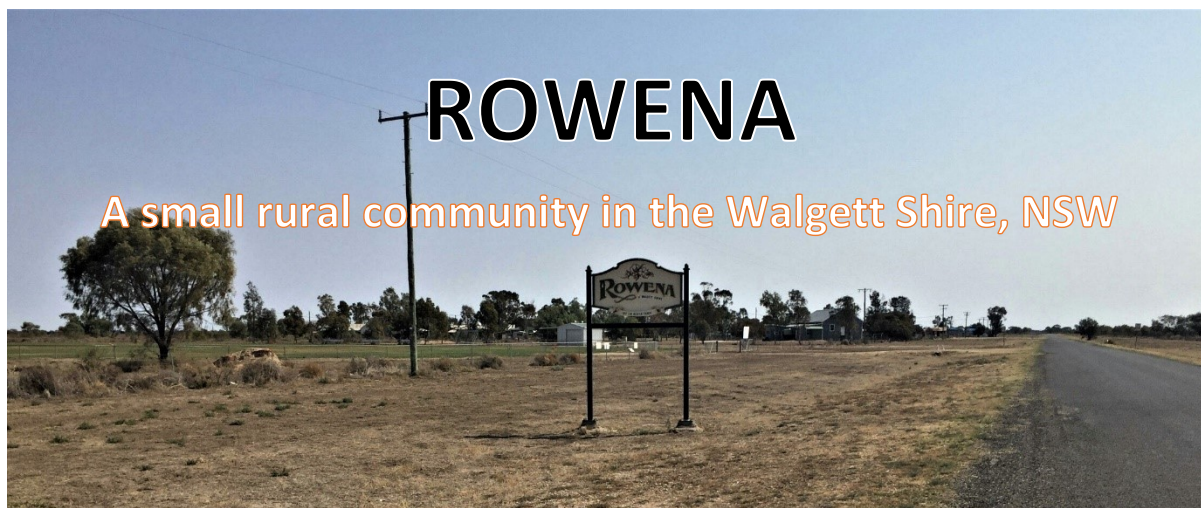


## Tumbulgum Tavern & Tumbulgum Community Association

# WELCOME

you to our Fund-Raising Dinner for



You are encouraged to participate by

- *Sharing stories of what it means to face challenges*
- *Sharing what community support means to you*
- *Placing your contribution for your meal in the jar on the table*
  - *Buying raffles tickets available at your table*

**Raffle Prizes** - Tickets \$2.00 each, 3 Tickets for \$5.00 and 7 Tickets for \$10.00

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tumby Park Firewood – Value \$250
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ladies Rockman Dressing Gown & Ann Laughlin Remedial Massage – Value \$150
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Murwillumbah Yoga Centre Voucher – Value \$108.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Husk Distillery Ink Gin – Value \$80.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Riverside Nail Design – Value \$70.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Each to Own Gift Voucher – Value \$50.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Rockman Dressing Gown – Value \$50.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Austral Café Murwillumbah Voucher – Value \$20.00



### **Other Prizes**

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| <i>Best Dressed Male</i>   | <i>Husk Distillery Ink Gin</i>    |
| <i>Best Dressed Female</i> | <i>Stone &amp; Wood Gift Pack</i> |

*See over for more information about Rowena Community*

*Thanks to the Tumbulgum Tavern and Prize Donors for their generosity*

# ROWENA

**History:** Squatters moved into the Rowena area as early as the 1830's. The township itself was established in 1906, when the railway reached the district. At the time of federation in 1901, there were two post and telegraph offices in the district at Bulyeroi and Oreel – settlements on the squatting runs that had been established since 1848. The nearest Police Station was at Old Burren, 16 Kilometres south of Rowena; the station was established in 1893 and closed in 1901. In 1901 the only provisional school in the Rowena area was Oreel Provisional School, about 10 kilometres from Rowena's current location. It opened in 1900 with 22 children. The ceiling of the school building was unlined, and during the first summer of operation, many children started missing school due to nosebleeds. The school closed in 1909. Rowena's first public school opened in 1923, the school has been operating ever since. The most popular sports in the district were cricket and tennis. Cricket teams formed around where there was a hotel or a post and telegraph office, or a large property. One of the most significant attempts at building development in Rowena was in 1934, when the Shire Hall was built and the Rowena Hotel burnt down while being rebuilt. The hotel had first been destroyed in 1927, with the loss of two lives. As with many of the smaller villages of Walgett Shire, the past half of the century has seen a decline in population and commerce at Rowena. Today, Rowena has a small but active community of approximately 50, served by a comfortable school, general store and church.

Source: <https://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au/about-walgett/our-history/rowena/>

## Snippets – Littles stories from the CWA of NSW

Our "pub" is actually called The Rowena Village Inn and is owned and managed by Cindy, with a little help from Mum and Dad. Sister Jo is 2IC and between them they operate Tuesday to Sunday opening 10 am to 10 pm, give or take, depending how many customers have ventured in.

Cindy does the cooking and provides the district with not only fabulous food and a friendly, safe meeting place but she is also earning herself a reputation for creating fantastic cakes and other goodies, for special occasions. Whenever we hold our meetings there she has usually whipped up some delectable treat, including fresh batches of scones (game, I know!!), for us to enjoy. Whether it's morning tea, lunch or nibbles and dinner, nothing is ever a problem. Children are not forgotten either with a kids menu and a once-a-week treat of school lunch orders on Friday. What's so special about that you ask? Lots when our school is small and there's no tuckshop.

Rowena was home to Cindy's family in her younger days, when her grandparents Jim and Margaret (a member of Collarenebri Branch) operated the Inn and who still help out on occasion...thank you Grandma! So now the little chicken has come home to roost! Well, not really, at just 22 there is still the odd occasion where our girl likes to burn the candle at both ends ... but she manages to bounce back pretty quickly and is always on deck at the required hour.

Some would say our modest Inn is quaint or rustic, to us it is warm and welcoming on a cold night or on the other hand, the drinks are always cold and the welcome just as big, on a hot day. It's a meeting place, watering hole, dining room, coffee shop, gourmet bakehouse, community hub; a place to share the day's events, gossip about local happenings, celebrate, commiserate or just have a quiet beer. It's decorated with memorabilia, including cattle brands and wool bale stencils from district properties, historic bric-a-brac and photographic evidence that a good night was had by all ... on various occasions!

We love our Inn and the people in it.

<https://cwaofnsw.wordpress.com/tag/village-inn/>

## ROWENA PUBLIC SCHOOL (Photos provided by community)

