

DIRECTORY

Bricklayer/Block layer

Adam Jones 49977125

Electrical Contractor

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

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

Farmers Market Nabiac Showground 8am - 12pm last Saturday of the month. Locally grown goods and produce.
Helen 65541906

Flooring Specialist

Carpet, vinyl and timber
Lee Ireson 0413183844

Hairdresser

Lee Jones 49977125

Hire

Mower hire all sizes and Trench Digger
Geoff Williams 49977404 0418482099

Horses At Stud-GEMBIRAS DOCS ONYX ASH SM-133207 AQHA A-2966

Young stock for sale-come and see!
Gembira Horses 49977335 0419201913

Ice-Cream Cakes

For that special occasion!
Roscoes 49977351

Massage

Bowen Technique.
For relief of pain, back, neck, shoulders & head. Registered practitioner/instructor. Home visits. \$35 Barbara Leslie 49977339

Motor Repairs-Small

Lawnmowers and chainsaws etc
Geoff Williams 49977404 041848209

Mobile Mechanic-(Lic No. 38287) Specializing in repairs of farm tractors, earth moving equipment, irrigation pumps, diesel & hydraulics. Machining and welding. John Spali 49977154 0418623318

Music- Guitar Lessons Professional Tuition

Beginners to Advanced Budget Rates
Ricky Bell 49977474

Painter ABN No. 13415438589 Painting your house or a door? For a free quote call.
Mike Coventry on 49977155 or 0407458167

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 Nabiac
Steve Devries 49977214

Edes Farm Sales Stock & Station Agent & Property Management. Brian Ede www.edes.com.au 49974566, 49977180(A/H),04084928

Recycled Timber Furniture

Turn that timber under your house into a nice piece of furniture/table/bookcase etc.
Paul Shipton 49977256

Sculpting-Wood

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

Thai take-away food Yoks - Bulahdelah

Authentic meals, sauces chutneys
Parties catered for 49974333

Trencher & Mobile Crane/Borer Hire

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

Water

Sam the Waterman-Local Water Delivery
49974710 or 0408652110

Winery Great Lakes Wines ..

Verdelho-Chambourcin-Mellow Red -
Semillon Chardonnay, Shiraz and tawny port
Steve and Robyn 49977255

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King Parrot

Alisterus scapularis

Usually seen in pairs or small parties among the outer branches of forest trees, especially acacias and eucalypts. They eat seeds, berries fruits, nuts, nectar, blossoms and leaf buds. Like other parrots they have the habit of holding large fruit in the left foot when tearing it to bits with the bill to get at the kernels. They fly in a heavy laboured manner with deliberate rhythmic wing beats, deceptively swift, weaving their way through trees with remarkable dexterity. When travelling to and from their communal roost camps an hour or so after sun rise and before sunset each day, they fly higher over the top of forest.



Community Calendar

Saturday 25th Oct	Bush Dance Coola' Hall Saltics 7pm
Thursday 30th Oct	Bingo Coolongolook Hall 7pm
Friday 31st October	Halloween Dinner - 6.30 Wootton Hall
Saturday 1st Nov	Bulahdelah Music Festival 11am-8pm
Tuesday 4th Nov	Melbourne Cup 1pm Wootton Resource Ctr/Cafe
Wednesday 12th Nov	Wootton Fire Brigade Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 13th Nov	Bingo Coola' Hall 7pm
Saturday 15th Nov	Supper and Movie Night 7pm Resource Centre/Cafe
Thursday 27th Nov	Bingo Coola' Hall 7pm
Friday 28th Nov	Community Dinner Wootton Resource Ctr/Cafe
Sunday 30th Nov	Community Talent Auction 2pm

