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Fit for the Future

A Blueprint for the future
of Local Government



Office of
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Fit for the Future

Kyogle Council will hold three public meetings to explain its decision to complete the Rural Council template with the view to standing alone in response to the State Government's *Fit for the Future* blueprint for local government in NSW.

Council will also provide a copy of the draft proposal for discussion and comment.

The public meetings will be held at:
Bonalbo Bowling and Recreation Club on Wednesday, 3 June, from 5-7pm;
Woodenbong Public Hall on Thursday, 4 June, from 5-7pm; and
Kyogle Memorial Institute on Tuesday, 9 June, from 7-9pm.

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The State Government had recommended that Kyogle “potentially merge” with either Lismore City or Richmond Valley Councils as part of the *Fit for the Future* reform package. However, the Council resolved at an extraordinary meeting on 20 April that it would pursue the rural council model with the view to standing alone after both Lismore City and Richmond Valley

Councils indicated they were not interested in merging.

The rural council model is designed for councils that can demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Small and static or declining population spread over a large area
- Local Economies that are based on agricultural/resource industries
- High operating costs associated with a dispersed population and limited opportunities for return on investment
- High importance of retaining local identity, social capital and capacity for service delivery

- Low-rate base and high grant reliance
- Difficulty in attracting and retaining skilled and experienced staff
- Challenges in financial sustainability and provision of adequate services and infrastructure
- Long distance to a major (or sub) regional centre
- Limited options for merger.

Senior staff will detail at three public meetings how Kyogle Council meets these criteria and why the rural council model represents Council’s best opinion to be *Fit for the Future*.

Salty Creek Bridge Replacement

Work has started on the replacement of Salty Creek Bridge on the Clarence Way north of Bonalbo.

The single span timber bridge will be replaced with a box culvert. The work, including associated road works, is expected to take up to eight weeks to complete. A detour track around the bridge will allow traffic to continue to use Clarence



Way while the box culvert is being built. The project is being jointly funded by Kyogle Council

and Roads and Maritime Services under the *Regional Roads REPAIR Program*.

From the Mayor

This month has been quite full. I tooted off to the Bonalbo and Woodenbong Shows to get a thorough education in the judging process of exhibits, hear colourful past stories and see the excitement of the competitors. My *Mayoral Meeting* coincided with Friday's dog trials at the Bonalbo Show and a number of residents had an opportunity to raise issues with me. At the *Woodenbong Show*, I met the prospective Showgirls and Junior Showgirls who were all just lovely.

100KM CHALLENGE

It's official. Sam Elley and Leah Hobbs have conspired to see me expire by walking 100km in May. The three of us are raising money for Nepal and the local *Domestic Violence Committee*. Good luck to everyone participating in the Challenge – I hope to see you at the finish line!

ANZAC CENTENARY

The *Centenary of the ANZACs* was amazing this year, with a range of events being held across the LGA. Congratulations to the RSLs of Kyogle, Mallanganee, Bonalbo, Old Bonalbo, Urbenville and Woodenbong who were successful in obtaining a Federal grant to help them coordinate something special for 2015.

YOWIE HAS AN OWIE

Woodenbong's Yowie made an appearance at the 7th anniversary of the country markets. He had suffered an injury but was soon put right!

The atmosphere was great although the weather was a bit blowy.

FIT FOR THE FUTURE (FFTF)

Council continues to progress with its *FFTF* submission. We are completing the Rural Council template and public meetings will be held at Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong so residents can ask any questions they might have about our future.

The submission will soon be on display for public input. In the meantime, we will continue to plug away.



KYOGLE GARDEN CLUB

The *Kyogle Garden Club* held a very successful *Friendship Day* with busloads of visitors coming from across the region to share information, growing tips and specialised information. Angus Stewart from the ABC was there to share his gardening wisdom and a good time was had by all.

KYOGLE QUOTA

The *Kyogle Quota* AGM was held this month with members being sworn into their official positions for the year. Carol Marriott remains the president. For such a small club, they raise amazing sums of money, especially through their upcoming lamington drive! My order is already in.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

There is a raft of *Biggest Morning Teas* coming up – hopefully I'll see you at one or more of them.

MAYORAL MEETING

I will hold my next *Mayoral Meeting* at the Risk Hall on Wednesday, 17 June, from 10am-noon.

