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Council proposes a **5.43% rate rise**

Kyogle Council is asking for the community's feedback on its draft budget for the coming year which proposes a rate increase of 5.43%.

The increase is the second of five abovethe-pegged-limit annual rate increases approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in May last year as part of Council's aim to become financially sustainable in the long-term.

The proposed increase will see the average Kyogle residential rate increase by \$53.69 to \$1085.32.

The average rural residential rate will rise by \$52.64 to \$1024.66 while the average residential rate for areas outside Kyogle will go by up \$29.91 to \$522.13.

The average farmland rate will rise by \$70.60 to \$1538.51, while average business rates in Kyogle will increase by \$73.80 to \$1626.79. The average business rate for areas outside of Kyogle will go up by \$7.94 to \$518.63.

The rate increases are included in the draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 Delivery Program 2016/2020 which Council adopt-

ed for public exhibition at its Ordinary Meeting on Monday, 9 May 2016.

The document, together with Council's draft fees and charges for 2016/2017, will be on exhibition for public comment until 13 June.

Council will hold an information session on the draft operational plan/delivery program on Wednesday 25 May from 2-7pm at the Kyogle Council Chambers. Staff and councillors will be available at the information session to answer questions and provide information to residents on parts of the draft budget that are relevant to

them.

The draft operational plan also provides for increases to sewerage and water charges of 4% and 5% respectively.

General garbage collection fees will remain unchanged at \$450 a household while landfill charges will rise, on average, by 3% for domestic waste and up to 10% for certain commercial waste quantities.

Council intends to allow schools, local sporting clubs, charities and not-for-profit organisations to use its sporting fields and

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Kyogle Council is planning on spending more than \$6 million to replace 32 time bridges over the coming 12 months.. Twenty four of the 32 bridges will be replaced with culverts similar to this.





As usual, it has been a busy month.

There have been some great things happening in our Council area with the launch of Pam Campbell's book about Bertie Rixon (available for the bargain price of \$90), the service awards held at the SES headquarters at Tabulam, the instruction and demonstrations

held at the Kyogle and Woodenbong skateparks, the Quota AGM and the SES barbecue at Grevillia Hall.

The days are getting busier even as they get shorter.

Council's General Manager David Tuxford, myself and Cr Lindsay Passfield met with Minister Fiona Nash at Kevin Hogan's office around a range of issues, including the Mt Lindesay by-pass.

David and myself had our quarterly meeting with Thomas George at his office, discussing the Bonalbo MPS, the Tabulam skatepark, the Kyogle XPT train and policing West of the Range.

It is always valuable to have these opportunities to discuss issues and lobby when we can to get the best possible outcomes for our communities.

Saturday, 7 May was a little bit manic. The Kyogle Literary Group (Writers' Group) competition culminated in a prize-giving morning in the Kyogle Library, followed by a reading of the winners' entries.

Congratulations to the all entrants: writing stories is a challenging experience. Someone once told me that if I wanted a glamorous life as a writer, I should throw glitter on myself. Never was such a truism spoken.

On the same day, Mummulgum Primary had their school fete while the CWA hosted a "Yum-in" at Tabulam with loads of cakes and other delicious goodies on sale.

For that evening's entertainment, Bonalbo's RSL Women's Auxiliary hosted a 50's ball.

The most important day this past month was ANZAC Day. Commemorations were held in Woodenbong, Old Bonalbo, Bonalbo, Mallanganee and Kyogle. All were well attended.

Flyovers were organised for Kyogle and West of the Range which were an amazing experience for young and old. The marches were wonderfully organised and the dawn services as moving as they always are.

Until next time,

Danielle Mulholland



Kyogle Quota members at the club's annual general meeting and change-over dinner.





The 2016 Anzac Day March at Mallanganee.





COUNCIL ELECTIONS

set for 10 September

Kyogle Council voters will go to the polls on Saturday 10 September.

The State Government has announced that ordinary local government elections will take place on 10 September 2016 for those councils not subject to mergers.

This includes Kyogle and all other Northern Rivers Councils.

For those councils that are the subject of a merger proposal, the Government will hold elections on 9 September 2017.

The Government confirmed the date following the announcement on 12 May that mergers had been approved to create 19 new councils. The government also has given its in principal support to create a further nine new merged councils subject to the decision of the courts.

The news that local government elections will go ahead for most councils in September this year means that intending candidates and groups can now register with NSW Electoral Commission in order to accept polit-

ical donations and make payments for electoral expenditure. Registrations must be completed before nominations open on 1 August.

Candidates and groups do not need to apply for registration for an election if no political donations are received and no payments for electoral expenditure are made.

In June, the NSW Electoral Commission will release nomination forms, a candidate information presentation and a candidate handbook.

