

## WOODSTOCK HAS IT'S VERY OWN WEBSITE

[www.visitwoodstock.com.au](http://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!

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. Draft designs are now underway with Signs R Us in Cowra. It is hoped that this project will be completed in 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.

A joint grant application between the Woodstock Public School and the Woodstock and District Progress Association has been successful.

Woodstock Wholesome Food Garden will be established with the help of a Sustainable School Grant. Work has commenced on the project, and we envisage we will be harvesting produce by the year's end.

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. A recent meeting in May received positive feedback from both Transport NSW and Cowra Council.

Are you interested in Cowra Council's Delivery Program 2022-2032 to 2025-2026, Operational Plan 2023-2024 or the Long Term Financial Plan for 2023-2024 to 2032-2033. We have a copy of the draft document that will be available to residents for reading; feedback is accepted on this document up until June 15.

## DEFIBRILATOR INSTALL

Soon to be publicly available, a defibrillator outside the Woodstock Hotel with thanks to Samantha Sculthorpe of First Aid Awareness and Training, who has raised enough funds to acquire 3 for Cowra and 1 for Woodstock followed by free training sessions on how to use the AED.

Any questions can be directed to Samantha at email [firstaidawarenessandtraining@outlook.com](mailto:firstaidawarenessandtraining@outlook.com) or on 0430 122 121.

It is envisaged on Sunday 25th June we will hold a brief introduction to the use of the defibrillator prior to the quarterly Progress meeting.



Pictured above having a great time at the Harrington Circus were the Smith, Cooley, Davies and Grey families.

## WHEN THE CIRCUS CAME TO WOODSTOCK

Opportunities often present themselves and Woodstock endeavours to make the most of them. A grant opportunity through NSW Government Reconnecting Regional NSW arose and we invited the circus to come to the village!

It had been over 50 years since a circus had set foot in the village. The dynamics of the circus have changed in that time, however the family owned and operated Harrington Circus certainly put on an entertaining show during one of the hottest weekends in January! Five shows across two days entertained the young and old.



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## WOODSTOCK CWA HOMEWORK HUB

In response to requests for help, the CWA is opening a pilot Homework Hub at the CWA rooms in Rankin St, Woodstock.

Research has shown that through the COVID epidemic a large proportion of year 7 and 8 students performed very poorly in the NAPLAN test for 2022, particularly students in regional areas. There was also a 2% decrease in participation in NAPLAN tests.

The CWA is committed to supporting women and families in the region. To support our youth in the Woodstock area to succeed in learning we are offering non digital homework support and

reading, writing and literacy support one afternoon a week for Term 2. We will and then evaluate before making a decision to continue for the remainder of the year.

This is a gesture of support for all our children who may benefit. It is NOT formal coaching. If you seek that kind of support please explore formal coaching options available in Cowra.

The hub is managed by at least 2 CWA women (who have a current WWCC) for approximately 1.5 hours on one afternoon per week.

For further information please contact either Ann Graham 0403 031 958 or Shé Hawke 0411 576 200.



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# PRE 1931 RALLY VISITS WOODSTOCK

Woodstock Showground hosted the pre 1931 Autumn Tour of Vintage and Veteran Cars. An amazing display of 134 cars, that circled the Woodstock Showground on Saturday 6th May. A morning tea was supplied to the 276 drivers and their company by Woodstock CWA.



FARMPIX PHOTOGRAPHY

## DINNERS ARE BACK AT THE WOODSTOCK BOWLING CLUB!

Dinners have returned to the Club on Friday and Saturday evenings with Deb Rhodes back in the kitchen.

Massive meat trays are also on offer on Badge Draw night, Saturday night.

WOODSTOCK AND DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

# BRAIN STRAIN

TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

6.30pm sharp

Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall



\$10/head  
Tables of 8  
10 rounds

Table Bookings  
0428405523



Table Theme  
CHRISTMAS IN JULY

byo nibbles & drinks  
games & prizes

PRIZE for decorated  
BEST TABLE

## SAVE THE DATE FOR BRAIN STRAIN TRIVIA NIGHT

Save the date for the Woodstock and District Progress Association annual fundraising activity, Saturday 15th July 6.30pm.

