



## Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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

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## Illegal sewer connections TARGETTED

Council is about to begin a thorough investigation of storm water infiltration into the Kyogle sewerage system, and this will include checking to see if private properties are contributing to the problem.

If Council finds any issues with private plumbing that allows storm water into the sewerage system, staff will be notifying property owners of what they need to do to rectify the situation.

Council's Urban Services Manager Shane Noon said the inflow of storm water was the primary cause of overflows from the sewerage system during, and immediately after, heavy rain.

"As well as this, the excessive loads increase the maintenance and operational costs of running a sewerage system," he said.

"Due to the nature of local government, that means ratepayers wear the costs."

Kyogle Council has for some time been looking at ways to improve the sewerage system and has been monitoring the effects on the system of large rainfall events.

Council has found that significant amounts of rainwater/storm water is entering the sewerage system which is causing overflows and flooding houses in low lying areas connected to the system.

The major cause of the rainwater infiltration is via illegally connected storm water drains and roof down pipes on houses.

Clause 42 of the *Local Government (Water, Sewerage and Drainage) Regulation 1993* makes it an offence to discharge soil, mud, gravel, roof water, rain water, surface water, flood water, subsoil water etc. to the sewerage system.

"Council is currently carrying out closed circuit TV investigations and relining works to reduce rainwater infiltration caused by damaged pipes," Mr Noon said.

"We are planning significant works over the next three years to further reduce the level of infiltration to an acceptable level.

"As part of these works, Council will be commencing smoke testing through the sewerage system to find storm water connections and eliminate them."

Council does not want to go down the road of issuing notices and or fines and would much rather property owners correct any problems before it gets to that stage.

"If you are in doubt about your house connections, please have them investigated now by a local plumber," Mr Noon said.

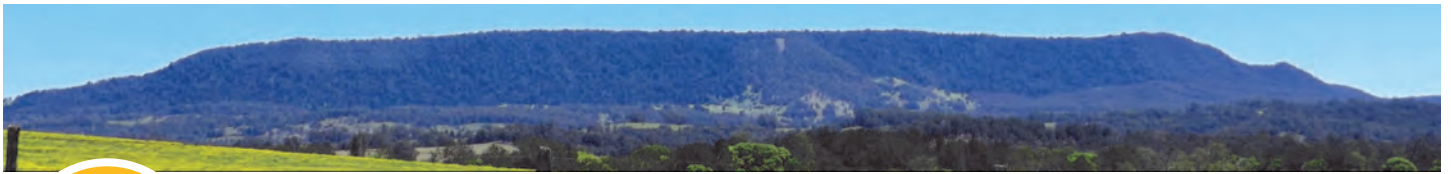
"Council is hoping that with the co-operation of property owners, it can prevent overflows and save ratepayer funds as well."

For further information contact Council on 6632 1611.



*Storm water floods out of the Kyogle sewerage system in Boorabee Street following heavy rain.*





From the  
MAYOR



April was a bit of a blur with the flood at the beginning of the month and a lot having to be done to make sure people and businesses got back on their feet. Council staff did an extraordinary job before and after the flood so let's give a tip of the hat to those who worked long hours and over weekends to help others.

Many thanks to Graham Kennett, our new General Manager, for leading the response.

As we recover from the flood, business has continued as usual.

A NOROC meeting was held at the start of May to discuss various issues and watch a presentation by Immanuel Musoni of the Great Lakes Agency for Peace and Development International about the Northern Rivers Refugee Resettlement Strategy.

NOROC was also required to appoint someone to the Local Land Services (LLS) and Katie Milne, Mayor of Tweed, was elected to the position with Isaac Smith, Mayor of Lismore, nominated as her alternate.

Although April was full of meetings, ANZAC Day was a

day of remembrance, and activities and ceremonies took place throughout the LGA with Council representatives at every event.

Our heartfelt thanks to those who, in the past and currently, protect and serve.

Bonalbo Show was fabulous this year - congratulations to Dave Whitney and the Show Society for a brilliant show.

There were stalls and the penultimate in show food: the Dagwood dog!

Congratulations to the Show Society for a wonderful day and to all those involved: organisers, participants, sponsors and show-goers.

The inaugural Blueberry Festival was held at Tabulam on 13 May with the Blueberry Belle or Bluebelle as we call her, making an appearance.

It was a great day, with activities for the kids to yummys for the adults.

