



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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

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Levee, floodway will reduce **FLOODING RISK**

Scores of people were given a guided tour of Kyogle's new flood works and off-stream water storage dam last month following the opening of the \$1.8 million flood mitigation project.

Member for Lismore Thomas George officially opened the flood mitigation works on Thursday 30 June.

The works included the construction of a 600 metre levee and a flood break-out channel.

Council's Director of Assets and Infrastructure Services told the 50 plus community members on the guided tour that the levee would reduce the risk of flooding in The Flats, protecting the area and its 65 homes and 12 commercial and industrial properties from a one in 10 year flood.

It would also give people living and working in The Flats an extra three hours warning time in the event of a major flood.

As part of the guided tour, the community members walked across the new flood break-out channel, which will allow floodwaters from Fawcetts Creek to flow direct-



Community members on the guided tour of the Kyogle Flood Mitigation Project cross the newly finished floodway that will allow floodwater to flow from Fawcetts Creek directly into the Richmond River.

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From the
MAYOR



This will be my last Mayoral column as we have an election coming up on 10 September and Council will be moving into caretaker mode next month.

The last month has been filled with a range of meetings, activities and events.

One of the features was the Bonalbo NAIDOC Day which was a celebration of Aboriginal culture.

It was a wonderful day which featured among other activities an interesting piece of storytelling by Lewis Walker followed by some didgeridoo playing.

Kyogle's reconciliation march was well attended and was followed by a great day of cultural awareness and activities for kids.

We had the official launch of Kyogle's outdoor accessible gym which was very well received.

This gym will enable people with a disability to exercise outside, resulting in improved health outcomes.

Cr Michael Reardon and myself attended the Australian

Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra.

All of the motions Kyogle Council submitted to the assembly were successful with the exception of the creation of a rural portfolio to better represent rural communities in strategic policy making. A delegate's report is available in the agenda of the July Ordinary Council meeting for anyone wanting further information about the assembly.

Member for Lismore Mr Thomas George and Kyogle Council Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley officially launched the flood mitigation project.

After the launch, Council's Director of Assets and Infrastructure Services Mr Graham Kennett conducted tours of the site. The tours were well attended.

Council will have further opportunities to conduct similar tours of major projects for community members in the future.

I have greatly enjoyed the last three years as your mayor. I thank Councillors, Council staff and residents for their support and I wish all candidates the best of luck in the upcoming local government elections.

Danielle Mulholland

Pet owners urged to act RESPONSIBILY

Council in the past few months has received a number of complaints about dogs being brought into the Saturday markets, in particular around the food areas.

To ensure the comfort, safety and health of the whole community, the Companion Animals Act places certain responsibilities on pet owners.

Here is a brief summary of the responsibilities of dog owners under the Act:

If your dog is in a public place, it must be under the effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to that person.

If your dog defecates in a public place, it is an offence not to remove the faeces.

Dogs are prohibited in:

- Children's play areas
- Food preparation/indoor consumption areas
- Recreations areas,
- Public bathing areas
- School grounds and child care centre
- Shopping areas



- Wildlife protection areas.

To ensure that we all get along, people should always consider their neighbours when they own a dog.

Here are a few matters for consideration.

As a dog owner you will need a suitable yard that is securely fenced as you must take all reasonable precautions to prevent your dog(s) from escaping

Barking is one of the ways that dogs

communicate, but excessive barking may be very annoying, and can be prevented. Some things to consider are:

- Can the dog see other people or dogs walking about?
- Does the dog have enough room to move?
- Is it getting enough exercise?
- Is it seeking attention?
- Is it lonely?



Nominations open soon for council election

People thinking about standing for Kyogle Council at the 10 September 2016 Local Government elections have from 1 August to noon on 10 August to nominate as a candidate.

Nominations can be submitted at the office of the returning officer Mr John Arthur at 146-148 Molesworth Street, Lismore, or at Kyogle Council's Administration Centre at 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle.

Potential candidates wanting further information about the obligations of candidates in the local government elections are encouraged to visit the NSW Electoral Commission's local government election website www.votensw.info

They can also call the candidate

helpdesk on 1300 088 942 for enquiries about funding and disclosure obligations or the election timing and process.

To make the process as easy as possible, the electoral commission also has produced a Candidate Handbook which can be downloaded from the votensw.info website.

It contains information on a range of subjects including:

- The eligibility requirements for candidates
- The registration process that candidates must undertake before accepting political donations or making payments for electoral expenditure
- The nomination process
- Election advertising
- Registration of electoral material for distribution on election day

Nomination forms are available from the Returning Officer, from the

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 2016

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Considering standing for Councillor?

Know your obligations

For more information
call 1300 135 736 or
visit www.votensw.info

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The Flats protected from FLOOD EVENTS

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ly into the Richmond River up to a one in 100 year flood.

