

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

Whilst progress has steadied on projects about the village, we continue to support the village in all ways. At the meeting held in June several residents voiced their concern over the state of Newhams Lane, letters of support were drafted by residents, along with the Progress Association and forwarded to Cowra Council, a positive and quick outcome was received, and Newhams Lane is in a much better state.

Several residents have been proactive in raising funds for the Progress Association both through pub raffles and catering. A small contingent of residents recently assisted Coota Park Blue E with their on property field day and bull sale catering.

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.

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.

Discussions are still ongoing with Transport NSW surrounding the restoration of the Woodstock Railway Station.

Discussions have also been had with the Local Aboriginal Lands Council in regards the Woodstock Soliders Memorial Park, maintenance and care. It is early days but we are confident through collab-oration that a positive outcome can be achieved going forward.



2024 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to local girl Stephanie Dresser, who has been elected as Vice Captain of Cowra High School in 2024.

Kaitlyn Rutledge has also recently been awarded a role as House Captain for Gordon House at Kinross Wolaroi, Orange.





WOODSTOCK AIMS TO CREATE ITS OWN PIECE OF MUSIC HISTORY

A new committee has been formed under the name “Woodstock Revival” with the task of assessing if there is a potential for Woodstock to host an outdoor music event to celebrate great 60`s and 70`s Aussie Rock music.

The concept is inspired by the iconic 69 Woodstock, Bethel NY festival with the proposed Woodstock NSW version to be held at the Woodstock Speedway in September 2024.

For the last 6 months this committee has researched what it would take to host such an event and last Wednesday night the committee came together to assess the information it had gathered to make a final decision on the information it had put together.

Over the last four weeks the Woodstock Revival committee has been campaigning the public and businesses in both Woodstock and Cowra to

measure the support, surprisingly while the concept has been well received in external discussions and from potential interstate sponsors there was a slow reaction from local businesses to commit.

Then there was a review of the skills and numbers of volunteers available to be able to manage this process through both the administration and operational aspects of such a huge challenge and it was clear that expertise would need to be brought in to achieve this.

So the decision has been made to postpone the final decision to press the go button or not to give them time to explore opportunities to joint venture this opportunity with professional music promoters that would manage this whole process.

The committee has set the next meeting for Wednesday the 18th October to make the final decision on the future of this event.



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANTING UNDERWAY

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 has seen the installation of six 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 has also seen planted ornamental pears, native shrubs and grasses. It is envisaged that this food garden will be managed by local school students and the Woodstock community as a whole. Watch this space.





FRIED BRAINS AFTER TRIVIA NIGHT

The Woodstock and District Progress Association hosted its annual fundraising activity, Saturday 15th July, successfully raising approximately \$1,500.

The Brain Strain Trivia Night filled the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall almost to capacity with up to 140 individuals participating. Brains were fried after the 10 rounds of questions, but it was truly an awesome gathering of people from both the village and surrounds. Festive and much fun was had.

A fun night, albeit noisy! The table theme of the evening, Christmas in July, was embraced whole heartedly with the prize for the best decorated table going to a table headed She Hawke.

Congratulations to the winning table headed by Lisa Brien, runner up table headed by Jo Richardson a close third with Amanda Dresser-Sullivan's table and fourth to She Hawke's table. The wooden spoon prize went to Ashley Clark and Bob Henderson.

A big thankyou to everyone involved: Quizmaster Mrs Jacqui Martin, MC for the evening Mark Richardson for steering the chaos. The markers Leonie Martin, Gillian Rosewarne, John Hayes, Kaitlyn Rutledge, and Stephanie Dresser. The Christmas elves Evie Johnstone and Erin Rutledge.

To the sub committee that coordinated the entire event Judi Anne Smith, Emma Woods, Teena Gillespie and Ann Graham and the wood cutter Kevin Graham.



WOODSTOCK LOGO MERCHANDISE

With Christmas just around the corner, this range of Woodstock branded merchandise would make great stocking fillers!

For sale are 20oz Tumblers \$25 12oz Tumblers \$18 Drink Bottles \$16 Mugs \$10. Please message me on Facebook Teena's Greenhouse or email TeenasGreenhouse@outlook.com



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We look forward to getting out in the community and assisting you with your next project.



PROJECT BY COWRA COUNCIL

Two new village entrance signs for Woodstock will be installed in the coming weeks. The signs have been organised by Cowra Council as part of the grant funding obtained through the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program.

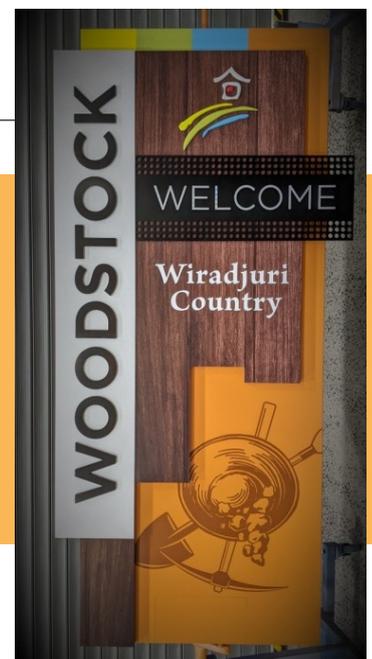


TRACTOR TREK

Another incredible year with the crew at Central West Charity Tractor Trek Group Inc., trekking nearly 300kms, in 3-days, across the Cowra district!

