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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WOODSTOCK HAS IT'S VERY OWN WEBSITE

www.visitwoodstock.com.au is LIVE! 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.



FROM THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The community newsletter was instigated as a method of keeping members of the community informed on issues, events and much more. It is a tool to try and keep community connected. There are always plenty of discussions around a lot of issues, ideas and potential projects within the community, keep it happening!

2022 saw the completion of projects and goals were achieved, but we still have so much more to do! The wish list is never ending and can only be achieved with the assistance of a passionate community.

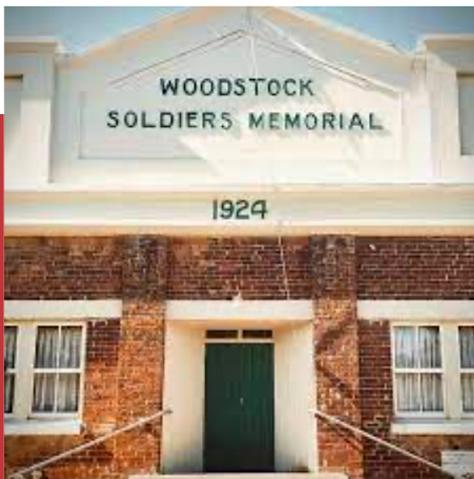
Research has been ongoing for the 'Let's tell some Stories' project funded by Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal. To date we have compiled material on John Vane the bushranger, the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall, the Woodstock Railway Station, the final research on Parkes Street is yet to be completed. It is hoped that this project will be completed in early 2023.

We continue to scout for funding

opportunities in regards to the restoration of ghost signage, upgrade of tennis courts and inclusion of a multipurpose court, and community gardens. No doubt you will hear us screaming from the roof tops when we have success on any of these fronts. In the meantime we keep trying.

Discussions are still ongoing with Transport NSW surrounding the restoration of the Woodstock Railway Station. The November rain event caused significant damage to the rail line on the outskirts of Cowra near Waugoola Creek, therefore the timeframe on which we may see recreational trains return to Woodstock is now unknown? However the repurposing and restoration of the station does not hinge on the rail line alone, we have a broader vision.

Lots of articles in this issue detailing events and happenings within the village and surrounds. Be sure to check the calendar of events, lots of visitors coming throughout the year in all makes and shapes.



VENUE HIRE

Are you planning a wedding, party or ANYTHING ?

Woodstock Memorial Hall is available for your next function.

Details on the website

<https://woodstocksoldiersmemorialhall.godaddysites.com/>

Or contact 02 6345 0271



OPEN GARDENS A BLOOMIN' SUCCESS

On Sunday October 30th we hosted the Woodstock Open Gardens, 6 private gardens within the village and district opened their gates to the public. Over 130 people visited the gardens on what was a brilliant spring day sandwiched between a day of wind and a rain event that brought 100mm to the district.

We are eternally grateful to those individuals that worked tirelessly between rain events in preparing their gardens for the public. Trish Langfield and John of Annes Lane Garden, Michael Blacker and Gary Flanagan of Frogmore Cottage, Kevin and Ann Graham of Drumbane, Tony and Jacqui Martin of Robinson Street, Peter and Barbi Carne of Conargo

and Tom and Cathryn Kirkness of Wahgunyah.

Catering at both Drumbane and Frogmore Cottage was supported very well. Likewise the plants stall at the 'Conargo' garden, where plants were purchased in return for a donation to the Woodstock and District Progress Association.

Thank you to Cowra Council for the Community Grant of \$500, that facilitated the graphic design and print of promotional material and Lisa Brien (LB Graphic Design) for making magic happen with her designs. A special thanks also to Inel Date for the artwork.

Funds raised for this event totalled almost \$2500.



WOODSTOCK SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK GRANTED TO COWRA ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

On the 6th October 2022, the Community Land Manager of the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park was advised in writing that the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* in accordance with the provisions of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, has determined the Aboriginal Land Claims on the Woodstock Soldiers Park is granted. After two years of correspondence and tireless efforts of the Land Manager to prove the Park's status in February 2007, this outcome appears final.

