

# Information Bulletin 3

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## *Just Imagine Life Without Fuel In Yack...*

The truth is unless more locals commit to buying fuel locally in the long term, **that's** exactly what will happen ... and **very** soon.

So each time **you** buy fuel in Wodonga, remember that **this** is what it will mean for the community and you?

- It will mean the **CFA** and **SES trucks** will have to drive to Wodonga to fill up with fuel during an emergency.
- It will mean when you want to cut the lawns on a Sunday afternoon, you'll have to do a 50 km round trip to Wodonga to buy \$5 worth of petrol for your mower ... and put up with the fumes in your car all the way back!
- It will mean the older people in our community will have to drive to Wodonga to buy their petrol. Remember, they don't go there to work each day. The return trip will cost them about \$5 on fuel alone.
- It will mean that when people drive to Wodonga to buy petrol, they will probably buy their paper, milk and bread there too! .... and their smokes, and a maybe a can of softdrink.



And what the hell .... while they are there, they might as well pop into Safeway to pick up a few groceries too (they call that '**retail leakage**' and it literally **kills** small towns).

- It will mean that all the community workers like the District Nurse, Meals-on-Wheels volunteers, and the community car will have nowhere to buy petrol locally.
- It will mean people who are thinking about coming here to live or start small businesses will think twice ... after all, who wants to live in a one horse town that can't even sustain a basic service like a petrol station!
- It will mean an awful lot of hassle the next time you let the tank fall below empty.



## *Oh yes, and we almost forgot ...*

- When you fill up in Wodonga, you can save about 80¢ on an average tank of fuel.



**So ... the choice is yours ....**

**use it..or lose it!**