

**ISSUE 3** 

# **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

1ST OCTOBER 2021

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## CHANGE TO COMMUNITY POSTAL AGENCY HOURS

Woodstock Community Posta Agency trading hours Tuesday to Friday 10.00am - 12.30pm and 4.00pm - 5.00pm

## **FIRE PERMITS**

Fire permits will be required after OCTOBER 1st



The Woodstock Village entry feature has been completed.

# **WE HAVE PROGRESS!**

We have begun ticking boxes in regards to both grant acquisitions and acquittals.

Since the last publication of this community newsletter in June 2021, we the Woodstock and District Progress Association alone have secured approximately \$45,000 in grants.

A high priority of the Association is the renovation of the community notice board on the corner of Parkes and Rankin Streets and the replacement of the highway signage of both of the highway approaches to the village, we have secured \$5,710 through the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, Small and Vital Grants, for the project 'WHAT's WHAT in WOODSTOCK'. Sign construction is currently underway with Signs R Us Cowra.

In addition to this we have also received \$32,000 through the NSW Government Club Grants Round 3, for a shade structure over the play equipment in the Woodstock Lions Park. We are awaiting the completion of a Native Title Assessment by Cowra Council, and we are hopeful works will be completed in early 2022.

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# www.visitwoodstock.com.au IS LIVE!

Woodstock now has it's very own website. A big thankyou to Kaitlyn Rutledge for putting it together, Glenn Daley for his help with the domain and all other contributors.

The site includes details of places to stay, eat, visit, community organisations and events. We have also activated a Woodstock QR code which will appear on promotional material and noticeboards, scanning the code links you to the village website for more details on everything.

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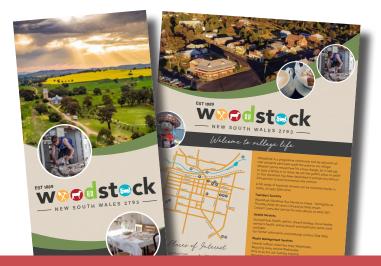


New park infrastructure has been installed in Woodstock Lions Park.

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We also secured \$7,925 from Federal Government Stronger Communities Round 4 for sheltered picnic seating and bench seating to be installed in the Woodstock Lions Park. The infrastructure was purchased through Felton's Industries Condobolin and installed by local Dave O'Brien of OB's Mowing and Maintenance. This project has now been COMPLETED.

We have COMPLETED the installation our feature entry to the Woodstock village. This project was funded with \$1,000 and a great deal of IN KIND. A special thanks to LBR Fabrication for their generous donation of both their time and materials in the Woodstock signage. We have now completed the landscaping around the signage.



All hardy native plants. Prostrate cootamundra wattles, lomandra grasses, calliestemons, leptospernums, hickory wattles, stypia grasses and hardenbergia. Next spring it should be a mass of colour!

We have COMPLETED a tourism brochure and a brochure for new residents. The new resident brochure has been distributed to all local real estate agents for distribution on inspection and at the point of sale of properties both rural and residential.

We have a grant application (\$570) currently submitted through the Cowra Council Community Grants round, for the printing of the tourism brochure.

We have also submitted a grant application (\$5,000) for restoration of the ghost signage that appears on the old Hill's Café. Sharon Fensom from Thuddungra has visited the site and quoted the project in stages. Sharon has years of experience with sign restoration and currently partakes in the Eugowra village Mural Weekend, she has also more recently discovered that she has ancestral connections to the Woodstock district, specifically the Walli area which makes this partnership even more significant. This project will be dependent on grant funding.

We welcome suggestions and ideas from the community at ANYTIME.

## **BARRIER FENCE FOR LIONS PARK**

It is also proposed that funds will be made available to erect 35m of fencing between Parkes St and the Woodstock Lions Park. The length of fence will have a pedestrian access gate and vehicle access gate (for maintenance access). The fence will provide a barrier on the southern side of the park to restrict access by young children to Sheet O Bark Rd and other vehicles pulling in to use the park. Estimated cost is \$8,000.

