



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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

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Kyogle Chamber launches NEW WEBSITE

The Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce has launched its new website featuring an online business directory.

The website is easy to navigate and lists close to 60 businesses from Kyogle and the surrounding district.

"Our primary objective when we started this project was to showcase the full range of products and services in our district," Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce President Doug Allan said.

Built by local web developer AJL Design, the website is mobile-responsive making it easy for visitors and residents to access local businesses. It also integrates with the Chamber's Facebook page. These are all mandatory communication tools in today's digitally connected world.

"We're developing a digital asset that has the potential to scale and grow with our business community," Mr Allan said.

"It's a testament to our full range of businesses and opportunities.

"Come for a day, stay for lifetime!"

Mr Allan said the Chamber had not just listed member businesses in its directory, but had included as many businesses as the chamber had details for.



Checking out the Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce's new website on their smartphones are, from left, Council's Economic Development Officer Malcolm Wallis, Chamber Secretary Jeannine Smith, Kyogle Council Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley, Chamber President Doug Allan, Andrew Lyford, of AJL Design and Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett.

Kyogle Council will now utilise this business resource as a central online business directory for the community and will provide a link to it from its website.

"I would encourage all businesses to visit the website to make sure they are listed and their business details are current," Mr Allan said.

"We are always looking for new business members and our new website is just another benefit available to local businesses."

The NSW Business Chamber offers expert advice and services to all local Cham-

ber members. Benefits include access to three free calls to Workplace experts who are up to date with current workplace legislation and are there to answer members' specific questions.

Members also have access to free business templates and toolkits.

The Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce supports business by working together on issues that affect business livelihood such as the Kyogle Culture magazine, the shop local campaign and retail events. To find out more visit www.kyoglechamber.com.au.



From the
MAYOR

Kyogle Council has been involved in a number of things this past month - from Senate enquiries to emergency management

meetings.

We, in conjunction with Kevin Hogan MP, opened McKees Bridge at Old Bonalbo and the skate park at Tabulam. The events were hosted by the community who did a wonderful job of catering.

Council also launched the fish passage with Thomas George MP. It will allow native fish to travel upstream to

spawn. A new model of "dragon's teeth" has been implemented in the fish passage's design and we have been advised by State officials that this model will now be used throughout NSW and hopefully by a broader audience.

The Chamber of Commerce has launched its own website which incorporates a local directory, member's list and events calendar. Free Wi-Fi in the CBD is coming soon. Please see www.kyoglechamber.com for more details.

Kyogle Council's Community Development Officer Nicola Mercer coordinated the Reconciliation Week flag raising event held at Kyogle Council Chambers. The event recognised the contribution made by Patsy Nagas, a former

Deputy Mayor and the first Aboriginal woman on Kyogle Council. Patsy had lobbied for the Aboriginal flag to be added to the flagpole.

Council is punching above its weight - Councillors have been busy lobbying around various projects, Council staff are being innovative, creative and professional and we have a good team for progressing forward. Council's and the community's vision can be found in the community strategic plan. Have a read, jump on board and help us to help you.

Until next time

Danielle Mulholland

TIP SHOP CLOSED for next couple of months

The tip shop at the Kyogle landfill is likely to remain closed for at least the next few months.

Council closed the shop to undertake essential repairs.

The building in which the shop was located was in disrepair and not able to function to a standard expected by the community.

Following the closure of the tip shop, waste management staff have had to shift their focus to constructing a new green waste drop-off bay at the Kyogle landfill, building a new waste transfer station at Woodenbong, and investigating the Container Deposit Scheme (10c back for some drink bottles and cans) in our local area.

Until these high-priority projects have been resolved and Council has had a chance to review issues affecting the ongoing operation of the tip shop, it is likely to remain closed.

To ensure the safety of the public and staff, scavenging at any of Council's waste facilities is not permitted.

Please note that soft plastics eg garbage bags, are not to be placed in the recycling side of spilt bins. The recycling plant that sorts recyclables is not currently able to process soft plastics.

Please contact Council's Planning and Environment Department on 6632 1611 for further information.



Work continues on BONALBO MPS

Construction of the new Bonalbo Multi Purpose Service (MPS) continues on schedule, with the concrete ground floor now complete and work started on the framework.

