



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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Kyogle Council *Working together to balance Environment, Lifestyle and Opportunity.*

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Kyogle Council has a new General Manager

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Council's Director of Assets and Infrastructure Services Graham Kennett, who has been the Acting General Manager since October, was appointed to the role full-time on 30 January.

He replaces David Tuxford who resigned last year after 12 months in the job to take up a senior management role at Georges River Council in Sydney.

Mr Kennett has been at Kyogle Council since 1999 having started his career in local government at Griffith City Council.

His previous positions at Kyogle Council have included Executive Manager Urban and Assets and more recently Director of Assets and Infrastructure Services.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said Mr Kennett's selection was merit-based and followed an extensive recruitment process.

"From a long list of impressive applicants, Council interviewed a short list of six candidates," Cr Mulholland said.

"From that list, Council resolved to re-interview its two preferred candidates and ultimately agreed that Graham was the most able to lead Council into the future and realise the community's aspirations for the whole of the Local Government Area.

"With Graham at the helm, Council has someone who has the best interests of the LGA at heart and the ability and experience to create and realise opportunities as they arise and to tackle whatever challenges are ahead of us."

Mr Kennett said it was with 'great pride' that he had accepted the offer from Councillors for the position of General Manager.

"I want to thank the Councillors, staff and the broader community for their support over the last few years, it has been a truly humbling experience," he said.

"I bring to the role a high level of local knowledge and experience, well established relationships, and a passion for the community that my family and I have chosen to call home.

"The community has provided us with a clear vision for the future, and I look forward to working with the Councillors and staff as we realise their vision."



Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland and newly appointed General Manager Graham Kennett will work together to realise the community's aspirations for the Kyogle LGA.



From the
MAYOR



Councillors undertook a merit based selection process to recruit the General Manager and as most of you will know, the successful applicant was Mr Graham Kennett who has now

been appointed to the position.

I'd like to extend my congratulations to Graham on achieving the top job and look forward to working with him on local and regional issues.

Australia Day events held throughout the Council area were enormously successful. This is due to the commitment and creativity of the three Australia Day Committees we have. Each committee puts their own stamp on the day

with the result being unique events that reflect the three individual communities.

Well done to all committees, who are all volunteers, and all the organisations and community groups who helped make it a special day.

We have some good news for the people out at Tabulam with up to \$1 million being spent on Tabulam Road.

Daleys Bridge will be replaced under Roads to Recovery funding at a cost of \$440k. Almost \$300k from Blackspot Funding will be spent on various works along the northern end of Tabulam Road, and \$220k has been allocated for reconstruction of the southern end as well as developer-funded works associated with the blueberry processing facility.

Council will be contacting residents to discuss the impact and timing of these works.

The Bonalbo Art Festival was held and

from all accounts, had a good turnout.

Artists from across the region showcased some outstanding works with the exhibition featuring photos, paintings, patchwork quilts, woodcrafts, handicrafts, glass beads, Indigenous art, sound engineering displays, digital media displays and more, with workshops for the kids.

There was even a painted horse!

I'd like to acknowledge Vilya de Tozser and Donna Van Leeuwen for their organisation and coordination of the festival, entertainment and food.

Community spirit is alive and well in Kyogle and all our villages.

We've had a great start to 2017 and I hope to see this continue!

Danielle Mulholland

Parking rules keep children safe

With schools having returned for another year, parents are reminded of parking rules in and around schools, particularly during the school zone times.

Parking rules on busy streets are an important aspect of traffic management and safety.

This especially applies to the safety of our school students.

Simple spur of the moment indiscretions can lead to serious and regrettable consequences. Please don't take the risk as significant fines can apply.

Please take note of the following, as there may be demerit points deducted from your licence.

Drop-off and pick up zones **- 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm.**

- You must drop-off or pick-up children within two minutes
- You can't leave your vehicle
- No waiting in zone

Disobey No Parking sign - \$180 and two demerit points

Disobey No Stopping sign - School Zone \$325 and two demerit points

Stop near pedestrian crossing - School Zone \$433 and two demerit points

Stop on footpath (eg. under trees) \$177 and two demerit points

Stop in a Bus Zone - School Zone \$325 and two demerit points

No warnings will be given as this is a major safety issue for our children. For further information, call Council on 6632 1611.

Pedestrian Safety

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe.

Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road



by themselves, remember that children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions

- do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

Many children below the age of 10 years do not have the capability or judgement to handle many pedestrian situations.

Children need to be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult carer to keep them safe.

Parents and caregivers have a key role in educating their children about road safety.

Parents and adult carers have opportunities in day-to-day routines to discuss road safety with children on the way to the newsagent, local shop or going to school.

Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues. - *Pedestrian Safety information courtesy of Kidsafe NSW Inc.*



Residents urged to Dob in a Dumper

Kyogle Council is encouraging the community to “dob in a dumper” following an upsurge in the amount of household rubbish being illegally dumped over the Christmas-New Year period.

This includes the disposal of household rubbish in Council bins at local parks, public spaces and around the streets, as well as littering in the form of bagged rubbish being left on the ground near the bins.

Bins in public places are not permitted to be used for disposal of household waste, and are marked accordingly.

These actions are offences under the Local Government Act and the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and carry fines of \$200 up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Council staff and its waste collection contractors regularly monitor the waste placed in and around these areas and where possible, fines will be issued to those responsible.

Council has available surveillance cameras that may be used in some of the ‘hot-spot’ areas.

Community members can “dob in a dumper” by reporting incidents to the Council on 6632 1611, the Environmental Hotline on 131 555, or NSW Police via Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.



LEP changes designed to help farmers

Kyogle Council has amended its Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to make life a little easier for its farming community and to help grow agricultural developments.

The amendment, gazetted earlier this year, allows the development of temporary workers’ accommodation in rural areas with the consent of

the council.

Council hopes the change will boost accommodation options and support rural activities and businesses dependent on larger numbers of workers being required for short periods such as during harvest times.

“Council understands that agri-business is very important to the economy of the area,” Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

“Supporting rural businesses by ensuring a range of appro-

priate worker accommodation options are available is a key, practical way the Council can bolster and create jobs for the region.

“Last year, Council recognised that agricultural ventures requiring a large number of workers had limited choices to provide accommodation for those employees.

“We resolved to amend the LEP to provide an additional option.

“Council anticipates the

amendment will encourage the development of more labour intensive agricultural ventures and better support existing operations.

The LEP amendment came into force on 20 January 2017. Anyone wanting further information about the amendment or to discuss the potential development of temporary workers’ accommodation is asked to contact Council’s Planning Department on 6632 0293.

Help for women is In The Bag

More than 25 handbags filled with toiletries and gifts collected as part of the It’s In The Bag campaign have been distributed to the Kyogle Foodbank, the Salvation Army, two women’s refuges in Lismore and the Tabulam community.

The campaign, conducted by Share The Dignity, asked women to fill a handbag they no longer used with toiletries and small luxury items and drop it off at the Kyogle library.

Its aim was to provide essentials as well as small luxury items for women experiencing hardship.

The campaign in Kyogle was coordinated by Council’s Community Project Officer Nicola Mercer and Kyogle librarian Corinne Hughes, who are pictured right.

“The response was incredible,” Nicola and Corinne said.

“We want to thank the community for being so generous and supportive.

“The bags have been a gift of hope and understanding to the women who have received them.”





Kyogle LGA celebrates **AUSTRALIA DAY 2017**



Kyogle Citizen of the Year Roslyn Knights, centre, with Australia Day Ambassador Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian, left, and Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland.

Unsung community heroes and high achievers were honoured at Australia Day celebrations held across the Kyogle Council local government area last month.

The presentation of community awards was part of events held at Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong to mark Australia's national day.

As part of the festivities Kyogle Council also allowed free entry to its public swimming pools at Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong. The initiative was well received by the community with almost 550 people going to the Kyogle pool on Australia Day.

The Australia Day Award winners for the three centres are:

Kyogle

Senior Citizen of the Year— Vic Walters

Vic is a positive role model and well re-



Kyogle Australia Day Ambassador Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian, left, with Young Citizen of the Year Ebony Lavelle.



West of the Range Citizen of the Year Duncan Robertson accepts his award from local pharmacist Sharon Bird.

spected by all who know him. His work with Kyogle Council lead him to be responsible for developing the town and village entrances. Vic volunteered much of his own time to his passion of growing trees for the good of the community. He retired from Council in 1998, but his legacy is everywhere throughout the council area.