Mr Kennett said the break-out channel would reduce the volume of floodwater backing up into the Fawcetts Creek floodplain and lessen the risk of Fawcetts Creek being overtopped.

The flood mitigation works were undertaken in conjunction with Kyogle's \$8.2

million water augmentation project which included the construction of Kyogle's off-stream water storage dam.

The turkey's nest dam will hold 200 mega litres of water when full and will give Kyogle residents a sustainable, secure water supply now and into the future.

The flood works were funded on a 4:1 ratio (4 State Government: 1 Council) under the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program. The Office of Environment and Heritage also provided significant technical advice to Council during the development of the concept

design of the levee and breakout channel.

Meanwhile, Council would like to thank the residents of The Flats for their co-operation and patience while they have dealt with the construction works over the last year.



Above: Cutting the ribbon on the newly completed Kyogle Flood Mitigation Project are, from left, Council's Director of Assets and Infrastructure Services Graham Kennett, Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley, Member for Lismore Thomas George and Office of Heritage and Environment Regional Manager Don Arnold.

Left: Community members tour Kyogle's new off-stream water storage dam.



If you open a gate, please SHUT THE GATE

Stock wandering on roads and even streets has become a problem for the community once again.

Council has received numerous complaints over the past month regarding the matter, which can present a serious safety issue for road users.

People visiting properties are reminded that if you have to open a gate to enter the property, please close it behind you.

Council recently responded to an incident where cattle were wandering on streets within Kyogle and near a school.

Council also asks stock owners to please check their fences and gates to make sure that they're in good working condition.

With a very small regulatory team, Council allocates considerable resources to stock on roads. Where there is a recurrent problem and sufficient information is available, Council has the option of issuing penalties for offences, and has done so in the past.

For further information please contact

Council's Planning and Environment Department on 6632 1611.



Council supports youth FILM FESTIVAL

Kyogle Council's economic development section has sponsored local schools in the *REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival*.

Open to young people aged 12-25, *REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival* provides more than 40 free "how to make a film" workshops at schools and education campuses across Northern NSW.

It also will feature a regional screening tour of the finalists' films, providing young filmmakers the opportunity to see their short films up on the big screen with their friends, families, and peers.

"Council is delighted to give students from Kyogle High School, Bonalbo and Woodenbong Central Schools and Kyogle



Youth Action the opportunity to showcase their creative talents," Mayor of Kyogle Council Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

With the theme of the short films 'adventure', it is hoped the Kyogle and Villages Visitor Information Centre can use some of the footage for promotional opportunities.

The REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival was held for the first time last year and has now grown to cover six local govern-

ment areas in regional NSW: Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kyogle, Nambucca Valley, Bellingen Shire, and Kempsey Shire council.

The festival provides new opportunities for young people to capture their stories and showcase their talents through filmmaking.

Film making workshops were held at Kyogle High School, Bonalbo Central School, and Woodenbong Central School in mid-July as part of the festival.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for our youth and I am looking forward to the end results," Cr Mulholland said.

No date has been set for the screening of the short films, however Growing Kyogle and the Kyogle Community Cinema have jumped at the opportunity to assist the project with screening the students' films.

Bonalbo rounds up Statue funds

Bonalbo is to get a statue of a working cattle dog to ensure the town is forever remembered as the birth place of the sport of cattle dog trialling.

A campaign, led by Bonalbo local Sharon Tucker, to raise the money to build the statue reached its target last month thanks to a donation from the Northern Co-operative Meat Company and a Federal Government Stronger Communities Grant.

Now all that's to be decided is the pose of the dog for the statue, which will be erected at Patrick McNamee Anzac Memorial Park.

Mrs Tucker said a meeting held at Bonalbo on 4 July to finalise plans for the statue attracted "lots of spirited support and discussion of poses".

Following the meeting Boonah-based sculptor Catherine Anderson agreed to create a miniature of the statue to present to the next planning meeting.

The sport of cattle dog trialling - think of sheep dog trials



but with cattle - began at the Bonalbo Show in 1950 and was the brainchild of local cattle producers who wanted a means to showcase the skills of their working dogs.

Cattle dog trials have been

held at the show ever since and the sport has spread nationally.

Mrs Tucker hopes the statue will become a tourist attraction that is as well-known as the Dog on the Tuckerbox at Gundagai or Red Dog in WA.



TABULAM to get a SKATE PARK

Tabulam is to get a skate park.

Kyogle Council has received a grant of \$20,000 to build the skate park which is expected to cost \$62,000.

Kyogle Council will kick in \$40,000 towards the project and the Tabulam Chamber of Commerce \$2,000.

Council plans to build the skate park on Council-owned land adjacent to the existing amenities building in Clarence Street.

