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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A SAFE, HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON TO THE
WOOTTON COMMUNITY

WHAT'S ON?

DATE	TIME	EVENT
LAST SUN MONTHLY	5 PM	WOOTTON SUNDOWNERS In community grounds
SUN 7 DEC	10 AM- 1 PM	BRUSH TURKEY CAFÉ OPEN, HOSTED BY COOLONGOLOOK PS P&C
TUES 9 DEC	10 AM	WCN COMMITTEE MEETING IN COMMUNITY HALL ALL WELCOME
SAT 13 DEC	12 PM	WOOTTON FOOD SWAP IN SHELTER SHED/HALL PETER DIXON 0478 741 111
FRI 19 DEC	10 AM- 12PM	WOOTTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY open in Community Hall. TBC on Facebook.
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THUR 15 JAN	10 AM	DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION WVN (160)
FRI 16 JAN	10 AM- 12PM	WOOTTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY open in Community Hall

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

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WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

COOLONGOLOOK PS P&C FUNDRAISER

On **7 December** the Brush Turkey Café will again open its doors to the community, hosted by Coolongolook PS P&C. Please come along and support this initiative to raise money to support projects at the school.

BRUSH TURKEY CAFÉ



**Open
and
brewing!**

**HOSTED BY
COOLONGOLOOK
P&C**

**OPEN SUNDAY DECEMBER 7,
10 AM - 1 PM**

**SWEET AND SAVOURY OPTIONS
AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THE
FAMOUS LEMON MYRTLE
CHEESECAKE**

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK AGM

It was great to have a good representation of both new and old members attend our AGM at 5pm on Saturday 25 October. At the meeting the previous committee was re-elected to serve for another year. Leanne Wright gave her treasurer's report for the last financial year and Nicole Turnbull, president, acknowledged the work of committee members throughout the year. Some achievements for this year included:

Holding the 'Shaping the heart of our community' morning tea and discussion, hosting a very successful Biggest Morning Tea, holding two lively trivia nights, organising a productive working bee, procuring a Water Wise grant from Mid Coast Council and installing a new water tank, organising and subsidising a second First Aid Course, as well as supporting Wootton RFS fundraising events.



BACK ROW L-R: PAUL SMITH, ANDREW HOLLAND, (SECRETARY), CAROL BRIDGE (PUBLIC OFFICER)

SEATED: NICOLE TURNBULL (PRESIDENT), VICTORIA NORMAN, LEANNE WRIGHT (TREASURER) AND SUSANNE KENNEDY

TRIVIA NIGHT - SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

Our second trivia night for the year attracted 33 eager participants, who enjoyed a fun night of trivia, raffle draws, and a tasty pie, mash and mushy peas dinner. The winning team this time was the Wootton Wonders, whose photo is below. Congratulations to the winning team and thanks to everyone who joined in the fun. Over \$600 was raised to support future repairs and improvements.



THE WINNERS: CLOCKWISE FROM FRONT LEFT ALI AND ROB METCALFE, JAMIE , LINDA THEN MARK CHILCOTE, NICOLE HANSBRO, MEG AND STEVE SOUTH.

COME ALONG! LAST SUNDAY MONTHLY!

WOOTTON SUNDOWNERS IN COMMUNITY GROUNDS

5PM BRUSH TURKEY CAFE, BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES

A lovely way to chill out & meet with like-minded Woottonites. Check Facebook for any changes during the holiday season.



Wootton

WHAT'S NEWS FROM RFS WOOTTON BRIGADE?

In September the Wootton RFS had a **"Get Ready"** information day for the upcoming Fire Season. We discussed where fire threats may come from in the Wootton area and access considerations for the various RFS appliances as well as egress considerations for the residents of the area.

The most important thing discussed with those that attended was the importance of developing a Fire Plan for your household and property. These are property specific and highly dependent on preparedness to fight a fire and capability to remain on the property and fight a fire. The recommendation is to evacuate early in the event of a pending fire after taking care of all your animals and pets in an appropriate way. The RFS remains available to assist any Wootton residents in the development of their fire plans.

In the development of the Fire Plan, a grab bag is an essential part of the plan containing all your important belongings which can be thrown in your car to ensure a smooth and timely evacuation. Considerations for the contents of your grab bag are equipment to clear your egress route including wire cutters and chainsaws.

An important consideration in the RFS fighting any fire, whether that be a house fire or a bush fire, is access to both your property and water sources. If you believe you have an accessible water source you can apply for a Static Water Supply (SWS) sticker to display proudly on your letterbox, so that in the event of a fire, the RFS knows immediately that you have accessible water. After making contact, the Wootton RFS will visit your property to determine suitability, map and give recommendations on access and water sources. For further information contact Mark Chilcote on 0447 681 831.

On a less serious note, the RFS hosted a Pie and Guinness lunch kindly catered by Neal Lyons, and as always, a great occasion. We unfortunately ran out of time for the ladies' lunch, so have locked it in for the 20th February 2026. Put it in your calendar.

We're considering a women's training day in regards preparedness and fighting fires, and as such, requesting expressions of interest. Please contact Neal Lyons on 0423740627 if you're interested in such a session. Expectation is half a day.



ANIMALS LUCKY TO BE NURTURED IN WOOTTON SANCTUARY

Lucky Stars Sanctuary is a volunteer-run charity that provides lifelong care for rescued farm and domestic animals. Many arrive from neglect or abandonment, and our mission is to give them safety, kindness, and a place to truly belong.

We moved to Wootton to create a permanent home where the animals — and our charity — can grow. The peaceful environment and strong community spirit make Wootton the ideal place to expand our work, including future programs that support people through animal-assisted learning and wellbeing activities.



If you'd like to help, we welcome volunteers, local connections, building materials, or donations. Even sharing our story helps us settle into the community and continue our work.

Together, we can build something meaningful for both animals and people here in Wootton.

[HTTPS://LUCKYSTARSSANCTUARY.ORG](https://luckystarssanctuary.org)
CONTACT CLINT SEARES 0477213385

DIRECTORY

WOOTTON DIRECTORY CONTAINS IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS.
ALWAYS DIAL 000 FOR EMERGENCY

WOOTTON COMMUNITY NETWORK

President: Nicole Turnbull
Secretary: Andrew Holland
Treasurer: Leanne Wright (02) 4997 7201
Email: info@wootton.org.au
Food Swap: Peter Dixon 0478 741 111
Library: Carol Bridge on 0427 751 984

WOOTTON CREATIVE ALLIANCE

wca@wootton.org.au

WOOTTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629
www.facebook.com/woottonrfs

MIDCOAST FIRE CONTROL

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
(24 hour prior notice)

KARUAH GREAT LAKES LANDCARE

greatlakes@midcoast2tops.org.au
Joel Dunn 0401 932 533

WOOTTON - TOPI TOPI SUSTAINABLE FARMING GROUP

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MIDCOAST COUNCIL: (02) 6591 7222

STATE FORESTS Wauchope (02) 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, Fr 12-4pm, Sun 10am-2pm

WOOTTON COMMUNITY HALL GROUNDS AND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

Bookings—all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?

Andrew Holland 0416 002 532

**JOIN THE WOOTTON COMMUNITY
NETWORK (WCN) FOR ONLY \$20 ANNUALLY
ALL WELCOME!**



As we are 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.

Visit the Website via the **QR CODE** OR www.wootton.org.au

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

CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496

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Craig Huggett—0410 655 920

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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