Vicki Atkinson also bravely offered to have her head shaved to raise money for local emergency services. If you would like to support her, please go to her gofundme page and make a donation.

Until next time,

*Danielle Mulholland*

## ANZAC DAY 2017



*Anzac Day wreath laying ceremony at Kyogle.*



*A time for reflection after the Bonalbo Anzac Day march and service.*



*ANZAC Day commemorations at Mallanganee.*



*Returned service men take part in the Woodenbong Anzac Day March.*





## Work begins on repairs to major road slips

One of Council's grading crews is currently working on Homestead Road and next will be grading Baileys Bridge Road before moving on to the Sextonville area in June.

Another grading crew has finished work on Hillyards and Webbs Roads and will now continue on to other roads in the Boorabee Creek area.

Other maintenance works planned for June include pothole patching on Kyogle Road, Fawcetts Plain Road and sealed roads in the Afterlee and Urbenville areas, and roadside slashing along Bruxner Highway, Kyogle Road and Bentley Road.

In mid-May, contractors began work to repair major slips on Kyogle Road and Cawongla Road caused by heavy rain and flooding.

The work includes installation of rock-filled gabion baskets for stabilisation and is expected to be completed in July.

One of the first stages of the Cawongla Road slip repair will be returning the road to a standard suitable for school bus services.

Recently completed construction projects include rehabilitation of sections of Wiangaree Back Road and Omagh Road.

The initial sealing of a section of Lillian Rock Road funded by the Federal Government's Blackspot Program is nearing completion.

pletion.

The upgrade of Afterlee Road and Dam Access Road is almost complete and expected to be finished in early June.

In June, Council will start rehabilitation of a section of the Bruxner Highway at Theresa Creek on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services. Council also will carry out heavy patching on streets in Bonalbo and on Clarence Way south of Bonalbo and rehabilitation of a section of Tabulam Road under the Blackspot Program.

Contractors are currently upgrading part of Tabulam Road on behalf of developers (Mountain Blue Blueberry Farm). The work has been timed to coincide with Council's closure of Tabulam Road while Daleys Bridge is replaced.

The replacement bridge is expected to be complete by the end of July.

While the road is closed, a second section of Tabulam Road near the bridge will be upgraded and a Blackspot project on the northern end of the road will be completed.

The Gradys Creek and Lions Road Bridge Renewal Program is running behind schedule and has had a further six week delay due to flooding and Council's flood recovery activities.

Stage One of the program - the replacement of Murrays Bridge and Boyles No.2 Bridge - is now expected to be completed in June.

Stage Two works are expected to start in July but a further update will be provided to residents when details are confirmed.



*An aerial view of the work to replace Boyles No 2 Bridge on Gradys Creek Road.*

New barbecues and shelters have been installed in Norman Johnston Park (Bonalbo) and the Bonalbo caravan park.

During June, Council staff will be repairing damaged garden beds in the Kyogle main street and continuing renovation of the residence at the Kyogle caravan park.



## Reservoir upgrade almost complete

The upgrade of the Geneva Reservoir (located at the top of James Street) should be completed by the end of May.



Work on the project began in March with cleaning the interior of the reservoir. Other works have included lining the internal and external walls with a special leak-proof membrane, installing new internal and external access ladders and replacing the old roof with a new pitched roof.





## Rural fire fighters HONoured

Twelve rural fire service volunteers from the Kyogle Council area were presented with Long Service Medals at the 2017 NSW Rural Fire Service Northern Rivers Zone Medal Presentation last month.

The 12 volunteers have notched up a combined 258 years of volunteer service.

The two longest serving volunteers, Robin Keys and Ian Rodgers, of the Green Pigeon Brigade, have served the rural fire fighting service for 32 and 30 years respectively.

Mr Keys joined the then NSW Rural Fire Brigade in the

1985-86 fire season.

He was a driving force in the establishment of the Green Pigeon Brigade and became a hardworking foundation member.

He helped build the Green Pigeon Fire Station and was actively involved in numerous fundraising activities for the brigade.

Mr Keys has served continuously in the roles of Deputy Captain, Senior Deputy Captain and Captain and currently holds the position of Deputy Captain.

Mr Rodgers joined the then Bush Fire Service as an ordinary member in 1986.

He is however, no ordinary member.