An existing unused concrete tennis court will be converted to a skate park using pre-cast concrete components

based on a design developed in consultation with the local youth.



This unused tennis court at Tabulam is to be transformed into a skate park for the young people of the town and surrounding districts.

As part of the project, the existing fencing will be modified to ensure the remaining tennis court is fully enclosed and separated from the skate park.

The skate park has been high on the priority list for the local community for some time, and has strong support from

the school, the Chamber of Commerce, the Jubulum Local Aboriginal Land Council, and a host of other individuals and organisations.

Work on the skate park is expected to start in September and be finished by December.

Outdoor gym accessible by all

There were smiles all round at the opening last month of the Kyogle's outdoor accessible gym.

The gym in Anzac Park is a joint initiative of Kyogle Council and Ability Links (a disability inclusion program delivered by the Northern Rivers Social Development Council from Grove House, Kyogle).

Built with the help of a NSW Sport and Recreation Grant, the gym can be used by most people including those in wheelchairs and scooters or who use other mobility aids.

Ability Links and Council worked closely with people with mobility challenges to choose the gym equipment and select a site for it.

The gym links up with the existing shared footpath and cycleway network adjacent to the park, and to other facilities in the park including netball courts, children's playground, barbecue area, skate park, pic-

nic tables and shelters.

The joint project also included a program whereby a number of local community members with severe injuries from motor accidents were shown how to use the equipment and given training regimes.

The gym and a mosaic created by Ability Links clients to celebrate the gym's construction were opened by Mayor of Kyogle Council Cr Danielle Mulholland and Member for Lismore Mr Thomas George.

Below: Members of the community try out some of the accessible gym equipment.



Above: Mayor of Kyogle Council Danielle Mulholland and Member for Lismore Thomas George join with members of the Ability Links team to inspect the mosaic created to celebrate the construction of the accessible outdoor gym. The mosaic was created by Ability Links clients during a series of workshops held in Kyogle and Casino.



THREE TENORS to perform at Kyogle KMI

The Kyogle and District Arts Council has invited three members of the internationally acclaimed Ten Tenors to perform on 21 August at the Kyogle Memorial Institute (KMI).

David Kidd, Craig Atkinson and Andrew Pryor now perform as Tenori after originally coming together through their involvement in the Ten Tenors.

These three performers bring their joint talents to classics from the world

of opera, music theatre, jazz and everything in between.

Individually, they have beautiful voices. Together they sing like the band of brothers they are, with the camaraderie and precision that only a decade of harmonising together can bring.

Tickets will be available at the door on the day.

Doors will open at 1.30pm with the show to start at 2pm.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$5 for children under 18 years of age. A family ticket (two adults and two children) costs \$40.



LOCAL FAMILIES attend free cooking workshop

Local families recently came together in Kyogle for a free *Love Food Save Money* cooking workshop in the new Kyogle Community Kitchen.

The aim of the workshop was to teach participants how to make their food last longer, eat well and save money while doing so. The statistics of food waste are concerning with one in five shopping bags of groceries thrown away in Australia. Families with children are one of the top three wasters of good food.

The *Love Food Save Money* workshops provide an opportunity to remind families of the importance of meal planning, shopping to a list, checking the fridge and pantry before shopping, good storage practices and serving smaller portion sizes (particularly to children with variable appetites).

The *Love Food Save Money* workshops are part of the NE Waste's Love Food Hate Waste Challenge Program. You can join the program on-line at www.newaste.org.au/love-food-challenge or by emailing linda@newaste.org.au and receive a free storage guide and e-cookbook, as well as find out about the next free cooking workshop in the spring.

Music inspires art at THE ROXY

Art inspired by music fills Kyogle's Roxy Gallery in the current exhibition *Sound Images*.

Four artists from the region - Sue Boardman, Michael Hannan, Sue Sawkins and Merle Rankin - have created a body of works that are direct responses to musical compositions by composers Barry Conyngham, Richard Meale, Peter Martin and Michael Hannan, who are all from the Northern Rivers.

Visual and auditable artistic creations use similar language to describe what is happening in a work: concepts such as colour, texture, line, density, contrast, form, spatiality and movement.

The unique styles of individual composers and visual artists move and

inspire us in similar ways. Both art forms evoke emotional responses based on our understandings of the cultural meanings associated with different genres and periods.

Sound Images is on show at the Roxy Gallery until 30 July.

Students from the Kyogle High School are readying themselves for their annual Geography Photographic Competition which will form the base for an exhibition at the Roxy Gallery from 3 August.

In recognition of World Environment Day, Kyogle High School is running its annual Geography Photographic Competition, focusing on three categories: Plants and Animals, Landscape, and Foods that may be extinct.

Works submitted for this photography competition will sit alongside a collection of creative art works undertaken by students from Kyogle High School.



