

WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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GREY-HEADED FLYING FOX (*Pteropus poliocephalus*)

The Grey-headed flying fox is Australia's largest bat and can be found from Bundaberg to Geelong on the eastern seaboard. They are legally protected and listed as Vulnerable, especially to the effects of climate change. Flying foxes spend the day in camps of tens to thousands of individuals. Each evening they take off to fly around 30km to food trees, and up to 100km to a new camp. They are essential pollinators for many trees and also spread seeds of many rare and threatened rainforest plants.

You can protect fruit trees with [well-designed netting](#).

If you see a flying-fox on power lines please report it to Essential Energy by phoning **13 20 80**.

Read more about flying foxes in the [Midcoast Council management plan](#) and [FAWNA](#)



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The details of all Events will be confirmed on Social Media and conducted in accordance with Public Health Orders. Wootton Community facebook group	
Fri 7 April	• Easter Friday
Sat 8 April	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday. <i>Peter D 0478 741 111</i>
Sun 9 April	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Mon 10 Apr to Fri 21 April <i>Autumn School Holidays</i>	
Tue 11 April	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am-11.30
Fri 21 April	• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday
Tue 9 May	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am-11.30
Sat 13 May	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap <i>Peter D 047 874 1111</i>
Sun 14 May	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Mon 15 May	**Copy deadline for Wootton Valley News**
Fri 19 May	Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday

Published by Wootton Community Network Inc . Contact Fred Fetherston & Arjen Arnold
Visit our website www.wootton.org.au and [Wootton Community](#) facebook public group

[Use this link to send us a story and photos](#)

Upcoming Events

“Anything Birds” exhibition is being staged by the Wootton Creative Alliance in the Hardwood Espresso/ Brush Turkey Café. Opening every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am – 11.30am. All works will be created by local Wootton community artists and with most works available for sale.

All payments and registration for events is now available on the Wootton Community website

<https://wootton.org.au/upcoming-events/>

(If you don't have web access contact Treasurer Leanne Wright 4997 7201)

***** Save the date and please check the website, emails and social media posts for news about these events and more. *****

Changes in Wootton Community Network Committee

Thank you to *Tracy Smith* who is stepping aside from the committee, and welcome to new committee member *Victoria Norman*.

Working Bee – Wednesday 22.2.23

We had a good turn out and completed some repairs on the School House fence and the retaining wall near the café. It is always good to have the community giving their time to help with the upkeep of the grounds and



shows the great community spirit of the Wootton area.

A big thank you to *Andrew, Tim, Chris, Peter & Geoff* who came on the day for giving up their time and contributing to our community.



On Saturday 25th February there was a Community BBQ held at the Brush Turkey Cafe.



Approximately 24 people attended this community event where Wootton locals and friends caught up for a barbie and a drink. A good time was had by all and due to the gold coin donations made on the day there was an amount of money raised that will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds and buildings. A big thanks to *Sue, Neal* and *Andrew* for all their efforts in the lead up and on the night

Wootton Library open 3rd Friday each month 10am to midday

Message from Wootton Library—how to donate books

The Wootton library is always happy to receive books, CDs and DVDs in good condition that are not already in the collection.



Please contact the library *BEFORE* donating, by posting a message on the [Wootton Community Facebook page](#) asking how to donate.

Books magazines, CDs and DVDs can also be donated to [Taree North Rotary Club book shed](#), they have regular sales at Taree showground.

Bushfires and People—Bungwahl and Stroud

MidCoast Council and [Mid Coast 2 Tops Landcare Connection](#), partnering with the Rural Fire Service and Western Sydney University, had a great response from people attending their [Landscape and Fire Engagement Workshop series](#).

Over 4 evenings local village residents and land managers discussed the barriers and knowledge gaps to fire risk and mitigation and increased their bushfire awareness, skills and community connections. Demonstration burns will be held when conditions are suitable in coming months.



[Wootton Rural Fire Brigade](#) is a volunteer brigade helping protect the community from fire and other emergencies, based in the fire shed in Squires Road. The Brigade has a small membership and you can help your community by BECOMING A MEMBER. Free membership and training!

Wootton

Please contact us if you are preparing to burn off.

Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629

Permit Officers **Mike Coventry** 0407 458 167; **Renee Spiteri** 4997 7149

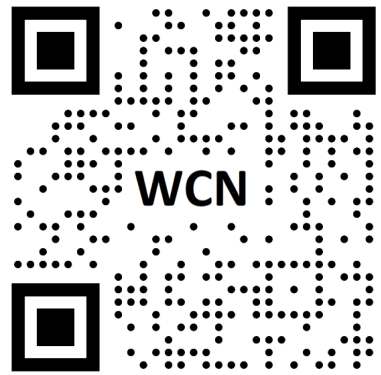
**EVEN IN THE NON-PERMIT MONTHS YOU
MUST CONTACT RFS AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS
AT LEAST 24 hrs BEFORE LIGHTING UP**

Use these links to [FIND OUT MORE](#)
and to [USE THE ONLINE NOTIFICATION FORM](#)

