



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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

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New dam ensures Kyogle's WATER SECURITY

The valve of Kyogle's new 200 megalitre off-stream storage dam was officially opened earlier this month by NSW Minister for Lands and Water the Hon Niall Blair, Member for Lismore Thomas George and Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland.

The dam was built as part of the Kyogle Water Supply Augmentation Project which aims to give the community greater water security during times of drought.

Other components of the \$8.2 million project included;

- diverting waste water from the water treatment plant to the sewerage system;
- provision for fish passage over the existing in-stream weir;
- upgrading the 1930s water treatment plan to meet current water quality standards, provision of a new pumping station at the off-stream storage dam and increased capacity of the existing river extraction pumping station.

The project has been delivered through the Restart NSW Water Security for Regions Program and jointly funded by the



NSW Minister for Lands and Water Niall Blair, front left, and Member for Lismore Thomas George, front right, with Kyogle Councillors and staff at the official opening of the new 200 megalitre dam.

NSW Government (\$6.9 million), Kyogle Council (\$1.1 million) NSW Environmental Trust (\$100,000), NSW Recreational

Fishing Trust (\$40,000) and Local Government NSW (\$70,000).



From the MAYOR



This last month has flown by so fast! I was so pleased to be asked to open the Kyogle Community Kitchen. It serves lunch three days a week and the foodbank is right next door for those who are having a few challenges meeting their day to day expenses. The foodbank services all the villages as well.

The General Manager and myself met with the newly elected Mayor of Scenic Rim Council, Greg Christensen, with a view to working more cooperatively on big ticket items like the Mt Lindesay by-pass and our roads.

The discussion evolved into more in-depth talks about how Scenic Rim and Kyogle Councils could better collaborate in the future.

Council staff, councillors Reardon, Passfield and myself went to Bonalbo to discuss with interested community members the potential for accommodation on the Crown land that is held in trust.

The accommodation would be for the blueberry farm at Tabulam and discussions are ongoing.

I was back in Bonalbo with the new Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee, Kleon Toffetti to address the school assembly about the committee.

Expressions of interest are currently being sought from

young people between the ages of 12 and 25. I was happy to see a number of young people approach Kleon for an application form.

We then went on to Woodenbong with Cr Burley to address the school assembly with the help of Katie Grimmatt (Deputy Chair) and Penny Lee who are currently on the committee.

I had the privilege of opening the Tabulam Rural Fire Brigade Station with Thomas George, MP. Congratulations to the Tabulam Fire Brigade members on their new station.

The Minister for Primary Industries, Land and Water, the Hon. Niall Blair MC came to Kyogle to open the newly completed water augmentation and off-store storage project.

Many community members have exhibited an interest in inspecting the newly completed works and this has been organised for the afternoon of 30 June.

My next Mayoral Outreach meeting will be held in Mallanganee on Wednesday 13 July at the hall.

If you would like to come along for a chat or to raise some issue, please ring Council on 6632 0214 and book a time so that you won't be kept waiting. If you can also advise the Council officer of your issue and contact details (ie. phone numbers, email, etc.) this will help me to make some background enquiries so that any information you receive is correct and up to date.

Until next time

Danielle Mulholland



Left: Winners of the Kyogle Chamber of Commerce Red Hot Sale Day Know Your Town Competition Georgina Lewis and Mika Adar are pictured receiving their prize vouchers from Chambers Vice President Samantha Stewart while Kyogle Primary School Principal Mr Drew Green looks on.



Left: Members of Bonalbo Central School's agriculture team take part in the led steer competition at Casino Beef Week.



Kyogle Community Kitchen volunteers at the opening of the new facility, which will serve free lunches three days a week.



Gym, flood levee OPENING DAY

Two Council projects -- the accessible outdoor gym and the Kyogle flood levee - will be officially opened on Thursday 30 June.

The outdoor gym and an associated community mosaic will be officially opened by Member for Lismore Thomas George and Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland at 11am.

The whole community is invited to come along to the opening to be held on site in Anzac Park, Kyogle. The official ceremony will be followed by a demonstration of the gym equipment by community members and a barbecue lunch.

The outdoor gym and the mosaic together with extensions to footpaths at Anzac Park have been built thanks to a grant from NSW Sport and Recreation.

Kyogle Council joined with Ability Links (a disability inclusion program delivered by the Northern Rivers Social Development Council from Grove House, Kyogle) to submit the grant application for the outdoor gym which can be used by all people including those in wheelchairs, scooters and other mobility aids.

