

WHAT'S ON?

DATE	TIME	EVENT
EVERY SAT	8-8.45 AM	JUNKYARD FITNESS on tennis courts. Led by Neal Lyons
LAST SUN MONTHLY	5 PM	WOOTTON SUNDOWNERS In community grounds See facebook for updates
SUN 5 OCT	8 AM-3.30 PM	RFS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER AT TAREE BUNNINGS
SAT 11 OCT	12 PM	WOOTTON FOOD SWAP in shelter shed/hall PETER DIXON 0478 741 111
TUES 14 OCT	10 AM	WCN COMMITTEE MEETING in Community Hall All welcome
FRI 17 OCT	10 AM- 12PM	WOOTTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY open in Community Hall
SAT 25 OCT	5PM	WCN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in Community Hall
SAT 25 OCT	6 PM	SAVE THE DATE: TRIVIA NIGHT IN COMMUNITY HALL DETAILS AND TICKETS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
SAT 8 NOV	12 PM	WOOTTON FOOD SWAP IN SHELTER SHED/HALL PETER DIXON 0478 741 111
TUES 11 NOV	10 AM	WCN COMMITTEE MEETING in Community Hall All welcome
SAT 15 NOV		DECEMBER DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION WVN (159)
FRI 21 NOV	10 AM- 12 PM	WOOTTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY open in Community Hall
SAT 29 NOV	5 PM	SAVE THE DATE: WOOTTON END-OF-THE-YEAR PARTY DETAILS TO BE ADVISED VIA WEBSITE, FACEBOOK AND EMAIL TO MEMBERS

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

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

■ SPEAK UP ABOUT SPEED LIMITS IN WOOTTON

Do you think cars travel too fast through Wootton? Now's your chance to help change that. Transport for NSW is currently accepting public feedback on speed limits and signage. If you've got concerns about speeding, dangerous corners or the need for reduced speed zones, take a few minutes to complete their online form. Your input will help prioritise roads for future speed zone reviews. Visit the Transport NSW website.

■ TANYA THOMPSON MP VISITS WOOTTON

On Thursday 4 September, Tanya Thompson MP visited Wootton (Photo centre) to meet with local residents and hear their concerns. Around 10 community members attended the session, which included open discussion and Q&A



alongside MidCoast Councillor and WCN President Nicole Turnbull. Topics raised included road conditions, speed limits, housing and available grants.

■ FIRST AID COURSE FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

Ten people attended and benefitted from registered first-aid training with knowledgeable hands-on interactives by the local instructor, Wayne Cook, from Bulahdelah.

■ WORKING BEE SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Fine weather finally allowed us to hold our first working bee for 2025! 17 volunteers hit the tools and got their hands dirty then enjoyed a sausage sizzle and afternoon tea afterwards. Sincere thanks to those who attended: Victoria & Pete Norman, David & Caroline Dauntton (visiting), Chris Kennedy, Clint Seares, Shelley McIntyre, Mike Coventry, Neal & Jo Lyons, Elaine Chan & Michael Dertesi, Nicole Hansbro, Paul Smith, Damian Carroll, Alan & Carol Bridge.

As a result of your time and efforts the perimeter of the tennis courts is now cleared and is much tidier, most of the gardens received a trim and weeding, and the existing café and outdoor furniture was returned to original placements.



**OUR WORKING BEES!
MIKE COVENTRY AND
NEW RESIDENTS
MICHAEL + ELAINE**



■ JUNKYARD FITNESS

Outdoor circuit training that combines isotonic and isometric functional movement

Commencing back on 4th October at **8AM - 8:45AM (EVERY SATURDAY)**

WHERE: Wootton Community Centre Tennis Courts (classes are subject to weather conditions)

Classes are run by volunteers so check Facebook for class updates <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561199856328&sk=about>

JunkYard Fitness is a volunteer-run fitness initiative. All funds go to maintenance costs for the Wootton Community Network.