Young Citizen of the Year—Ebony Lavelle

Ebony was nominated for her role in the revival of the Fairymount Festival, serving on the committee of three and representing the committee at official functions. A young mother with a full time job, she was still able to give a full commitment to the Fairymount Committee.

Citizen of the Year—Roslyn Knights

Roslyn manages the Kyogle Foodbank Store and is a board member of the Kyogle Community Kitchen. She leads by example, works tirelessly and makes decisions based on what is best for others.

Minor Student of the Year - Ella Day

Minor Sportsperson of the Year - Oliver Rixon

Junior Student of the Year - Thomas Masters/Teagan Pederson

Junior Sportsperson of the Year - Bridgette Hoffman

Senior Student of the Year - Eloise Crawler

Senior Sportsperson of the Year - Amber Bryant



Woodenbong Citizen of the Year Nan Krarup with Australia Day ambassador Alex Jones.

Bonalbo (West of the Range) Young Citizen of the Year— Mason Newton

Mason volunteers at Bonalbo Show events, attends and helps out at Kids Club and helps prepare cattle for the Bonalbo Campdraft.

Citizen of the Year—Duncan Robertson

Duncan has been a supporter of the Bonalbo Sub Branch of the RSL for more than 40 years.

He is an accomplished piper and has voluntarily offered his services for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events in Bonalbo, funerals and other community activities.

Community Organisation or Event - Bonalbo Hall Committee

Bonalbo Hall is a gathering place for community organisations and social events. Over the past 16 months, the Bonalbo Hall Committee has been involved in the If These Halls Could Talk program—a region-wide contemporary arts project that was hugely successful.

Business/Service - Paul and Kerry Hone Dog'N'Bull Hotel

Owners of the Dog'N'Bull Hotel Paul and Kerry Hone, have been strong supports of the Bonalbo community since moving to the area several years ago. They have organised fundraising functions for the Bonalbo RSL, donated the use of facilities and products and provide help and support on Anzac



Members of the Woodenbong Rural Fire Brigade, which was named Community Organisation of the Year, with Woodenbong Australia Day Ambassador Alex Jones.

Day and Remembrance Day.

Sportsperson of the Year - Kaitlyn Summers

Kaitlyn competes in campdrafting, Swimming Club and Pony Club and has represented zone 15 at the NSW State Sporting and Campdrafting Championships at Quirindi. She also represents zone 15 at the Queensland State Pony Club and Campdrafting Championships at Oakey.

Woodenbong

Citizen of the Year - Nan Krarup

A long-time community volunteer, Nan over the years has been involved in the Anglican Church Guild, the Red Cross, the RSL Ladies Auxiliary, and the Woodenbong Golf Club.

Young Citizen of the Year - Madeleine Barrett

Madeleine, as a member of the University of Queensland's Young Achiever's Program, set up a Break-

fast Program at Woodenbong Central School. She also volunteers in the community helping out with after-school sports programs and running dance classes for primary school students.

Sportsperson of the Year - Katelyn Grimmett

A talented multi-discipline sportswoman, Katelyn has represented Woodenbong in swimming, soccer, Rugby 7s, cross country, athletics, Futsal, shooting, touch rugby, and touch football. She was selected to play for Australia in futsal and touch rugby.

Community Organisation/Event of the Year -- Woodenbong Rural Fire Brigade

Fighting fires is not the only task undertaken by members of the Woodenbong Rural Fire Brigade. Brigade members are all volunteers and as well as combatting fires, they undertake extensive training, organise fund-raising activities, and help with community events.



West of the Range Young Citizen of the Year Mason Newton.



Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland presents Kyogle's four newest citizens with their Australian Citizenship Certificates at a ceremony held in conjunction with Australia Day festivities at Kyogle.



Woodenbong Young Citizen of the Year Madeleine Barrett with Woodenbong Australia Day Ambassador Alex Jones.



Tip shop to close for essential repairs

The tip shop at the Kyogle landfill will be closed in the near future for essential repairs

The standard of the building housing the tip shop coupled with recent work to upgrade recycling facilities and build a new waste cell have meant that the tip shop has not been able to function to a standard expected by the community.

While the repairs are being carried out, Council will review a number of options affecting the ongoing operation of the shop.

Residents are reminded that Council accepts recyclable items for free at waste facilities. For further information about recyclables, please visit the Waste and Recycling page on Council's website (www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au).