Anyone interested in learning more about

NSW Local Council Elections

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standing as a candidate should phone the NSW Electoral Commission on 1300 135 736 or visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au. For voter information, visit

www.votensw.info
When and how to vote information,

when and now to vote information, including pre poll locations and postal vote information will be provided on that website in due course.

Meanwhile, with the poll set for 10 September, Council will go into caretaker mode on 13 August, limiting the type of decisions Council can make in the lead-up to the elections.

Budget targets ROADS AND BRIDGES

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parks free of charge, however commercial organisations will still have to pay the nominated fees.

Council is proposing to keep increases to most of its other fees and charges to about 3%.

Overall, Council is proposing an operating budget for 2016-2017 of \$21.4 million plus it intends to spend a further \$17.5 million in capital works. A feature of the budget is a \$10 million loan, originally approved for 2015-2016, to address Council's infrastructure backlog.

Highlights of the 2016-2017 operational plan include:

 \$6.03 million to replace eight timber bridges with new bridges and a further
 24 bridges with culverts.
 The funds include \$400,000 on a new concrete bridge at Sawpit Creek and \$438,216 on a new bridge on Tabulam Road (Daleys Bridge)

- \$1.6 million on regional roads repairs and renewals
- \$4.84 million on rural local roads including \$2.06 million on the Toonumbar Dam Access Road, \$200,126 on Wiangaree Back Road, \$170,000 on the Sextonville Road, \$979,260 on the rehabilitation of sealed roads, \$676,740 on the rehabilitation of unsealed roads and \$469,582 on rural road reseals.
- \$475,000 to close the Woodenbong landfill, rehabilitate the site and establish a transfer station
- \$345,000 to rebrand the Kyogle Council area and upgrade and replace village and Council area entry signage to match the new brand
- \$250,000 to replace the roof of the reservoir at Geneva
- \$120,000 for the Visions of



Village Life project to prepare master plans for the future of the villages of Woodenbong, Tabulam, Bonalbo, Old Bonalbo, Mallanganee and Wiangaree

- \$120,000 to undertake improvements to the Kyogle and Tabulam caravan parks (subject to the approval of grant funding)
- \$30,000 for a Christmas tree for the Kyogle main street to be erected for the festive season
- \$67,704 to build a skate park at Tabulam (subject to the approval of grant funding)
- \$106,000 to improve drainage in Dalmorton Street

- Woodenbong (\$50,000) and Wyndham Street Kyogle (\$56,000)
- \$50,000 for a flood study for Tabulam (subject to the approval of grant funding)
- \$76,868 in donations to community organisations and individuals

The draft operational plan and delivery program and the draft fees and charges can be viewed online at www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au, at council's administration centre, and the following locations: Wadeville Store, Woodenbong Post Office, Tabulam Post Office, Cawongla Store, Mallanganee Store, Old Bonalbo Post Office, Kyogle Library, Wiangaree Post Office, Bonalbo Post Office and the mobile library. Submissions can be lodged via the Council's website, emailed to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au or sent to PO Box 11, Kyogle, NSW, 2474. Submissions close at 4pm on 13 June 2016.



Kyogle Youth Week event gets **DIRTY**

DRAMA In A Rural Town (DIRT) students from the Kyogle and Casino classes performed in the Kyogle National Youth Week event held at Anzac Park Kyogle in April.

The event was sponsored by Kyogle Council and Kyogle Youth Action.

DIRT obviously teaches students a lot about teamwork. Because of school holidays, a number of students were not available for the performance. However, Casino students filled in for the Kyogle production and vice versa with the understudies reading their parts.

"I couldn't be more proud of all the students," said Lynette Zito, DIRT artistic director.

"Performing before a live audience is challenging at the best of times, but to have to step into a role with only one quick rehearsal would have Olivier shaking in his boots. These young people are amazing!

"I would like to thank Kyogle Council and KYA for giving DIRT this opportunity."

DIRT end of year performances can be seen on 14 June in Casino at the RSM Club at 4.30pm and in Kyogle on 15 June at the KMI Hall 5pm.

Members of the public are most welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Campaign for working dog statue at Bonalbo gathers momentum

A campaign to erect a working dog statue in the middle of Bonalbo is gathering momentum.

The statue would commemorate Bonalbo as the birthplace of cattle dog trialling and its hoped would become a major tourist attraction.

Cattle dog trialling began at the Bonalbo Show in 1950 and while a plaque at the showground marks the event, it's a little out of the way.

Fundraising to erect the statue has begun with raffles and donations and a crowdfunding site has been set up in the hope that a little bit donated by a lot of people will lessen the load on Bonalbo

The link to the crowdfunding site can be found by searching on the internet for The Bonalbo



Working Dog Statue and going to the gofundme site. There is also a Facebook page under The Bonalbo Working Dog Statue.

Supporters of the statue hope it will become well-known across Australia and will increase visitor numbers to Bonalbo benefiting the whole community and the wider Kyogle Council area.