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# 2021 WOODSTOCK MEMORIAL SHOW WAS CANCELLED!

COVID and lockdown forced the cancellation of the 2021 event in it's traditional format. However, once again a small sub-committee created an online event. Popular sections from the traditional show format were selected and promoted via social media platforms, email and the website. In excess of 300 entries were received via email. Entries from an array of areas Albury, Canberra, Queensland, the South Coast, Orange, Oberon, Cowra and Woodstock. The show retained it's connection with community even with the restrictions COVID dealt.

Quite literally everything organised for this years event will be rolled over to Sunday 4th September 2022. With attractions secured including Troppo Magic, Dinkum Dinosaurs and Rufftrack Crew with their K9 Superwall.

The efforts made following the 2020 cancellation, with virtual competitions and acknowledgement of sponsors and supporters saw the show win the Agricultural Societies Council Resilience Award, announced June 19th 2021. The prize included \$2,000 which was planned to finance the Rufftrack Crew and the K9 Superwall.

> **SAVE THE DATE** Sunday 4th September 2022





# **GOVERNMENT FUNDS** SHOWGROUND UPGRADE

The Regional Agricultural Show Development Grant—Roofs, Rails and Restrooms is COMPLETED. This project was managed by the Woodstock Memorial Show, but Cowra Council remains the Land Manager.

The Showground Stimulus Round 2 grant program for \$70,502 has seen a range of small projects undertaken on the showground; electrical and plumbing upgrades, concrete works and the acquisition of additional portable seating. The kiosk installed in the ringside shed, with a hot water system to be installed and the servery windows fitted.

Internal directional signage has been completed by Signs R Us. We are yet to coordinate and complete signage for the entrance to the Woodstock Showground.

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# COWRA COUNCIL WORKS PROGRAMMED FOR JENNY KERR PARK

As a result of funds being returned to Cowra Council from Round 2 of the Drought Communities Funding \$70,000. Additional works are now planned for the Jenny Kerr Park; in conjunction with previous funds secured by Cowra Council through the Stronger Country Communities Grant Round 3.

## Works originally included:

- Electric BBQ \$6,085
- Electricity service install to park \$6,500
- BBQ shelter, table & seating, concrete slab \$7,355
- Renew soft fall around existing play equipment (30m<sup>3</sup> @ \$91/m<sup>3</sup> plus delivery) \$3,300
- New hand basins, signs, painting and concrete paths around public amenities \$9,800

Works already completed include replacement of washbasins in the amenities block, electricity installation for the BBQ, concrete surrounds to toilet block and BBQ slab, and soft fall under play equipment.

### New work to be funded by Round 2 Drought Communities Funding includes:

- Installation of 'concord' climber \$7,232; plus installation costs estimated at \$8,732
- Installation of 20m of Colorbond fencing on western side of park to replace dilapidated section of timber fencing, cost estimate at \$3,000
- Remove shelter section of existing table setting and repaint.
- Replace all concrete posts (19) in existing netting fence with 90mm RHS in either galvanised or black powder coated finish (costs for this work to be investigated by Woodstock and District Progress Association). Total fence length is 85 metres.

Any remaining funds may be spent in the Jenny Kerr Park to enlarge the concrete playing area around the basketball tower which is currently too small for practical use and extend existing foot path from the entrance to the BBQ area.

# **VALE DENNIS FRASER**

The Woodstock and District Progress Association would like to acknowledge the recent passing of community member Dennis Fraser.

Dennis was an active contributor to the Woodstock community on many levels; a Director of the Woodstock Bowling, Sport and Recreation Club, a bowling and social member and the Treasurer of the Woodstock Swimming Pool.

We extend our sincere condolences to Jannette and their family. Dennis had a great community spirit and will be sadly missed in our little village.



