



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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BRAND, PHOTO competitions still open

There is still time to get your entries into Kyogle Council's brand and photographic competitions.

The two competitions, which are offering cash prizes totalling \$5,500, will close at 4pm on Tuesday 31 January 2017.

A total of \$4,000 in prizemoney is up for grabs in the community-wide competition to find a fresh, modern new brand that reflects the local government area (LGA) and which can be used on signage, promotional material and products associated with the Kyogle Council LGA.

Entries must include:

- A graphic design that is representative of the whole LGA;
- Suitable "slogans" or catch phrases for the LGA (up to three);
- Two key symbols/emblems for each of the villages of Wiangaree, Cawongla, Grevillia, Old Grevillia, Woodenbong, Old Bonalbo, Bonalbo, Tabulam, Malanganee and Mummulgum and the township of Kyogle; and
- An explanation of the meaning behind each brand proposal, each slogan proposal and each village icon, and the link-

Kyogle Council is running a competition to compile a new collection of photographs of the local government area for use on its website and its various publications, including the newsletter.



age to Council's Community Strategic Plan

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,500, with the first runner-up taking home \$1,000 and the second runner-up \$500.

A further \$1,500 is on offer in the photographic competition Council is running to compile a new set of photographs of the LGA for use on its website and in its publications.

People submitting photos in the competition will maintain copyright, but will agree to Council's use of all photos at no cost.

The photographic competition will offer the following prizes in the following categories:

linked to the Council's Community Strategic Plan.

- Best overall entry \$500
- Best "Village Life" entry \$200
- Best "Governance and community" entry \$200
- Best "Aging in place, disability services and respite care" entry \$200
- Best "Agriculture" entry \$200
- Best "Visitor attraction" entry \$200

For further details about both competitions and entry forms, go to Council's website www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au, drop into Council's Administration Centre at 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle or call Council on 6632 1611.



From the
MAYOR

The New Year has only just begun but it is already shaping up to be a busy and productive year for Kyogle Council.

Council is on track to deliver a huge works program which includes the construction of six new bridges on the Gradys Creek and

Lions Roads and the sealing of the Dam Access Road.

That coupled with ongoing issues concerning the State Government's Fit for the Future reforms including the formation of the Joint Organisation of Councils means we will all be kept hopping in the coming 12 months.

My first Mayoral Outreach Meeting for 2017 will be held at Woodenbong Public Hall on Wednesday 15 February from 9am-noon. If you would like to come along for a chat or to raise an issue,

please ring Council on 6632 0214 to book a time so you won't be kept waiting.

If you can also advise the Council officer of your issue and contact details, this will help me to make some background inquiries so that any information you receive is correct and up to date.

Until next time,

Danielle Mulholland

Work to start soon on Dam Road

Kyogle Council's work crews are back on the job after a brief break over the Christmas/New Year period.

The road reconstruction program will start this month, with the reconstruction of Bloore Street followed by the rehabilitation of Kyogle Road from the Fawcetts Plain Road intersection to Hurford's timber mill and Fawcetts Plain Road north of the intersection.

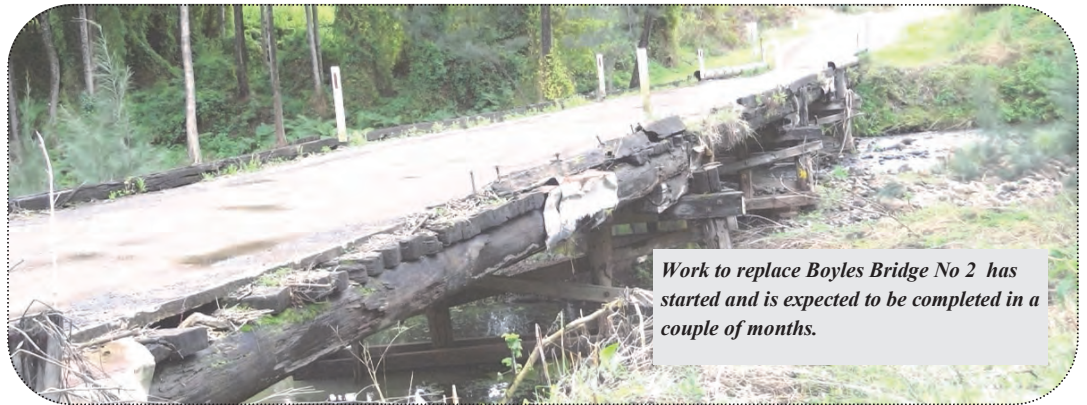
Work will begin in February on the much anticipated sealing of the Dam Access Road.