A spokesperson for the Northern NSW Local Health District said the first stage of construction of the MPS would com-

prise the 15 aged care residential beds, the main entrance, and the emergency department.

Stage 2 comprises the ambulance bay, support services, and staff accommodation.

The spokesperson said construction of Stage 2 would start once existing services were relocated into Stage 1 and the existing hospital was clear for demolition.



BOYLES BRIDGE

now open to traffic

CCTV survey of sewer lines in Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong was completed in June.

This work also included cleaning 20kms of sewer mains and repairing damaged mains.

Council will use the results of the survey to develop a sewer main relining program which will be carried out over the coming years.

The installation of 110 metres of storm-water pipe in Dalmorton Street, Woodenbong has been completed, improving the storm water system's ability to cope with heavy rain events.

In July, Council will carry out patching on the Clarence Way near Culmaran Creek and on various Bonalbo Streets, further to the work already carried out in May and June.

Road works at the southern end of Tabulam Road are nearing completion and the developer-funded works associated with the blueberry farm should also be finished by the end of June.

Council is continuing the rehabilitation of a section of Bruxner Highway at Theresa Creek on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services.

The Dam Access Road/Afterlee Road upgrade is now complete.

This project involved sealing of more than 7km of gravel road, line marking and drainage improvements.



The new Boyles Bridge on Gradys Creek Road is now open to traffic.

Replacement of Dalys Bridge on Tabulam Road with a steel truss bridge is nearing completion.

Traffic is now passing over the replacement of Boyles Bridge on Gradys Creek Road and the Murrays Bridge replacement is expected to be complete at the end of June.

Two timber bridges on Roseberry Creek Road were replaced with concrete culverts in June and the Kyogle Road concrete footpath was extended.

In July, work will start on replacement of the three flood-damaged bridges (Hogans No.1 Bridge on Sawpit Creek Road, Jacksons Bridge on McClelland Road and Robothams Bridge on Williams Road) and Boorabee Park Bridge on Back Creek Road.

At this stage, it is planned to commence with the Sawpit Creek Road bridge.

In July, the West of the Range grading crew will working be on the southern end

of Clarence Way and will then move to the Woodenbong area and the slasher will be operating on sealed roads in the Mummulgum area.

East of the Range, grading will continue in the Sextonville area and slashing will occur on sealed roads in the Afterlee area.

Pothole patching will be carried out on Homeleigh Road, Collins Creek Road, Kyogle Road and Gradys Creek Road.

A project involving the rehabilitation of Geneva Street and the extension of Edward Lane started in June.

The first stage of the project is construction of earthworks in preparation for the installation of new water and sewer mains.

The landslide on Cawongla Road has been fixed and the road is now open to all traffic including local school buses.

Stabilisation of the site and installation of gabion baskets was completed in June using contractors.

MORNING TEAS

raise \$2,200 for Cancer Council

The people of Woodenbong and Urbenville have once again proven they have big hearts.

The two communities raised more than \$2,200 as part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

A morning tea at the Urbenville Hospital raised \$236, and a further \$163 was collected at a Seniors Day Care gathering at the Urbenville Bowling Club.

The annual Biggest Morning Tea at Woodenbong raised an incredible \$1,840 with donations still coming in. Organisers of all three events would like to thank everyone who was involved. The quilt raffle was won by Meredyth Reagan of Lismore.

FUNDS NEEDED

for Square Pegs program

Northern Rivers Care Connections would like to thank everyone who was able to donate goods and/or time to its street stall in early May to raise funds for the Square Pegs program.

Square Pegs is a short-term assistance program that supports people in the community who, as a result of illness, medical treatment or injury, are unable to adequately care for themselves, and do not meet the eligibility criteria of government-funded programs.

Square Pegs runs solely on fundrais-

ing and donations.

"Often the people who need our help the most are those who are least able to pay for it, so we would like to thank the generous individuals and groups that give of their time and money in support of their community," a Northern Rivers Care Connections spokesperson said.

"We give special thanks to The Semitone Choir in Kyogle for their generous and continuing support of our Square Pegs program."

