

Meet the Candidates

The Woodburn Business & Community Chamber is inviting candidates for election to the Richmond Valley Council to speak at a "Meet the Candidates" event prior to the Chamber's next general meeting.

Chamber members and local residents are encouraged to attend. We are sure that it will be a very interesting and engaging evening.

Brian O'Farrell, President of the Evans Head Business & Community Chamber, has kindly agreed to be the MC for this event.

The following rules will apply to help ensure a respectful meeting:

- Candidates' names will be drawn from a hat to determine the speaking order.
- Candidates will be given 3 minutes to highlight their policies and interest areas to members and guests. A bell will sound at 2½ minutes and candidates will be asked to stop speaking at 3 minutes.
- 15 minutes will be allocated for questions.
- Remaining time will be allocated to a meet and greet session with members and attendees.

Venue: Woodburn Bowling Club

Date: Monday, 22/08/2016

Time: 5.15 pm for a 5.30pm start, concluding at 6.30 pm

Who's keen for some pig races?

Noahs Thoroughbred Racing Pigs in conjunction with the Evans Head Woodburn Community Preschool & The Rod n Reel Hotel Motel present to our valued community a fundraising extravaganza—PIG RACES!

This great event being held at the Rod n Reel on Saturday, 3 September, raising much needed funds for the Evans Head Woodburn Preschool, will provide you and your family a day filled with fun, laughter and unforgettable memories.

The day will begin at 2pm with a total of 6 very entertaining Pig Races. Raffles galore, chocolate wheel and a jumping castle for the kids will deliver an unmissable family event.

If you would like to get onboard and sponsor a race, helping to raise funds for the Evans Head Woodburn Preschool, receive great promotion through social media and on the day, please call Anthony Donnelly on 6682 2406 or Daniel Simpson on 0406 420 020.



WHAT'S ON / SAVE THE DATE

Woodburn Riverside Markets

8am-3pm, Saturday, 13 August 2016

Skate Jam

1-4pm, Sunday, 21 August 2016

Meet the Candidates / Woodburn Chamber General Meeting

5.15pm on Monday, 22 August 2016

All welcome

Woodburn Memorial Hall Trash & Treasure

9am-3pm, Sunday, 28 August 2016

Evans Head Preschool Fundraiser—Pig Races

2pm, Saturday, 3 September 2016

Woodburn Chamber Breakfast Meeting—

Adapting to the New Marketing Landscape

Monday, 19 September 2016—details to come

Woodburn Riverside Festival

Saturday, 8 October 2016 – details to come

Woodburn Chamber Annual General Meeting

Monday, 17 October 2016 – details to come

Stories for Woodburn NOW

If you have a story of interest to the Woodburn community, please contact us at info@woodburnchamber.com.au*. The maximum word count for a story is approximately 250 words with a couple of photos. Please note that Chamber members will be given priority if space is limited.

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Woodburn NOW

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President's message



There's a lot happening in Woodburn over the next few months, as you can see from this newsletter. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the people volunteering on these events and to encourage everyone to get involved.

Following the Woodburn WOW Factor Forum in May, Andrew Leach, Manager Asset Planning for Richmond Valley Council, has provided the following update. Council has invited Expressions of Interest for suitably-qualified consultants in the architectural, structural and landscaping fields. These experts will form a panel to assist with master planning projects across the municipality, including the creation of a centrepiece for Woodburn Park. The idea of rationalising the buildings into one new thematic structure has gained wide acceptance within Council. It will provide the focus around which ideas can be integrated, including other suggestions from residents at the Woodburn WOW Factor market stand and forum, and submitted via email. The planning will also consider \$110,000 Australian Government funding for the Woodburn Park foreshore announced by Kevin Hogan during the election campaign. Council will consult with Woodburn residents during the master planning process. Council is now in caretaker mode and another update will be provided after the September elections.

We are also pleased to welcome some more new members since the last newsletter, including the Woodburn CWA, the Evans Head-Woodburn Preschool and a new individual member. If you've thought about joining, memberships for the rest of 2016 are half price. A membership form is available on the Chamber website at www.woodburnchamber.weebly.com/membership.

Daniel Simpson
President



Skate Jam

Age 16 and under

Woodburn Skate Park



Sunday, 21st August

1 - 4 p.m.

Conducted by

NAM AND POP SKATE SHOP

COMPETITIONS (free entry)! PRIZES!
Be there at 1 p.m. to warm up and register



MUSIC! SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Organised by Woodburn Event Team



For more information contact Isaac—0459 629 338

Woodburn Memorial Hall Committee

TRASH and TREASURE SALE

Woodburn Memorial Hall

Sunday, 28th August

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Book a space and bring your unwanted treasures to make some quick dollars!