Ability Links and Council worked closely with wheelchair users and people with other mobility challenges to develop the layout of the paths and the choice and placement of the gym equipment.

Accessibility issues were also consid-



The accessible outdoor gym will be officially opened on 30 June at 11am.

ered when installing tables, toilets and shelters at the park.

The community mosaic was designed and made by local participants of Ability Links, with the guidance of mosaic artist, Scott Harrower.

Many of the mosaic creators also have attended an Ability Links-funded all-abilities exercise class at the Kyogle Community Gym for more than a year. As part of that, an exercise physiologist has now developed a program they can use at the outdoor gym to further enhance their agility and fitness.

After the opening the outdoor gym, Mr George cut a ribbon at the new flood break out channel to celebrate the completion of the flood levee and floodway system.

Built with the help of a \$1.4 million grant from the State Government, the new levee and floodway system will reduce Kyogle's flood risk, particularly around

the area known as The Flat, and protect residents and local businesses.

The flood levee was built in association with the Kyogle Water Augmentation project which included the construction of the off-stream water storage dam.

After the official ceremony, Council will open the off-stream water storage site and flood channel to the public. Council staff will conduct regular guided tours of the site throughout the afternoon to show community members the new 600m levee, the break-out channel and the 200 megalitre dam.

All interested community members are invited to come along and tour the site.

Opening ceremonies

11am- noon - Official opening of accessible outdoor gym and community mosaic, Anzac Park, Kyogle. There will be a welcome to country, speeches, ribbon cutting, and demonstration of gym equipment. Community invited to attend.

12-1pm - Barbecue lunch, Anzac Park barbecue shelter, all welcome.

1-2pm - Official opening of Kyogle Flood Levee and Floodway System.

3-6pm - Off-stream water storage and flood levee open for public inspection—regular guided tours of the site to be conducted by Councils staff. All welcome.



The public is invited to tour the new off-stream water storage and flood levee system on 30 June from 3-6pm.



WANTED: Members for youth committee

Kyogle Council is looking for young people from across the local government area to join its Youth Advisory Committee.

The committee is open to 12 and 25 year olds and aims to give youth from the whole Kyogle Council area the chance to have a say and be involved in youth matters.

Committee members are charged with helping identify issues facing young people living in the local government area and providing feedback to

Council on the needs of youth.

They will also be asked to help find solutions to the challenges the area's young people are facing and be involved in projects targeting youth.

Committee members also have the chance to gain leadership skills, provide a voice for themselves and their counterparts and learn about good governance.

If you are interested in joining the committee or finding out further information about what's involved, phone Kyogle Council's Community Development Officer Nicola Mercer on 0417 025 919.

PARKING crack down

Motorists have been warned to obey the No Parking Signs in Gardener Lane, Kyogle.

Gardener Lane is a school bus route and the failure by motorists to obey the no parking signs has meant the school bus has been having difficulties picking up children along the street.

The times parking is not allowed in the lane are stated on the three signs; there is a half hour period both morning (8.15-8.45am) and afternoon (3.30-4pm).

Council is appealing to residents in the area to observe the rules and to ask people who are visiting to move their vehicles



during these two time periods.

Council will undertake a letter drop to all residents along Gardener Lane. Following that, penalty notices may be issued.

The safety of children in the community is paramount and presently there are risks associated with the on-street parking and the associated difficulties for the bus driver, the school children and their families.

COMPOSTING is good for the environment

Food and garden organics make up around half of what we throw away.

Why throw them in the bin, when they can be recycled into a wonderful free resource for our plants and garden?

Composting and worm farming are easy ways to recycle food and garden organics at home.

Compost is excellent for conditioning the soil, developing better soil structure and retaining more moisture.

Worm castings and worm liquid are good for fertilising plants.

Some people believe that food and garden waste in landfill will compost over time, but this is not the case.

In anaerobic or airless landfills, food waste produces methane, a harmful greenhouse gas.

Methane is 21 times more potent than another dangerous greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide (CO₂).

About one tonne of food waste sent to landfill produces methane with the equivalent of about 750kg of CO₂ -- this would fill 15,000 balloons and is the same as driving more than 3,000 km. Composting is an easy way of keeping food and garden waste out of landfill and



recycling them into a wonderful resource for your garden.

Kyogle Council and NE Waste have recently become partners of Compost Rocks – www.compostrocks.com.au - a new project aimed at encouraging the use of recycled organics in local gardens.

