

ISSUE 4

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

1ST FEBRUARY 2022

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHANGE TO COMMUNITY POSTAL AGENCY HOURS

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



The new Woodstock Village highway signs and village noticeboard have been installed.

GETTING THINGS DONE!

Our efforts are making a difference. Have you spotted the changes?

The project 'WHAT's WHAT in WOODSTOCK', funded with \$5,710 through the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, Small and Vital Grants, has seen the construction of two highway signs and a village noticeboard, designed by Lisa Brien of LB Graphic Design and printed by Signs R Us Cowra.

The highway signs have been installed by members of the

community on the approach to the Sheet of Bark intersection, a big thank you to Kurt Tidswell for granting permission for sign installation on their property.

The village noticeboard also installed by community for the community. Fabrication of roofing framework was completed by Stephen Rutledge. The centre display area is magnetic and community groups and members of community are welcome to display notices relevant to community. Magnets are provided.

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www.visitwoodstock.com.au IS LIVE!

Woodstock now has it's very own website.

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.





Stage 1 of the restoration of the ghost signage on the old Hill's Café has been completed.

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A long overdue shade structure has been installed over the play equipment in the Woodstock Lions Park, with \$32, 747 through the NSW Government Club Grants Round 3. Our young community can now be sunsafe.

Stage 1 of the restoration of the ghost signage on the old Hill's Café has been completed with funding secured through Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program. Sharon Fensom from Thuddungra spent 3 days on site restoring the signage.

The restoration has attracted exposure through ABC Central West with a great article appearing online. The link to this article is www.abc.net.au/ news/2021-12-14/woodstock-nsw-uses-retrosignage-to-attract-visitors/100689666

Stage 2 of the project will be dependent on grant funding, applications have been submitted.

We welcome suggestions and ideas from the community at ANYTIME.



A new shade structure has been installed in Woodstock Lions Park.

LANDS CLAIM ON SOLDIERS PARK TO BE RESOLVED IN 2022

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



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Karen Lee Andrews and one-man band Juzzie Smith will be taking to the stage for the 2022 Festival of Small Halls.

LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS RETURNS FEBRUARY 26th 2022

We are thrilled to announce that Festival of Small Halls is returning to Woodstock – the Summer Tour 2022 - and we would love it if you would join us again. Tickets will be limited.

The Festival will be visiting 20 communities up and down the coast and inland of New South Wales in February and March.

Taking the stage throughout NSW will be beloved Australian festival favourites Karen Lee Andrews and one-man band Juzzie Smith, and Clancy Pye. They are so excited to come and experience the joy and warmth that makes these communities so special.

Karen Lee Andrews is in possession of a unique sense of artistic purpose. Surrounded by music her entire life, Karen's career to date has largely revolved around classic soul and rhythm and blues sounds, but in recent years, as her musicality has evolved, she's been leaning more towards blues. The influence of soul, gospel and Karen's Polynesian background continues to inform what she does, but the blues has come to feel more like home. The beginnings of this shift were apparent on Karen's 2018 EP, 'Far From Paradise', which served as a declaration of independence following several years appeasing the expectations of a major label.

A true musical virtuoso with a style that is bluesy/ folk mixed into a world of its own, Juzzie Smith is a ridiculously talented one-man band, based in Byron Bay. Juzzie gives performances that are marked by an amazing ability to play guitar, harmonica and percussion at the same time using all of his body. It seems Juzzie is at home holding anything that makes a sound, and he combines this with a real rhythmic talent and a raw, warm vocal style. The result is truly engaging, mesmerizing music that makes you want to move and leaves you feeling inspired.

This is a show that has spread to over 200 million views on social media and placed on the top of the iTunes blues charts all around the world. 'Festival of Small Halls tours is the ultimate Australian tour,' adds Juzzie Smith. 'Playing intimate venues in small country towns is going to be an adventure of a lifetime.'

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Clancy Pye is an exciting addition to the 2022 Festival of Small Halls.

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We are also extremely excited to be hosting Clancy Pye, Oberon local and finalist in the 2022 Toyota Starmaker Awards at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. No stranger to the big stage, Clancy has performed at some of Australia's biggest country music festivals including CMC Rocks & The Gympie Muster as a backing vocalist/ guitarist for numerous acclaimed country artists. She has played opening support spots for the likes of Adam Harvey & Busby Marou & has also performed internationally, accompanying her older brother/ fellow artist Mickey Pye to perform at renowned country music festivals in Canada (Big Valley Jamboree) & Nashville (CMA Fest).

Influenced by the likes of Lori McKenna, Kylie Sackley, Kasey Chambers & Natalie Hemby, it is in song writing that Clancy has developed an incredible passion & tremendous ability to connect with audiences. Having written over 100 songs in the past eighteen months alone on top of an already impressive catalogue, Clancy is an exceptionally hard-working singer-songwriter devoted to her craft & creating songs that resonate with everyday people. Ready to release new music in 2022, Clancy has her sights firmly set on sharing her best work yet.

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WOODSTOCK WANDERER SERVICE

The service operates next 24th February 2022.

At this stage this service is scheduled to finish on the 10th March 2022. Cowra Bus Service is applying for a 6 month extension at the suggestion of TFNSW due to the impacts of COVID-19.

