



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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Petrocholis Dam, Bonalbo: Photo by Vilya de Tozser

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LOOSE CHANGE HELPS fight poverty, empower communities

Kyogle Council staff's loose change has helped Feeding Dreams - a Cambodian grass roots community school providing free education and meals to impoverished children -- buy a push bike for one of its students.

Assets and Infrastructure Services staff member Jacqui Horder collected the donations over a period of about 18 months and presented the money as well as gifts of clothes and toiletries donated by staff members/work colleagues to the charity during a recent trip to Cambodia.

Mrs Horder was introduced to Feeding Dreams through her son Jonny, who volunteered at the school for eight months after finishing Year 12.

"We went to visit and we were very impressed with the organisation," she said.

"It's about giving children and families a hand up, rather than a hand out.

"They focus on keeping families together and fighting poverty through education, training and community support."

The bike bought with the funds donated by Council staff was given to a young boy who lived many kilometres away from the school and had to walk for more than an hour to get there.

Kerry Huntly, a former Brisbane woman who helped found Feeding Dreams, said the gift of a bike allowed students to attend school and still have time to help support their families by collecting rubbish or collecting forest fruits to sell.

Feeding Dreams provides education and daily meals for more



Above: The young recipient of the bicycle sends a message of thanks to Kyogle Council staff.

than 800 students aged from five year olds to young adults who come from the poorest parts of Siem Reap, Cambodia.

It also offers college scholarships, community support programs and vocational training.



Large field of nominees for **COUNCIL POLL**

Eighteen people, including six sitting Councillors, are seeking election to Kyogle Council in the 10 September local government elections.

Seven people have nominated as candidates for A Ward, six people in B Ward and five people in C Ward.

The candidates, in the order that they will appear on the ballot paper, are:

A Ward

Janet Wilson
Gerard Dalton
Kylie Thomas
Kleon Toffetti
Simon Dejoux
Sarah Gordon
Hayden Doolan

B Ward

Maggie May
Tony Zammit
Joseph Allen
Lynette Zito
Bob Dwyer
John Burley

C Ward

Michael Reardon
Debbie Johnston
Lindsay Passfield



Danielle Mulholland
Earle Grundy

Pre-polling

A pre-poll polling booth for all three wards will operate in the Kyogle Memorial Institute in Stratheden Street, Kyogle, from Monday 29 August to Friday 9 September.

It will be open from 8.30am-5.30pm Monday to Friday and on Saturday from 9am-5pm. It is fully wheelchair accessible.

Postal vote applications have also opened for the 10 September elections.

Electors can apply for a postal vote either online, over the phone (1300 135 736) or they can download a postal vote application from www.votensw.info under the 'Early Voting Options' link.

Applications for a postal vote must be received by the NSW Electoral Commission no later than 5pm on Monday 5 September 2016.

You can vote before Election Day as a pre-poll or postal voter if you:

- will be outside your ward or council area on election day;

- will be more than 8km from a polling place in your ward or council area on election day;
- will be travelling, which prevents you from attending a polling place on election day;
- have a serious illness or condition that prevents you from attending a polling place on election day;
- are approaching maternity;
- have religious membership or beliefs that prevent you from attending a polling place on election day;
- are residing in a correctional centre which prevents you from attending a polling place on election day (postal voting only);
- are caring for a person outside of a hospital setting, which prevents you from attending a polling place on election day;
- will be working on election day;
- are a silent elector;
- are a person with a disability;
- believe that attending a polling place on election day will place the personal safety of you or members of your family at risk.

For further details on how to apply for a postal vote online or to download a postal vote application form go to www.votensw.info or phone the NSW Electoral Commission Helpdesk on 1300 135 736.

Three councillors **BOW OUT**

Three of the nine sitting Kyogle Councillors are not seeking re-election at the 10 September local government elections.

They are long-time Councillor and former mayor Ross Brown, former deputy mayor Cr Maggie Creedy and A Ward Councillor Chris Simpson.