The project is funded, in part, by the Federal Government through the Community Development Grants Program.

Resealing work also will be carried out on the Summerland Way near Grevillia and Bruxner Highway on the Mallanganee Range as part of Council's contract with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

West of the range, slashing of Clarence Way will recommence this month and continue north from Sandilands.

Work to fill potholes on Clarence Way between Bonalbo and Woodenbong also will commence in January and the



Work to replace Boyles Bridge No 2 has started and is expected to be completed in a couple of months.

grading crew will be targeting gravel roads in the Old Lawrence Road area before moving to Connells Road.

The replacement of Barretts Bridge on Duck Creek Road is expected to be completed this month.

It is being built with funds received from the Federal Government's Bridge Renewal Program.

Gradys Creek Road is closed at Murrays Bridge (10.5 km from intersection with Summerland Way) while work to build a replacement bridge is completed. The road will be closed for about two months.

During this time, people travelling to properties north of Murrays Bridge will need to detour through Lynches Creek Road, Forest Road and Simes Road and travel between New South Wales and Queensland

will be via Mount Lindesay Road.

Work also is underway on the replacement of Boyles No.2 Bridge on Gradys Creek Road (13.9km from intersection with Summerland Way).

Council will leave the old bridge in place while it builds the new one alongside it, allowing the road to remain open at this point.

Murrays Bridge and Boyles Bridge No 2 have load limits of 20 tonnes.

The two new bridges are being funded as part of the Federal Government's Bridge Renewal Program.

Replacement of four more bridges on Gradys Creek and Lions Roads will be carried out in 2017.

Also in January, Council will start work on projects to replace a timber bridge on Back Creek

Road with a concrete culvert and replacement of a causeway on Ryans Creek Road.

East of the range, grading will be carried out on gravel roads in the Afterlee Road area during January.

Council also will be carrying out general maintenance of water mains and fire hydrants in Bonalbo, Woodenbong and Kyogle.

Construction of new sewer main in Carey Street, Bonalbo, will commence towards the end of January.

The replacement of the water main in Bloore Street, Kyogle, has been completed and modifications to the Kyogle water supply weir are expected to be completed in January.

Work on the upgrade of the Kyogle water treatment plant will continue for the next six months.



Council, Army join forces to **REPAIR BRIDGES**

Kyogle Council has received reinforcements from an unexpected ally in its relentless battle to maintain its aging timber bridge network.

Members of the recently reformed Assault Pioneer Platoon of the 8th/9th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment served along-side Council's battle-hardened bridge crew in a joint campaign to repair a series of load-limited timber bridges throughout the local government area.

The mission, conducted over three weeks, began with the army and council corps attacking bridges on Sheddens Road, Babyl Creek Road and Aspreys Road before they mounted their final incursion on a bridge on Chestnut Road.

The soldiers also helped with the construction of a new concrete bridge on Duck Creek Road.

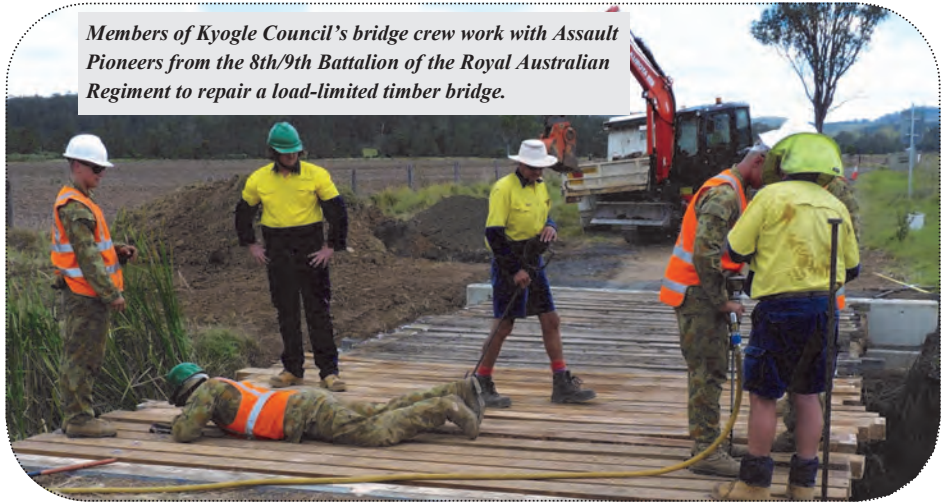
At the end of the campaign, the army, the council and the community all claimed victory.