NO SLASHING/MOWING/WELDING ON HIGH RISK DAYS

NEW LOOK FOR THE WOOTTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE

<https://wootton.org.au/>



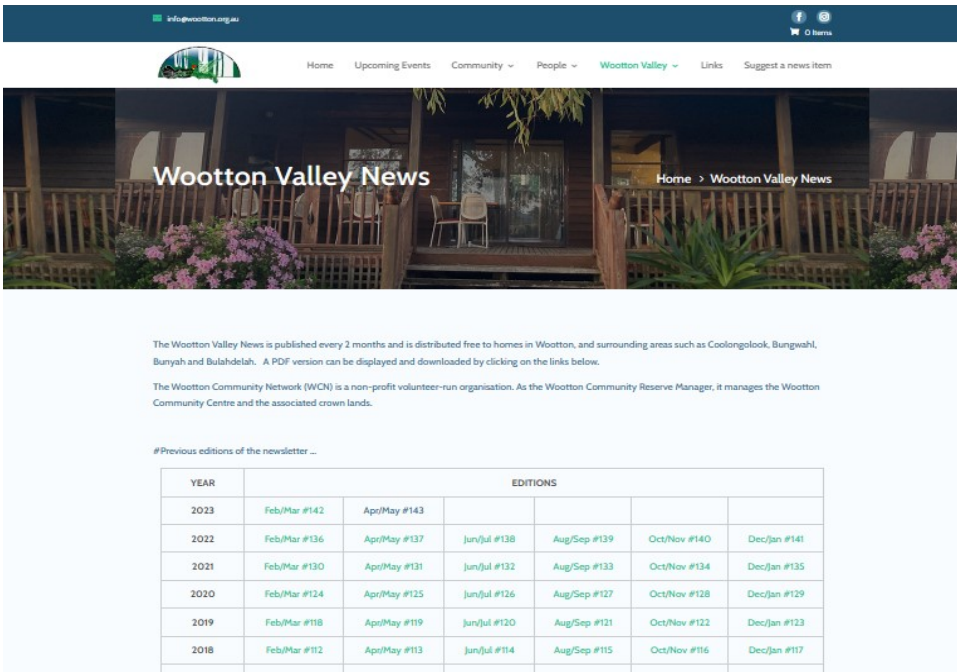
Scan this QR code to go to the Wootton website, share it with your friends

Check out the new web-page, it's the central place where you can:-

- *discover Wootton's history, current and future activities*
- [book for events and pay with a card](#)
- [join and renew memberships](#)
- [submit newsletter stories and photos](#)
- [read and download copies of the Wootton Valley News, from #1 September 1999 through to the latest issue](#)
- [find links to local attractions and services](#)
- [send an email to the committee info@wootton.org.au](#)

Coming soon:-

- *webshop for community artworks etc.*
- *more photos of people and places around Wootton*



Congratulations *Andrew Holland* for bringing the new website to life.



Upcoming Events

MAR 21 February 17 - December 15 Wootton Library	MAR 21 February 22 - December 15 Yoga at the Hall	MAR 25 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm March Community Dinner <small>Cost: Free \$5.10.00 - \$26.00</small>	MAR 31 March 31 - April 23 Anything Birds

Events Calendar

🔍 Search for events

< > This Month **March 2023** ▾

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 Wootton Library	28 Yoga at the Hall	1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11



16th April 2023



NEW PROCESS FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

WCN membership renewals will now fall due every 12 months from joining or renewing. (Previously, it was on a calendar year basis.) So, if you join in April 2023, you will receive a reminder email in April 2024 and you can renew online using a card payment.

Wootton Library open 3rd Friday each month 10am to midday



Karuah
Great Lakes
Landcare

Wootton/Topi Topi landholders have attended events to **improve farm resilience and fire preparedness**, and Woottonites won the lucky-door-prize at the Conservation on private land celebration. A **pipe-layer** is now available for members to use, along with the popular Yeomans plow and other resources. A **native orchid field day** is scheduled for September/October, with plans for a plant propagation day on hold until later in the year. The pasture trial sites have had good growth, with more sporadic rainfall highlighting the need for innovative groundcover



and resilient farming systems, including stabilising dams. [Wandering Trad. smut](#) from CSIRO has established well and is reducing the weed on a few properties now and we would all love the CSIRO to release the privet fungus too! Dung beetle numbers remain very low since the drought, and members are very keen to host a release program - we're all over the flies and the pink-eye outbreaks!

MidCoast Growers Network

Bushfire Resilient Gardens project has moved into the delivery phase running four workshops, one per month at different sites from May to August. These will be turned into a video.



GARDENING UPDATE Time to plant your garlic, parsnips, broad beans, carrots, peas and all those seedlings you've been germinating—spinach, coriander, lettuce, cabbages, onions. Harvest and dry your basil and chillies, and preserve tomatoes.

