

WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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NATIVE ORCHIDS AROUND WOOTTON

In the Mid Coast region of NSW, fire is an important part of the landscape. The relationships between plants, animals, fire and fuel are complex and current knowledge of how these components interact with each other is limited. In relation to orchids, fire and it's temperature impact almost each species differently. Some orchids:

- require disturbance as a result of fire to clear an area so they can establish themselves
- need fire, sometimes very hot in order to flower
- won't flower after a fire as they aren't resistant to it.



G. Steenbeeke

Threatened orchids that you can find in our region include the Leafless Tongue Orchid, Pale Yellow Doubletail Orchid, Small Snake Orchid, Eastern Underground Orchid, Southern Swamp Orchid and others. Some of these are threatened because of irregular fire regimes, increasing weed populations as a result of fire clearings and habitat destruction and fragmentation.

Try and keep an eye out on your next bushwalk or head to <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/speciesbytype.aspx> for more information on the threatened orchids you might find in your paddocks and forests. Image: pale yellow doubletail (*Diuris flavescens*)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fri 11 Aug	Nabiac 12.30 Landcare week tree planting. Art Exhibition "Size Matters" 6pm Hardwood Cafe
Sat 12 Aug	Food Swap. Wootton Hall 12 pm Science week through to 20 August
Sun 13 Aug	Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd.
Fri 18 Aug	AABR Fest Topi Topi through to 20 August
Sat 2 Sept	Fire Expo Bulahdelah Showground
Sat 9 Sept	Food Swap. Wootton Hall 12pm Trivia Night Wootton Hall. 6 pm Book on website.
Sun 10 Sept	Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd.
Sun 24 Sept	Great Lakes Food Trail through to 1st October Food Trail Art Exhibition Wootton Hall

The Wootton Valley News is usually delivered before the 1st day of each second month.

* - RSVP details in the newsletter and online www.wootton.org.au

NAIDOC Week – July 2-9

There was an Aboriginal art workshop held on Sunday 2nd July to celebrate NAIDOC Week and to raise funds for the WCN (\$180 was raised on the day).

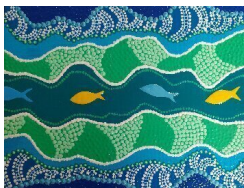
The workshop was conducted by Chris George and held in the Wootton Hall. There were 13 participants from the very young to elders who learnt about Aboriginal art history and contemporary art concepts. All the participants enjoyed themselves and each other's company whilst creating their own small personal artwork on the day. Please see below for some examples of the works created.



Wallawa Ngurrampaa Art Exhibition

The Wallawa Ngurrampaa exhibition of personal works by Chris George has been held in the Hardwood Café from late June until the end July 2023. The exhibition had its opening night on Friday 16th June 2023 at 6pm at the Hardwood café and was attended by a group of dedicated local art lovers. The exhibition had a variety of styles – art, sculpture and woodworks ranging from traditional Aboriginal artefacts and tools to contemporary artworks.

Chris would like to thank those who purchased items from the exhibition and for the support of the WCN and Hardwood Espresso throughout the exhibition.



Winter Luncheon

The Winter Luncheon was held on Saturday 15th July in sunny conditions at the Wootton Hall. A good number of people attended the event and thoroughly enjoyed the middle eastern styled cuisine, good weather and the company. A huge thankyou to the organisers and all the people who put their efforts and skills into making this event such an enjoyable and tasty gathering. The approx. \$300 raised from this event will go directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of the WCN facilities.



Future WCN Fund Raising Events 2023

Annual Trivia Night Fund Raiser

The WCN will be holding its annual Trivia Night event on Saturday 9th September at 6pm in the Wootton Hall. This event will help to raise much needed funds to continue to do repairs and maintenance on the facilities of the WCN. There will be prizes and rewards for participants and a lucky door prize on the night. Nibbles, a light meal and dessert will be provided but please BYO drinks.