The soldiers gained valuable in-the-field experience in timber bridge construction and maintenance; Kyogle Council was provided, at no cost, with extra manpower and resources to repair four bridges; and with the load limits now lifted from the four bridges, the community can enjoy safer and improved access.

The idea for the joint campaign grew from talks between the Council and Army officials earlier this year after the Pioneer Platoon, which is often required to go ahead of the Battalion to clear routes, completed a training exercise in State forest near Woodenbong.

The Assault Pioneers were keen to enhance their timber bridge building skills through hands on experience and Kyogle

Members of Kyogle Council's bridge crew work with Assault Pioneers from the 8th/9th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment to repair a load-limited timber bridge.



Council was happy to share its widely acknowledged expertise in constructing and maintaining timber bridges in exchange for extra manpower and resources.

Lieutenant Patrick Box of the 8th/9th Battalion said it was important that the Assault Pioneers were trained in timber bridge building and repair skills.

"Such skills are vital for maintaining momentum and facilitating resupply and casualty evacuation and the experience gained working with Kyogle Council will hold the Pioneers in good stead for a long time to come," he said.

"The soldiers thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time away from base and get hands on experience constructing bridges.

"The level of knowledge displayed by the Council staff was impressive."

Council's bridge overseer Tony Olive said everyone involved in the joint exercise gained something from the experience.

"Everyone worked well together," he said. "It was great from Council's perspective to be able to share our skills with the soldiers who were really keen to learn and happy to work side by side with us.

"And while for the most part we worked



on the bridges, the army blokes also helped with some drainage issues and pipe works.

"On the flip side, it was great for us to have the extra manpower to work on our problem timber bridges.

"And some of our fellows got to ride in some of the specialised army vehicles, which was pretty cool."

The joint project was so successful that planning is already underway for a return visit by the army in 2017.





Kyogle LGA celebrates AUSTRALIA DAY 2017



Australia Day will be celebrated throughout the Kyogle Council area on Thursday 26 January, with official events being held at Kyogle, Woodenbong and Bonalbo.

Organisers of the three events have issued an open invitation to everyone in the community to come together to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian.

Kyogle

The Kyogle Australia Day festivities will be held at the Kyogle Memorial Hall and will get underway at 8.30am with the Kyogle Lions Club serving up a free traditional Aussie morning tea of billy tea and damper.

The official ceremony will start at 10am and will include the presentation of the Australia Day Awards, and performances by bush poet Don MacQueen and local entertainers Watling and Bates.



Kyogle Australia Day ambassador and former Anti Discrimination Commissioner Stepan Kerkyasharian.

Australia Day Ambassador and former Anti Discrimination Commissioner Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian will deliver the Australia Day address.

There also will be a citizenship ceremony, with four women from diverse backgrounds officially becoming Australian citizens on the day.

A free lunch, courtesy of the Kyogle Quota Club, will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

This year there will also be Australia Day activities at the Kyogle pool specifically for the area's young people.

Listen to the countdown of Triple J's hottest 100 songs for 2016 while staying cool in the pool, or have some fun on Council's new inflatable activity centre which will be operational throughout the day.

Entry to the pool will be free on Australia Day.

Bonalbo

2017 West of the Range Australia Day festivities will be held at the Bonalbo Bowling and Recreation Club starting at 10am.

The festivities will include a car boot market at the tennis courts behind the Bowling Club, barefoot bowls at the Bowling Club and an ambrose event at the golf course.

There will be a free sausage sizzle at the Bowling Club from 11.30am.

The official ceremony including the presentation of the annual Australia Day Awards will kick off at 1pm.

In line with Australia Day celebrations across the Kyogle Council local government area, entry to Bonalbo pool will be free on the day.

Woodenbong

Australia Day celebrations at Woodenbong will begin bright and early with billy tea and damper from 8.30am at the Woodenbong Hall.



Woodenbong Australia Day ambassador and deaf actor Alex Jones.