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 (i.e. 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, all the best,
Cr Danielle Mulholland
Mayor Kyogle Council*

Wood Smoke Pollution

As winter approaches, people living in the Kyogle Council local government area are being urged to do what they can to reduce wood smoke pollution.

One of the major contributors to wood smoke pollution in the colder months is the incorrect use of wood fire heaters.

On colder days, wood smoke particles from inefficient heaters float in the air and can be seen as a smoke haze that sometimes sits over built up areas.

Not only is this sort of pollution unattractive, it can also be bad for people's health.

Wood smoke can cause breathing difficulties, especially for people suffering existing respiratory conditions, such as asthmatics and for very young children and frail older people.

There is also evidence that smoke pollution can cause cardiac problems.

Local householders can help reduce the amount of wood smoke pollution this winter by using aged dry wood and running heaters properly.

The NSW Environment



Protection Authority has provided the following 10 tips for reducing wood smoke pollution:

- Don't let wood-fired heaters smoulder overnight – keep enough air in the fire to maintain a flame.
- Burn only dry, aged hardwood – unseasoned wood has lots of moisture, which causes a fire to smoke.
- Store wood undercover in a dry, ventilated area – freshly cut wood needs to be stored for at least eight to twelve months.
- Never burn rubbish, driftwood or painted or treated wood, they are sure to pollute the air and can produce poisonous gases.
- When lighting a cold heater, use plenty of dry kindling to establish a good fire quickly.
- Use several small logs rather than one large log and stack them loosely in the woodheater, so air can circulate around them

– don't cram the firebox full.

- Keep the flame lively and bright – the fire should only smoke when first lit and when extra fuel is added. Open the air controls fully for 5 minutes before and 15 to 20 minutes after reloading the heater.
- Check the chimney regularly to see how well the fire is burning – if there is smoke coming from the chimney, increase the air supply to the fire.
- Have the chimney cleaned every year to prevent creosote build-up.
- When buying a wood heater, make sure it has a compliance plate showing it meets the Australian Standard (AS/NZS 4013:1999).
- It's the responsibility of all wood heater owners to follow these easy steps and minimise the harmful effects of smoke pollution on their neighbours and the environment.

Timber Bridges Get National Attention

A keynote address to the *National Timber Councils' Association* biennial conference on Kyogle Council's innovative approach to addressing its aging and rapidly deteriorating timber bridge network has generated interest right around the country.

Long-time Kyogle Councillor Lindsay Passfield delivered the address at the Melbourne conference which was attended by delegates from throughout Australia as well as Federal politicians.

"This was a high level conference focusing on global and national issues, but Council's battle to fix its bridge network which was largely put in place to service a timber industry that is now almost non-existent seemed to resonate with people," Cr Passfield said.

"Delegates were aghast to learn that there is one bridge for every 30 residents in the Kyogle LGA, whereas Australia-



wide the average is one bridge for every 800 residents."

The presentation detailed the difficulties Kyogle Council faces as a local government authority with a relatively small population base and a large land area of which 30% is non-rateable crown land, including a growing portfolio of National Parks. All up, Kyogle Council has 333 bridges, 203 of which are timber and more than 70 are aged 50 years or older.

"Many people at the conference were interested in how we have classified every one of our 333 bridges and given each one a treatment option based on nine identified treatment plans," Cr Passfield said.

The treatment plans range from closing bridges and extending the life of old bridges through definitive maintenance programs to replacing bridges with new structures, causeways or box culverts.

"Council has developed

its own in-house steel and concrete bridge design for single lane bridges and has purchased 13 ex-Australian Defence Force steel truss bridges for dual lane structures," Cr Passfield said.

"Both are very cost effective.

Over the past 10 years Kyogle Council has been able to replace 100 bridges.

That includes 13 bridges at a cost of \$6.8 million through the NSW Timber Bridge Replacement Program.

To ensure Council can take advantage of matching State and Federal funding when it becomes available, it also has established a \$1 million bridge reserve.

Delegates including the politicians were impressed that Council has done everything it can to fix this undeniably huge problem within the constraints of its ratepayers' ability to pay," Cr Passfield said.

Don Gully Oval Upgrade



Work is underway to upgrade the amenities at Don Gully Oval, Kyogle.

