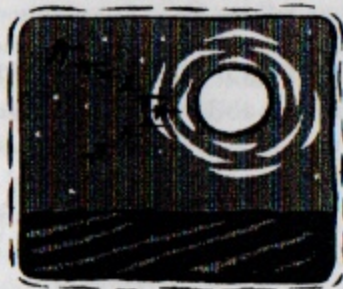
Chapter 1

The trip back from Bulahdelah was usually an uneventful one, but that night last week was too weird to forget.

My head was still buzzing with work. The patrons were unusually rowdy. It always seemed like that on a full moon.

It was about ten thirty last Saturday night while travelling home on the Old Pacific Highway. I rounded a sharp bend when my headlights picked up this black flash that darted across the road. Two bounds and it was gone. It seemed to be dog-like in appearance.

Just then, the car started to splutter. I gazed down at the fuel gauge, my suspicions were realised. The car rolled a little further and finally stopped in the flat stretch near the Grandis. The night was cold, my mobile phone was dead. I decided I should walk to the nearest house, only a matter of minutes away. The batteries were low in my torch, so I couldn't see very far ahead. The clouds kept covering the moon making it quite dark and hard to negotiate the roadways. Suddenly the hairs on the back of my neck stood up. My heart beat heavily in my chest. I could sense I was not alone.....



COWS BURP FOR RESEARCH

Recently, NSW Agriculture had a display at the Tocal Field Days at the Agricultural College at Paterson showing 2 cows set up to measure methane gas production. They had the following information:

- ⊖ Agriculture contributes 20% of Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions.
- ⊖ The most important agricultural greenhouse gas is METHANE, produced by microbes in the gut of sheep and cattle.
- ⊖ A typical cow produces about 250 litres of methane per day (one 44 gallon drum full).
- ⊖ 95% of this methane comes out in the breath and burps. There is little in flatulence.
- ⊖ NSW Agriculture is measuring methane production and exploring how methane production can be reduced by breeding for more efficient cattle. They hope to move on to exploring how to redirect the digestive process to produce less methane.

Information taken from a NSW Agriculture brochure.



Cow set up to measure methane production!!
Tocal Field Day in May

More Country Anecdotes

- ⊖ A resident was telling another resident about holding a 12 yr olds birthday party with a bonfire. The other resident said "can I bring my dead cow over to burn. Save me getting a fire permit".
- ⊖ The whole of Newman's road lost their phones. The cause turned out to be someone's donkey 'scratching an itch'. It had been seen rubbing it's backside up against a Telstra post and knocked it out of the ground, breaking the cable. The lines were out for three days.
- ⊖ Be careful where you burn your pile of rubbish. One resident discovered the telephone lines are not buried very deep at all, phone lines were cut yet again.
- ⊖ Have you ever seen a Python's poo. This snake's poo can be white, long and round just like chalk, (formed by bone residue) and in fact can be mistaken for chalk, but it does not write well on a blackboard as one naïve local discovered.
- ⊖ A particularly gruesome story was when a snoozing python resting in the sun with a full belly, digesting a meal, was attacked by two goannas. They held both ends of the snake and ripped the meal from it's stomach. They left the sorry remains of the snake for all to see.

Coolongolook Tennis & Associated Sports Club Inc

Our first *Fishing Competition* was such a great success that we are holding another on *Sunday 27th June*. Registration time is between 6.30am and 10am at Cedar Wharf and returning at 3pm for the weigh-in. It will be for estuary (river) fishing only. The cost is: Juniors (12 and under) \$2, Seniors (13 plus) \$5. There are prizes for each division. Bring your own meat for a barbeque afterwards (or cook your catch!).

The next *Trash & Treasure* is Saturday 7th August 9am to 2pm at the Coola Oval. Stalls are \$10.

Bingo is still on every second Thursday at the Coola Hall.

The *Country Fair* will be held on the first Saturday in December. Organization is under way but anyone who can help or has any ideas contact Sue Gordon. Stall booking can also be made.

The *tennis court construction* is ongoing. The next stage is delivery of the gravel which will then be spread and rolled.

The next *meeting* of the association will be held at the Coola Hall on Monday 21st June at 7pm. All welcome.

For any enquiries please contact Sue Gordon on 49977170

Cedar Wharf Gets A Facelift

You will be pleasantly surprised if you visit the Cedar Wharf at Coolongolook. Great Lakes Council have been working there to beautify the area. A local resident went for a walk to the river and found the area looking much better than it usually does, making it a much nicer place to visit just to look at the river, fish, launch your boat or have a barbie. Check it out or support your local club and turn up for the fishing comp on the 27th June.

Winter Planting Guide

Onions, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, broad beans, winter radish, winter lettuce, rhubarb, asparagus, peas



Correction:

In the last issue of the WVN we ran a story on long time resident, Edie Mudford. In it we mentioned that the Logging Railway ran from Boolambayte. Jack Squires has corrected us, in that it ran from Mayers' Flat.



Great Lakes Winery Hosts Another Music Day

Sunday 13th June, 11.30 to 4.00, is the date to set aside to relax amongst the trees in the 'Back Paddock' at our beautiful local winery and vineyard. Locals and visitors alike have been enjoying regular music days at this great venue so don't miss out on this next one. Talented local musicians will be performing. Entrance fee is \$5, kids under 15, FREE. Buy your wine by the glass or bottle or soft drinks will be available. Steaks to barbeque or cheese platters can be purchased. If you like, bring your own picnic. Bring a chair or a rug to sit on, relax and have a great time with good company.



Future Music Days at the Winery

Sunday 11th July and

Sunday 15th August

Located at 115 Herivels Road, Wootton Ph: 49977255

Also open daily 10am - 5pm



National Tree Day

Sunday 25th July Plant a tree

Contact Planet Ark for more details

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FREE

Upside down fridge, good for a beer fridge. Call Adrienne 49977344



WANTED

The Resource Centre and Café needs:

- Flowers, have you got an excess?
 - Fresh produce
 - A keen gardener to maintain gardens
 - People to hire the consultation room
 - Computer interested individuals
- 49977296

Retired orchardist wanted to advise on a local horticultural development
Contact Peter on 49977476