Please note, that if waste staff advise that an item is unable to be recycled it will be accepted as waste, and fees will apply. Please contact Council's Planning and Environment Department on 6632 1611 for further information.

Wild dogs create havoc for rural landholders

Council has recently received a number of enquiries regarding dogs entering rural properties.

The majority of residents have stated that they are 'wild dogs', and are concerned about their impact.

A wild dog is any dog, including a dingy, that is, or has become, wild. Landowners have a responsibility to manage wild dogs and the lead organisation to assist is Local Land Services.

One of the best methods for landholders to minimise the impacts of wild dogs is to form local wild dog management groups which involve all stakeholders, including land managers such as Forest Corporation and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

These landholder driven groups, with assistance from Local Land Services, look to coordinate proactive baiting programs that fit the needs of the group.

If you are concerned about wild dogs please contact Local Land Services on (02) 6661 2900 or at admin.northcoast@lls.nsw.gov.au.

There also are times when domestic dogs wander on to other farms and public places. The owner of a domestic dog which attacks, injures or kills livestock is liable for veterinary treatment costs.

Additionally, a farmer may lawfully seize and detain a dog on a property if they reasonably believe that the dog may injure or kill their livestock.

This includes injuring or destroying the dog in order to prevent the attack and loss of stock.

If you are a farmer who is experiencing problems with a domestic dog, attempt to identify the owner and talk to them about the matter.

If the matter doesn't get resolved you may contact Council for assistance.

If you have detained a domestic dog, you should contact the owner and request that they pick it up, or return it to its home.

By arrangement, domestic dogs may be surrendered at Council's pound at Runnymede Road, Kyogle.

If you would like further information regarding domestic dogs please contact Council's Planning and Environment Department on (02) 6632 1611 or at council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

Roxy showcases work of two local artists

The first show to start off the 2017 exhibition calendar at the Roxy Gallery promises to set the bench mark for what is to come throughout the year.

Araleighaia Aum'Wilderghenigh also known as Leon Mahony will be exhibiting an interesting body of vector art works in 'Nomadic Transition'.

Complex in motifs and interesting symbolism, these works form the developing creative stages for future animation works.

Leon will be utilising the larger room of the Roxy Gallery for his show.

David Brink also will be exhibiting his work from his second year of study at Southern Cross University where he is undertaking a Degree in Fine Arts.



Leon Mahony's creation Crown Vulcan.

His works will be on show in the smaller room of the gallery. Titled Universal, this body of work reflects the journey of learning self-expression and experimentation of mediums.

The work of these two artists, although extremely different, have a commonality

to them in that they are vehicles for true self-expression of their conscious minds.

The artists employ creative expression as a way of understanding and exploring complex thoughts on issues that are life reflecting and paranormal.

This is Leon and David's second major exhibition in the region and the Roxy Gallery is excited to help support the development of their creative profile.

Some of Leon's works will be accompanied by poetry written by Ian Glynn Perkins.

All of this is exactly what the Roxy Gallery has been established to undertake for local and regional artists.

The two in one exhibition opened on 1 February and will run until 4 March 2017.

ROXY
Gallery



Council's busy works program continues

During March, Council grading crews will be working on gravel roads in the Woodenbong area as well as Homeleigh Road, Hillyards Road, Webbs Road and Knights Road. Slashing will be carried out on Summerland Way, Kyogle Road, Bentley Road and Clarence Way.

Council will seal 800m of Collins Creek Road north of Tims Lane to remove a gravel section of road isolated between two sealed sections, and will rehabilitate 1800m of Collins Creek Road south of Killaloe Road.

Construction will continue on the Federally funded improvement of Dam Access Road, and replacement of six wooden bridges on Gradys Creek and Lions Road.

Gradys Creek Road will remain closed for the replacement of Murrays Bridge (10.5km from Summerland Way) and the replacement of Boyles No 2 Bridge (13.9km from Summerland Way).

Once these two bridges are finished and the road re-opens at Murrays Bridge, Council will start stage two of the Gradys

Creek bridge replacement program.

This will involve the replacement of Heards Bridge (5.6km from Summerland Way) and Boyles No 1 Bridge (5.1km from Summerland Way).