To donate to the program or find out more about Square Pegs, please call Northern Rivers Care Connections on 6623 3194 or 1800 400 422.



Council works in partnership with State/Federal

The spotlight was shining brightly on three long-awaited community projects in May when ceremonies were held to officially open the Kyogle fish passage, McKees Bridge at Old Bonalbo, and the Tabulam skate park. The projects will bring wide ranging benefits to the communities they serve and are examples of the incredible outcomes that can be achieved when Council works in partnership with different spheres of government.

Kyogle fish passage

Member for Lismore Thomas George opened the new fishway at Kyogle which gives native fish unimpeded access to more than 300 km of the upper Richmond River catchment.

Built by Kyogle Council at a cost of \$1.37million, the fishway has reduced the 1.8 meter straight drop of the old Kyogle weir to 24 x 100mm lifts over 48 meters moving down stream.

As part of the fishway's innovative design, pre-fabricated v-shaped concrete baffles were installed into the bed of the river to create the graduated 48 metre climb to the weir.

It allows native fish, particularly the Australian bass and the Eastern freshwater cod, to cross the weir to spawn, feed and seek refuge in the upper reaches of the Richmond River.

Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland said Council worked in partnership with a number of different government agencies to achieve the project.

"Council, DPI Fisheries, NSW Public Works, Restart NSW, the NSW Environmental Trust and the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust have all played a role in the project," she said.

"DPI Fisheries raised the issue of the



fishway with Council, NSW Public Works undertook the design of the fishway and Restart NSW, the NSW Environmental Trust and NSW Recreational Fishing Trust all chipped in funding towards its construction."

The innovative design allowed the fishway to be constructed in challenging conditions at half the cost of traditional technical fishways.

The concrete baffles for the fishway were pre-fabricated by Kyogle Council's bridge and concrete crew and installed by Woodenbong-based contractor MJ Smith Ground Preparation.

"This is a great result for Kyogle, and

everyone involved should be congratulated," Cr Mulholland said.

The fishway was built as part of the broader \$8.2 million Kyogle Water Supply Augmentation Project, which received \$6.4 million in funding under the Water Security for Regions component of the Restart NSW Program.

McKees Bridge Old Bonalbo

McKees Bridge on Duck Creek Road, which was officially opened by Member for Page Kevin Hogan, is expected to provide a measurable economic boost for the Old Bonalbo area.

The new bridge replaces an old timber bridge built in 1929.

A 20-tonne load limit was imposed on the 85-year-old bridge in November 2014, meaning landholders living past the bridge were unable to transport stock and resources on and off their properties.

Work on the new 22.5x5m concrete bridge was finished in February 2017, with traffic once again flowing freely in and out of the valley.

It cost \$457,200 with the Federal Government contributing \$228,600 through



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Governments to deliver community projects

Round 2 of the Bridge Renewal Program and Kyogle Council funding the remainder.

“Kyogle Council faces a battle to maintain its ageing timber bridge network and is grateful to the Federal Government for the Bridge Renewal Program Funding,” Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland said.

“McKees Bridge is one of seven bridges for which Council received dollar for dollar funding through Round 2 of the Bridge Renewal Program.

“Council hopes to have the other six bridges on Gradys Creek and Lions roads finished later this year and has applied for further funds under the program.”



Member for Page Kevin Hogan cuts the ribbon to open McKees Bridge while a member of the McKee family unveils the sign for the new bridge.



Tabulam skate park

The young people of Tabulam now have a skate park to call their own.

Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan and Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland jointly opened the recreational facility last month.

The skate park had been on the Tabulam community's wish list for many years.

With the community-based Tabulam Skate Park Committee leading the charge, it became a reality as a result of partnerships between the community, the Tabulam Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Government through its Stronger Communities Program and the Kyogle Council.

The skate park also had the support of the Tabulam Public School, the Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council, and a host of other Tabulam organisations and individuals.

It was constructed on an existing unused concrete tennis court using seven pre-cast concrete components. Its design was developed in consultation with local youth.

As part of the project, repairs also were undertaken to the surface of the concrete slab and existing fencing was modified to ensure the remaining tennis court was fully enclosed and separated from the skate park.



LEFT: Council staff install one of the seven pre-cast concrete ramps at the Tabulam Skate Park.