A flag raising ceremony will be held at the front of the hall at 10am, with the official proceedings set to start at 10.30am.

Mr John Martin will deliver the Australia Day address, while Australia Day ambassador and deaf actor Alex Jones will present the Australia Day Awards.

After the ceremony a free lunch will be served and at 12.30pm there will be cricket coaching clinic at the oval behind the Woodenbong pool followed by the annual city versus country cricket match.

And for those people who would rather celebrate Australia Day with a swim, entry to the Woodenbong pool will be free for the day.



Council's new inflatable activity centre will be at the Kyogle pool on Australia Day. Entry to all three Council pools will be free on Australia Day.



LABYRINTH plan may be further explored

A proposal to develop a labyrinth in Kyogle has won the People's Choice Award at Growing Kyogle's Bright Ideas Night.

Held late last year, the Bright Ideas Night attracted proposals from 10 people.

The bright ideas ranged from a mobile shower for the homeless to Kyogle Mountain Bike Club's plans to develop a mountain bike track in forest around Kyogle.

One of the more creative ideas was to change the way people think about the area's old timber bridges and value them for their history and their beauty.

However, it was Harmony Walsh's idea to develop a labyrinth in Kyogle that captured the imagination of those at forum.

For those who are not sure of what a labyrinth is, it is most definitely not a maze.

Rather, it is a single path leading to a central point and out again.

In modern times, walking a labyrinth has been recognised as a powerful tool for personal, psychological and spiritual transformation.



It was Harmony's own healing journey that lead her to discover the value of a labyrinth and how a community could benefit from its use.

"In mainstream facilities such as general and psychiatric hospitals, aged care, palliative care and prisons, labyrinths are used as a treatment for post-traumatic stress, depression, anger management and dementia," Harmony said.

"Schools find that using labyrinths increase creativity and concentration and support troubled youth.

"My idea is to construct a low cost, low

maintenance labyrinth built by community using second hand donated bricks."

Harmony has already put her proposal to Kyogle Council and has suggested the area behind Alcorn Park, Kyogle, as her preferred site for the labyrinth.

Council is expected to consider a notice of motion at the February Ordinary meeting calling for the creation of a focus group of council and community representatives to examine the idea of developing a site plan for a labyrinth for Kyogle as part of the community strategic plan and budget consultations for 2016/2017.

Council seeks suggestions for MICRO MUSIC FESTIVALS

Do you have an idea for a micro music festival or event?

Kyogle Council is looking for community-lead ideas to showcase the area's culture and character through music.

Music has been one of the cultural cornerstones of this region for decades and Council wants to ensure music remains at the forefront of how we, as a community, express our culture and character to others.

Council is particularly interested in ideas to support local musicians by creating performance opportunities through micro-festivals or events.

Events do not have to be for large gatherings.

Musical performances focused on street events, cultural performances in public places, individual businesses or sites of interest across the local government area (LGA) will be considered.

Council also is keen to provide opportunities for musical events in and around rural villages in the LGA.

The State Government will seek submissions early this year from regional councils wanting support to organise events or help local performers attend selected events.

Assistance will be determined partly on capacity to hold a pro-

posed event.

Kyogle Council is keen to identify any creative opportunities it may be able to support, seek assistance for and showcase.

You can email your ideas to Council at council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

If you would like to discuss a possible event first, you can contact Council's (Roxy Gallery) Arts Officer, Ruth Tsitimbinis on 6632 3518, during normal business hours (Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays only).





Kyogle High School staff and students join with Kyogle Council's David Bell and David Bevan to admire the new artwork on the recycling skip bin.

RECYCLING bins given a facelift

Kyogle High School, Kyogle Council and North East Waste recently joined forces to promote recycling in the Kyogle Local Government Area.

Council's Regulatory Officer David Bevan suggested that Kyogle High School students

may be interested in painting artwork on one of Council's plain white recycling skip bins. When the school was approached it jumped at the chance.

One of the school's teachers, Rebecca O'Meara, drafted some designs based on recycling messages and local area scenes, and the students did the rest.

Council's Senior Environ-

mental Health Officer David Bell said Rebecca and the students had done a tremendous job in a short space of time.

"The environmental benefits of recycling are well understood, however there are real financial benefits as well," he said.

"Hopefully the great artwork will assist with getting the message out to our wider communi-

ty."

Kyogle High School's Principal Gae Masters said the school was thrilled with the results.