This event will be held in the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall, everyone is welcome. We would love to see some coordination of businesses, groups, schools or simply friends organise tables and fill the Hall to the brim. It is guaranteed to be a fun night.

The table theme of the evening is Christmas in July, with prizes for the best decorated table.

Bring your own nibbles and drinks and brains trust!

Table bookings via 0428 405 523 or email woodstockprogressassoc@gmail.com



# FLXIBLE CLIPPER BUS RALLY WOODSTOCK SHOWGROUND

CLIPPER CAPERS were in full swing at the Flxible Clipper Club of Australia Annual Rally, 2023, at Woodstock Showground from May.4th- 8th. What an awesome sight to behold 17 large buses making their home in Woodstock for a few days. Buses came from as far as Tasmania.

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.

Friday evening the group hosted Keith Potger at the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall for an evening of stories and classic tunes. Dinner was served Saturday night by the Woodstock Memorial Show, visitors dined on local Cinnamon Scented Lamb and Autumn Chicken Salad.

What an awesome event to host in the village! Thankyou for choosing Woodstock.



## 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





The Walli Memorial Hall in 2015 and in 2023 following resoration and improvements.

## WALLI MEMORIAL HALL 100 YEARS IN 2023

2023 marks centenary celebrations for the Walli Memorial Hall. The hall was built in 1923 to commemorate the men from the Walli area who served during World War 1. The original roll of honour hung in the Walli Hall when it was located in Walli, and it is now kept in the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall.

On 18 September 1923 at the dedication of the new hall a spokesman for the Walli Memorial Hall Trustees declared, “ The hall had been built with two objectives in view, to keep green the memory of departed heroes and as a rendezvous for the adolescent population of the district”, according to a report in the “Cowra Free Press”.

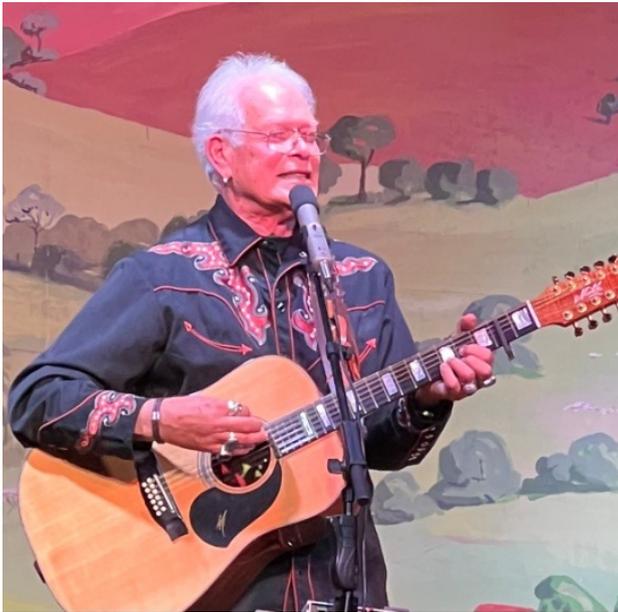


Today, the hall is the main pavilion for the annual Woodstock Memorial Show and is used throughout the year for various functions. The hall was relisted as a War Memorial in 2016 and still serves our community as the original trustees intended.

The hall has been moved twice. In 1957 it was moved to a site adjacent to the Woodstock Memorial Hall and in 1981 to its present location. The settlement of Walli has disappeared but was within the Woodstock area, so the monument is still pertinent to the community.

The 2023 Woodstock Memorial Show will celebrate this centenary on Sunday September 3rd. Within the pavilion sections feature classes will be orchestrated to celebrate this milestone. The show executives are seeking any old photographic evidence of the Walli Memorial Hall in its original location. One of Walli's oldest original residents will be a special guest at the Show.

Organisation for the 2023 Woodstock Memorial Show is well underway. The Old Kentucky Animal Farm is confirmed and the Market Laneway is beginning to fill with stall applications. All the classic events of woodchopping, speedshearing, vintage tractor pull, ring events will be on the days card.



## A MONTH OF MUSIC IN MAY

Did you ever dream that the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall would have one of the original Seekers members taking centre stage?