Cr Brown was first elected to Council in 1998 and served until 2003. During that time he was mayor from 1999 to 2001.

He was re-elected in 2008 and again in 2012 and served



Cr Ross Brown

as mayor from 2008 to 2010 and 2011-2013.

Cr Creedy was elected to Council in 2012 to represent B Ward and was Deputy Mayor from 2013-2014.

During her four years on Council, Cr Creedy also repre-



Cr Maggie Creedy

sented Council on the Area Health Board Community Engagement Committee, the General Manager's Review Committee, the Internal Audit Committee and the Community Funding Support Committee.



Cr Chris Simpson

Cr Chris Simpson was elected to Council in 2012 as an A Ward Councillor. He has served as Council's representative on the Kyogle Bushfire Management Committee and the Kyogle Traffic Committee for the past four years.



Rally returns to Kyogle

The Border Ranges Rally is heading back to Kyogle.

After a one year break, the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club is bringing the car rally back to the Kyogle district on Saturday 27 August.

The rally was previously held in Kyogle in 2013 and 2014 when it was run over four days.

This year's event will be run over one day, with the reconnaissance and roads set up on Friday 26 August and the actual rally on Saturday 27 August.

The rally will be run over four stages on public roads as follows:

- **Happy Valley Stage** - Wiangaree Back Road between the Summerland Way and Apple Gum Road, Apple Gum Road between Wiangaree Back Road and Wyndham Road, Wyndham Road between Apple Gum Road and Eden Creek Road, and Eden Creek Road between Wyndham Road and Afterlee Road. Roads in the Happy Valley stage will be closed from 8.15am-4.30pm.
- **Hillyards Stage** - Webbs Road between the Summerland Way and Hillyards Road, Hillyards Road between Webbs Road and Bentley Road. Roads in this stage will be closed from 8.45am-8.30pm (residents

will be able to go in and out for short periods at lunch time and at dusk by prior arrangement with rally organisers.)

- **Old Cob O Corn Road Stage** - Old Cob O Corn Road starting 1km from the intersection with Ettrick Road through to 0.5km from intersection with Brown Knob Road. Roads in this stage closed from 9.30am-6pm.

- **Toonumbar Stage** - Bennis Road from Toonumbar Dam precinct to the intersection with Iron Pot Creek Road, Iron Pot Creek Road between Bennis Road and Ghinni Ghi Road and Ghinni Ghi Road 6km west along from the intersection with Iron Pot Creek Road. Roads in this stage closed from 9.45am and 6.30pm.

The rally will operate under approvals and conditions issued by Council and the NSW Police in line with recommendations of the Kyogle Local Traffic Committee whose members include representatives from the Roads and Maritime Services. NSW Police, Kyogle Council, the community and Member for Lismore Thomas George.

A ceremonial start to the rally will be held in Geneva Street, Kyogle with the first car to be flagged away at 9.42am. Geneva Street will be closed between the Summerland Way and Roxy Lane, from 7-11am,



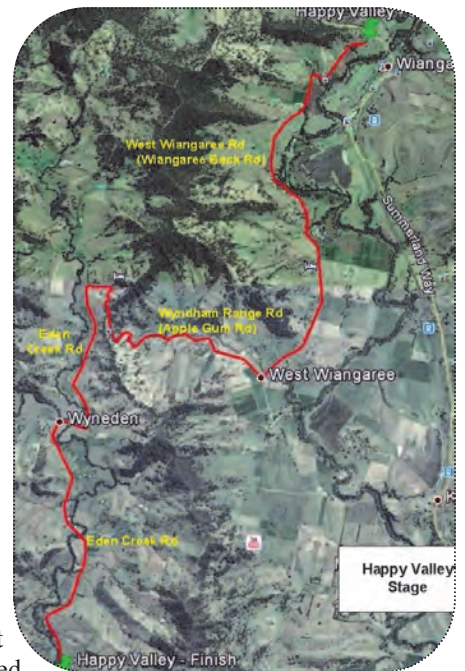
with rally cars on display from 8.45-10.45am.