"We are very proud that our students can contribute to the Council's focus on beautification for the community to appreciate."

Keep an eye out for the recycling bin at one of Council's waste facilities.

KFSS develops new support programs

The Community Development (CD) team at Kyogle Family Support Services is continually monitoring needs within the community. As a result, new programs have been launched and others already in action have been redesigned to provide more effective community support strategies.

The CD team has recognised the significant growth in homelessness and lack of affordable rental properties within the Kyogle Local Government Area (LGA).

This has led to an initiative that invites local realtors, landlords and others to join in partnership with KFSS and housing specialists to develop strategies to promote sustainable tenancies. If you would like to be involved in this project, con-

tact KFSS.

The CD team also has been looking at the impact of changes to the Disability Support Pension (DSP) that have seen a host of people taken off the DSP and put on other payments.

KFSS, with the support of OnQ Human Services, are developing strategies to assist this transition and encourage participants to become job ready and maintain good mental health.

KFSS houses a community garden that is maintained by volunteers. The community garden is robust and fruitful, available to all community members to pick from, for a small donation. Monies raised are used to purchase more seedlings and to maintain equipment and grounds.

For further information about any of the KFSS programs, ring 66 2 1044 or email admin@kyoglefamily supportservices.org.

Community event CALENDAR

Bonalbo Arts Festival

Bonalbo Arts Festival will be held on 11 and 12 February 2017 at the Bonalbo and District Community Hall.

The festival will be a celebration of arts, crafts, music and performance and will run on Saturday 11 February from noon to 10pm and on Sunday 12 February from noon to 4pm.

For further details, email bonalboartsfestival@gmail.com.

Show Society AGM

The Kyogle Show Society will hold its annual general meeting on Tuesday 7 February at 7pm at the show-ground.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Members must be

financial to vote and memberships can be paid prior to the meeting.

Nominations for president, vice-president and treasurer are welcome and nominations forms can be obtained by phoning Wendy on 0438 554 385. Nominations for all positions close on Friday 3 February 2017.

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.

Free pool entry

As part of Australia Day celebrations, admission to all three Kyogle Council pools (Kyogle, Bonalbo and Wood-enbong) will be free for adults and children on 26 January 2017.



Kyogle Library NEWS

Cool pool reads

These holidays, the Richmond Upper Clarence Regional Library will have pop-up libraries in Kyogle, Casino and Evans Head.

The Kyogle pop-up library will be at the Kyogle pool.

Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club for young book lovers is back and will run from 1 December to 31 January.

The theme this year is Heroes and Villains.

For further information contact Kyogle library on 6632 1134.

Book talk

A Book Discussion Group meets at Kyogle library on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am for morning tea and then from 10.30-11.30am.

This is an informal, friendly group that meets to share a love of reading. There is not set reading material; people are free to talk about any book they chose.

All readers welcome to come along.

Colouring-in for adults

Kyogle library hosts colouring-in for adult sessions twice a month.

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

Sessions are held at the library on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of the month from 10.30-11.30am.

Holiday fun

Join the crew at the Kyogle library this school holidays for LEGO activities each morning and colouring and games each afternoon.

Lego Club

Lego Club is held at the Kyogle library on the second and four Thursdays of each month from 4-5pm. It is free and open to all five to 12-year olds.

For further details, contact the library on 6632 1134.



Members of Kyogle library's Book Discussion Group share their love of the written word over a cup of coffee and an informal chat about the latest book they are reading.

Community groups

Kyogle library hosts various community group meetings each month, including:

Kyogle Literary Group, (meets on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30am-noon;

Kyogle Readers Group, first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am-noon;

Kyogle Mahjong Group, Tuesdays, 1.30-3.30pm.

BIG YEAR AHEAD for the Roxy

2017 is shaping up to be an interesting, exciting and diverse year of exhibitions at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery.

Amazing things have happened for artists who exhibited at the gallery in 2016.

Artists have: received commissions for specific works; had the opportunity to exhibit at other gallery spaces both within the region and nationally; marketing openings for selling works; and most importantly made connections with other artists to develop projects.

January at the Roxy Gallery is the last month for people to view the exhibition 'Array Of Sunshine' which features works by local and regional artists.

As the title implies, works by an array of more than 30 artists are on display and for sale in this very colourful exhibition.