Friday 5th May Keith Potger took centre stage and told stories of his lustrous musical career and performed classic tunes. Approximately 100 attended this event and enjoyed a supper provided by the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Albeit a fortnight later, the Festival of Small Halls Australia arrived in Woodstock as part of the esilience Tour. 2023 is the fifth year this festival has visited Woodstock, touring musicians come from all over the globe and never disappoint.

This year the stage welcomed Lucy Farrell,

HatFitz and Cara along with 15year old local Seamus McCormick.

This year the Festival of Small Halls was a free event with thanks to the NSW Government Reconnecting Regional NSW grant funding.

The Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall welcomed 120 guests from Lithgow to Yass, Wallerawang to Milthorpe, Cowra and Woodstock, an amazing gathering. The evening was catered by the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall, hearty warm food.

We look forward to welcoming the tour back in 2024.



## WELL DONE EVIE!

Public speaking is something that strikes fear into most people. But not for local girl Evie Johnstone, who recently represented Cowra Public School at the Year 5 CWA Public Speaking Finals in Orange! Evie presented her speech on the topic "What does a cloudy day mean to me?", beautifully, and spoke with great confidence. Congratulations Evie!





# WOODSTOCK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

## What do FIRIES do when they're not fighting fires?

Well the simple answer to that is, in most cases, either working at a regular job or running their own business. However, as participating volunteer members of NSW Rural Fire Service, they do much more than that.

Initially, to be able to fulfil the role of operational members of local brigades, each volunteer must undergo a training programme to equip them with the necessary skills to become a member of a team capable of effectively combating fires and other, sometimes tragic, events.

Once this basic training has been completed it is necessary, as with sporting teams and the like, to practice using those skills to ensure the team becomes sufficiently co-ordinated to function efficiently when called upon to operate in the field.

Depending on the inclination of individual volunteers, there is an opportunity to receive

additional training in a whole host of spheres conducted by NSW Rural Fire Service. These include Village Fire fighting, First Aid, Chainsaw operation, Asbestos awareness, Truck driving, hazard awareness etc. Then there is a range of advanced fire fighting and leadership courses for those interested.

Woodstock brigade receives between twenty and thirty callouts per year. Of these about sixty to seventy percent will be fires of differing size and ferocity and relative to seasonal conditions prevailing.

With its proximity to the Mid Western Highway, Woodstock brigade is called to motor vehicle accidents, often being first on scene, to assist the other first responder units that need to attend.

Other activities that Woodstock brigade participate in include assisting police, assisting ambulance, monitoring controlled burn offs, and traffic control for community events and road closures due to flooding.

Led by Captain Robert (Robbo) Moodie, Woodstock brigade is made up of a small dedicated group of volunteer's representing a spectrum of younger and older members of the community and several lifestyles. Some are employees, others are self employed and a few are retirees. Whilst most are men, Woodstock brigade proudly boasts four very enthusiastic female volunteers. All are community spirited people providing an essential service to their community.

NEW VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. To find out more on how to become a FIRIE, or indeed, to ask about any other aspects concerning Woodstock brigade, please contact any of the following:

### Captain

Rob Moodie on 0431 185 568,

### Senior Deputy Captain

Steve Green on 0411 151 870

### Secretary

Graham Pinniger on 0422 159 242



# WOODSTOCK TALENT ON THE PITCH

Since Karly learnt how to move she has been at the forefront of sport and representation for her school and the Woodstock village.

Her connection to Woodstock has never been forgotten since relocating to high school in Cowra and nor has the height of her achievements reached including one of her greatest highlights; breaking a 31 year high jump record for the Bathurst Diocese shortly after changing schools.

In 2021 Karly attended her first Western Girls Cricket Academy where she played in a mixed competition throughout the season in conjunction with local Saturday cricket and even participated in the Lachlan Junior Cricket Representative squad under the guidance of Glenn McDonald.

2022 saw Karly progress into the NSW Girls Cricket Academy under the instruction of Andrew Litchfield (pictured above with Karly), Al Dhatt and Rob Dimmock. Karly attended her first U16 Country Championships competition on the Central Coast and also helped the under 15 girls rep squad to a final in the January Orange Cricket Carnival on top of her local U14 cricket and Lachlan Rep matches coached by Chris Howarth and Ricky Duclos.