The rally will have two designated free spectator viewing locations -- one at the corner of Webbs and Hillyards roads and the other on the corner of Iron Pot and Ghinni Ghi roads.

The rally headquarters will be at the Kyogle Showgrounds where the rally will finish on Saturday evening with two runs of the Super Special Stage. It will start about 6pm and will be followed by the presentation of trophies.

A second rally, the Yowie Country Rally, will be held in the Woodenbong/Urbenville area in October. Council wishes to express its thanks for the

support shown by the local residents, who will be inconvenienced during the event, and wish all those involved a safe and enjoyable event.





COUNCIL grants on offer

Applications for grants under Kyogle Council's Community Assistance Fund have now opened.

The Community Assistance Fund provides one-off donations of up to \$1,000 for organisations and \$500 for individuals.

Funding preference is given to those individuals/organisations that can demonstrate the greatest need or benefit to the wider community in the following areas: welfare; community involvement/social interaction; sport

and recreation; the Arts; youth affairs; senior citizen affairs; cultural assistance.

Community Assistance grants are paid on a reimbursement basis in that successful applicants must provide Council with receipts and/or invoices before any funds are paid.

Applications will close at 4pm on Friday September 30. The Council will determine the successful grant applications at its November meeting.

Application forms and further information are available from the Kyogle Council administration centre, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle, or www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

STUDENTS CAN NOW sit their exams at Woodenbong

An exam centre has been established at Woodenbong, which is good news for local students undertaking external university or TAFE studies.

Students who previously had to travel to Lismore, Grafton, Tenterfield or even Brisbane to do their examinations, can now elect to sit their exams at Woodenbong.

The exam centre can accommodate students from any university or TAFE in Australia.

Examinations in Woodenbong will be conducted by exam overseer Ann Passfield.

Students wanting to utilise the Woodenbong exam centre are advised to contact their university or TAFE exam coordinator to make the necessary arrangements.



TRANSPORT website relaunched

Are you looking for transport information specific to Kyogle and the North Coast?

Northern Rivers Social Development Council (NRSDC) recently launched its redeveloped Going Places website (www.goingplaces.org.au).

The website is a one-stop-shop for people to access up-to-date information on a wide range of transport options including public transport, community transport, cycling, taxis and carpooling.

The website provides access to journey planning resources, as well as Northern Rivers road information.

NRSDC's Transport Development Officer Alex Lewers said the redevelopment of the website was primarily undertaken to make the website more user-friendly.

"When we looked at our data,



ta, we noticed the majority of people accessing the website were mobile users and so we set about improving their user experience."

"At the end of the day, we want people to be able to access up-to-date transport information when and where they need it and make the most of the transport services we have available."

Mr Lewers said he hoped the website would go some way to dispelling the often held belief that there was 'no public transport in the Northern Rivers'.

"I often hear people say there are no public transport options

in our area, but quite often it's a lack of information rather than a lack of services."

"Whilst I acknowledge there are areas that face significant transport disadvantage in the Northern Rivers, it is important to also acknowledge that there are many great services as well."

Mr Lewers said the Going Places website was developed with funding from Tweed Shire Council, Clarence Valley Council, Lismore City Council, Kyogle Council, Byron Shire Council, Richmond Valley Council, Regional Development Australia and North Coast TAFE.

Spring luncheon

A spring luncheon, including a three course meal, guest speaker, gifts and entertainment, will be held on Wednesday 31 August at the Kyogle Golf Club.

The event is being hosted by Northern Rivers Care Connections and those attending are asked to dress in 'florals and/or yellow' to celebrate the start of spring.

Tickets cost \$40 with money raised going to the Cancer Council Daffodil Day Appeal as well as Northern Rivers Care Connections.

Book at Care Connections, 68 Summerland Way, Kyogle or phone 6632 2194 for more information.





LOST DOG reunited with owner

Kyogle Council regulatory staff have helped reunite a lost dog with its owner seven months after it went missing.