Cost is \$30 per head and can be booked through the WCN website - [Upcoming Events | Wootton Community Network](#)

LLS-STOCK-RETURNS-DUE-31-AUGUST11
www.lls.nsw.gov.au/i-want-to/lodge-my-annual-land-and-stock-return



ANNUAL LAND AND STOCK RETURNS
The Annual Land and Stock Return portal is now open! Returns must be completed by 31 August 2022.

LODGE YOUR RETURN

BOOKING DETAILS FOR WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

Same banking details apply for all MEMBERSHIPS and EVENT BOOKINGS. Please direct deposit 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

Chairperson: TBA

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?

Andrew Holland 0416 002 532

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

Joel Dunn 0401 932 533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

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

State Emergency Service 132 500

Bulahdelah Police: 4940 7470

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

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 12-4pm, Sun 10-2pm

Support Position Vacant

work at home, safe from fires!

Wootton RFS is seeking a person interested in being the Brigade Treasurer. If you have basic bookkeeping skills and are keen to volunteer then please contact us. You will need to join the RFS and complete some online materials but you are NOT required to fight fires and do call outs. For more information please contact the Captain Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Biggest Morning Tea



Thank you

for being a part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and supporting those impacted by cancer. Thank you to Carol Bridge, who was the organizer and to Jo and Neal Lyons who hosted the morning tea in the Hardwood Cafe

Together we raised

\$2,722.56

For life-saving research, prevention, and support services.

Find out more about how you are helping at biggestmorningtea.com.au



National Science Week 2023

In-person and online events, virtual tours, DIY science and more, all across Australia, from 12 - 20 August

Enter your suburb or postcode

Find an event



News Flash

A flaming mystery on Wootton Way. Gideon, a local tradesperson working in Wootton, saw a burning van on Wootton Way, late evening on Friday 21 July. There was no sign of anybody in the area, so he rang 000 and put out a few grass fires with the portable extinguisher in his car. The RFS responded and took over to stop the fire spreading. Thanks mate for helping keep Wootton safe!

Moon Phases

New Moon

16th August

15th September

Full Moon

2nd August

31st August

29th September



Upcoming events



Art Exhibition

All welcome

Opening Night Friday 11th August

Hardwood Espresso Cafe

Wootton Way, Wootton

All enquires to

Wootton Creative Alliance (WCA)

Size Matters Exhibition



The WCA will be presenting another exhibition of community art titled 'Size Matters' at the Hardwood Café from August – September 2023. This exhibition will focus on works that are of a set size (30cm x 30cm) but open to all types of mediums, styles and concepts. The exhibition will be accessible to local and surrounding creatives of all ages and experiences and will correspond with the opening hours of the Hardwood Café every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am – 11.30am. If you are interested in participating, please email the WCA at wca@wootton.org.au for further information and to be put on the emailing list.

The exhibition opening night will be at 6pm on Friday 11th August at the Hardwood Café for all who are interested in attending.

For more information check the WCN website - <https://wootton.org.au/upcoming-events/>



Discover our region's finest producers

The Great Lakes Food trail is a self drive tour through the Great Lakes from Bulahdelah to Wootton then Bungwahl to Forster. We open our farms, vineyards and brewery to the public in Autumn and spring and share experiences throughout the year.

Our next trail is from Sunday 24th September to Sunday 1st October 2023

Great Lakes Food Trail – Major Exhibition Planned

During the duration of the Food Trail the WCA will be coordinating a major exhibition of art in the Wootton Hall, from local and surrounding artists. It is an open exhibition for all types of works, mediums, sizes and formats. It will run from 21st September until Sunday 1st October during the Hardwood Café trading hours every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

If you are interested in participating, please email the WCA at wca@wootton.org.au for further information and to be put on the emailing list.

The exhibition opening night will be at 6pm on Thursday 21st September at the Wootton Hall for all who are interested in attending.

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Do you have a story to tell or photos to share?