For further information phone Sharon Tucker on 6665 1129 or email thebonalbokelpie@gmail.com.

Tips to reduce wood smoke **POLLUTION**

With the cold weather fast approaching, Kyogle Council residents 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 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 wood heater, 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.
- 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.



DO NOT PUT FIBRO IN household bins

Kyogle Council has warned people who dispose of building waste, particularly fibrous cement (fibro), in household garbage bins that they may be fined.

It is illegal to disposed of asbestos waste in domestic garbage bins.

The warning from Council comes after repeated incidents of fibro being dumped in household bins -- a practice that is placing people's health at risk and costing Council thousands of dollars.

Council's Senior Environmental Health and Waste Office David Bell said fibro may contain asbestos, a hazardous material that by law must be properly removed, wrapped and disposed of.

"When it's simply put in a bin and picked up by a garbage truck it often ends up being mixed with the recycling," he said.

"When this happens the recyclables have to be treated as being contaminated, and tonnes of recyclables have to be buried as waste in the landfill.

"Each time this occurs it costs our community. The resource that would have been used to make new products is wasted, and Council has to pay the EPA for each tonne of waste buried in the landfill.

"This money would be much better spent elsewhere."

Council has received advice from Work-Cover that it is almost impossible to tell if fibro contains asbestos simply by looking at it.

"Determining whether material contains asbestos is a specialist field and unless a person is 100 per cent certain that fibro does not contain asbestos, it should be considered to be asbestos and managed appropriately," Mr Bell said.

Under the current Household Asbestos

Disposal Scheme (HADS), Kyogle Council residents can obtain a free asbestos removal and disposal kit from Council's administration office. This allows for disposal of up to 10 m² of asbestos per household.



FREE COOKING CLASS

Are you a family of food lovers and keen to save up to \$1,000 a year?

A free Love Food Hate Waste Cooking Workshop will be held at the Kyogle Foodbank within the Seventh Day Adventist Church on 22 June to help busy parents save money and waste less food.

The workshop will run from 6-8.30pm. The Foodbank is located at 8-12 Bloore Street Kyogle.

In NSW, on average every year, a whopping \$2.5 billion of food is thrown away, much of which could have been eaten.

That amounts to more than \$1,000 per household each year that could be saved by better ways of managing food shopping, cooking and storage practices.

Food waste is a huge cost, not just in money terms but also to the environment.

This free workshop will provide practical tools and cooking demonstrations on making the most of your food, menu plans for healthy, nutritious family meals and creative cookery with leftovers.

Daniel Lange, *pictured*, the Love Food Hate Waste chef, trained in Sydney and London learning from the likes of Tetsuya and Jamie Oliver.

Daniel's specialty in cooking is a combination of European and Asian cultures, refined by French cooking techniques.

Daniel has a passion for sustainability, sustainably sourced foods, and cooking with less waste.

Daniel will equip participants to reduce their food waste effectively while enjoying healthy, nutritious family meals.

Bookings are essential for the workshop and can be made at www.newaste.org.au.

The workshop is coordinated by North East Waste and Kyogle Council, and supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW EPA's Waste Less Recycle More initiative, funded from the waste levy.





BERTIE'S BOOK officially launched

Kyogle woman Pam Campbell's book on her late uncle Bertie George Rixon was launched last month, a century to the day after he enlisted for service during World War I.

The book tells of Bertie's wartime journey as told by Bertie himself

through his diary and copies of his letters which he sent home. Bertie was killed in action in 1918 at the Battle of Abu Tellul, Palestine.

The book, which retails for \$90, was launched by Member of the National Book Council 2nd Lieut. Laurie Muller AM (Ret'd), who is pictured below, right, with Mrs Campbell and Maj Gen Jim Connolly AO CSC (Ret'd), left.



ARTS AND CRAFT

people wanted for co-operative

Kyogle Tidy Towns is calling for expressions of interest from the arts and crafts community of Kyogle and Villages area to determine if there is sufficient interest to set up an arts and crafts co-operative.

The co-operative would provide members with the opportunity to market their creations.

"Many local arts and crafts people have excess items and nowhere to store them – a co-operative would give them a market and an income as well," Tidy Towns secretary Joan Hayman said.

"The type of craft that could be sold is limitless from wood, glass and pottery to paintings, toys, knitted and sewn items, jams, pickles, sauces, plants and the list goes on."

It is proposed that the co-operative would operate under the rules provided by the Department of Fair Trading and be managed by members of the co-operative.

Those people interested in finding out more are invited to a meeting at Kyogle Community Cinema on 18 June at 10am. For further information contact Joan Hayman on 6633 9143.

WAGS are back at the Roxy Gallery

The Woodenbong Arts Group (WAG) is back at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery with an exhibition titled 'Those WAGS Again'.