Karly faces bowls of up to 120km per hour, is a mid paced bowler, loves a good slide to stop a boundary, has a strong arm to throw from the 4 line to the stumps and hopes to one day represent her state in the national T20 Women's BBL competition.

2023 has continued to be significant year with Karly's cricket career, travelling to Singleton in January for a 4 day tournament, making a rep squad to compete in the Western Sydney Competition later this year, taking out the Matt



Morrison Scholarship Award in Cowra's local junior cricket competition and recently being announced as a successful for the NSW Cricket Academy program for the 23/24 season and within the U16'S Western Girls team.

We'd like to thank the Optimal Pharmacy Hub for supporting Karly with her employment and sporting calendar as well as everyone in the Woodstock /Cowra community who gets behind her and motivates Karly to continue pursuing her dream.

## DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

We are interested in all VILLAGE HAPPENINGS! if you have some great news to share please contact us. Email: [woodstockprogressassoc@gmail.com](mailto:woodstockprogressassoc@gmail.com) or phone: 02 6345 0104.



# COMMUNITY GARDEN GETS GREEN LIGHT

Works have commenced on the Woodstock Wholesome Food Garden project. This is a partnership between Woodstock Pubic School and the Woodstock and District Progress Association, and facilitated by a Sustainable Schools Grant.

The project will see the installation of 6 raised wicking beds with a worm hotel located within each, a 240l compost tumbler, and a working worm farm all situated on a levelled area topped with granite at the front of the school block. An additional two slimline water tanks will be linked to existing buildings for water harvesting and sustainability.

The project will also incorporate the planting of ornamental pears, native shrubs and grasses.

It is envisaged that this food garden will be managed by both school students and the Woodstock community as a whole. Watch this space.



# WHAT'S ON IN WOODSTOCK

## 25th June

Woodstock and District Progress Association Meeting 2pm - Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall

## 1st July

Woodstock Hotel Camp Oven Cook Off  
Woodstock Hotel

## 15th July

BRAIN STRAIN TRIVIA NIGHT 6.30pm Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall

## 3rd September

2023 Woodstock Memorial Show  
Woodstock Showground

## 9-10th September

Lachlan Endurance Ride Woodstock Showground

ESTABLISHED 1911  
**WOODSTOCK HOTEL**

# CAMP OVEN COOK OFF

SATURDAY | 1ST JULY '23'

**ENTRY**

MUST BE COOKED IN A CAMP OVEN | COOKING STARTS @ 12PM MUST BE COOKED BY 5PM  
FREE ENTRY FOR ALL COOKS

BEST MAIN MEAL | BEST DAMPER/SCONES | BEST DESSERT

**TASTING**

**\$15PER TASTER | \$10 UNDER 12**

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO RMHC AUSTRALIA

DJ KEEVY WILL BE PLAYING FROM 4PM

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK A SPOT FOR SPOTS ARE LIMITED

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WOODSTOCK **BOWLING** SPORT AND RECREATION CLUB

*Debs Bistro*

FRIDAY 26TH MAY

OPENING SOON!



# VALE DARRYL DEAN

By Hayley Rawsthorne

'Woodstock hasn't been just my father's home town - it is a part of who he was. There's generations of locals and people who've called Woodstock home for a short time or a long time who have known him, played with him, laughed with him, cried with him, shared a beer with him, stood by him and loved him. And the town and its people, the community, and the country around here were in his DNA and in his heart.

As a young man, he was no fan of school apart from the friends he made there and the trouble they got into. There are endless stories of skipping school to have fun or cause mischief, pranks on teachers and neighbours and fist fights with rivals and friends alike. He left formal education at 14 years old and after a brief stint at the post office and some time shearing and travelling, and a few other odd jobs, he fatefully scored himself a job at the then Department of Main Roads (the DMR).

In his thirties, he found a love of lawn bowls. Instructed by some of the old stalwarts at the Club, he quickly became a force to be reckoned with. W D Dean is a legend at the Woodstock Bowling Club, winning a total of 60 Club titles across the singles, doubles, triples, and fours between 1981 and 2018.