ABOVE: Members of the official party at the opening of the Tabulam Skate Park.



Raising the flag for RECONCILIATION

A special flag raising ceremony to celebrate Reconciliation Week and commemorate the anniversaries of the historic 1967 Australian referendum and 1992 Mabo High Court decision was held at Council's administration centre on 1 June.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the referendum which recognised Aboriginal people as a part of Australian society and the 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision which recognised native title in Australia for the first time.

More than 50 people attended the flag raising ceremony which was organised by Kyogle Council in conjunction with the Kyogle Reconciliation Group.

Kyogle Reconciliation Group member Ruth Haig said the event was aimed at remembering from where Australia had come on the road to reconciliation.

"As the Aboriginal flag was raised, we remembered how Bundjulahm (Patsy Nagas), a proud Bundjalung woman and past Kyogle Council Deputy Mayor, worked with Council and her Kyogle Reconciliation Group to have the flag flying proudly outside the Council Chambers," Mrs Haig said.

"It is 17 years since Patsy worked with the group to make sure that every year the com-

munity combines to remember more than 40,000 years of Aboriginal caring for country here in the Kyogle Local Government Area."

Funding for the special flag raising ceremony was provided by the Australian Government Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet as part of its Indigenous Advancement Strategy. Support was provided by the Member of Page, Kevin Hogan.



Animal pound only FOR DOGS

Kyogle Council's animal pound is located at the Kyogle landfill site and is only able to accept dogs.

On average, Council receives 15 dogs a year at the pound, with the majority returned to their owners.

Dogs that aren't returned to their owners and are suitable for rehoming are advertised on Council's Facebook page.

Council also works with the Animal Rights and Rescue Group to rehouse dogs.

Dogs that can't be returned to their owners or rehoused, are euthanized, but thankfully there are very few dogs in this situation.

Should someone find a pet cat that can't easily be returned to their owner, then the person is advised to contact Council.

Council will generally arrange for the cat to be kept at a local veterinary clinic so that it can be returned to its owner or rehoused, if suitable.

There are very few instances of Council being unable to return cats to their owners.



WAG president Jim Grasby at the exhibition in the Woodenbong Hall supper room.

WAG WORKS ON SHOW

The supper room of the Woodenbong Community Hall was transformed into an art gallery for two weeks in May thanks to local business owners, community

members and the Woodenbong Arts Group (WAG)

The supper room gallery showcased the works of the many creative talents of WAG members. The exhibition attracted plenty of attention and was viewed by locals and visitors to the area.

BEERSHEBA to be remembered

Tabulam's links to the Battle of Beersheba will be commemorated with a series of events to be held in the town on Sunday 16 July.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the historic battle.

The Australian and New Zealand mounted troops at Beersheba were led by then Lt-Gen. Sir Harry Chauvel, who was born at Tabulam. Sir Harry's father, CHE Chauvel, raised the 1st Light Horse Troop - Upper Clarence in 1885.

The commemorations on Sunday 16 July will begin with a Light Horse re-enactment by local horsemen at the Light Horse

Memorial in Tabulam.

There will also be *Stories from the Past* with locals and historians retelling tales of the AN-ZACs. Barry Rodgers of the Australian Light Horse Association also will set up a temporary museum in the Anglican Church.

Artist Jennifer Martin will have her Light Horse painting collection on display and for sale and the movie Beersheba will be screened at the Tabulam Hall at 2pm.

Later this year, on 31 October, Grafton RSL sub branch is organising a three-day ride from Tabulam to Copmanhurst to remember Sir Harry Chauvel by retracing the troop's training route.

For details on how to participate in the ride, contact Ted Brown on 0447 473 143 (evenings only).



Kyogle Library NEWS

Positive ageing

Kyogle Council and Kyogle library will host a free Positive Ageing session on Thursday 29 June which will highlight the wealth of every older person's lived experiences and how we show respect, value and love for older family members and friends in the community.

The event will include morning tea (free) and informative speakers followed by an informal, round table chat about issues in the community.

There will also be a calm colouring-in

session, with the created works going towards a community artwork.

The event will start at 10am for 10.30am-noon.

You don't need to book, just come along on the day. For further information, phone the library on 6632 1134.