So if the Christmas season saw you too busy to stop in for a look, take the opportunity now to leisurely peruse the exhibition before it closes on 28 January.

The new year is always an exciting time at the gallery as the final plans are put in place for upcoming exhibitions and work begins in earnest on the February exhibition.

The Roxy Gallery is jumping with interest from both potential exhibitors and visitors to exhibitions.

The community can be proud of the fact that exhibitions

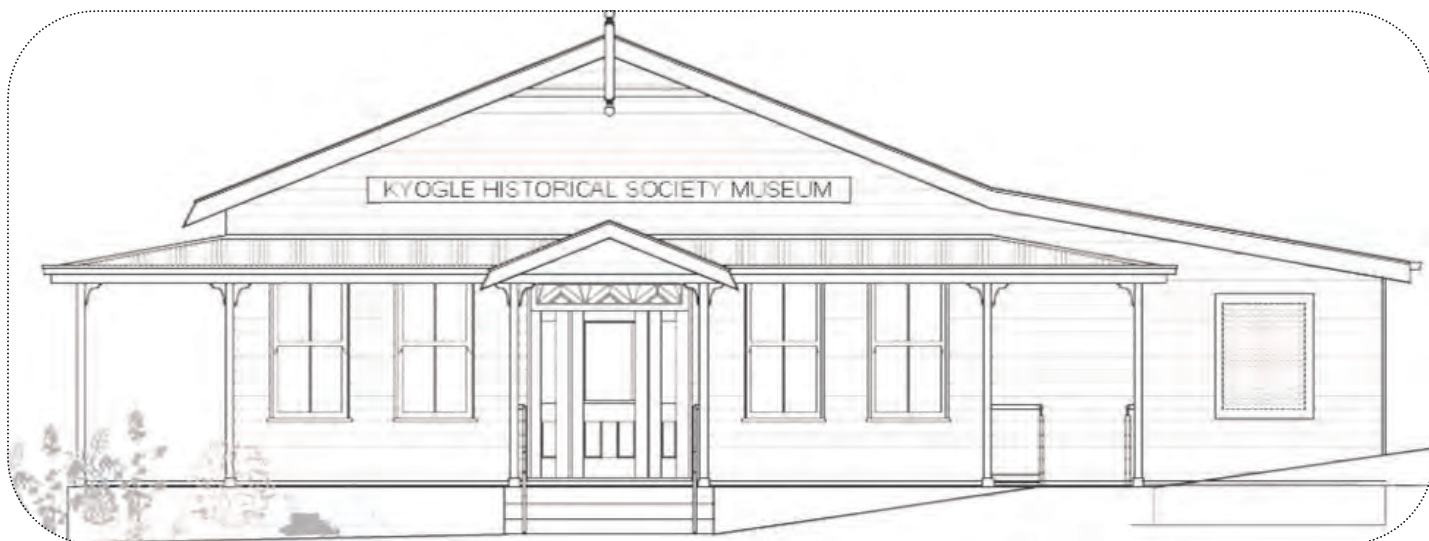
held at the gallery are considered by many to be of high class.

Wonderful comments on exhibitions have been recorded in the gallery's comment book by locals and visitors to the region, which reinforce the importance of creativity and arts in our lives.

ROXY
Gallery



A New Beginning by Inga Nolan is just one of the works on display as part of the Array of Sunshine exhibition at the Roxy Gallery, Kyogle.



MUSEUM tenders called

Tenders have been called for the construction of the new Historical Society Museum in Kyogle and the demolition of the Horseshoe Creek and Ce-

dar Point Halls.

The projects are combined into a single tender to maximise the opportunity for reuse and recycling of materials from the demolition of the two old halls.

Tenders are being called through NSW Public Works,

and tender documents can be accessed via the tender link web site at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/dfs/?event=publicft.show&RFTUUIID=C83D7FE9-A4A5-EFB7-196ED3ADF9AA36DB>. For further information, interested contractors can also contact Alex Manning

at NSW Public Works on 6626 5620.

Local building contractors are encouraged to submit tenders.

A pre-tender meeting will be held on 31 January 2017 and tenders will close on 14 February 2017.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 13 February 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

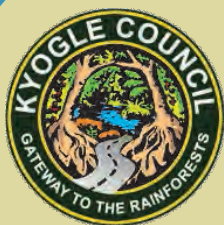
RECYCLING FACILITIES

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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