This group of artists lives on the lands in the western ranges of the Kyogle Local Government area. WAG has been established for a number of years and has a very solid member base of people who practise art making in various ways.

The group has members who are creative in quilting, metal sculpture, photography, painting (see Sharyn Gibson's 'Dawn Dancing' pictured right), drawing and printmaking.

For many years, WAG has provided support to keep a creative focus visible in the communities of Woodenbong, Urbenville, Bonalbo and surrounds and it is great that the Roxy Gallery can once again display the talents in this group.

'Those WAGS Again' opened on 4 May and will run until the 4 June 2016.





MAY/JUNE

at Kyogle library

Share the dignity



Kyogle Library is partnering with Kyogle Council as a collection point for feminine personal hygiene and sanitary products for Kyogle Shire

women in need. All donations will remain in the Kyogle LGA and will be distributed by the Kyogle Food Bank and SDA Church through May and June.

Share the Dignity states that there are 'over 85 000 women in Australia urgently needing help this year'. If you would like to support this worthy cause, you can drop off new items to Kyogle Library. All donations are very much appreciated.

Elder abuse awareness

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is Wednesday, 15 June 2016 and the theme this year is 'Cup of tea'.

Kyogle library aims to help raise awareness of this little know problem in the community by hold a free morning tea at 15 June at 11am.

There will be local speakers from various organisations on the day providing information on support services available

Those attending will also be asked to contribute to a mindful colouring-in art form as a show of support for this very deserving cause.

For further details contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

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 Dad's 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, 18 June, from 10.30-11.30am.

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

For further details phone the library on 6632 1134.

Pizza and Pages

Tweens and Teens (10 years and old-

er) are urged to come along to the free Pizza and Pages Celebration of Youth Week on Wednesday 25 May

from 4-5pm at the Kyogle library.

Those attending will be able to create MANGAS or other artworks, share their ideas and get drawing tips from others on the day while enjoying free pizza.

The library will supply some basic art supplies on the day for those youngsters just getting started.

Bookings are not necessary, just come along on the day.



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, 9 June and Thursday 23 June sessions.

To book or to obtain further information, phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134.

Community Calendar

Show Society stall

The Kyogle Show Society will hold a stall at the Kyogle Bazaar on Sunday 29 May at the Kyogle Visitors Information Centre.

Donations of saleable goods would be appreciated and can be collected if necessary.

The Show Society has announced that it will have some new and exciting features at this year's Kyogle Show which is being held on 7-8 October.

For any show information please ring Wendy on 0438 554 385.

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.

Class reunion

Organisers are looking to find classmates from the graduating class of 1986 at Casino's St Mary's High School to join them for a Class Reunion on the June long weekend (11-12 June) 2016. To mark 30 years since the class was last together, there will be a dinner at the Casino RSM on the Saturday night. Tickets can be purchased directly from the RSM by Friday 20 May. Partners welcome.

On the Sunday a family day is planned at the park on the south side of Casino. The day will be BYO with family fun activities being organised.

If you were in the class, or you know someone who was, please ask them to get in touch. Like the page on Facebook or email <u>cinnamon-clark@gmail.com</u>.



Council approves Kyogle **MUSEUM DA**

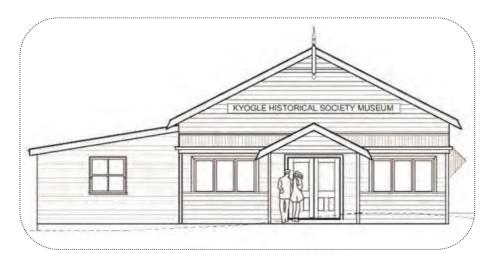
Kyogle Council's works shed next to the Kyogle Library in Bloore Street is set to be transformed into a museum for the Kyogle and District Historical Society.

Kyogle Council approved a development application for the museum on the newly identified site at its 9 May 2016 meeting.

Originally, the museum was to have been built on the vacant parcel of land between the Council Library and Roxy Lane at the rear of the Kyogle Memorial Institute. This was to occur in partnership between Council and the Historical Society.

However, Council decided to look at its work shed site after concerns were raised that building the museum on the vacant land would lead to the loss of several trees and detract from valuable public open space and the amenity of the civic hub.

As well as providing a more appropriate



Above: A consultant's view of how the front of the museum is expected to look.

street frontage for the museum, the new site is flatter and easier to build on and provides better parking options.

While the site may have changed, virtually all other aspects of the museum design will remain the same including the partnership between Council and the Historical Society to build the museum.

It will be built from a mix of new and

recycled timber from the Cedar Point and Horseshoe Creek halls that are scheduled for demolition and will have a metal roof and either wood or compressed fibre board weatherboard cladding.

The museum is designed to reflect the design of a country hall and includes spaces for meetings, exhibitions, administration and storage.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 June 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 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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