The dog, an Australian Kelpie, was found by a member of the public standing on the side of the road in the Richmond Valley local government area.

The dog appeared undernourished and lost, so the concerned community member took it to the nearest pound, which was at Kyogle.

The dog, which appeared to be an old working stock dog, was not microchipped but had

a long distinct 'tear' in its right ear.

Kyogle Council staff took a photo of the dog focusing on the tear and emailed it with details about where the dog was found to Richmond Valley Council.

A few days later an excited Richmond Valley Council customer service officer rang Kyogle Council advising that they had found the dog's owner.

Kyogle Council staff were able to reunite the dog and its owner the next day after learning the rural family had been searching for the dog since it first went missing before Christmas last year.



Applications now open for fish habitat grants

Kyogle Council is urging clubs, community groups and individuals wanting to improve local fish habitats to apply for grants under the State Government's Habitat Action Grants Program.

Member for Lismore Thomas George announced earlier this month that applications for grants of up to \$40,000 under the program were open until 30 September 2016.

Habitat rehabilitation projects, which may be funded include:

- removal or modification of barriers to fish passage
- rehabilitation of riparian lands (river banks, wetlands, mangrove forests, saltmarsh)
- re-snagging waterways with timber structures
- removal of exotic vegetation from waterways
- bank stabilisation works

Kyogle Council supports environmental initiatives to improve habitats in local streams and promote healthy native fish stocks as well as other native aquatic species.

"Council is encouraging clubs, community groups and individuals with possible projects to consider submitting a grant application," Council's Director of Planning and Environmental Services Manfred Boldy said.

"And should any local group or individual submitting a grant require Council assistance or support for their application, we are urging them to contact Kathy Dwyer at Council on 6632 0216."



New water station for ANZAC PARK

A new stainless steel water station has been installed at Anzac Park, Kyogle.

It replaces one that was destroyed by vandals earlier this year.

The new water station has a drinking fountain, a water bottle fill-up facility and a water bowl for pets.

Council staff are hopeful the sturdy construction of the new water station will keep the vandals at bay.

The original water station was installed as part of a joint project involving Kyogle Council and the Kyogle Lions Club.



Books celebrates life of LOCAL ELDERS

Our Way Stories, a book celebrating the life stories of Indigenous Elders from the Northern Rivers, was launched with the 10 Elders in conversation with acclaimed Goorie novelist Melissa Lucashenko at the Byron Writers Festival earlier this month.

The book was made possible by the generous donations of 158 people, who supported a crowdfunding campaign run by Arts Northern Rivers.

Arts Northern Rivers CEO Peter Wood said the response to the crowd funding campaign had been extraordinary.

"We've received pledges from our local community, from across Australia and even a few international supporters," he said.

"Clearly the project has struck a cord with the community."

Mr Wood said because the funding campaign had exceeded the target, Arts Northern Rivers had committed to producing volume two of *Our Way Stories* – ensuring many more Elders had a chance to share their wisdom.

Arts Northern Rivers partnered with local Aboriginal woman Dale Simone Roberts, who was engaged to work alongside the Elders to record their stories, and commissioned award-winning Bangalow photographer Kate Holmes to take their portraits.

Dale always had a great love and interest in her Indigenous culture and history and 15 years ago when she moved back to Country she began to reconnect with the

local Aboriginal community.

"The project started with listening to the stories of my friend Uncle Magpie. I just thought to myself what a wealth of knowledge he has to share and he wanted to share it so generously," Dale said.

"I just wondered if he doesn't get to pass on his knowledge where does it go?"

"I attended all the cultural events I could get to and began introducing myself to the Elders. We spoke a lot about sharing knowledge and stories."

After discussing ideas for a book project with some of the Elders, Dale and Arts Northern Rivers engaged four Elders to act as cultural advisors checking through the stories and content and to give their feedback on protocol and cultural issues.

Through the book the Elders share their personal experiences of growing up on missions while trying to maintain their culture and language.

They also tell of the prejudice and discrimination they encountered in education and employment.