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- ◆ Council supports us with \$5000 funding ... which will go towards completion of the carpark, purchase and installation of the hot water system, construction of the disabled ramp and some landscaping which will see us closer to opening. Thanks to the councilors who supported the motion to grant us this funding. Special thanks to Councilor Gill for expediting the process. Thanks to council staff for their assistance.
- ◆ We are also at the moment applying for another grant (requiring many hours of hard work). We hope to receive funding for a café co-ordinator for the initial crucial three months. The balance of the funding will be used to upgrade the kitchen (at the moment we are making do with second hand equipment)
- ◆ The Community Technology Centre Funding has been approved and will be managed through Nabiac CTC. This will give us state of the art computer equipment for community access. It won't be long before everyone will have access to a computer, the internet and training.
- ◆ Café News -We're all excited about the addition to our committee of Joanne Van Der Linden. Joanne is a qualified chef and hospitality trainer. She has had many years experience in the food industry and has previously run cafes of her own. A training day will be held soon for the 15 voluntary staff to acquaint them with the café's operation. They are all keen to see the birth and success of our new café. Anyone wishing to experience café life, have a bit of fun , donate some time all in a good cause, should contact Joanne on 49977235 and leave your details soon, so you can attend the training day. Any amount of time would be great. Remember this is *your* café.
- ◆ Halloween Dinner Friday 31st October -Change of venue- Due to circumstances the venue for the Black and White Dinner will now be held at the Wootton hall. The theme is still Halloween and the cost will be the usual \$10 per head adults, \$5 children. There will be prizes for dressing up and trivia questions. Come along for some live music, fun and a laugh.
- ◆ **November Dinner**-Will be held in the new café with menus and table service. There will be no **December** dinner because it falls on boxing day.
- ◆ **Thanks**- To Clive Bentley for installing computer software.
- ◆ **Supper/Film night-Sat' Nov 15th** -Short Tropfest films plus a feature film.
- ◆ **Melbourne Cup Day on the BIG SCREEN**- Tuesday 4th November. The day starts at 1pm for a lunch of gourmet finger foods (B.Y.O Alcohol). There will be a sweep, prizes for hats and a raffle. So arrive at 1pm for fun, food and fashion. Bookings preferred (for catering purposes). Phone Pat on 49977292
- ◆ **Community Talent Auction - With Musical Entertainment** We need one more good fundraiser to get our Community Resource Centre and Café opened so we can all benefit from it. You can get involved, you can help! Do you have a hobby/talent that you can contribute to our *Community Talent Auction*. It may be something you can make, do or pledge. As part of the day musical entertainment will be provided and food platters will be available. The date is Sunday 30th November, 2pm start. Contact Joanne on 49977235 for contributions and questions.

Our Most Successful Sustainability Fair Yet

Our fair this year was better than ever. There was an abundance of food, music, activities and stalls, and the wine is always wonderful at the Winery. Thanks to the generous volunteers and supporters who made this Wootton celebration happen. The Winery is a great venue and we look forward to next year's fair. Watch out for the regular Music Days held at the Winery throughout the year. Go along, you'll have a great day and be supporting a local business that supports the community.



Halloween Dinner 31st October 6.30pm



Come along for a howling, fun filled night at the Wootton Hall. There will be prizes for dressing up and trivia questions to test your ghoulish knowledge. Come along for some live music, fun and a laugh. Put on your scariest glad rags, dust off your witches broom, bring along an appetite and be prepared to enjoy yourself. \$10 adults, \$5 Children Bookings 49977292

Family Bushdance

...featuring the fabulous sounds of the SALTICS

Coolongolook Hall 25th October 7pm

Tickets \$20 family, 2 adults 2 or more children

\$10 Adult, \$5 High School/Pension

Light refreshments on sale on the night. Supper provided
Coolongolook School fundraiser Ph 49977183

VOTE FOR WOOTTON WAY!!!

Council is *still* going through the process of renaming the old highway. They are asking US to indicate which name we prefer, by returning the enclosed form to Council offices by 7/11/03. This is our last chance to have a say.



7th Annual

Coolongolook Country Fair

Saturday 6th December 10am to 4pm

Stall bookings Sue 49977170 or Melissa 0422063999

Over 80 stalls, non stop entertainment from the Schwingin' Schberts, Rock and Roll Dancers, Working Dogs, Draught horses, Vintage Cars and Bikes, rural displays, a Dutch Auction and Santa too.



SOCIAL PLANNING CONSULTATIONS 2003/04

Great Lakes Council's Community Services team is undertaking consultations for the redevelopment of the 2004/2008 Great Lakes Social Plan. The consultations will focus on the "people needs" of our community, that is, the social and physical infrastructure needed to support and enhance the living, working and recreational lives of residents.

The consultations will also cover the area's of Economic Development, Community Safety & Crime Prevention, all of which combine to create a strong and sustainable community.

The Social Plan will address access to and the provision of a range of services to individuals and groups eg. older people, young people, children, etc. and develop action plans to provide or advocate for identified needs. Other information obtained will assist in the development of, Economic Strategies, Community Safety Concerns and identify issues in Crime Prevention.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Please contact Graeme Frost on 65917221 should you require any further information.