Email wvnews2423@gmail.com by 15th September

AABR FEST Topi Topi 18,19 & 20 August



Come along to a fantastic bush regeneration event

This event is a gathering for bush regenerators and all those in ecological restoration, to join with each other and learn on the land. This is an opportunity to connect with the wider bush regeneration community, rekindle old friendships and forge new ones.

Bring your family for a rejuvenating experience amidst the awe inspiring landscapes of Topi Topi, the traditional lands of the Worimi People. Places limited to 200 people, so don't miss out! [book here](#)

Be captivated by the wisdom and knowledge of the AABR Board (Australian Association of Bush Regenerators) and members as they share their insights in presentations

- Dive into a eucalyptus ID workshop.
- Witness a small-scale controlled ecological burn.
- Gain hands-on experience with motorised spray units, and water pumps.
- Learn how to operate a tractor with a 4-in-1 bucket.
- Sit around a campfire with the founders of AABR and engage in inspiring conversation.

Seasonal conditions update

As predicted, it seems we are heading into a dry winter. Landholders that rely on planted feed are finding that it is slow to grow this season due to lack of rain. As a result, landholders are looking to silage or hay to supplement animals. It is time to tighten grazing management and feed budget. Traditionally we have little growth in the grasses till September. Beware of overgrazing as bare paddocks have poorer infiltration rates and take longer to recover when it does rain. Paddocks with sparse ground cover are magnets for early succession pasture plants, which are often considered weeds, think fire weed and giant Parramatta grass for example.

It is a great time to weed tree lots and prepare for planting shade and shelter once we get some rain

Landcare week



Landcare Week
Regional Program Celebration
Nabiac, August 11th 2023
12.30-5pm
Join us for a community tree planting followed by a light lunch and celebration of the previous four years.

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Visit the Wootton website wootton.org.au and "Wootton Community" facebook public group

Fire Skills Expo

MID COAST 2 TOPS LANDCARECONNECTION PRESENTS

Fire Skills Expo 2023

**Saturday 2 September
Bulahdelah Showground**

Are you interested in learning how to prepare your property for fire?

Have a plan but not the confidence to carry it out? Have you done all the planning but none of the practice?

Come enjoy a fun day out where you can watch demos on practical skills, see fire trucks, and have your questions answered!

There will be interactive activities, a free BBQ lunch and plenty of entertainment for the kids.

You can have a chat with people from:

**Bulahdelah Rural Fire Brigade
Mid Coast 2 Tops Landcare
MidCoast Council
MidCoast District Rural Fire Service
and more to be announced!**

This program is funded through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DCRRF / Resilience NSW).



Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to sign up:



For more information contact:
Olivia Eglin
Fire Ecology Education Officer,
olivia@midcoast2topslandcare.org.au
0437 863 995

Saturday 2 September Bulahdelah Showground

The event aims to teach the community practical fire management skills that couldn't be covered in the workshops.

The expo will include:

- Bulahdelah Fire Brigade trucks and other fire management equipment
- Interactive activities like the SIM tables (a sand-pit which has fire behaviour projected onto it)
- a free BBQ lunch
- activities for the kids
- stakeholders and agency stalls.

We are hoping to have a Welcome to Country and have bushfire management businesses there to share their experience and connect with the community.

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

The coming Summer in Wootton is forecast to be very hot & dry. People need to have their Bushfire Plans in place and their properties prepared. Our Brigade welcomes new members.

Great news for the fireshed extension, the Council approval has finally been obtained and works are now being organised to start asap.

FIRE PERMITS WILL SOON BE REQUIRED FOR ALL FIRES

CHECK HERE FOR UPDATES AND LOOK FOR ROADSIGNS

**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](#)



Captain Adam Garnett 0428 272 629
Permit Officers

Mike Coventry 0407 458 167
Renee Spiteri 4997 7149

DIRECTORY

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Post Office

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

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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. is an active Hatha class where we get moving. All welcome. 0414 387 008

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New persons wishing to advertise from July 2023 to June 2024. Cost is \$60. Please contact

Leanne for details treasurer@wootton.org.au

Leanne Wright (treasurer of WCN Inc.)

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