As well as carving up the green playing bowls, Dad also played an important role over many years as a leader at the Club, serving as President for 16 years, Treasurer for a year, Secretary for 10 years and Licensee for 12 years. Dad also sat on countless other Committees and community groups and volunteered his time over his whole life in support of many Woodstock community projects and initiatives including The Club, the Swimming Pool, the Common, the Show, the Woodstock Progress Society and more.

Being a typical country kid, animals were a big part of his life - but Dad wasn't just typical, he really loved animals and spent his life surrounded by them. Horses, dogs, birds, peacocks, chickens, sheep, cows, baby kangaroos, Guinea fowls, pheasants, ferrets. He had an affinity with, and comfort in the presence of, animals. As a teen, he had a horse called Mystery that he would ride bareback and stand up on, arms outstretched - with full trust. Every cow he ever owned had a name and would come running when he called to them. Over his lifetime, he owned hundreds of dogs, mostly Jack Russells, and sometimes it felt like they could understand every word he said.

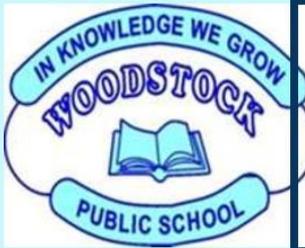
He was, in fact, sometimes harder for people to understand, than animals. Particularly after a few beers, words would run into each other or be substituted for grunts or completely different words - and he didn't have the patience to repeat himself so you'd better hear him right first time. Even as his kids, many times over the years, we'd find ourselves looking blankly at each other trying to work out if anyone understood what he'd just said. One time when I was about eight years old, he was playing bowls and rang



home. I answered and he was between ends having a quick beer but needed Mum to urgently bring him something important. I wrote a note of what I thought he said and handed it to Mum out in the garden. She read slowly. 'Dad wants a hand grenade'. A hand grenade?. And all I could say was, 'Well, I don't know, I think that's what he said!'. Mum made a quick call to find out that the item he required was, in fact, a handkerchief! Close Hayley. But, far less aggressive and far more achievable as it turned out.

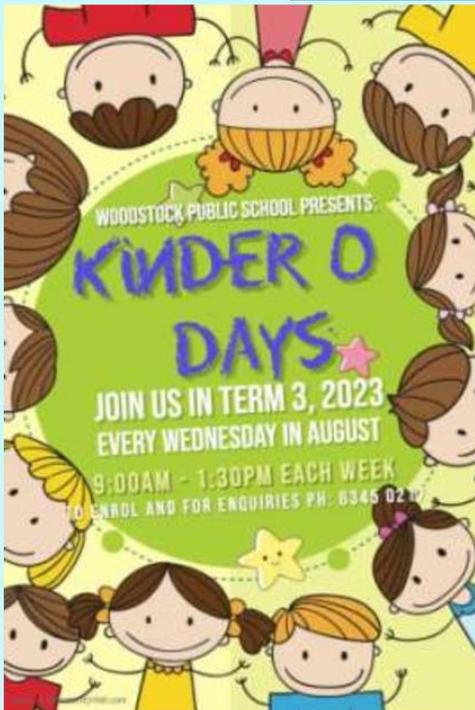
In addition to having his own version of the Aussie accent, he also had his own version of the Aussie Fair Go value system, which he abided by his whole life. It didn't matter to my Dad where you came from or who you were. What mattered was what you did and how hard you worked. If a priest and an ex-con both walked into a room, Dad wouldn't make any assumptions about what kind of person each of them were, based on their status, their reputation or their wealth. He'd measure them only by what they did next. Whether they worked hard for the benefit of someone else. Whether they shouted you a beer. Whether they shared a joke without mean heartedness or malice. He'd sooner back the ex-con over any Priest if he showed Dad that he was hard-working, and trustworthy, and kind. And by contrast, the opposite was also true. If you showed yourself to be lazy, or deceitful or unkind, he'd measure you up against that behaviour, not your connections or your position or who you thought you were.