It's been created by the EMMY® Award-winning team behind kids TV hits *dirtgirl-world* and *Get Grubby TV* and is led by Costa Georgiadis, pictured, from ABC's *Gardening Australia*.

The program aims to show everyone how to turn their spoils into soils and learn to love compost, which is created by diverting our organics waste from landfill.

Costa's Compost Academy and all its compostable goodies can be found at www.compostrocks.com.au.

This project is supported by the NSW EPA as part of Waste Less, Recycle More, funded from the waste levy.

KITCHEN a community asset

Kyogle's new community kitchen was officially opened last month by Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland.

The community kitchen, located in the same building as the Food Bank at 8-12 Bloore Street opposite the Kyogle Council Chambers, will operate three days a week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday - from 12-2.30pm.

It will serve free nutritious meals to everyone who comes along.

The purpose built kitchen was set up in response to a community need and will be run by the Kyogle Seventh Day Adventist Church in partnership with the already successful Kyogle Food Bank.



Council acts to ensure BRIDGE SAFETY

A broken crosshead has caused the closure of Boorabee Park Bridge on Back Creek Road, approximately 80 metres from the western intersection with Bentley Road.

It is likely that this damage has been caused by a heavy vehicle crossing the load-limited bridge.

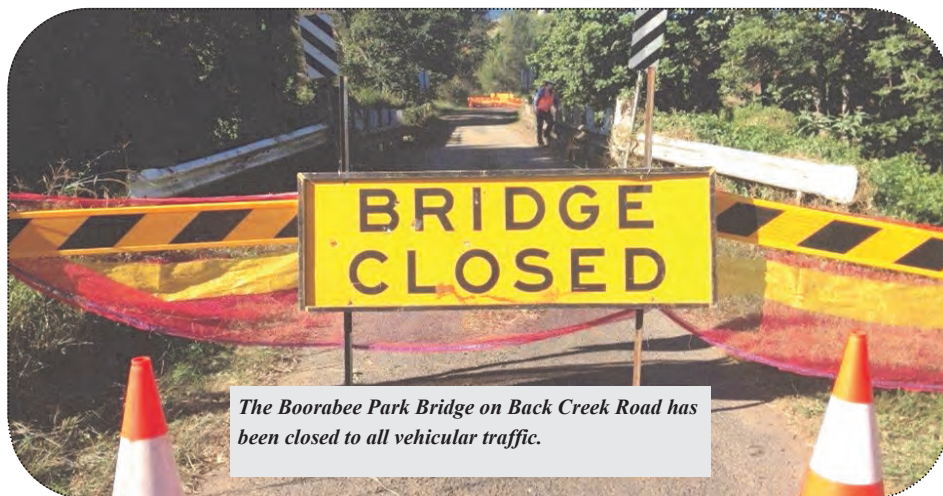
While the bridge does remain safe for pedestrian access, all vehicles must access Back Creek Road from the eastern intersection with Bentley Road or Buchlands Bridge Road.

At this stage, there is no time frame in place for the restoration of the bridge, but Council is carrying out a thorough assessment to determine the best course of action.

Meanwhile, following a routine inspection of bridges throughout the Kyogle LGA, Council has imposed load limits on bridges on the following roads:

- Bingebeebebra Road

- * Adams No.1 Bridge, 4.2km from Bruxner Highway, 20 tonne load limit



The Boorabee Park Bridge on Back Creek Road has been closed to all vehicular traffic.

- * Scofields Bridge, 5.9km from Bruxner Highway, 20t
- Iron pot Creek Road - 17.5km from Ettrick Road, 10t
- Tunglebung Creek Road
 - * Maslens No.1 Bridge, 9.2km from Clarence Way, 5t
 - * Maslens No.2 Bridge, 9.5km from Clarence Way, 10t
- Larsson Road - Hallidays Bridge, 5.4km from Tunglebung Creek Road, 5t
- Babyl Creek Road - Nobles No.1 Bridge, 50m from Sextonville Road, 25t
- Collins Creek Road - Collins Creek Bridge, 16.6km from Summerland Way (closest bridge to Gopna Road), 15t
- Ellems Road - Ellems Bridge, 1.1km from Edenville Road, 20t
- Nolan Road - 700m from Bingebeebebra Road, 10t
- Roseberry Creek Road
 - * Gouldings Bridge, 3.8km from Summerland Way, 20t
 - * Hammonds Bridge, 9.1km from Summerland Way, 20t
- Sheddens Road - 100m from Beech Tree Road, 10t

Council looking for community group to TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for Bonalbo village maintenance

Kyogle Council is calling for expressions of interest from community groups or not for profit organisations to take on the Bonalbo Village Maintenance Agreement.