BULAHDELAH Monday 17th November 2003 6pm - 8.30pm

Bulahdelah School of Arts Hall

FORSTER TUNCURRY Thursday 12th February 2004 6pm - 8.30pm

Conference Room Community Centre Breese Pde Forster

Report on Wootton's Meeting 16th October

Last Thursday evening Council representatives met with residents. It was an informative and interesting evening. Graeme Frost explained the Council's Social Plan and encouraged us to express our thoughts and needs as it relates to us. Many people mentioned the "state of the roads". This is not the responsibility of the Community Services Dept but it highlighted the great need for improvement in **communication** between Council and the residents. Other issues raised were lack of dental treatment on weekends, the unnecessary green-waste pick-up in Wootton, transport for youth, health screenings, the need for Council representatives to be more interactive in regions outside of Forster and more. Did you know there is a "New Residents Information Pack" available from Council? Anyway, if you have any contributions you wish to add to the drafting of the Social Plan contact Graeme Frost at Council or attend the Bulahdelah or Forster meeting.

Firefly season now -End of October to beginning of November, can be seen on dark for a short while. Look for the flashing white light amongst the trees or in low lying moist areas. A wonderful sight, especially for kids.



New Management at O'Sullivan's Retreat

Terrance Macaulay (better known as T.J.) and Jude have recently taken over the café at O'Sullivan's Retreat, now known as **T.J.'s Diner**. T.J. and Jude are residents of Wootton and have been very active members of our community. Call in and say hello, have a coffee, a meal or a take-away. They offer an extensive menu. We wish them well in their new venture.

New Management at the Bungwahl Kiosk

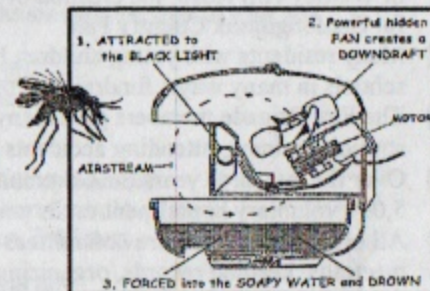
Tarbuk Bay residents and supporters of the Wootton Community, attending and helping with many of our fundraisers, John Ling and Judy Donnelly, have recently taken over the Bungwahl Kiosk next door to the Bungwahl General Store and Liquor Shop. They offer a "takeaway with a difference!" offering home-made frozen meals as well as a take-away menu and organic hand-made breads on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

They open: Thurs-Sun 9am-6pm, School Hols 7 days 8am-7pm.
So, if you're going to the beach, this is a great place for a take-away.

The Bug Eater Sponsors Sustainability Fair

No Bugs International in Forster were generous enough to sponsor our recent fair, helping to make it a success.

They produce the Bug Eater. Insects are attracted to a black light, forced into soapy water by a powerful fan and drown - No Poisons. They can be contacted on 6557 6606 or at 3 & 4/3 Boona Street, Forster NSW 2428



FOR SALE

- ◆ 5 4WD tyres and rims \$60 Phone Steve on 49977255
- ◆ Skate board ramp \$50, double bunks without mattresses \$100 ono Phone Joanne 49977235
- ◆ Compressed fibro sheeting new 2 x 1800, 2x 2100, 1 x 2700 @ 10mm thick price negotiable Phone Paul 49977256

TUITION

- ◆ **Yoga** classes every Wednesday Wootton Community Centre 6pm -7:30 Phone Peter 49977201

For Hire Butline plumbing system Phone Paul 49977256

FREE

- ◆ Hardwood double garage, solid frame, some good weatherboards, useful heavy timbers in floor. Must remove the lot. Phone Phil and Vonne 49977113
- ◆ Assorted plastic plant pots Phone Bronwyn 49977185

WANTED

Unregistered car for paddock use, must go. Phone Bronwyn 49977185

Why do you live in Wootton?

Are you escaping from the city? Were you born here or something in between? Are you here to live a "normal" life? Is Wootton just "real estate" or is Wootton your "home"? If Wootton is your home then Wootton is bigger than your property boundary. What does Wootton offer you and what can you offer Wootton?

This line of thinking has come about from recent observations. Wootton's Fire Tanker has been re-allocated to another brigade and the 'burn-out' of many core people involved in community organizations.