This is one of the characteristics of who he was that ran through every part of his life. It made him such a respected leader at work - always willing to give a young guy or girl a go no matter their past, setting people expectations and daring them to reach them. It made him a popular member of the community - never judging anyone unfairly based on who anyone else thought they were or on idyll gossip. It made him a loyal and reliable friend, always willing to help out a mate and have a chat over a beer. And, it made him a father we could trust to be fair, and to do what he said he was going to do, and to work his guts out every day of his life.



# Woodstock Public School

## Kinder Orientation Days 2023



Those children who will be starting Kindergarten at Woodstock Public School in 2024 are invited to participate in visits to the school.

While at the school the children will participate in the Infants' classroom with Miss Malcolm. They will have opportunities to learn and play, explore the school and become familiar with the school routine.

### TERM THREE DATES:

Wednesday 2 August

Wednesday 9 August

Wednesday 16 August

Wednesday 23 August

Wednesday 30 August

- Venue:** Woodstock Public School (Infants Classroom with Miss Malcolm)
- What to Bring:** Hat, water bottle, fruit break, lunch, backpack. If you feel your child may require a change of clothes please pack these along with a plastic bag into your child's bag.
- Information:** Please register your child's participation by contacting the school on **6345 0217** or email [woodstock-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woodstock-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Kinder 'O' will be held every Wednesday in August. We look forward to welcoming those children in Woodstock who will be old enough to start Kinder in 2024 to the school. To enrol in Kindergarten children must turn 5 before 31 July 2024. All children must be enrolled in a school by their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**Please note that all children attending Kinder Orientation must complete an enrolment form. This ensures that the school has emergency contact details in the instance that they are required.**

**Kinder Orientation will also be held across a number of full school days in Term Four. Dates to be advised.**



# FROM COWRA COUNCIL - WOODSTOCK'S ADDRESSING SYSTEM

Investigations into the addressing patterns, uptake & number display in the residential zones of Woodstock village are well underway.

Addressing is a complex process which now involves multiple layers of government - from local government (Council) level to several spheres of State (NSW Government - Service NSW, Spatial Services, Six Maps, e-spatial, etc).

Woodstock has long established residential, business and community uses with an addressing system that has been established over many years based on ad-hoc and sometimes self-administered techniques. This has resulted in many addressing inconsistencies and anomalies which do not comply with modern addressing principles and guidelines established by relevant Government authorities.

## Initial investigations by Councils show that:

- The village area of Woodstock is structured with more than 30 neighbourhood 'blocks'.
- Each block has on average ten different lots, each of which require a unique street address.
- Multiple addressing patterns feature within the village, creating inconsistencies that are difficult to amend retrospectively without re-addressing existing property holdings.
- The village is also surrounded by large lot residential zoning. These properties are required to be addressed in accordance with rural addressing principles.

Firstly, Cowra Council stresses:

- If anyone at any point is concerned about their address as an emergency, please do not hesitate to contact Janine at Cowra Council - 63402042 or [council@cowra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@cowra.nsw.gov.au) - sometimes

(depending upon the surrounding existing pattern of addressing) this can be solved quickly. Already more than a dozen addresses have been resolved this way.

- If your land is zoned RU1 Primary Production, this is considered Rural Addressing and is a different process to in the village itself. Here is the link to the rural addressing application form - <https://www.cowracouncil.com.au/files/assets/public/council/forms-policies-and-documents/forms/rural-addressing-form.doc> - simply fill it in and send it to [council@cowra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@cowra.nsw.gov.au)

Cowra Council is motivated to work with the local community in Woodstock to develop an addressing system for the village that is consistent with government addressing policy and which meets the expectations of residents.

As the first step in this project, Cowra Council has commenced a mapping exercise to properly establish the relationships between the following:

- Addressing information used for rating purposes (street and mail addresses); and
- Addressing information applied using current addressing principles and standards and how this information compares to the above.

Cowra Council recognises the importance of a holistic and comprehensive approach to community consultation as part of this addressing project for Woodstock. Council reminds residents that changes to addressing information will not be undertaken without appropriate consultation first having been completed with the community.

We thank you for your patience while this complex project is underway and look forward to having it resolved as soon as possible.

## CONTACT US

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## NEXT MEETING

**Sunday 25th June 2023**

at Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall  
2pm