The transfer of the granted land to the Cowra Local Aboriginal Land Council took place late December.

In the interim the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park Community Land Manager will still tend to general maintenance on the park, until notified in writing of the transfer.

The Land Manager would like to acknowledge the recent volunteer of equipment and time by Gus Hickman to remove debris from the flooding of Noyeau Creek in November 2022.



GET 'SNAP SEND SOLVE' APP

Reporting local issues can be time consuming. You might ask yourself questions like 'Which council area am I in right now?' or 'Who's responsible for fixing this road?'

Use a free app to report issues across New South Wales and the rest of Australia and New Zealand in 30 seconds or less. Reporting is quick and easy which means if you see an issue whilst you are out you can let the responsible authority know in a few taps.

It takes the guesswork out of reporting local issues and sends your reports to the responsible authority in a Snap. From dumped rubbish, illegal parking, trip hazards, abandoned trolleys to overgrown vegetation and graffiti, this app has got you covered! Let's work together to keep communities clean, safe and beautiful.



INVESTING IN A FUTURE LEADER IN AGRICULTURE

The inaugural Connect to Agriculture Scholarship at Cowra High School has been awarded to Stephanie Dresser.

The scholarship is an investment in agriculture through young rural leaders and is linked to a lamb trial project at Cowra High School. The scholarship recognises a Year 10 student who has demonstrated a dedication to their agricultural studies, displayed presence and commitment to Year 10 lamb trial and has identified as having an affinity for agriculture and their community.

Stephanie was selected as the winner of the scholarship not only based on her results in Agriculture but her commitment to committees and other activities outside school.



ANNUAL SENIORS COMMUNITY LUNCH

ALL WELCOME Wednesday, 8 February | 11am to 2pm

Cowra/ Grenfell Meals on Wheels presents Annual Seniors Community Lunch at Cowra Bowling & Recreation Club. Enjoy lunch and entertainment in good company.

Tickets are \$15pp - Pay at the door. RSVP to Denise 6342 4165



WOODSTOCK GETS LITTLE LIFT FROM THE BIG LIFT

The October long weekend 2022 Woodstock was fortunate to have an incredible and amazing team of students from the University of Technology visit the village for a Little Lift.

Whilst in Woodstock they devoted time to Woodstock Public School and the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park. They tidied up the school fairy garden, weeded and cleared vegetable gardens.

Removed and replaced old broken vegetable gardens. And cleared other gardens that were requiring attention.

Students also assisted with some chores in the Woodstock Soldiers Park.

A big THANKYOU to the participants who took on mulching, pruning, gardening and a mini veggie harvest to give Woodstock Public School garden a makeover!



HIGH TEA AT COWRA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND INFORMATION CENTRE

ALL WELCOME Monday, 6 February | 11am to 1pm

“A cup of tea is an excuse to share great thoughts with great minds”

Hosted by Cowra Neighbourhood & Information Centre enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of tea.

Contact CINC to book on 6340 1100 - RSVP Tuesday 31 January.



6 FEBRUARY 2023



TIME CAPSULE OPENING WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

On the 26th November 2022 members of the community gathered at Woodstock Public School to unearth a piece of history buried 25 years ago. The time capsule buried in 1997 contained images and letters from school students at the time.

Classrooms were open for the community to wander through and view the changes or similarities that have taken place over 25 years.

Student work was on display in each classroom. The current students will be putting together some items for a new time capsule to be buried in the near future.