The Kyogle Council project includes the installation of additional lighting on the site, which is due to be commissioned this month.

The toilets have already been upgraded and additional spectator seating provided.

Kyogle Council is now in the process of fitting out the canteen area to comply with current food premises standards. Improvements are also being made to the main spectator area in front of the amenities building, through piping of the existing open drainage channel.

Kyogle Council Website Events Calendar



Kyogle Council's Events Calendar aims to promote the many different events held within the vibrant towns, villages and rural communities around Kyogle. Located on Council's website, events can be added by community groups, charitable organisations, school groups and service and sporting clubs. To add your event, simply go to the website at www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au and click on the Events Calendar link which is located at the bottom of every page. It's a great way to promote events to the wider community and a useful resource for event organisers who don't want their special event to clash with others being held around the area.

Youth Centre Survey – \$50 Prize

The Kyogle and district community is being asked to take part in a survey to determine what services and activities people would like to see at the Kyogle Youth Centre.

The survey is being conducted by Kyogle Together, the organisation which runs the youth centre and the Kyogle Community Gym.

The survey is a key component of a plan Kyogle Together is developing for the youth centre.

"We would love to hear from you so we can make it your plan as well," Kyogle youth worker Muranda Goodsell said.

"Anyone can fill in the survey, but we

would like people to answer all the questions if possible.

"We would like to hear from all sectors of the community – and we are particularly keen to hear from young people and people who may like to get involved with helping to make things happen at the youth centre."

The survey takes about five minutes to complete and those people who fill it in and leave their contact details will go into the draw for \$50 cash prize.

The survey can be completed on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthcentresurvey> or if you would prefer to talk to someone or fill in a hard copy, call Troy or Muranda at the Youth Centre on 6632 2972 or Suzie on 0402 672 561.

Crofton Weed Biocontrol

Farmers in the Kyogle Council area have a new biocontrol weapon in the fight against Crofton weed.

Local landholders attending a field day at Kyogle earlier this month, were given plants infected with a new rust fungus to place amongst the Crofton weed on their properties.

The new rust fungus has been released by the CSIRO after considerable investment and testing.

Dr Louise Morin the principal researcher on the biocontrol project was the guest speaker at the Kyogle field day and distributed the rust fungus infected plants to the landholders attending.

It is expected that the rust fungus which originates from Mexico, the home of Crofton weed, will like the constant moisture of our region and quickly establish and spread by wind.

The rust fungus attacks new growth and is expected to significantly reduce the



Black Spot Funding

Kyogle Council has received two grants totalling \$399,500 to fix two identified black spots on roads in the Upper Clarence. Council received \$179,500 to widen a section of Woodenbong Road near Johnson Street. The project is expected to start in early



vigour of the plant and its ability to flower and set seed. Biocontrol agents previously released, while effective to a degree, did not significantly affect flowering and seed production.

Jim and Fran Standing from Mount Clunie (pictured above) near Woodenbong were amongst the lucky Kyogle landholders who received infected plants.

They, like other landholders, were asked to commit to following directions for the placement of the plants in the field and to monitor the plants and the surrounding infestation for signs of the rust fungus spreading and affecting plants.

Landholders will report their observations to the CSIRO and it is hoped that methods of more quickly distributing the biocontrol agent may be identified.

Landholders wishing to know more about the biocontrol agent and perhaps assist in the early stage release, can contact Upper Clarence Combined Landcare West of the Richmond Range on 6665 3133, or Northern Landcare Support Services in Kyogle on 6632 3722.

July and will include the installation of curve alignment markers as well as work to widen a curve on the road.

The second grant for \$220,000 will be used to widen and install alignment markers on a curve on the Bonalbo-Urbenville Road near Hooten Road. The grants were announced earlier this month by Member for Page Kevin Hogan.

Roxy Gallery

'Motherworld'

15 May – 6 June 2015



Intuition worry doll series – Julia Curtis.

The Roxy Gallery's latest exhibition 'Motherworld – Creating Everyday Magic' celebrates all things nurturing and features the works of eight local creative mothers.

It's been two years since Katie Alleva, Heidi Beynon, Julia Curtis, Mia Fowler, Erin Nolte, Nicole Piesto, Jill Runciman and Rebecca Tapscott-O'Meara came together for their first collaborative exhibition.