Deep Tango Blue by Sue Boardman is on show at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery as part of the *Sound Images* exhibition.

The exhibition will be officially opened on Thursday 4 August from 4-6pm.



Library NEWS

Active for Autism

Active for Autism is a free support group for parents and carers of children and adults on the Autistic Spectrum.

The group's next meeting will be held at the Kyogle library on Monday 22 August from 10.30am-12.30pm. For further information about the group contact Raeanne at activeforautism@gmail.com

Discussing books

The Kyogle library Book Discussion Group is open to everyone who reads.

The group discusses any book members have enjoyed reading. The meetings are informal and friendly and are held at the Kyogle library on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am for 10.30-11.30am.

The group's next meeting is on 16 August. To join, just drop into Kyogle library or phone 6632 1134.

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.

Mahjong group

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

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

The group's August meeting will be held on 16 August from 1.30-3.30pm. To register your interest, phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134.

Lego Club

Lego Club is a free event for all five to 12-year-olds and meets at the Kyogle library on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4-5pm.

The library is taking bookings for the club's 28 July, 11 August and 25 August meetings.

Bookings are essential as places are limited; phone 6632 1134.

Parents and kids

The Saturday Parents 'n' Kids Club at Kyogle library is a free unstructured activity aimed at providing a welcoming space with resources for parent/carers to enjoy quality, fun, happy times with their kids. The group will meet at the library on Saturday 30 July and again next month on Saturday 27 August from 10.30-11.30am.

Bookings are not necessary.

KYOGLE
LIBRARY



**Kyogle
Community
Cinema**

26 Bloore St, Kyogle.

A month of movies from 29th July

**Ending 3rd Aug
Central Intelligence
Me Before You**

Hunt For The Wilderpeople

**Ending 10th Aug
Ghostbusters**

**Starts 5th Aug
Star Trek: Beyond
Suicide Squad**

**Starts 12th Aug
Absolutely Fabulous**

**Starts 19th Aug
Jason Bourne**

WEBSITE

www.kyoglecommunitycinema.com.au

FACEBOOK

[KyogleCommunityCinema](https://www.facebook.com/KyogleCommunityCinema)

**Movieline:
0266 321 888**

Upcoming
EVENTS

Community Calendar

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.

Family fun day

Afterlee Public School will hold its

free Family Fun and Market Day in the school grounds on Sunday 21 August from 9am-3pm. There will be a variety of market stalls, live entertainment, delicious food, an animal nursery, face painting and a jumping castle.

Everyone is invited to come along and support the Afterlee Public School.

Family dance

Mummulgum Public School Parents and Citizens' Association will host a family dance at the Mummulgum Hall on Saturday 27 August starting at 6.30pm. Music will be by the ever-

popular LayBak Duo.

There will be a barbecue before the dance and a light supper will be provided. Tickets cost \$25 for a family, \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students. To pre-book your tickets phone 6664 7205.

Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes Day will be held on Friday 5 August 2016. This is national event aimed at supporting the work of Children's Medical Research Institute which conducts research into genetic defects and childhood diseases.

Local Landcare Coordinators APPOINTED

The NSW Government has contributed \$15 million over three years to support Landcare NSW's Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative.

This funding is enabling a network of more than 60 locally-based Landcare Coordinators to work in partnership with Local Land Services across the state to help build capacity and connections within their communities. North Coast Regional Landcare has announced that 11 local Landcare organisation on the North Coast will be hosting 15 part-time Local Landcare Coordinators.

In the Kyogle Council Local Government Area, Emma Stone has taken on the role of Landcare Coordinator with the Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare Network servicing east of the range.

Tanya Jobling has been appointed Landcare Coordinator to service the area west of the range working with Upper Clarence

Landcare.

Tanya's rural background gives her a personal understanding of small rural communities struggling with survival and change.

Her experience in agricultural business and research will be a major asset in strengthening Landcare in the region by providing a fresh perspective in planning for the future, engaging the community and meeting their needs.

Tanya and her family live on the land, and experience the day-to-day challenges of agricultural production and being stewards of the land for future generations.

Emma is a familiar face to many in the Landcare sector in the Northern Rivers and brings with her 15 years of involvement in on-ground restoration, project planning and management and community liaison.

Tanya and Emma share a strong passion for personal, community and environmental sustainability.

Tanya can be contacted at jobling@wallabycreek.com.au



Above: Local Landcare co-ordinators Tanya Jobling and Emma Stone.

Emma can be contacted on emma@nlss.com.au or drop in to the Kyogle Landcare office on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10am and 2pm.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 8 August 2016 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are generally held on the second Monday of every month except January. Due to the local government elections scheduled for 10 September, there will be no Ordinary Council meeting in September this year. 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, apply in writing for public access to the General Manager prior to the close of business on the day preceding the meeting.

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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