

# WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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**Black Jezebel butterflies** (*Delias nigrina*) are nomadic and some of our most colourful and graceful visitors, with many relatives in Australia and Asia. The topside of the wings on males is very similar to “Cabbage White” butterflies that are such a garden pest, but *Delias* caterpillars are no problem. Birds avoid eating them, because they contain toxic chemicals from mistletoe plants that their caterpillars eat.



Pupa © Pat Tate

Adult © Andrew Allen - <https://www.inaturalist.org/photos/233274368>  
<https://lepidoptera.butterflyhouse.com.au/pier/nigrina.html>

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Subscribe to [Wootton Community events](#) to update your calendar automatically and read updates on the [Wootton Community facebook group](#)

### *Bulky waste collection 5-13 June*

Sat 8 June	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday. Peter D 0478 741 111
Sun 9 June	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tue 11 June	• Wootton Hall: WCN committee meeting <i>ALL WELCOME FROM 10am</i>
Fri 21 June	• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday
Tue 9 July	• Wootton Hall: WCN committee meeting <i>ALL WELCOME FROM 10am</i>
Sat 13 July	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday. Peter D 0478 741 111
Sun 14 July	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
<b>Sun 14 July</b>	• <b>Car Boot Sale and Morning Tea from 10am (details inside)</b>
Mon 15 July	<i>**Copy deadline for Wootton Valley News**</i>
Fri 19 July	• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday

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Visit our website [www.wootton.org.au](http://www.wootton.org.au) and [Wootton Community](#) Facebook public group

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

## Wootton Community Network

A huge thank you to the wonderful people of Wootton,  
who again rose to the occasion to support

### Wootton's 2024 Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 30 May.

The amount of funds raised is being finalised, and will be posted on our website and in the next newsletter. Thanks to all the generous donors for their gifts of baked goodies, handmade crafts, artworks, silent auction items, raffle prizes, vouchers, time and tireless efforts, and to everyone who attended for your inspiring community spirit!

WCN also wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank the **Bulahdelah Lions Club** for its recent generous donation and ongoing support for the Wootton community.

*All these events are coordinated and run by WCN volunteers, and all funds raised contribute directly to the maintenance and upkeep of all our Wootton Community Network buildings and facilities.*

**Sunday 28th April brought beautiful weather at Wootton for local artists to get out and about, and be inspired to paint and draw En plein air (outdoors).**



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

**~ COMING EVENTS ~**

**CAR BOOT SALE & MORNING TEA** Our next social event is planned for **Sunday 14 July, from 10am in the community grounds.**

There is **NO COST** to participate in the car boot sale, but registration is essential for planning purposes.

To book your car space, **please email [secretary@wootton.org.au](mailto:secretary@wootton.org.au) by 1 JULY** and check our website [www.wootton.org.au](http://www.wootton.org.au) for updates.

**FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY** The WCN Committee is organising for the local delivery of **“Provide First Aid”**, a fully accredited, full-day, face to-face course, in the near future. The cost of this course is **\$150 for non-financial members and \$100 for financial members (subsidised by WCN).** The general community is invited to participate, and should register interest by sending an **email to the WCN secretary at [secretary@wootton.org.au](mailto:secretary@wootton.org.au) by 30 June.**

**COUNTRY CAFÉ OPPORTUNITY**

The Brush Turkey Café, a community-owned premises in Wootton, functioning as an art gallery and café, is looking for a new tenant. Submit your enquiry or submission today to [secretary@wootton.org.au](mailto:secretary@wootton.org.au). Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

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## NAIDOC WEEK 7-14 JULY 2024

“Urapun Muy” is the poster\* created by artist [Deb Belyea](#) and means

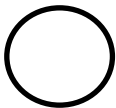


‘One Fire’ in the Kalaw Kaway Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait. *“The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the*

*hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations. Afterall, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.”*

*Deb Belyea (SAMUAWGADHALGAL, TORRES STRAIT)*

\*The 2024 National NAIDOC Poster incorporating the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag (licensed by the Torres Strait Island Council)



### MOON PHASES

FULL MOON 22 June & 23 July



NEW MOON 6 June & 6 July

**No smoking  
means  
no vaping**



**Since December, wherever smoking is banned, so is vaping.**

The ban includes areas such as shopping centres, cinemas, public transport stops and platforms, outdoor dining areas,

sports grounds, playgrounds and many other spaces.

[On the spot fines can be issued for breaking the smoking bans.](#)

**Woottonite Ella Szpindler** recently won **First Prize for 3-Dimensional Works**, at the 42nd Annual Great Lakes Art Society Open Art Exhibition.

Ella was “*very pleased to receive the prize*” and hopes “*to produce many more works*”.

The red sticker on the label means someone

has already snapped up this beautiful prize-winning ceramic lamp.