Mr Rodgers has been involved at all levels of the district from fire fighter, treasurer, secretary, president, permit officer and captain at Green Pigeon Brigade, to Group Officer at District and Zone level.

He has also been very involved in the Critical Incident Support Team for many years, as well as being part of the local training team.

Mr Rodgers was part of the original Board of the Rural Fire Service Association.

The other Kyogle Council area rural fire service volunteers to receive long service medals were:

- Ross Tamlin, 11 years' service, Kyogle HQ Brigade.

- Edward Hutchinson, 14 years' service, Sextonville Brigade.
- Rick Wagner, 17 years' service, Kyogle HQ Brigade.
- Sandra Clarke, 20 years' service, Green Pigeon Brigade.
- Allan Clarke, 20 years' service, Green Pigeon Brigade.
- Neil Summerville, 22 years' service, Sextonville Brigade.
- Trevor Wilson, 22 years' service, Sextonville Brigade.
- Kathryn Rodgers, 22 years' service as a member of Green Pigeon Brigade.
- Brian Spencer, 24 years' service, Toonumbar Brigade.
- Laurence Beck, 24 years' service as a member of Grevillia Brigade.



Rural fire service volunteers from the Northern Rivers Zone, including 12 volunteers from the Kyogle Council local government area, were presented with long service medals at a presentation night attended by State and Federal Members of Parliament, Kyogle Councillor Hayden Doolan, and Rural Fire Service officials. Photo supplied by Northern Rivers Zone NSW Rural Fire Service.

## Weed workshop to be held at Kyogle

A free weed workshop will be held at the Kyogle Showground hall on Thursday 1 June from 9am-noon.

Rous County Council will conduct the workshop which will discuss:

- New biosecurity legislation updates;
- Tropical Soda Apple in Kyogle Council local government area
- Giant Rat's Tail and Giant Parramatta



Grass biological control update

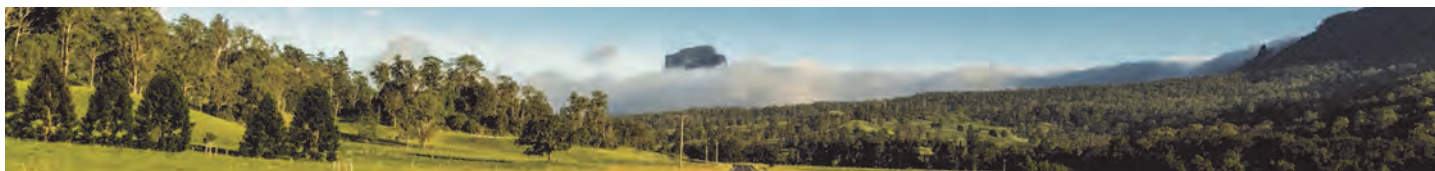
- Poisonous plants
- Landcare projects and funding opportunities
- Biological control from NSW DPI
- Water weeds (pictured)

Speakers will include Philip Courtney from Rous County Council; Rhett Patrick, Senior Weed Officer, Rous County Council; Phil Kemsley, District Vet, Local land services, Emma Stone Landcare Community Support Officer; and Troy Brown, and Charlie Mifsud from NSW DPI.

Those attending are also encouraged to bring along plants for identification.

Morning tea will be served as part of the workshop. Attendance is free, but for catering purposes people are asked to RSVP by phoning 6623 3847.





## Old Bonalbo students learn ‘art’ of recycling

Old Bonalbo Public School, Kyogle Council and North East Waste have joined forces to promote recycling in the Kyogle Local Government Area.

Late last year, Kyogle High School students painted artwork on one of Council’s plain white recycling skip bins.

Old Bonalbo Public School liked what they saw and approached Council in 2017 to carry out a similar project.

Council’s Manger of Environmental Health Services David Bell said the painted skip bins promoted the recycling message, as well as the local area.

“There are a number of local area scenes in the artwork including Bonalbo, Woodenbong and Toonumbar,” he said.

“The students and staff have done an excellent job, and Council is very appreciative.”

Old Bonalbo Public School principal Lisa Blackburn was thrilled with the results of the joint project.

“Thank you Rebecca O’Meara and Kyogle Council for giving our students this opportunity to promote recycling and our area in such a fun way,” she said.

To further highlight the benefits of recycling, North East Waste has scheduled an education session with the students.

Residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for the painted recycling bins at Council’s waste facilities.