Other bridge and culvert work to be carried out in March includes replacement of a causeway on Brumby Plains Road, installation of a culvert to replace a bridge on Roseberry Creek Road and replacement of a bridge on Larsson Road which will remove the need for a load limit on that road.

Re-sealing works planned for March are the re-surfacing of Anzac Drive, Bruxner Highway at Mallanganee Range and Summerland Way near Grevillia. Heavy patching will be carried out on Kyogle Road at Barkers Vale and on Bentley Road near the Richmond Valley Council border.

Council's contractor will commence re-furbishment of the Geneva reservoir in March. This will include roof and access replacement and lining of the reservoir.

Water and sewer staff will undertake cleaning and CCTV inspection of 20km of sewer mains in the villages of Woodenbong, Bonalbo, and Kyogle along with the re-lining of 1.5km of sewer mains.



Work progresses on the replacement of Boyles Bridge No 2.

Kyogle Library NEWS

Seniors Week

Seniors Week will run from 3-12 March 2017 and Kyogle library will celebrate with a number of events. They include:

- Play Mahjong for free with the Mahjong Group on Tuesday 7 March from 1-3.30pm. Beginners and experienced players welcome. Free afternoon tea provided.
- A free seniors meet and greet and morning tea will be held on Thursday 9 March from 10am-noon. Everyone welcome to

come along and make new friends, join the library, collect some free colour-ins, puzzles or find out about the library's various programs and local groups that meet there each month.

- Adult Colouring-in Group with Cheryl will meet on Friday 10 March at 10am for 10.30am Free morning tea provided. No bookings are required for these Seniors Week events at Kyogle library – just drop-in and join-in the fun.

Readers Group

Would like to meet some other wonderful readers? Would like to

make new friends?

Would you like to share your love of great books?

Do you enjoy a vigorous discussion and the opportunity to offer your opinion with like-minded folk?

Would you like to enjoy a monthly get together, share a laugh, have a chat and have fun while you enjoy a cuppa in a warm and welcoming place?

Then come and join the Kyogle Reader's Group. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Kyogle library.

For further details phone the library on 6632 1134.

Community event CALENDAR

WAG exhibition

Woodenbong Arts Group will hold an exhibition of member's mixed media art and craft works at the Woodenbong Public Hall from 9-21 May 2017.

Works will be for show and sale. All welcome. Phone 07 4666 5152 for further information.

Kyogle 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.

Business Awards

The Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce will host its Business Awards night on Saturday 22 July.

The night is a chance to recognise excellence in local businesses that are the life blood of any community.

WATER LETTUCE LISTED

as a class 1 notifiable weed in NSW

By Rous County Council Extensions Officer **KIM CURTIS**

Water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*) which is a native of Asia, Africa and equatorial America, is a class 1 notifiable weed in NSW.

As the name suggests, the plant looks like a lettuce and is free floating on water.

Although cute in appearance, this plant has the potential to rapidly cover entire water bodies with a dense mat of leaves.

This results in a decrease of the water quality for any animals that may use the water body.

As a class 1 notifiable weed, water lettuce (pictured below and top right) is considered to be of the highest importance for eradication from the State due to the serious threat it poses to the agri-



culture sector, coupled with the negative impacts it can cause to the environment.

The arrival of water lettuce into the Northern Rivers has occurred at several different locations over time. Infestations have been located in the Tweed River catchment at Piggabeen and Tyalgum, and the Richmond River catchment at Bungawalbin, Casino, Bonalbo and Grevillia.

Emptying unwanted aquarium or fish pond plants into dams, creeks or streams is an offence, and may harm the environment.

When removing plants from an aquarium, remove from the water and let the plant dry out completely before wrapping in paper and disposing of it in the bin.

If you find water lettuce, please notify Rous County Council on 6623 3833.



Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 13 March 2017 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are held on the second Monday of every month except January. Meetings start at 5pm and are held at the Kyogle Council Chambers, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle.

The first item of general business is Question Time which provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions of Councillors and senior staff. To speak to Council on a specific issue during the meeting, email or phone the General Manager prior to the close of business on the day preceding the meeting for public access.

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

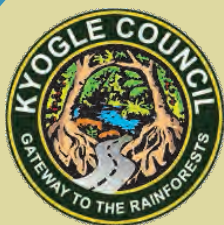
9am-4pm Saturday & Sunday

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm

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