Despite the challenges the Elders experienced, the stories show their resilience and strength, their hope for the future and their overwhelming love of family, their country and their culture.

Aunty Dorrie Gordon became the first female Indigenous ordained minister in the State; Uncle Athol Compton's interest



Aunty Gwenda Nesta Williams is one of the local Elders featured in the book Our Way Stories.

in culture and language took him to New York to study acting and brought him home to star in films and work for the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association Dance College (NAISDA), while Aunty Gwen Williams became involved in the Aboriginal protest movements of the 1960s and became an ambassador for her people at home and abroad.

The Elders' hope is that the book will enable their stories and knowledge to be passed on to generations to come

The Elders involved were: Aunty Marge Close; Uncle Athol Compton; Aunty Marie Anne Delbridge; Aunty Dorothy (Dorrie) Gordon; Aunty Vivienne Dorothy Laurie King; Uncle Magpie; Uncle Mickey Ryan; Poppy Harry Mundine Walker; Uncle Artie Williams; Aunty Gwenda Nesta Williams.

For details on how to obtain a copy of the book, email info@artsnorthernrivers.com.au or call 6628 8120.0

Student photos on show at the Roxy Gallery

The Roxy Gallery is alive with images of 'our world' captured by Kyogle High School students as part of the school's Geo-Photography competition.

The 'Our World Focus' exhibition is on display until 3 September 2016.

The competition provides geography students with a creative means to

learn about the environment and sustainability. The photographs cover three categories -- plants and animals, landscape and foods that may become extinct.

The winners of each category will be announced at a special event at the gallery during the last week of the exhibition.

Gallery patrons will also have their chance to vote for their favourite photograph.

Included in the exhibition are photo-



graphs by 22 Japanese students who attended Kyogle High School for two weeks. It also features a display of lanterns created by Kyogle High School Students, who annually participate in the Lismore Lantern Parade.



KYOGLE
LIBRARY

September at the Kyogle Library

Father's Day craft

A free Father's Day paper craft event with Sylvia will be held at the Kyogle library on Tuesday 30 August at 10am for 10.30am-noon. Morning tea will be provided.

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. Phone the library on 6632 1134.

Play mahjong

Do you play Mahjong or would you like to learn to play Mahjong?

Mahjong players, both experienced and beginners, are invited to meet monthly at Kyogle library on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month.

The group's next meeting will be held on 20 September from 1.30-3.30pm. To register your interest phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134.

Literary pursuits

Kyogle Literary Group meets at the Kyogle library on the first Saturday of the month at 10am for 10.30am-noon. The group's next meeting is on 3 September.

Kyogle Readers Group is open to anyone who loves to read and share their love of books. The group meets at the library on the first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am-noon. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 September.

Colouring-in for adults

Is life just too busy to take the break you need and deserve?

Kyogle library invites you to join the Colouring-in for Adults group which meets on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am for 10.30-11.30am.

Colouring-in is fun, relaxing, sparks creativity and promotes mindfulness.

The group's next few scheduled meetings are on 24 August, 9 September and 28 September.

JP services

Did you know you can have your documents certified at Kyogle library? You can now also print off, make copies, scan certified documents, and have Statutory Declarations witnessed by a NSW Justice of the Peace. Contact Kyogle library staff for details on 6632 1134.

Community Calendar

Farmers Market

The Kyogle Farmers Market is held on Saturday mornings in Stratheden Street, Kyogle (between the Summerland Way and the library).

To book a stall, phone Rupert on 0403 628 292 or Anne on 6632 1851.

Girls night in

The Woodenbong community will hold a 'Girl's Night In' dinner on Wednesday 19 October at the Woodenbong and District Golf Club. For enquiries, contact Chris or Rosslyn on 6630 5900

Spring garden showcase

There is a category to suit just about every type of gardener in this year's Kyogle Spring Garden Showcase.

The competition, run by the Kyogle Garden Club, is open to anyone in the community and this year has 22 categories.