COST: WCN Members \$10

Non-Members \$15

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NEAL 0423 740 627



UPGRADING OUR HERITAGE COMMUNITY HALL

GRANT SUBMISSION OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Wootton Community Network (WCN) is the manager of several buildings that belong to Crown Lands, including the Brush Turkey Café, the Old School House and the Community Hall. We are currently eligible for a grant to assist us with costs related to maintaining and repairing our important Community Hall. To be successful one of the requirements of this grant is to provide evidence of 'community engagement'.

YOUR IMPORTANT INPUT MATTERS!

We need your thoughts and suggestions. Please engage in the process to demonstrate how important our heritage and the Community Hall is to us. In your comments you could consider commenting on its importance for physical health and fitness, social wellbeing and a space for a remote community to interact, catch up and make new connections (for example; trivia nights, yoga, library, self-defense, art exhibitions, council meetings). We would love to hear from former pupils still living in the community to emphasise the heritage of this building, erected in 1912.

IN THE PAST... any funds used to upkeep the Hall have been covered from revenue received from renting the Old School House and Cafe, and hiring out the Community Hall. However, this is not enough to cover our current urgent requirements for repairs to the Hall. The external painting of the Hall is an immediate priority because it is at risk of further wood rotting, which would lead to more expense. The awnings, which have been maintained with regular cleaning, are now past redemption and require replacing. When the Old School House was renovated in 2024 the Community Hall was repainted internally though there were issues with the wood rot from the external southern wall.

Our beautiful old building, that caters for many of our activities, requires our focus and care so that we don't lose this vital community hub. The required works represent a large and expensive job well beyond the financial capabilities of the WCN. We are therefore seeking this critical assistance from the government via their Community Infrastructure Grant round due in Dec 2025. **WITHOUT YOUR ENGAGEMENT, WE HAVE LESS CHANCE OF SECURING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL IN THIS FORM.**



CALL TO ACTION Point your phone camera at the **QR code** (Left) and click the yellow link that will appear underneath when you click — this will take you to an online form to fill in. Alternatively, go to wootton.org.au and you will find **the form**, or share your thoughts via email secwootton@gmail.com

WATER TANK REPLACEMENT

The WCN has recently been a successful recipient of a Water Wise grant from MidCoast Council, following the need to replace the concrete tank at the front of the Community Hall. Despite repeated attempts to maintain the appearance of the tank, it continues to leak, causing discolouration and staining of the artwork.



The artwork marks the celebration of the 101 year anniversary of the building of Wootton Public School. On 28 September 2013 community members in attendance at 'Wootton 101' wrote their names and placed handprints around the tank as part of a wide variety of activities that marked the day.

Thanks to the grant, the concrete tank will be demolished, and replaced by a new River Gum plastic tank, which will be situated around the corner of the building to reveal the whole façade of the Community Hall.

■ WHAT'S NEWS FROM WRFS WOOTTON BRIGADE?

Prepare your property for the upcoming bush fire season by accessing information on the RFS NSW website: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>, or send us a message on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/woottonrfs/>

To access up-to-date information regarding fires and other emergencies in your area, download the following mobile / tablet apps:

- Hazards Near Me
- Fires Near Me
- Emergency Plus.

WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

UPDATE

The publication of our Wootton Valley News relies wholly on the generosity of community volunteers to collect articles, edit and create, publish and then deliver the bi-monthly publication. Recent changes to the circumstances of some of these volunteers has prompted us to reach out to the community again for anyone who is keen to help with the publication or delivery of the newsletters.

We would like to thank Patrick and Sylvie Riviere for their many years of newsletter deliveries along Newmans Rd, and ensuring copies have been available in community spaces and on noticeboards. Meg and Steve South will now take on these deliveries, while Ali and Rob Metcalfe will now deliver along Wattley Hill Rd from Ferny Creek to Jabiru Roads.

If you are able to assist with the publication or delivery of the Wootton Valley News, please contact secwootton@gmail.com.

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