\$10 per area includes a table to display your treasures
No food stalls. No commercial traders. No craft stalls.

Secondhand goods only!

For enquiries and bookings phone:

Glenn Crawford—6682 2032

Pam Bellingham—0414 953 879



Chamber news

by Pam McGeary

Here are the most newsworthy activities since the last update:

- We collated all the surveys and suggestions sent to us about Woodburn Park and forwarded these to Council.
- We are pursuing another lead for a premises for a doctor's surgery and will soon reform a GP subcommittee.
- The June breakfast meeting was postponed and has been rescheduled for Monday, 19 September 2016.
- We sent a letter to the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) providing in-principle support for the development of an RV park opposite the school, as long as there is appropriate consultation with the schools and broader community.
- We sent a letter to Lismore Council supporting the Bypass Action Group's call for an upgrade to the Woodburn-Lismore Road.
- We sent a letter to Pacific Complete requesting short-term sponsorship of a Secretary for the Chamber to increase our ability to apply for infrastructure and place-making grants, with a view to the appointed person finding ongoing funding into the future.
- The committee developed a survey to determine the priorities of Chamber members, but decided there is insufficient capacity in the committee to follow through appropriately at this time.
- An invitation was circulated on behalf of the Evans Head BCC to participate in the 2017 regional brochure.
- Quotes were obtained for pull-up banners for the Chamber.
- Our FRRR grant application for a fence around the playground was unsuccessful. I rang for feedback and we missed out due to the volume of applications. However, she did emphasise the need for strong letters of support / projects with community collaboration.
- We are organising a Meet the Candidates event for the upcoming council elections on Monday, 22 August 2016 (see What's On).

Finally, I'd like to apologise for the lack of a July newsletter. To be honest, I was struggling with anxiety. It impacted on my productivity, as even small things felt overwhelming. It's uncomfortable to admit this publicly, even though my troubles are relatively trivial and wax and wane. My heart goes out to people who are struggling deeply with mental health problems. I'm aware that talking about it can help break down the social stigma that can be a barrier to people getting the help they need. That's why I've decided to be candid about it.

It hasn't always been easy to juggle the demands of my work and Chamber deadlines. For this and other reasons, I've notified the committee of my resignation from the role of Chamber Secretary. I'll continue as Treasurer and to contribute to the newsletter and other activities. My last day as Secretary will be the October AGM or sooner if someone puts their hand up for the role before then. We also need another ordinary member, so please get in touch if you would like to participate on the committee in either of these roles.

How do you get a ping pong out of a bucket without touching the ball or the bucket?

Bob May is one of Woodburn's colourful characters. He's a member of the Orchid Society and a keen orchid grower, a naturalist, geyr nomad and avid landscape photographer. He's also held individual membership of the Chamber since ~2008, so I caught up with Bob for a cuppa and a chat.

Historically, individual members have contributed significantly to the Chamber, especially their work on activities such as fundraising and events management. However, chatting with Bob reaffirmed my feeling that individual members are also highly valued as they contribute to the diversity of views and experience within the Chamber. Bob had a varied and high flying career before retirement and he was telling me about how he had run workshops, as a consultant, to develop management creativity using games. He laughed, describing how one team



One of Bob's magnificent orchids

challenge was to get a ping pong out of a bucket without touching the ball or the bucket. Their very creative, if inelegant, solution was that everyone could urinate in the bucket until it overflowed! Bob's message was that fun and laughter helps creative thinking, while focussing on the problem tends to drain creativity. We shouldn't block people's ideas, as they may be tweaked into a solution. I love this approach for Chamber meetings—let's not focus on the problem, but focus on the solution in a fun, creative and relaxed way.

When I asked Bob what Chamber membership did for him, he said it was the wrong question! From his point of view, members should be asking what they can do for Woodburn and the region.

This attitude is reflected in Bob's history with the Chamber. He was initially motivated to join the Chamber when he was approached by a then Chamber member about having a caravan park constructed on the paddock, which is part of his property, next to his house. He was open to the idea because he could see that there was a need for a caravan park in Woodburn. While the project didn't take off because of problems with access, Bob has continued to renew his membership because of the emerging issue of the highway bypass. Bob believes that the Chamber is one of the key bodies that can realistically be an agent for change, to help ensure Woodburn not only survives but thrives post-bypass.