"Whether your interest is in colourful potted plants and flowers, or green-house plants, vegetables, a bed of roses or native vegetation, there is a category for everyone," the garden club's publicity officer Carol Gillett said.

Judging will be held on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 September between 8.30am-

3.45pm with certificates and cash prizes up for grabs.

The presentation day will be held in the Kyogle Presbyterian Church Hall, in Groom Street, Kyogle on Thursday 22 September at 10am.

To take part in the Spring Garden Showcase, collect an entry/information form from: Kyogle Mitre 10, Kyogle Country Store or Gateway Office Supplies. Entry is free and entry forms must be submitted by close of business Monday 5 September.

Green thumb gathering

Bonalbo Garden Club will host The Green Thumb Gathering at the Old Bonalbo Hall on Tuesday 13 September from 9am.

Special guest speaker will be Jerry Coleby-Williams, who will talk about affordable sustainability, successful backyard food production, recovering from frost, fruit fly and more.

Bring a mystery bug, pest or diseased plant to discuss with Jerry.

Morning tea will be served from 9.30am and there will be a two-course country style lunch. There will also be a multi-prize raffle and Garden Club plant stall.



Seats are \$25 each which includes morning tea, lunch and interactive sessions with Jerry. Payment must be made at the time of booking.

For more details, email Bonalbo-GardenClub@gmail.com or call Debbie on 0402 445 076.

Billycart Bonanza

The third annual Billycart Bonanza will be held in Stratheden Street, Kyogle on Sunday 4 September.

The event provides the perfect opportunity for parents/grandparents, young and old, to spend a fun family day with their children or grandchildren. Experience the 'Thrill of the Hill' in the many different race categories.

Registration will run from 7.15-9am. Practice trial runs from 8am until the actual races start at 9.30am. For further information, contact Ron on 0400 050 238.

Hold a garage sale on SECOND HAND SATURDAY

There's never been a better time to de-clutter and spring clean your home! Second Hand Saturday, the biggest day of garage sales on the North Coast, is coming to the Kyogle Local Government Area this spring.

The event, to be held on Saturday 24 September, aims to promote reuse and recycling of household goods and furniture. Community members can register to hold a garage sale and receive free promotion in local newspapers The Richmond Express Examiner and The Weekend Star and online.

Coordinator of Second Hand Saturday, Linda Tohver, said the event gave people the chance to give unwanted belongings a second life, meet the neighbours and make some extra money.

"Or you might want to join forces with your friends, family or neighbours and hold a joint garage sale. We also welcome fundraising activities from community

groups, schools and churches," she said.

"In previous years, we have had a fantastic response from our North Coast community, so we are thrilled to be holding this again with support from Council.

"Everything from bikes, tinnies and trailers, to antiques, and other treasures can be sold at this event."

Registrations to hold a garage sale at this event are now open at

Members of the Country Women's Association Kyogle Branch ran a fundraising garage sale at last year's Second Hand Saturday.



www.secondhandsaturday.com.au

Coordinated by North East Waste and member councils, the aim of the event is to increase reuse and recycling and reduce disposal of unwanted materials to landfill - saving resources and our local environment. For more information, go to the Second Hand Saturday website www.secondhandsaturday.com.au or contact Kyogle Council.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: Due to the local government elections being held on 10 September 2016, there will be no Ordinary Council meeting in September this year. The next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 10 October 2016 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are normally held on the second Monday of every month except January. The first item of general business at the 10 October meeting will be the election of the Mayor followed by the election of the Deputy Mayor and the appointment of committee positions. Question Time and Public Access will be held after the annual appointments.

REGIONAL ROADS INFORMATION

www.myroadinfo.com.au

RECYCLING FACILITIES

All Council waste facilities have recycling capabilities (if separated) and can recover oil, paper, cardboard, steel, aluminium, glass, and plastic at no charge.

The waste facility hours of operation are:

Kyogle: 7.30am-12pm Monday to Friday

9am-4pm Saturday & Sunday

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm

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