**RIGHT/BELOW:** Old Bonalbo Public School students create works of art on one of Council’s recycling skip bins.



## LIBRARY goes high tech

A self-serve kiosk aimed at making life easier for library users has been installed at the Kyogle library.

According to Kyogle librarian Corinne Hughes the kiosk, *picture right*, is easy, fast and fun to use. It allows library users to scan their membership card and then scan their loan items before it issues a receipt of the loan transaction.

Meanwhile, the library also has gone ‘live’ with RFID (Radio Frequency Identification).

Funded by a Public Library Infrastructure Grant, RFID has also been installed at Casino, Evans Head, and Coraki libraries and the mobile

library.

Each library has ‘circulation assistant’ hardware which automatically synchronizes with the library management system and has dramatically speeded up the circulation process.

Kyogle, Casino, and Evans Head libraries also have new security gates to ensure that items not checked out will activate an alarm. The gates are strong, attractive and perform a highly effective security function. They also feature a ‘people counter’ which provides information on how many people are using the library. For the next few weeks the alarm may beep while customers walk through the security gates to return their items.

This will happen if your items were borrowed prior to the library going live with RFID.







## NOW AND THEN: a journey into dreams, desires

*Now and Then* is the latest exhibition at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery.

Featuring a collection of old and new artworks by Kyogle-based contemporary artist Michael John Taylor, the exhibition



will run until Saturday 3 June.

Provocative, skilled and thought provoking; Michael's paintings will have you asking many questions of his pictures.

His works have been described as intricate webs of mystery which explore themes of spirituality in a materialistic world.

Michael came to Australia from Sunderland, North England after studying at the prestigious Chelsea School of Art, London for five years culminating in the National Diploma of Drawing and Design Award in 1962.

He has dedicated his life to his two great loves, painting and teaching. He is highly regarded for both pursuits.

Michael taught art at Lismore Secondary School for ten years until 1974, and then at the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education and TAFE.

He also has conducted numerous art workshops throughout the Northern Rivers.

Michael is considered one of the region's



leading contemporary artists.

His works take the viewer on a mysterious journey into dreams and desires, of poetry and passion, while painting an investigation into human emotions.

With every image he captures and explores universal emotions of love and longing and that anticipation of things to come.

Michael works out of his Railway Sidings Art Studio and Gallery space in Kyogle.

## LIBRARY happenings

### Positive Ageing

Kyogle Council and Kyogle library will host a free Positive Ageing Morning TEA (Talking Elder Abuse) at the library on Thursday 29 June.

The event 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 also will be a calm colouring – in session, with the created works going towards a community are work/

The event will start at 10am from 1030am-noon.

You do not need to book, just come along on the day. For

further information, phone the library on 6632 1134.

### Lego winner

The winner of the Kyogle library's Youth Week 2017 Lego Challenge (10-14 Years age group) was Charlie Chalmers, aged 11. Charlie won a \$20 iTunes card.

### Parents and Kids Club

Kyogle Library will host its next Saturday Parents 'N Kids Club on Saturday 17 June from 10.30-11.30am.

The library provides a welcoming space with resources for parents and carers to enjoy quality, fun times with their kids. This is an unstructured activity so children must be supervised at all times.

### Kyogle Literary Group

The Kyogle Literary Group meets at the Kyogle library on the first Saturday of the month at 10am for a 10.30am-noon. Newcomers are welcome.

### Share the Dignity

Kyogle library is the drop off point for the Share the Dignity charity.

People are asked to support local women in crisis during the Share the Dignity Appeal by dropping off new, unopened, in-date feminine sanitary products to the library by 31 May.

All donations are distributed by local charity groups to local women in crisis in the Kyogle Council local government area.

### Readers Group

Would you like to meet other people who enjoy reading, make new friends, and share your love of books?

Do you enjoy a vigorous discussion and the opportunity to offer your opinion with like-minded folk?

If your answer to these questions is yes, come along and join the Kyogle Reader's Group which meets at the Kyogle li-

brary on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact the library on 6632 1134.

### JP services

Did you know you can have documents certified at Kyogle library?

You can now also print off, make copies and scan certified documents and have your Statutory Declarations witnessed by a NSW Justice of the Peace at Kyogle library.

Contact library staff for further details on 6632 1134

### Book Discussion Group

The Kyogle Library Book Discussion Group is open to everyone and meets at the library on the third Tuesday of every month from 10am for 10.30am.

