

Woodburn Park

Have your say on the future of the park

CHANGE IS COMING and we should shape the change!

What would you like in our park when the Pacific Highway has moved?

What would attract people to come to Woodburn?



There are concept drawings that were developed for the pre-Pacific Highway bypass that need to be updated. These are available for inspection in Woodburn in the following places:

River Emporium

Rod & Reel Hotel

Woodburn Visitor Information Centre

Please take a look and let us know what you like, what you don't like, or what you think is missing. Not all ideas can be incorporated, but all feedback will help to identify trends or ideas for future projects.

Please forward your thoughts to:

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The Environmental Type

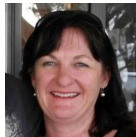
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The River Emporium

Small business | heritage | history | recycling | community



A voice for our community

October 2015

Riverside Festival, Saturday 10 October

Organised by the Woodburn Event Team

A full day of entertainment and activity for all ages!

Raft/inflatable race: Build a raft, or you can use any sort of inflatable (eg pool toy), as long as it is not a boat and not motor-powered. Lots of prizes - first group to finish, best raft, most amusing inflatable, etc.

Biathlon. Swim across the river, run back across the bridge. Two age groups - under 16, 16 and over. Prizes for each age group - \$100 first, \$50 second.

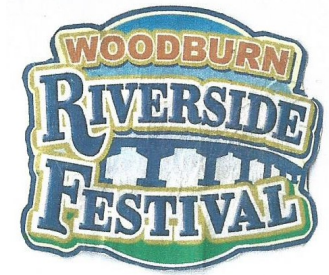
Fancy dress parade - ages 6 and under. Any theme. This will be judged right after the 'Opening Ceremony' at 10am, so come 'dressed to impress!'

And also: Markets | Water-skiing demonstrations | Outrigger canoes | Barbecue | Face painting | Amusement rides | Art exhibition by Woodburn schools | Live band in the evening | Fireworks ...and more

The theme for this year's Festival is 'Bees', an important local industry. There will be an information stall on bees, bee-keeping and honey production as a feature of the day, and a historical exhibition on the subject.

For more information contact: Pam Bellingham - 0414 953 879 or Glenn Crawford - 6682 2032.

Thanks to all members of the Woodburn Event Team for the hard work that has gone into organising this annual event.



President's message

On behalf of the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce I am pleased to introduce you to your new look committee and offer my vision for the Chamber into the future. First I would like to thank all past and present committee members. The tireless and often thankless work of volunteers is what allows the chamber to be an effective voice for our community. I believe that all who volunteer do so with the best of intentions and because they are passionate about this great place we live in.

My vision for the chamber is to unite the community, becoming a more effective and louder voice for our community. At its core, the goal of the chamber is to:

- represent the community, professional, retail, service, industrial and primary interests in Woodburn and its surrounding areas
- promote Woodburn as the gateway to Richmond Valley
- provide a forum for members to meet and exchange matters of common interest
- create a spirit of community interest and foster inclusion
- instigate, promote, agitate and comment regarding the objectives of the Community, and the interest of trade, commerce and industry in and around Woodburn.

To do this we need your help. Get involved, tell us what you think. As a minimum, join the chamber and contribute to strength in numbers. I more than most understand the time poor nature of business owners; however, I also believe it's critical to ensure we shape and influence the environment that we operate and live in. Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Daniel Simpson
President

Thanks to Jodie Waters

Special thanks go to Jodie Waters. As the former President, she led a united team in drafting the Constitution to transition the Chamber to operate in line with current legislation and best practice. This will place Woodburn in the best position to face the challenges of the Pacific Highway bypass. Jodie presented a professional face for the Chamber in her interactions with stakeholders. The time and effort that Jodie invested in this journey is greatly appreciated by her former team mates and new committee members, who will build on these foundations.



After an orientation process for new members, the committee hopes to "hit the ground running". Watch out for more information coming soon about...

Structure and format of Chamber meetings Finalisation of the Chamber's Constitution 2016 Calendar and more!!

2015 Business and community survey

Priorities at a glance

64.6% said:

- Reinstating a permanent GP
- Opportunities for employment on the Highway Upgrade
- Opportunities for local business involvement with the highway upgrade
- Having signage or entry statements in place for the highway upgrade

25.8% said:

- Continuance of the Riverside Festival
- An upgrade of the public toilet facilities

9.6% said:

- Beautification of the main street

Other issues:

- Cleaning of the Richmond River
- An overnight rest zone to be provided for travellers
- Signs for no skate boards or bikes on the footpaths
- Better parking areas
- More family activities in the Woodburn area
- An upgrade of facilities for the boats
- 15 minute timed parking in front of the Post Office
- An upgrade and fencing of the riverbanks
- Advice provided to businesses on how to change their business model and marketing plans to suit bypass traffic

Send YOUR thoughts to info@woodburnchamber.com.au

2015 Orchid Show

Despite a lightning strike, a "house-rattling" clap of thunder and rain on the Friday morning, eager visitors braved the weather to attend what is widely recognised as the best Orchid Show on the North Coast. The benches were full and the variety of colours was spectacular. As always, the Society's sales tables were laden, with most plants in bloom and at bargain prices. One interesting feature of the Show was the "Pot-Plant Donkey", created as a raffle prize by Bernice Rubbo. Unsurprisingly, raffle ticket sales were up!

Text and photos courtesy of Bob May, Sept 2015



President of the Society, Peter Furniss, thanked the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce for its support through a sponsorship donation.

The Woodburn Orchid Society meets on the third Sunday of every month (except December) at 1pm in the Woodburn Memorial Hall. Visitors and interested, budding orchid growers are most welcome. New members who are just beginners in orchid growing are given a small box of orchids to get them on their way. The Society's meetings are great opportunities for newcomers to learn.