Check out these great opportunities from Hunter LLS:-

Small Farm property planning

Daniel Trudgeon 0419 436 185
daniel.trudgeon@lls.nsw.gov.au
Daintry Gerrand 0429 198 472
daintry.gerrand@lls.nsw.gov.au

Dung beetle workshops

David Deane 0411 108 961
david.deane@lls.nsw.gov.au
Thomason Knight 0487 547 690



Wootton Creative Alliance

Art Exhibition – Anything Birds



Opening Night

6pm Friday 31st March

Exhibition Duration

31.3.23 until 24.4.23

Exhibiting artworks and pieces from young to elder members of the Wootton Community

Location

Hardwood Espresso/ Brush
Turkey Café

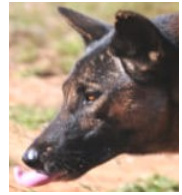
Wootton Way, Wootton

Every Fri, Sat, Sun
8.30am - 11.30am

For more information contact wca@wootton.org.au

LLS assistance with Wild Dogs and Foxes

It's time for our Autumn wild dog ground baiting program in the Great Lakes area. Strategic programs with landholders coordinating across the area help to keep control populations and reduce stock attacks.



Contact Kirstin Bisley 0438 593 875, Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007.

Read more at <https://pestsmart.org.au/pest-animals/>

NEW BANKING DETAILS FOR WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

Please use the Wootton Website if possible for memberships and events payments/bookings.

Otherwise, direct deposit for all **MEMBERSHIPS** (\$20pp) and **EVENTS PAYMENTS**, to **Wootton Community Network Inc.**

- CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496
- Reference = Name and Reason eg "Joe Blow mship" or "Jill Doe Feb dinner"
- Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer treasurer@wootton.org.au

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. *Always dial 000 for Emergency.*



Wootton Community Network

President: Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Secretary: Robyn Piper

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: info@wootton.org.au

Wootton Creative Alliance:

wca@wootton.org.au

[FoodSwap](#): Peter Dixon 0478741111

Bookings— all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?

Getting people together?

Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

www.facebook.com/woottonrfs

Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
(24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Bulahdelah Police: 4940-7470

State Emergency Service 132 500

Local Land Services

Wild dogs Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007

Rural Resilience Group

Peter Brown 0437 671 459

National Parks & Wildlife 6591 0300

[Fawna Wildlife Rescue](#) 6581-4141

Electricity Essential Energy 13 20 80

Wootton Justices of the Peace (JPs)

Warren Richardson 0407 146 373

Paul Spiteri 0407 298 954

Renee Spiteri 0407 516 089

Gary Cross 0418 251 090

**Bulahdelah Waste Facility
opening hours**

Tues 1-5pm, Fri 12-4, Sun 10-2

DIRECTORY

New advertisers Welcome, contact Leanne at treasurer@wootton.org.au.



Accommoda-

Wootton Guest House

Too many visitors? 4 air conditioned bedrooms with en-suites and balconies. Reasonable rates. Contact Peter & Leanne 4997 7201 0407 974 420

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Transport

RPS Enterprises - "Bulahdelah Buses"

You require the transport we do the driving. Luxury Air conditioned seat belted buses available for wedding guest transport, winery trips, concerts, sporting events. Call Paul and Renee Spiteri to discuss your transport needs. 4997 7149 or 0407 298 954

Plumber

Tim McDonnell Lic no. 14660
Plumbing, Draining, Roofing Guttering
Water tanks, Gas fitting
Wootton & all areas – 0418 682 199

Bulahdelah Post Office Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

Bank@Post personal and business banking, passports, gift cards, phones, variety of gifts, now in store lotto & instant scratchies. 4997 4283

Farm Services

C & E Mobile Mechanical

Log book & general service, brakes, steering, suspension, electrical repairs, welding, breakdown assist. MVRL58530. Craig Huggett—0410 655 920

Farm Services

B&H Rural Contracting

Variety of agriculture & farming services, Machine operator, Animal husbandry, Vertebrate pest control, Fire mitigation and much more. Phone: 0401 312 877 email: info@bhruralcontracting.com.au

Jo Lyons Photography

Professional Photographer for People Whose Kids Have Four Legs. Dog and Family photography. Purpose built studio in Wootton offering the ultimate studio/outdoor experience. 0412 617 928 www.jolyonsphotography.com

Lifestyle, Health and Beauty

Liarne's Hair and Beauty

A private home salon. All ladies and mens hairdressing. Waxing, relaxation facials, lash and brow tinting. Air conditioning, eftpos facilities. Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm 0412 833 700

Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton

Wootton Hall. Mondays 9-10am we unwind with a gentle yin/restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries. Wednesdays from 9.15-10.45am it's an active Hatha class where we get moving. All welcome. 0414 387 008

Celebrant—Karen George

Specialising in weddings, renewal of wedding vows and commitment ceremonies. Contact— caringcelebrancy@hotmail.com 0422 867 572

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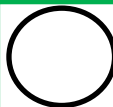


MIDCOAST
council

Save-the-date
3&4 JUNE

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

(Free mattress drop-off at waste management centres 15 May to 30 June)



MOON PHASES

FULL MOON
6 Apr & 6 May



NEW MOON
20 Apr & 20 May

[Use this link to send us a story and photos](#)