In that time, their lives have taken a journey of procreating more life and more art. The eight women originally connected some time ago as young mums who were all pursuing a creative path.

The Roxy Gallery is delighted to exhibit a story box of the creative journey all these mothers have been on. The life and role of a mother as an artist is not a selfish thing as through their own personnel creating they go about encouraging their children in being creative.

Quite often, this all takes place around the

kitchen table while a meal is on the go, the dishes are getting washed, the clothes are being folded and the art of life is being discussed.

The works in this exhibition reflect each of the exhibitor's personal growth as an artist and a mother and is a hallmark to their tenacity in juggling many roles and responsibilities in everyday life.

'Motherworld – Creating Everyday Magic' will be on display until June 6, 2015.

Roxy Gallery

143 Summerland Way, Kyogle

Ph/Fax (02) 6632 3518

Gallery Hours: Tues to Fri (10am to 4pm)

Saturday (9.30am to 12pm)

Gallipoli 1915

Not even an east coast low could dampen the spirits of the actors and audience at the performance of *Gallipoli 1915 – Over Here Over There* at the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall on Friday, 1 May, 2015.

More than 120 people braved the rain to see this wonderful production and were rewarded with strong acting, beautiful singing and a truly funny music hall scene. Even the heavy bouts of rain on the roof of the hall, which sometimes muted the dialogue, couldn't diminish the enjoyment of the show.

Audience members, including a couple of Kyogle veterans, were impressed by



the professional quality of the show and by its respect for the ANZAC tradition.

The *One Voice Richmond Valley Community Choir*, the actors, including Paul Worsnop, Sinead Joliffe and Darren Williams from Kyogle and the crew made up of members of the *Casino Mens' Shed* and *Village Hall Players*, are to be congratulated on a stellar production.

Workspace Kyogle

The Workspace Kyogle is a new shared work space that has just opened in Kyogle.

It is for small business people, students and anyone who needs an office space for work, study, or client meetings in a central location.

The *Workspace* also has a meeting room available for meetings, small group workshops, or practitioners.

Small business people from around the Northern Rivers who are looking for a venue in Kyogle to meet with clients are also very welcome.

The object of the *Workspace* is to grow the small business community in Kyogle and create links and networks among this community to create economic growth.

Located in the main street at 63 Summerland Way, the *Workspace* is connected to fast broadband via ADSL2 and is fully Wi-Fi enabled.

Business consultant and university teacher Maggie May opened the *Workspace* in March after she was unable to access good enough internet facilities to be able to work from home.



Maggie May pictured in the Kyogle Workspace which is ready for business.

She decided to find an office space to work from and found that there was nothing suitable in Kyogle. Undeterred, she opened one herself.

Maggie intends to host some networking events and seminars in the coming months to give the small business community the opportunity to develop contacts.

For further information about the *Workspace* contact Maggie May on 6632 3442 or 0499 551 714, email kyogleworkspace@gmail.com or find *The Workspace Kyogle* on Facebook.

ANZAC Centenary Exhibition

More than 1000 people attended the highly successful *ANZAC Centenary Exhibition* at the Kyogle Memorial Hall last month.

The exhibition was a combined effort by the Kyogle Historical Society and the Kyogle RSL Sub branch.

Visitors from as far afield as England, New Zealand, France, West Australia, Tasmania and Appin (near Sydney) joined with locals to view the exhibition. Among the international visitors were two young men from a small village about six miles from Villers-Bretonneux, a

significant town to Australia in World War One.

Exhibition co-ordinator Pam Campbell and son Jason spent thousands of hours compiling a full history of those who left the Kyogle district for Gallipoli. However, there are still 170 servicemen to be found.

President of the *Kyogle Historical Society* Doug Campbell made two dioramas for the exhibit showing where Pam's Uncle Bertie Rixon died while fighting.

The project was started by Pam for an upcoming book on her uncle Bertie and "simply grew from there".

Kyogle Library News

What's happening
at YOUR library in
MAY?



BOOK LAUNCH

Come to Kyogle Library on Thursday, 28 May, for the book launch of *Meg's Story* by Anthea Moffatt and celebrate the pioneering history of the Rundle family in our local area.