Council has maintenance agreements in place for many of its villages. These agreements form the basis for the partnership between Council and the village communities to deliver improved services in and around the villages.

The Bonalbo and District Development Association has been performing the village maintenance in Bonalbo for many years, however the association is unable to continue beyond June this year.

Council wishes to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Bonalbo and District Development Association who have helped out over the years, your efforts are appreciated by all.

Council is now looking for a community group to take on the village maintenance agreement from the end of

June.

The agreement is based on Council providing machinery and consumables to facilitate the mowing and upkeep of various parks and open spaces by the community group, and includes the operation of the caravan park.

Council is seeking expressions of interest from local community groups with an incorporated status, such as Crown Trusts, Progress Associations, Service Clubs or other not-for-profit groups, who may be interested in taking over the Bonalbo Village Maintenance Agreement.

If you are interested, please submit a brief EOI by email to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au with the subject *Bonalbo VMA EOI*. A Council officer will contact you and provide additional details and allow your organisation to confirm their interest in taking on this important community service.

EOIs should be submitted prior to 15 July 2016.





A show for all **ALL SEASONS**

Works by members of the Practicing Artist Network (PAN) are featured in the Roxy Gallery's current exhibition.

PAN is a non-profit incorporated association that is committed to furthering and promoting visual arts in the Ballina, Byron Bay, Lismore and surrounding region, through networking, exhibitions, social and creative events, advocacy and lobbying.

For the Seasons exhibition, PAN artists have considered the many aspects of seasons.

Dry seasons, wet seasons, the four seasons of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. There is even a belief that Australia has five seasons.

Not only are there climatic seasons, herbs from the garden or exotic spices from afar bring culinary seasons to the kitchen and the table.

Featuring works in all forms of media, including oils, acrylics, pastels and ink, through to sculptural stone and

ceramic works, PAN artists have interpreted their own narrative of Seasons.

Seasons – a time of year, bringing different climatic conditions or, alternatively, bringing flavour to food -- will be on show at the Roxy Gallery, Summerland Way, Kyogle, until 2 July.



Last season's Litter by John Walters.

**ROXY
Gallery**

Congratulations **Kyogle CWA**

The Kyogle night branch of the CWA has been congratulated and publically thanked for hosting a workshop on rape and domestic violence.

Kyogle Council's Community Development Office Nicola Mercer speaking on behalf of the Interagency and Local Community Service Providers said the workshop on 6 April at the Kyogle Seniors Centre was well attended and well received.

"Feedback from this workshop was positive in the skill building, storytelling, local presentation and networking for all the attendees and it was acknowledged that this workshop was imperative to their roles in this sector," Ms Mercer said.

"The catering was exceptional with the addition of a wonderful cake which showed initiative and awareness around child protection which was not missed on anyone who attended this function."

Solar panels provide Council with **ENERGY EFFICIENCIES**

Kyogle Council has implemented energy efficiencies at its swimming pools, library and administration centre.

Local contractor Neal Nugent has been engaged through Council's procurement process to supply and install 5 Kw solar systems at the Woodenbong and Bonalbo pools and Kyogle library and 10 Kw systems at the administration centre and the Kyogle pool.

This is a positive energy saving for the community.

The solar systems will reduce the power supplied by the traditional energy supply. The energy produced by the solar power systems will be used at the pools, library and administration building. Any excess energy produced during low consumption periods during the day will be directed back into the grid power system.

Kyogle Council has completed four of the solar power installations and one more is to occur during the coming month.

A 10 Kw solar power systems will be installed at the Kyogle administration building car park.

The Kyogle pool has received further energy efficient measures such as a variable speed drive to make the operation of the refurbished filter pump more efficient. The variable speed drive allows the operators to control the water flow through the filters to achieve the best performance and energy efficient operation of the filter system.

The positive measures will help the Kyogle Council reduce the energy costs for its community buildings.





Kyogle Library NEWS

New Dad's Club on Saturdays

Saturday Dad's Club at the Kyogle library is a free unstructured activity aimed at providing a welcoming space with resources for Dads to enjoy quality, fun, happy times with their kids.

Dad's Club is open to all dads and their children who together can play Lego and do craft.

The next Dad's Club is scheduled for Saturday 30 July from 10.30-11.30am.

Bookings are not necessary – just come along to the library.

For further details phone the library on 6632 1134.