Wootton has a long history of volunteer work:

- 🔧 The tennis courts were built with voluntary labour, funded by money paid to the community by the RTA when the original hall was demolished to make way for highway widening.
- 🔧 The playground equipment was erected by volunteers funded by a HAAS grant
- 🔧 The Wootton Hall's conversion from classrooms to a hall was done mainly by volunteers with grant money and Council money, as was the kitchen renovation.
- 🔧 The Wootton and Coolongolook Progress Association, a voluntary group, has achieved many beneficial outcomes for the community - from tar-sealing parts of Wattle Hill Road, the creation of the Historical Railway Walk to the successful Coolongolook Country Fair.
- 🔧 Many residents with young children have contributed countless hours to local schools in many ways: fundraising, reading, tuckshop etc.
- 🔧 The Fire Brigade members give many voluntary hours in fundraising, administration, training, attending accidents and fighting fires (risking their lives).
- 🔧 Over the last three years the Community Resource Centre and Cafe has had over 5,000 voluntary hours spent on its construction.
- 🔧 All organizations require committees to run them, which means time spent at meetings, keeping records, organizing fundraising etc etc.
- 🔧 All grants require volunteers to spend many hours filling out forms, compiling information and managing the project and funds

The Benefits of being involved in OUR community

1. A sense of involvement - your opinions are heard and can be acted upon.
2. You get to know a great variety of people from all walks of life - new friends.
3. A sense of connectedness rather than isolation.
4. Better services in our immediate area.
5. You learn, share and teach new skills - practical and personal.
6. A great feeling of doing something worthwhile, of self worth, doing something that is not only for *your* benefit
7. You *always* get back more than you put in.
8. The *load* is shared

How you can get involved in THIS community

- Join a community organization, the Wootton Community Network, the Fire Brigade, the Progress Association
- Attend community meetings and have your say.
- Come to working bees
- Attend fundraisers

- Share your skills: gardening, computer skills, carpentry/building, organizational, secretarial, accounting, food preparation, arts, crafts, music etc. etc.
- Attend the monthly community dinners and offer your help.
- Volunteer for our café
- Use the café and the Community Technology Centre when it opens
- Come forward with your ideas for involvement, fundraising, anything which will make our community the best place to live in.
- Contribute to *this* newsletter.

The more people involved the greater strength we have as a community. Contacts for all organizations are in this newsletter, so consider getting involved.

We all need each other.

WOOTTON /COOLONGOLOOK PROGRESS ASSOC INC

Due to the rise in the cost of Public Liability Insurance it is becoming more difficult for small community groups to operate. The Annual Coolongolook Fair was in danger of not happening but has been saved at the eleventh hour.

We are contacting council in regards to the sewerage smell behind the Caltex and also a request to clean out the guttering in Midge Street as trucks are using the street as a car park.

Contact: Kerran Duncan 49977297

WOOTTON TENNIS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC

A new comp is happening at the moment with two divisions

Championships soon- in November

Coaching every Saturday afternoon

Funding is being sought for new fencing before it finally falls down

Winners of last comp were Michael Clouton, Richard Green, Max Tatum

Runners up were John Wright, Belinda Thompson, Ted Tatum

Enquiries phone John Wright 49977516

COOLONGOLOOK TENNIS AND SPORTS CLUB INC

Levels of the site are being taken this weekend ready for the foundations of the new tennis courts

Bingo 30th October 7pm Everyone welcome Great prizes

Future Bingo dates 13th Nov, 27th November, 11th December

Fundraising Bar-b-que to be held at the Bulahdelah Music festival 1st Nov

There will be no more Trash 'n' Treasure markets this year and as from next year they will be only held three times per year. Contact Neryl Gordon 49977157

WOOTTON RURAL FIRE SERVICE

The **Fire Permit** season is upon us once again, so we would implore you not to light a fire under any circumstances, as the penalties are severe. These days the public is encouraged to "Report All Fires" - so beware "Big Brother is Watching". The only exception to the permit rule is if you have any dead stock and have to burn it - No Permit Needed. But we do ask you to notify Fire Control at Tuncurry so they are aware in case someone rings 000.

The number at Fire Control is:

1800 621 080 - a free call

PERMITS: Robyn Smith is the Wootton permit issuing officer. Robyn will **only** be available on **Thursdays** to inspect what you wish to burn. Robyn can be contacted on 49977209 for the purpose of making an appointment. Any other issues, you can contact the Captain, Keith Graham on 49977336. The next meeting is at the Fire Station, Squires Road, at 7.30pm, Wednesday November 12th



Our previous tanker