This will be a double celebration as Meg Rundle's family are planning to be in attendance on the day.

Everyone is welcome to attend with the festivities kicking off at 10am with a free morning tea.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Kyogle Library's *Book Discussion Group* meets at the library on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am for a 10.30am start.

Everyone who enjoys reading is welcome to come along.

The group is informal and friendly and discusses any book members have enjoyed reading.

The next meeting date is June 16, 2015. For further information, phone 6632 1134.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP GLOBAL CAFÉ

The next *Women in Leadership Global Café* will be held at the Kyogle Library on Thursday, 25 June, 2015 and will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

A free morning tea is provided and everyone is welcome to attend.

MOTHERS CELEBRATED

Kyogle Library celebrated Mother's Day by surprising local mums attending the library with a beautiful paper craft favour boxes.

The favour boxes were made by Deputy

Leigh Spicer was given a papercraft favour bag when she dropped in to the Kyogle library with her son Charlie



Regional Library Manager Sylvia and central Library staff.

Mums enjoyed the well-deserved surprise and the chocolates inside.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Kyogle Library staff would like to invite you, your family and friends to have morning tea with us on Wednesday, 24 June, to help raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer.

The Kyogle community and residents are well known for their generous support of so many good causes – so please come along to Kyogle library to have a cuppa, a chat, make a donation and try to beat Cancer. *The Biggest Morning Tea* will run from 10.30am to noon and any plates brought to share would be greatly appreciated. All donations will be directed to the *NSW Cancer Council*.

KYOGLE LIBRARY

Stratheden Street, KYOGLE NSW 2474
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Upcoming community events

Market Fun Day

The Risk Public School will hold a Market Fun Day on Sunday, 14 June, 2015, from 9am-3pm in the school grounds located on Grady's Creek Road, The Risk. There will be market stalls, an auction, live music, recycled goods, animal nursery, face painting, fun games, hot food stalls and a special performance by Jurassic Joe at 11am. Market stall

sites are still available, for enquiries contact the school on 6636 6127, email therisk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or Annette Seegel on 0448 047 794.

Yowie Country Market

Yowie Country Market and Music Day will be held on Saturday, 30 May, 2015 at the Woodenbong Hall, which is an all-weather venue. There will be live music, a variety of stalls, children's art, hot food, espresso coffee and sheltered café seating. Dates for upcoming markets

are Saturday, 27 June and Saturday, 25 July. For further information, phone Carey 6635 1176.

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.

“STRINGS ATTACHED”
CONCERT

SEMITONES CHOIR

Doco Vivace Strings
plus
young local musicians

3pm
Sunday
May 31
Kyogle
Memorial Hall

TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$5 SINGLE, \$15 FAMILY
AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED - GOLD COIN DONATION

All proceeds will be donated to the Square Pegs Program. A Northern Rivers Care Foundation initiative to support local people who slip through gaps in support funding.



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TICKETS \$14.
CHILD/PENSION \$12

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Should you have an event which you would like advertised in Council's Newsletter please email to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au attention Janelle by the 2nd Monday of each month.



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Council Meetings



Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 June, 2015, at 5pm. Please note the change of days due to the Queen's birthday long weekend. 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, please apply in writing to the General Manager prior to the close of business on the day preceding the meeting for public access.

Kyogle Council's office hours: 8.30am – 4pm Mon-Fri

After hours emergency telephone number is 6626 6800

Regional Roads Information www.myroadinfo.com.au

The Landfill hours are: Kyogle: 7.30am – 12pm Mon to Fri and 9am – 4pm Sat & Sun **Woodenbong:** Tues & Sat 9am – 4pm **Bonalbo:** Wed & Sat 9am – 4pm **Mallanganee:** Thurs & Sun 9am – 4pm

Recycling Facilities Available.

All landfills have recycling capabilities (if separated) and can recover oil, paper, cardboard, steel, aluminum, glass & plastic at no charge.

COMMUNITY VISION

Working together to balance Environment, Lifestyle and Opportunity.

OUR MISSION

To meet the challenges of our unique and diverse region

OUR VALUES

- Respect and respond to community needs
- Improve the quality of our services
- Be open and accessible
- Act with honesty and integrity
- Value people's contribution
- Support the culture of teamwork, cooperation and safety

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