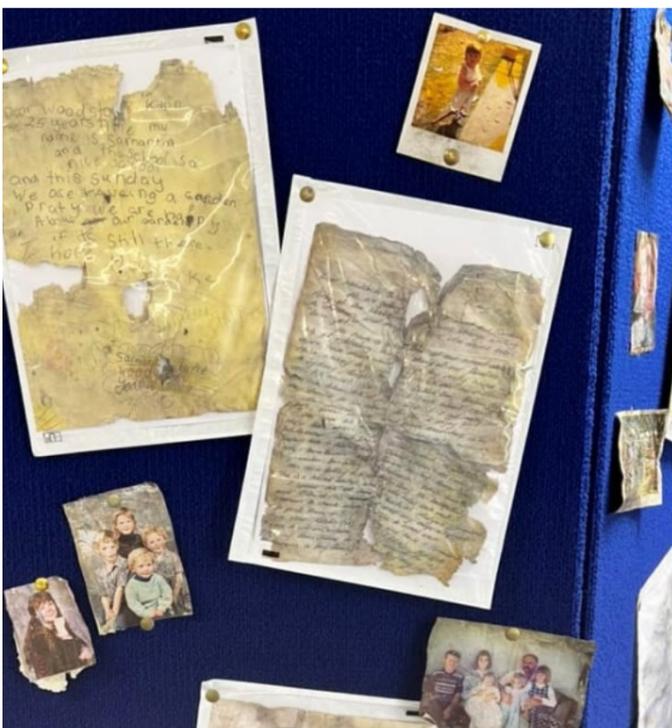
The award winning movie Dust Cloud screened in the Primary Classroom. The film written and directed by Woodstock resident Trudi Houston Refshauge.

Many thanks to Cowra PCYC for the entertainment for students and Woodstock P & C members for assistance in preparation of the grounds for the day. UTS Big Lift students for the Little Lift, Cowra Council for assistance with grant funding, Woodstock Public School staff Jaz Cooke, Shani Nottingham, Sue Hoskins, Kellie Bush and Rob Savell. Community members Emma Wood, Tony Lofthouse and Cameron Savel for their assistance in getting the school grounds looking great.

A big thankyou to Diane Brown and the Woodstock and District Progress Association for catering.

Woodstock Public School was also fortunate to receive a visit from the very busy Steph Cooke in November, to show her the wonderful COLA the school received with funding from the NSW government.

Steph shared with students her role in parliament and as the Minister for Emergency Services.





CANINE SCENT WORKSHOPS

On October 22nd, Pauline Gill from Tapua Labrador Retrievers in Woodstock and Sue Turner a canine behaviouralist conducted an amazing Scent Work Workshop at the Woodstock Showground. Dogs and their handlers assembled to learn the fundamentals and intricate details of what is involved in sniffing things out.

Scent Work training is about building a relationship with your dog, learning how to communicate, and how to understand their communication. It has been shown to benefit the dog, to the extent that it can even reduce anxiety and increase calm behaviour. You can train your dog in scent work to add another dimension to your dog's life. You can also train your dog to enter it in Dog Trials.

No two dogs were the same and they ranged in size, breed and personality from a Belgian Sheppard to a Miniature Pincer. Each dog was given multiple opportunities to find scents in particular vessels that ranged from paper straws to fake rocks and stuffed toys. The degree of difficulty also increased throughout the day. The main odours used in basic training, and for use in Dog Trials, are: Birch, Anise, Clove and Cypress, but in this introductory workshop dog treats were used in



the morning session.

The Woodstock Progress Association provided the catering – a delicious lunch and home baked morning tea.

If you think you and your dog would benefit from a Scent workshop or training of any kind, please get in touch with Pauline 0429399241. A mock scent work trial is scheduled for February 4th 2023.



CONGRATULATIONS

A HUGE congratulations to Poppy Starr, who has been selected to represent the Central West and Orana region on the NSW Regional Youth Taskforce for 2023.

The Taskforce allows members to have their say on ways the Government can improve outcomes for young people in regional NSW and better deliver services.

NSW Minister for Regional Youth Ben Franklin said “This group has been selected from more than 140 applicants, and includes two young people from each of the State’s nine regions who will meet throughout the year to focus on the NSW Regional Youth Framework pillars: work readiness, wellbeing, connectivity and community.”



WHERE IN WOODSTOCK DO YOU PLACE A DEFIBRILATOR?