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# UNRESOLVED LANDS CLAIM FORCES RETURN OF FUNDS

The Community Land Manager is still awaiting an outcome on a pending Aboriginal Lands Claim over the Soldiers Park that was placed in 2007.

Unfortunately due to this unresolved issue, funds totaling \$70,000 that had been secured for the ambulant toilet block project through Round 2 of the Drought Communities Funding Programme, have been returned to Cowra Council. As a result the construction of an ambulant amenities block will not be proceeding.

Work has also been delayed on the balance of the footpath, funds secured \$22,000, until this claim has been resolved. All funds for this project were secured through Crown Lands by the Woodstock Soldiers Land Manager.



# **VENUE HIRE**

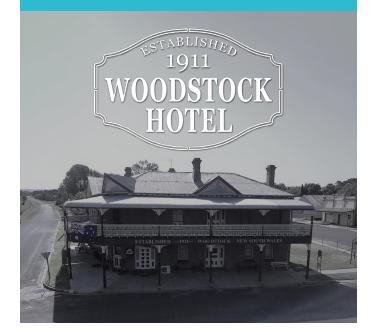
Are you planning a wedding, party or ANYTHING in 2022?

Woodstock Memorial Hall is available for your next function.

Details on the website woodstocksoldiersmemorialhall.godaddysites.com or contact 02 6345 0271

## WHAT'S ON

October 2021 110 Year celebrations Woodstock Hotel See the pubs Facebook page for updates on events.



# COMMUNITY BUS TO COWRA

Cowra Bus Service introduced this fortnightly service to provide transport for residence of Woodstock to Cowra on 11th March 2021. It has been funded with assistance from Transport NSW and is to run for a period of 12 months with three monthly reviews. March 2022 will see the service reviewed.

Fares are in line with NSW Passenger Transport fares including Adult, Concession/Child and RED tickets. Your Red tickets can also be used on the day to travel on the Hail & Ride service to other parts of Cowra.

The service arrives in Cowra at 10.05am and depart again at 1.48pm allowing customers just over 3.5 hours in Cowra.

#### Fortnightly dates are:

- 7th October
- 21st October
- 4th November
- 18th November
- 2nd December
  - 16th December





# **CONNECTING WITH POLICE**

## Cowra Police Station Phone: 6341 5099

Call this number if you would like to speak with an officer from Cowra Police.

### Police Link (formerly Police Assistance Line PAL) Phone: 131 444

If you need police assistance and it is NOT an emergency. Police Link will take reports of malicious damage, stealing, break and enter, fail to pay for goods and most fraud incidents.

You will receive an event number; please keep this handy for future reference. When you contact Police Link, have the details such as date, time handy as you will be asked several questions in relation to the incident.

### Emergency Calls Triple Zero (000)

The Triple Zero telephone number is for use when there is a life-threatening situation or there is immediate danger.

Examples: The incident is happening now. The suspect is still at the scene or if anyone is seriously injured. 000 is shared by other Emergency Services such as Fire and Ambulance. Try to keep calm when speaking with the operator as they will ask you several questions over the phone.

#### Crime Stoppers Phone: 1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers: Used for providing information about criminal activity or crime that you may be aware of in your area. All information is strictly confidential. Crime Stoppers reports are followed up by local police.

#### **Community Portal**

Community Portal is a NSW Police Force Website. https://portal.nsw.gov.au

You will need a valid email address to use the Portal. For more information please log on to the website. Minor crime can be reported through this site. Some categories include: lost property, theft, damage and graffiti, fail to pay, stolen motor vehicles, minor traffic crashes. The portal has a facility to download photos and lets you make the report at your own pace.

## LET'S WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER, AND GROW A SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITY.





# **CONTACT US**

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## **NEXT MEETING**

Sunday October 31st 2021 at Woodstock Memorial Hall 2pm

The new seating at Lions Park is being put to good use.