### **Wootton Rural Fire Brigade**

*During the colder months remember your house fire safety strategies and make sure you have an escape plan in case of fire. Also just as a reminder to us all to have our chimney cleaned every two to three years as a minimum.*

*Ensure your smoke alarms are in good working order; use fire guards on open fire places; and keep flammable items, such as clothes, away from heaters & fire places. Also remember to clean the lint filter in your clothes dryer after every use.*

*The cooler months are the best time to prepare for the forthcoming fire season. Grass fires are a particular concern for the next fire season especially since the extended wet weather & resultant luxuriant growth. Please trim overhanging branches from your roof; mow grass and clear around your home; clear and remove leaves and debris from your gutters; and prepare a hose that reaches all around your home.*

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

Follow the [Facebook page](#) for updates or  
contact Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629

**EVEN OUTSIDE “PERMIT SEASON” YOU MUST CONTACT  
YOUR NEIGHBOURS AT LEAST 24 hrs BEFORE LIGHTING UP**

**[USE THE ONLINE NOTIFICATION FORM](#)**

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

**FREE mattress drop off**  
(1 per household)  
**13 May - 28 June**

**Put waste out 25/26 May**  
**for pickup 5-13 June**

[www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Services/Waste-and-recycling/Bulky-Waste](http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Services/Waste-and-recycling/Bulky-Waste)



Local Land  
Services

## LLS Board Elections 2024.

Have your say on decisions that affect our region.

Voting: Open 21 May | Close 14 June

[Hunter candidate information - Local Land Services \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Wootton Community hall, grounds and facilities are available to hire for private functions?

Any enquiries should be directed to [secretary@wootton.org.au](mailto:secretary@wootton.org.au)

or make an initial booking/enquiry online at

<https://wootton.org.au/community-hall/>

**Landcare funding is still available for local groups** with a project or idea to learn more from a guest speaker. Recent projects included soil testing and trialling nutritious pasture plants around Wootton (chicory came up the best so far, persisting through the drought).



By the time you read this newsletter, the amazing [Eco Burn Education Project](#) will have wound up face-to-face events, but project officer *Olivia Eglin* has produced a [free online-learning package](#)

*(funded by the Federal Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, Midcoast Council and Midcoast 2 Tops Landcare Connection)*

**Find out more at our websites, contact local members or email**

[joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com)

<https://midcoast2tops.org.au/karuah-great-lakes/>  
[www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/](https://www.facebook.com/karuahgreatlakeslandcare/)



# Join the Wootton Community Network for only \$20 today.

As a not-for-profit organisation, your membership helps to maintain  
and improve facilities and services in the community.

Members also get discounted access to events throughout the year.

**All welcome! Visit the Website**

[www.wootton.org.au](http://www.wootton.org.au) or

Direct Deposit to **Wootton Community Network Inc.**

- CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496

*Please include your Name and "Membership" as a reference*

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



## **Wootton Community Network**

President: Nicole Turnbull

Secretary: Andrew Holland

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: [info@wootton.org.au](mailto:info@wootton.org.au)

FoodSwap: Peter Dixon 0478741111

### **Bookings—all facilities**

*Celebrating something special? Running a  
Course or a Market?*

Andrew Holland 0416 002 532

## **Wootton Creative Alliance:**

[wca@wootton.org.au](http://wca@wootton.org.au)

## **Wootton Rural Fire Brigade**

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

[www.facebook.com/woottonrfs](http://www.facebook.com/woottonrfs)

## **Midcoast Fire Control**

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262  
(24hour prior notice)

## **Karuah Great Lakes Landcare**

[joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com](mailto: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

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Accommodation

## **Wootton Guest House**

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Real Estate

## **Ede's Real Estate Pty Ltd** since 1956

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**Agent/Agency Award Winners 2018 to 2024**

Local Agent 49974566 0408492883

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[edes@edes.com.au](mailto:edes@edes.com.au) [www.edes.com.au](http://www.edes.com.au)

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

Farm Services

## **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

## **C & E Mobile Mechanical**

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

General

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Lifestyle, Health and Beauty

## **Wootton Water Carriers**

Tanks, pools or dams. HNEP Health approved. Peace of mind, as well as water. 0488 223 575. Fbook: Wootton WATER Carriers

## **BD Appliance Repairs**

Specialising in washing machines, dryers, & dishwasher repairs & installs. We come to you. Call your local repair man, Dave - 0422 787 552

## **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](http://www.jolyonsphotography.com)

## **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

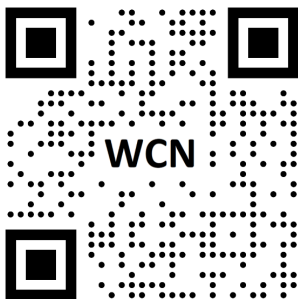
## **Celebrant—Karen George**

Specialising in weddings, renewal of wedding vows and commitment ceremonies. Contact— [caringcelebrancy@hotmail.com](mailto:caringcelebrancy@hotmail.com) 0422 867 572

## **Minibrae Dogstayz - Minibrae GroomDayz**

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