Mahjong Group

Mahjong players, both beginners and more experienced players, are invited to come along to the Mahjong Group which meets monthly for a game at the Kyogle library.

The group's next get together will be held on Friday 22 July from 10.30-11.30am.

To register your interest phone Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

Biggest Morning Tea

Kyogle library will host a Biggest Morning Tea at the library on Tuesday 28 June from 10am-noon.

Everyone is invited to come along and have a cup of tea/coffee and a delicious treat and make a gold coin donation to the NSW Cancer Council.

To get into the spirit of the

day everyone attending is encouraged to wear their favourite hat.

Those who would like to help on the day, are asked to bring their favourite baked treat to share.

Readers Group

The Kyogle Reader's Group has a new meeting time and day.

The group will now meet at the Kyogle library on the first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am-noon.

The group gives keen readers the chance to meet like-minded people and share their opinions about books they have read.

New members are always welcome.

The group's next meeting will be held at the library on Wednesday 6 July from 10.30am– noon.

Lego Club



Due to popular demand, Kyogle library is looking to run its Lego Club on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons of every month between 4-5pm.

Bookings are now being taken for the Thursday 14 July and Thursday 26 July sessions. To book or to obtain further information, phone 6632 1134.

KYOGLE
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Community event CALENDAR

Spring luncheon

A spring luncheon including three course meal, guest speaker, gifts and entertainment will be held on Wednesday 31 August at the Kyogle Golf Club. Dress in 'florals and 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 Riv-

ers Care Connections. Book at Care Connections 68 Summerland Way, Kyogle. Phone 6632 2194 for more information.

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.

Upcoming
EVENTS

Self serve KIOSK

Service NSW has set up an on-line self serve kiosk at the Kyogle Council's administration centre.

The kiosk aims to give residents access to more NSW Government services.

Among the transactions available via the self serve kiosk are:

- Vehicle and boat registrations
- Applying for an eTag or eToll account
- Changing a residential or mailing address with Roads and Maritime Services
- Renewing an individual contractor licence
- Checking a builder or tradesperson licence
- Applying for a NSW Seniors Card
- Paying for Housing NSW Rent
- Paying a penalty notice
- Paying an enforcement order



- Paying land tax
- Ordering a National Parks annual pass
- Applying for a Recreational Fishing Licence

The Kyogle Self-Serve Kiosk is located at Kyogle Council, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle and is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

For more information about Service NSW or the Kyogle Self-Serve Kiosk, visit service.nsw.gov.au, call 13 77 88 or download the mobile app.

VOLUNTEERS'

service acknowledged

Long-time volunteers at the Kyogle Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Margaret Jackson and Bette Rae have been presented with certificates of appreciation from Kyogle Council.

The two women have been enthusiastic volunteers at the Kyogle VIC since it opened in 2006.

"Our volunteers are the life blood of the visitor centre," Mayor of Kyogle Council Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

"It (the VIC) would not exist if not for the dedicated team and this dedication has seen the Kyogle Visitor Information Centre identified as a standout for customer service in the Northern Rivers."

Kyogle and villages has a wealth of social capital in the form of people who are willing to put their hands up to help their community.

Kyogle Council's Tourism Economic Development Officer Malcolm Wallis described Margaret and Bette as "very

important members of our visitor centre family".

"I can always rely on them to turn up and dish out lashings of the country hospitality our visitors love and for which the centre is becoming famous," Mr Wallis said.

The friendly crew at the small Visitor Centre caters to around 700 visitors a month. The VIC is a very significant part of the local visitor economy.

"Being a small centre and under the 10,000 population criteria has us flying under the State radar for visitor statistics, but we do our own which show that the visitor economy is worth upward of \$5.5m per annum to the area and growing," Mr. Wallis said.

Kyogle Visitor Centre is a Level 2 Accredited Visitor Information Centre in the NSW AVIC Network and sponsors level 3 centres in Bonalbo and Tabulam, assists with Urbenville and soon will have the distinct yellow "I" in Woodenbong as well. New volunteers are always welcome at the visitor centre to help showcase our wonderful region to visitors.

"We do much more than just customer service, there are opportunities for people in-between jobs to learn new or enhance old skills in a number of disciplines," Mr Wallis said.

"The centre is accredited with Centrelink and we regularly host Work Experience participants from TURSA and NORTEC."

For further information phone Mr Wallis 6632 2700 or 0427 005 249.



Margaret Jackson, Tourism Economic Development Officer Malcolm Wallis and Bette Rae.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 11 July 2016 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, apply in writing to 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 of Council's 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

Mallangene: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm

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