A mail out to all residents was conducted in late January in the hope that information reaches interested community members that are unaware of the service. It is imperative that the community starts utilising this service on a regular basis to ensure it will be there in the future.

Upcoming fortnightly dates are:

• 24th February • 10th March • 24th March

February 2022

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March 2022

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COWRA COUNCIL WORKS IN 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 have now been completed in the Jenny Kerr Park.; in conjunction with previous funds secured by Cowra Council through the Stronger Country Communities Grant Round 3.

Works include electric BBQ, BBQ shelter, table and seating, concrete slab, renewed soft fall around existing play equipment and new hand basins, signs, painting and concrete paths around public amenities. It also included the installation of 20m of colorbond fencing on western side of park to replace dilapidated section of timber fencing and replacement of concrete posts on perimeter fence

New work yet to be completed includes the installation of 'concord' climber in the play area.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY -LET'S BLITZ LOCAL LITTER

The Woodstock and District Progress Association have registered to participate in **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY on Sunday March 6th 2022.**

Cowra Tidy Towns Committee have called on local community groups to help clean up our shire. The focus is on our own backyards – where we live, work and play. We will target some specific areas as a community group and everyone is welcome to participate.

The winning team within the Cowra Shire for the amount of rubbish collected and the number of participants is eligible to win cash prizes.

COME ON WOODSTOCK, let's show them how it's done!





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WARNING - HIGH PRIORITY WEED CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS

FOUND IN WOODSTOCK AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT - HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEED?

Chilean needle grass grows in tussocks about 1m high. Leaves are flat, coarse or ribbed on the surface, 1 – 5 mm wide and with a small tuft of hairs at the junction of the leaf blade and leaf sheath. Seeds are pale brown when mature, 8 – 10 mm long and held inside two purple colour structures, 16 – 25 mm long, very sharp at the end joining the stem, with backwards pointing hairs at the stem end.

Chilean needle grass has a long bristle attached to the end of the seed further from the stem. The awn is 6 - 9 cm long, twisted when dry, straight or with one or two distinctive bends, difficult to pull off the seed and surrounded by a corona of small teeth where it joins the seed. The corona teeth are 1 mm long.

Chilean needle grass also produces seeds in the nodes of the flowering stems. These stem seeds have a shorter awn, and account for about 1/4 of seeds a plant produces.

Animals, vehicles, and machinery spread Chilean needle grass seeds. The hairs at the sharp end of the seed anchor into wool or fur. Seeds can stay attached to animals for months. Hay baled from paddocks with Chilean needle grass may contain seeds. Seed comes from the flowers and along the nodes of the stalks.

Seeds can spread in floodwaters, and are only rarely dispersed by wind.

Chilean Needle Grass takes over pastures, can halve productivity during summer, injures animal's eyes, downgrades wool, pierces hides, can affect meat quality, and reduces biodiversity.



BARRIER FENCE INSTALLED FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY AT WOODSTOCK LIONS PARK

Approximately 35m of fencing between Parkes St and the Woodstock Lions Park is to be installed this summer. 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. This project has been made possible through Round 2 of the Drought Communities Funding.





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

26th February 2022 Festival of Small Halls Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall

27th February 2022 Woodstock Progress Association Quarterly Meeting 2pm

27th February 2022 MRC Membership / Practice Day

6th March 2022 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

27th March 2022 Round 1 CMRC Woodstock Speedway

24th April 2022 Round 2 CMRC Woodstock Speedway

29th May 2022 Round 3 CMRC Woodstock Speedway

> **4th September 2022** Woodstock Memorial Show

1st -3rd October NSWERA State Championships Woodstock Showground





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2022 Track/Dirt Track Calendar

- Membership/Practice Day Sunday 27 February Round 1 - Sunday 27 March Round 2 - Sunday 24 April Round 3 - Sunday 29 May Round 4 - Sunday 26 June Round 5 - Sunday 28 August
- Round 6 Sunday 25 September

Annual Presentation - Saturday 22 October

Dates subject to change - Phone Club Secretary 0439 972 737 or check dates on Facebook or Website www.cowramrc.com.au







INVESTIGATING LOWERING THE COST AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRCITY FOR THE VILLAGE

Woodstock continues to prove it is a progressive community with the uptake of roof top solar in the village well above national average and this has attracted the interest of the electricity suppliers.

Woodstock has an opportunity to work with Essential Energy and partners to assess Woodstock's electricity supply with an aim to see if the current electrical network configuration is suitable to service Woodstock's ongoing needs and its continued uptake of renewable electricity like roof top solar.

Assessing the current electrical network configuration may highlight possible gains for the Woodstock community in the way of more efficient and reliable services and possible cost savings in the long term.

A proposal has been put forward to set up a local steering committee to represent the local community when assessing any incoming opportunities or discussions around the villages electricity supply with a mandate to keep the community informed of any discussions or opportunities that may be presented."

Members of the community are encouraged to be a part of this and if anyone would like more information about this please contact Danny on danny@rbg.space



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NEXT MEETING

Sunday February 27th 2022 at Woodstock Memorial Hall 2pm

Local residents have made the most of Wyangala Dam sitting at 100% capacity over the summer months.

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