Thanks to Samantha Sculthorpe of First Aid Awareness and Training, who has raised enough funds to acquire 3 defibrulators for Cowra and 1 for Woodstock. The defibrulator will soon be publicly available and Samantha will be offering free training sessions on how to use the AED. Any questions can be directed to Samantha at firstaidawarenessandtraining@outlook.com or phone 0430 122 121. Community input on the location of the defibrulator is welcome, please email woodstockprogressassoc@gmail.com



WHAT'S ON IN WOODSTOCK

28/29th January

Harrington Circus at Woodstock Showground

4th February

Scent Work Mock Trial Woodstock Showground

26th February

Quarterly Meeting Woodstock and District Progress Association

Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall 2pm

March

Woodstock Memorial Show AGM
date to be confirmed

11th March

Scent Work Trial Woodstock Showground

21-23rd April

Vintage Motorcycle Club of Australia (NSW)
Veteran Rally (< 1919) Woodstock Showground

4th- 8th May

Flxible Clipper Bus Rally Woodstock Showground

5th May

Dinosaur Drivers Pre 1931 Autumn Tour
Morning Tea Woodstock Showground

May/June

Date to be confirmed Festival of Small Halls
FREE EVENT

3rd September

2023 Woodstock Memorial Show
Woodstock Showground

9-10th September

Lachlan Endurance Ride Woodstock Showground

WOODSTOCK POOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Woodstock Swimming Pool will stay closed for the remainder of the season.

The committee are waiting on cement slabs, filter repairs, and an electrician to reconnect repairs. The committee wish to apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

The pool needs volunteers to keep the pool up and running smoothly. We know how time consuming it is especially with family and work commitments. The more hands the less work.

The committee is also looking for volunteers to help with the lawn and garden maintenance. If you are between the ages 55-59 you can volunteer and meet your mutual obligation for government benefits.

If you can assist please call pool committee member Simone on 0427 471 696.



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Up coming events

February

22nd - First Aid Course
Bingo - Pool Comp - Dart Comp &
Cards Night to start.
Sunday Breakfast to restart

March

17th - ST Patrick's Day

April

25th - Anzac Day

Pop onto our Facebook page for
up coming events and live music



Contact Us
0263450262

Accommodation

Country Style rooms all
with air condition. Starting
from \$89 per room



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FLXIBLE CLIPPER BUS RALLY WOODSTOCK SHOWGROUND

CLIPPER CAPERS will be in full swing at the Flxible Clipper Club of Australia Annual Rally, 2023, at Woodstock Showground from May.4th -8th.

These heritage buses will be on display to the public, who will get the chance to look, see and touch history and talk to the owners who have invested their lives in restoring these majestic vehicles.

The Flxible Clippers were built by Ansett Transport Industries at its Ansair division in Essendon, Melbourne, during the '50s under licence to the Flxible Company of Ohio, US, and are recognised - with their sleek design, reliability and emphasis on passenger comfort - as class leaders in the long-distance coach transportation arena.

Ansett Pioneer operated the Clippers on both Express and tour operations and was a leading road passenger company throughout Australia.



A number of club members have subsequently restored their coaches in the iconic blue and white Pioneer livery. Stay tuned for social events during the rally's visit to Woodstock.

SAVE THE APP THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Following recent conversations surrounding telecommunications within the village and district, first responders have highlighted to the Progress Association the difficulty they can experience in locating the residence of those in need.

Woodstock residents are reminded of the importance of ensuring there is a clearly displayed and visible street number/address for their property. Street numbering information is an essential tool for service providers and emergency service organisations in being able to locate your property in an adequate and timely manner.

Residents are encouraged to arrange for the placement of a suitably sized number on their

mailbox and/or visible location on front wall of the dwelling. Cowra Council has confirmed that residents are welcome to contact them in relation to any street address concerns or questions. Please contact Dean Steward, Land-use Planner via email dsteward@cowra.nsw.gov.au or phone 6340 2047.

Another option to consider is installing the Emergency+ App. This is a free app developed by Australia's emergency services and Government and industry partners. The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services. It is FREE to download at <https://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au/>

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NEXT MEETING

Sunday February 26th 2023

at Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall
2pm

