

WHAT'S ON? APRIL/MAY 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT
EVERY SAT	7.30 AM	JUNKYARD FITNESS ON TENNIS COURTS LED BY NEAL LYONS.
LAST SUN MONTHLY	5 PM	AUTUMN/WINTER SUNDOWNERS IN COMMUNITY GROUNDS
TUES 8 APRIL	10 AM	WCN COMMITTEE MEETING in Community Hall. All welcome
SAT 12 APRIL	12 PM	WOOTTON FOOD SWAP in shelter shed/hall. Peter Dixon 0478 741 111
SUN 13 APR	8 AM	RFS TRAINING AT WOOTTON FIRE BRIGADE SHED, SQUIRES RD
FRI 18 APR		NO LIBRARY DUE TO GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY.
SUN 27 APR	2 PM	WORKING BEE at tennis courts followed by sausage sizzle
SAT 10 MAY	12 PM	WOOTTON FOOD SWAP in shelter shed/hall. Peter Dixon 0478 741 111
SUN 11 MAY	8 AM	RFS TRAINING AT WOOTTON FIRE BRIGADE SHED, SQUIRES RD
TUE 13 MAY	10 AM	WCN COMMITTEE MEETING in Community Hall. All welcome
THU 15 MAY		May copy deadline for next edition WVN (156)
FRI 16 MAY	10 AM -12 PM	Wootton Community Library open in Community Hall
SAT 24 MAY	10 AM -12 PM	WOOTTON'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA VENUE: IN HALL OR CAFÉ (TBC)

THE DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS WILL BE CONFIRMED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

The WCN Committee met on Tuesday the 11th of February and reviewed feedback from the Community Get-together and Morning Tea that was held on Saturday 8th February and the collated results of the processed surveys:

Fifty (50) people attended the meeting and 17 surveys were received.

A good discussion was had on the day with various views explored.

The Committee minuted the following regarding the Wootton Community Survey results:

“After the well-attended community meeting (50+ attendees), held on Saturday

the 8th February for ideas or suggestions, the overwhelming top categories from the community surveys were:

1. Regular social events —most popular was monthly dinners
2. Support for a continuing café function—at least at weekends
3. Specialist events: workshops, presentations, courses, music/bands
4. Not many offers of help to run/organise events —left to the committee?

Committee discussion centered on what to implement and how.”

Wootton Community Library

EXTENDED LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

From March 2025, the library will be open and available for borrowing books, games and DVDs whenever the hall is open for regular activities and special events. This includes during Junkyard Fitness, from 7:30 am on fine Saturday mornings, and also during Food Swaps each month. Please remember to sign your borrowed items out in the borrowing book, and then back in when returning. This will help us monitor whether extended borrowing hours are being utilised. Please also note that the library will not be open on Good Friday.

Working Bee Sunday 27 April from 2 pm

Come along and join other active community helpers as they work to rejuvenate the tennis courts and surrounds. Jobs will include trimming back trees and bushes surrounding the wooden fence, straightening and securing the fence, filling gaps in cracks on both courts. After the working bee join us for a free sausage sizzle, then stay for BYO drinks with other Sundowners from 5pm.



IN THE PRESS



“Wootton Food Swap Looks To The Future

THE WOOTTON Food Swap, now in its eighth year, is looking towards the future and considering expanding the concept.

The food swap allows community members the opportunity to exchange home-grown or home-made items, as well as plants and seeds”.

Contact Food Swap: Peter Dixon 0478 741 111

<https://www.newsofthearea.com.au/wootton-food-swap-looks-to-the-future>

WOOTTON’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA – Saturday 24 May 10am

Join us this year to see if we can exceed our last year’s fundraising total of \$4200, to make 2025 Wootton’s Biggest Morning Tea ever! This year we will hold the event on a Saturday to enable weekday workers and their guests to attend. As always, we will offer delicious morning tea options including hot beverages. Fundraising activities will include a lucky door raffle, trivia quiz, guessing competitions, a popular silent auction and cake auction, so there’ll be lots of opportunities to spend your money for a great cause!

Our past fundraising successes have been due to the overwhelming number of donations from our generous locals- individuals and businesses alike! These have been much appreciated – THANK YOU!

If you can help or donate something to raffle or auction on the day, please contact Carol on 0427751984 or Mary 0414650081. We’d love to hear from you!

Your invitation is on **page 6** so please grab a group of friends and join us in Wootton for a fun, fundraising morning!

Can’t make it on the day, but want to donate to our local event?

Scan the QR code below to deposit directly into our Cancer Council fundraising page.

INVITATION TO CUT, PRINT AND SHARE PAGE 6



PLACE

Spirit of place is palpable, you can feel it, touch it, see it. Place is where we reside, where we take a deep breath, where the heart lives.

Exhibition Opening evening 24 January 2025

MANNING REGIONAL ART GALLERY, TAREE



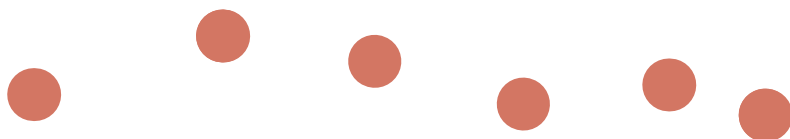
Thank you to Julie Slavan the wonderful volunteer photographer at the Manning Regional Gallery Taree for sharing with us her 'captures' of the evening. The exhibition has now closed, however, memories linger of a set of works that definitively responded creatively to the spirit, colours and beauty of the Wootton Valley—the landscape and trees were the heroes.

A wonderful photo top left of the artists from the Wootton Creative Alliance present for the unveiling of their works, from left: Ella Szpindler, Sylvie Arteon, Mike Coventry, Kristin Coburn, Robyn North-Zamon, Wendy Rapee, Paul Smith, Victoria Norman, Cath Muscat, Susanne Kennedy and Ron Rapee.

Mediums included: timber sculptures and carvings, paintings, ceramic pots and sculptures, resin objects that glowed and printmaking. Cath Muscat's work was an evocative photographic soundscape which hopefully we can have on a roll at some events in the future...

The second row of images opposite show the paintings of Tracy Smith (left) who submitted the successful exhibition proposal to the Gallery and Paul Smith (right) acknowledging the exhibition in Tracy's honor on the night.

If you are members of our community and you are looking for a mentor, a creative outlet or happy to share your skills to inspire others contact Paul @ smithpaultracy@gmail.com







Australia's
**Biggest
Morning
Tea**

Hello Wootton Neighbour!

Share a cuppa for a cause.

You are invited to Wootton's Biggest Morning Tea.
Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support
those impacted by cancer.



HOSTS: Wootton Community Network - Carol & Mary

WHERE: Brush Turkey Cafe or Community Hall - 1633 Wootton Way, Wootton

WHEN: 10am on Saturday 24 May 2025

DETAILS: Bring your cash or card for raffles, quizzes, competitions and auctions, or just for morning tea!

RSVP: Thursday 22 May - contact Carol 0427751984 to reserve your table

Help us reach our goal of \$4,000



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Andrew Holland 0416 002 532

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