Over the weekend, 80 volunteers, 20 tractors and 1 amazing community, came together to support Little Wings. A mammoth effort, a load of energy and a lot of enthusiasm... but most of all, huge hearts supported the charity, and in turn, hundreds of families across the Central West that are caring for a seriously ill or injured child will benefit.

Saturday 23rd September witnessed the Central West Tractor Trek arriving in Woodstock for morning tea at the Woodstock Showground. The Woodstock Memorial Show hosted a smorgasbord of baked goods, sausage rolls and sandwiches, plus scones. The tractors then departed for lunch at the Wyangala Country Club.





Fantastic shots of the 2023 Woostock Memorial Show taken by Over and Above Photography.

WOODSTOCK SHOW SUCCESS

What a cracking day for the show once again, superb weather and crowds flocked to Woodstock, gate numbers once again exceeded the previous year. Highlights of the day were the FREE camel rides and Fairy LaLa Magic Shows along with the quintessential tractor pulls. The Women of Wood-chopping wowed crowds with their feature event.

2023 marked the 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. 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 celebrated this centenary on Sunday September 3rd. Mrs Betty Dennis performed a cake cutting to commemorate this milestone (and we seemed to have missed the photo evidence!)

Group 10 ASC Next Generation delegate Meg Austin had the honour of attending the Woodstock Show and awarding Lily with a Next Generation Ribbon. Lily is a local Woodstock girl and has a heart for her local community. Lily is part of the executive committee and has a can-do attitude and willingness to help. Lily assisted countless hours in the preparation for the show.

A special thanks to the students from the University of Technology Sydney who travelled to volunteer on the gates ALL DAY, a sterling effort and we are very grateful. To the countless volunteers who donate time and effort to make the show a success. To the sponsors for their continued support. And a special thankyou to Over and Above Photography who has an uncanny knack of capturing Woodstock at it's best!

NEW DEFIBRULATOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED

Now 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 three for Cowra and one 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 or on 0430 122 121. Thank you Samantha!



FROM THE WOODSTOCK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

FIRE PERMITS AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO

Everyone knows summer is the time when fires become hazardous. The period from 1st October to 31st March, called the Bush Fire Danger Period, comes with the mandatory requirement for issue of a Fire Permit in order to light a fire in the open.

To obtain a permit you must contact a Permit Officer of your local brigade or the Fire Control Centre of the area. Contact details for these are listed at the end of this article.

Fire Permits help ensure fire is used safely and minimises the danger to you, your property and the community. They ensure agencies, such as NSW Rural Fire Service, know when and where community members intend to burn, to ensure adequate and appropriate measures are in place, and so that fires remain under control.

If a **Total Fire Ban** is declared, you cannot burn. Otherwise, a Fire permit is valid for a maximum of 21 days from date of issue.

WHEN ARE FIRE PERMITS NOT REQUIRED?

Fire Permits are not required for small recreational fires used to cook or bbq in the open provided that:

- The fire is in a permanently constructed fireplace
- Clear of all combustible materials at least 2 meters away from the fire
- The fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

BUT, be aware of the conditions prevailing at the time., e.g. if there is a strong wind blowing.

SAFE BURNING CHECK LIST

Before

- Check you are allowed to burn in your area by contacting the Fire Control Centre or your Local Council

Get a Fire Permit

- They are free and easy to get

Notify at least 24 hours before you intend to burn:

- The Fire Control Centre
- All adjoining neighbours

On the day

- Check and monitor weather conditions and forecasts
- Check if Fire Danger Rating is above High

There are heavy penalties if you don't follow restrictions or rules.

Contacts:

Canobolas Fire Control Centre
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify or ph: 02 6363 6666

Woodstock Permit Officers:

Rob Moodie ph: 0431 185 568
Steve Green ph: 0411 151 870
James Charnock ph: 0478 240 639

DINNERS ARE BACK!

Dinners have returned to the Woodstock Bowling, Sport & Recreation 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.



HAPPY DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
DON & DI DAY
ON THEIR
60TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY!



MAKING EVERY DAY COUNT AT WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Woodstock Public School is a vibrant and growing small school located in the heart of Woodstock. Our enrolments currently number 17 students from Kinder to Year Five. We are looking forward to welcoming a further 4 new Kinder students in 2024. We are currently accepting all enrolments for the 2024 school year.

The school is well resourced with an experienced teaching team consisting of a Teaching Principal (4 days a week in the Primary classroom), a full time Infants teacher, a Digital Classroom Officer and an Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Instruction. We also retain one part-time teacher who works in the school once a week. Each classroom is supported by SLSOs (Student Learning Support Officers) with extensive experience in their field. When you come into the school you will be greeted

by our friendly School Administration Manager – Sue. She will be more than happy to assist you with any aspect required. The school is also supported by regular visits from a school counsellor.