Lego Club

Lego Club meets at the Kyogle library on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 4-5pm.

Lego Club is free for all five to 12 year olds and gives children the chance to get creative and build to a theme.

Please contact Kyogle library on 6632 1134 for bookings and further details.



Youth Week

Mahalia Lawson, pictured above, was the winner of the lucky draw prize at Kyogle library's Youth Week 2017 Anime/Manga Art Workshop.

The workshop was attended by 12 young people aged between 10 and 18, who were fully engaged with their art.

It was a great event.



LEFT: Community members check out Kyogle library's indigenous materials exhibition held to celebrate National Reconciliation Week.

Motherworld Exhibition

The Roxy Gallery's latest exhibition, *Motherworld - Reconstructing the Woman*, features the works of seven amazing young mums - Katie Alleva, Heidi Beynon, Julia Curtis, Erin Nolte, Jill Ruciman, Rebecca Tapscott and Jasmine Phillips - who have been nurtured by the gallery through the rebirth of their creative talents.

It is the third exhibition in four years that the women have worked together on. It highlights their creative skills as painters printmakers, photographers, and sculptors.

The women are local to the region and juggle their work and family life with

their interest in being creative artists.

The diversity in their talents shines in the imagination of their artworks.

It's hope the exhibition also will inspire other young mothers to continue their interest in the arts.

The exhibition will be on show at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery until Saturday 2 July 2017.



Community event CALENDAR

Kyogle Bazaar

The Kyogle Bazaar Market will be held on Sunday 23 July from 8am-2pm at the Amphitheatre Park behind the Visitor Information Centre.

The Kyogle Bazaar is held on the fourth Sunday of every month. There will be a variety of stalls, live music and food/drinks available. For stall information, phone Sandy on 0458 698 588 or Georgie on 0458 573 410.

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.

Bonalbo Rodeo

The annual Bonalbo Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the Bonalbo Campdraft at the Bonalbo Showground on Saturday 1 July.

The rodeo will feature open and junior bull rides, a novice steer ride and a poddy ride.

Gates will open at 4pm with the rodeo to start at 5.30pm. A canteen and bar will operate and there will be music at the grounds until late. For further information contact Greg Makejev on 0458 653 242 or Chris Whitney on 0429 857 082.

Upcoming
EVENTS

YELLOW BELLS

a class three noxious weed

Rous County Council is reminding householders that Yellow bells is a class three noxious weed on the Far North Coast and must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.

The reminder comes in the wake of reported sightings of the flowering plant, also known as the yellow trumpet bush, in the Kyogle local government area.

Native to Mexico, Peru and Ecuador in Central and South America, yellow bells was introduced into Australia as an ornamental garden plant because of its large yellow flowers.

It was commonly planted on the Northern Rivers.

But it escaped backyard gardens and has become a highly invasive weed that displaces native vegetation and reduces pastoral areas and restricts stock access.

Yellow bells has readily been found as a self-seeded plant in people's gardens or on roadsides. It invades disturbed, rocky,



The flower of the yellow bells or yellow trumpet bush.



The leaves of the yellow trumpet bush.

sandy and cleared areas of land. It also quickly establishes itself on creek banks and riparian areas where it forms dense monocultures.

Yellow bells is a shrub that reaches an average height of 4m and is most easily recognised by its bright yellow trumpet-like flowers that grow in clusters at the end of its branches.

Flowers are normally about 5cm long and are produced between September and March. The plant produces numerous seed pods from spring until autumn. The pods, up to 22cm long, contain hundreds of

seeds which are yellow in colour and have white papery wings.

Yellow bells is spread by windblown seeds and water movement. Human plantings have also been a significant source of spread.

For details on how to control noxious weeds, including yellow bells visit the Rous County Council website at www.rous.nsw.gov.au or refer to the Noxious and environmental weeds control handbook available at the Industry and Investment website: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au search noxious weeds.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are generally held on the second Monday of every month except January and June. 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

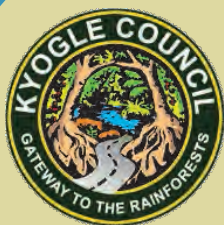
9am-4pm Saturday & Sunday

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm

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