Our school is well supported by the community at large. We have a strong P&C that regularly raises funds to support such activities as whole school excursions. Woodstock Public School has also recently received a grant through Sustainable Schools Grants. This grant was applied for by members of the community and school, Alison Rutledge and Emma Wood were instrumental in gaining this grant which will be of benefit to the whole community. Students and community members have been working hard in our Sustainable Community Garden which is located at the front of the school grounds. Our lovely grounds are

maintained by our GA – Rob twice weekly.

School facilities include two large classrooms, a dedicated library, kitchen and Arts classroom. Each classroom is fully equipped with an interactive whiteboard. All students in the school have access to their own laptop which is used in a variety of ways to aid in their learning across the day, week and term. Students in the primary classroom have been accessing aspects of their learning through Google Classroom and use applications including Co-Spaces, a coding program, Typing Club which is assisting them to learn to touch type. Infants access a range of maths and English apps that assist in their learning at their level and point of need.

The term ahead promises to be a busy and rewarding one. Students will be participating in both intensive swimming for a week at Canowindra as well as regular weekly lessons held by our teachers with Swimming Australiacertificates at the local Woodstock Pool – many thanks to the pool committee for their support in this. We will also be attending Huskisson on a combined small school's camp with other local small schools.

For even more detail on what we get up to here at Woodstock Public School please look through our Facebook page and enjoy the photos of such fun events as our Small Schools Combined Performing Arts performance, and our new school mural designed and painted in conjunction with Michaela Jeffries, a proud Wiradjuri Ngemba woman from Cowra. We look forward to seeing the community come in and check out our school and the new community vegie gardens soon.

HOMEWORK HUB A HIT

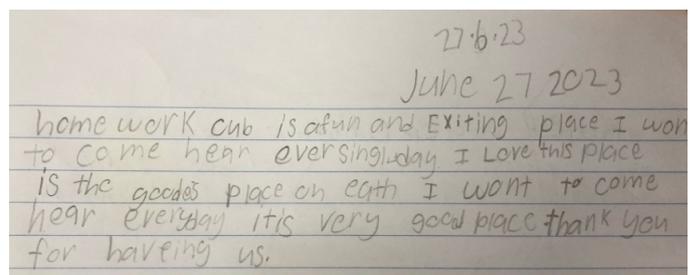
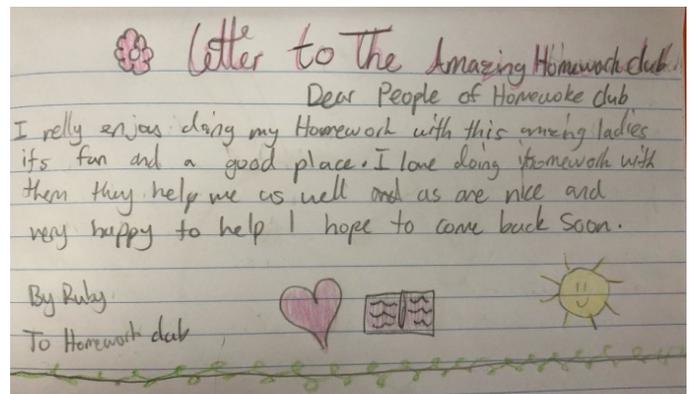
During Term 2 and 3, the Woodstock CWA held a Homework Hub at their rooms in Rankin St. The idea behind this was to support our local children with their learning as well as have fun. Education Department reports post Covid, showed that a lot of regional children slipped through learning gaps. We wanted to give our neighbours a leg up if needed.

Amy was our first customer, and the following week we had 4 primary school aged kids at the Hub. It went off like a cracker. We had 5 local children attend regularly for one hour a week. Tuesdays was for Primary, and Wednesday for High School.

It soon became clear that the kids appreciated help with spelling, reading and maths in particular. But more than that, they simply loved getting together. Most of the kids went to different primary schools (Woodstock, Holmwood and Cowra) so it was a great opportunity to get them together and play and learn after school.

Towards the end of Term 3 it became more of a Kids Club. Sadly, we have had to close it down because of lack of help to supervise the children. Two adults are required to supervise each day. The CWA in Woodstock, sadly, has a very small membership and so it became unsustainable.

We are sorry to close it but thank the ladies who supervised: Shé, Ann, Anna, Kathy and Jo. If the community is interested in starting it up again, more volunteers will be needed. Please don't hesitate to get in touch about that.



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NEXT MEETING

Sunday 29th October 2023

at Woodstock Memorial Hall 2pm



WHAT'S ON

28th October

70's Trivia Night Woodstock Bowling Club

29th October

2023 Woodstock Swimming Pool AGM at the Pool

7 November

Melbourne Cup Function Woodstock Bowling Club

9th December

Woodstock Hotel Christmas Party – Woodstock Hotel

30th December

New Years Eve Party – Woodstock Hotel

January sometime

Festival of Small Halls – Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Hall