The group is free to attend and members are happy to discuss any book you've enjoyed reading. For further details drop into Kyogle library or phone 6632 1134.



## NOMINATIONS sought for Business Awards

Local business operators are being encouraged to enter the 2017 Kyogle and District Business Awards.

The awards, organised by the Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce, shine a spotlight on business excellence and diversity in the Kyogle Council local government area.

Awards will be offered in 11 categories:

- Best small business (less than 10 people)
- Best large business (more than 10 people)
- Best new business (operating less than four years)
- Tradesperson of the Year
- Young Entrepreneur (18-35 years)
- Employee of the Year
- Customer Service
- Community Service Award
- Primary Producer (new category)
- People's Choice Award
- Overall Business of the Year

Nominations for all but the People's Choice Award close on 26 May 2017 and the chamber is encouraging businesses to nominate themselves or an employee.

According to 2015 Young Entrepreneur winner Tim Hoffman of O&H Holden, the business awards are great for business.

"Nominating your business in your desired category is a great way to gain exposure for your business," he said.

"It took me all the way to the state finals in Sydney."

Nomination forms are available from Chamber of Commerce secretary Jeannine Smith phone 6632 2657 or email [kyogledistrictchamber@gmail.com](mailto:kyogledistrictchamber@gmail.com).

Voting in the People's Choice Award closes on 2 June, with local people able to nominate/vote for their favourite business. Nomination/voting forms are available from Kyogle business houses, including Kyogle Council. You can also cut out the nomination form below, fill it in and return it to the business for which you are voting.

The Chamber of Commerce, in organising the Business Awards, has received a

lot of support from local business and would like to thank the following sponsors.

### Gold Sponsors

Crowe Horwath, Richie's IGA, Gateway Real Estate, Kyogle Council, and TyrePower.

### Silver Sponsors

MJ Smith Ground Prep, Connect Accountants, O&H Holden, and Kyogle Earthworx.

### Bronze Sponsors

Tursa, Kyogle Real Estate, Brown & Hurley, Gateway Find Foods, Tidy Towns, Scarborough's, Parker & Kissane, NORTEC, PRD, Ozwide Bridge Rail & Civil, Northern Rivers Reality, Gateway Office Supplies, Eureka Canvas and Embroidery, Dempsey Transport, The Saw Spot, Kyogle Quality Meats, Kyogle Bowling Club, McKid Medical, and Kyogle Pharmacy.

The award night and gala dinner will be held on 22 July at the Kyogle Bowling Club. Tickets cost \$50 and are available from Gateway Office Supplies and Gateway Real Estate, Kyogle.



## 2017 Business Awards

**Peoples' Choice Award** nomination - I would like to nominate the following business:

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Name of Business

.....  
Name

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Signature

## Community Calendar

### 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.

### Trivia night

The third annual Collins Creek Hall Trivia Night will be held at the hall on Saturday 3 June from 6.30pm.

There will be lucky door prizes, a major raffle with numerous prizes, prizes for

best dressed couple, best team name and best decorated table.

The overall winners of the trivia quiz will receive a very generous prize as well.

Teams of six to eight people, at a cost of \$10 per player. There are limited tables, so bookings are required. To book or for further information, phone Helen on 0448 334 167.



# NOXIOUS WEED BOOKLET

## available for download

Rous County Council has produced a noxious weed identification booklet that also includes information on control techniques.

Before a weed is declared to be noxious it must meet certain criteria and the community must be consulted about the proposed declaration. It must meet the following criteria:

- Need – the weed has, or could have, serious adverse effects on agriculture.
- Benefit – a significant benefit to agriculture, the environment, or the community can be expected from the declaration.
- Means – there are reasonable and enforceable means available to control the weed as categorised.
- Intent – there is a firm intention by the local control authority, or the government, to implement a planned program to control the weed as categorised.
- Weed distribution – the weed does not occur in NSW, or is of limited distribution, and has the potential to become more widespread.
- Outcome – for a species to remain categorised, the local control authority must maintain an effective control program.

The booklet is available free for download at

[www.rous.nsw.gov.au/file.asp?g=RES-AVH-18-03-64](http://www.rous.nsw.gov.au/file.asp?g=RES-AVH-18-03-64)



Above: The free Rous County Council booklet.

## Council Meetings

**Council Meetings:** The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 June 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](http://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

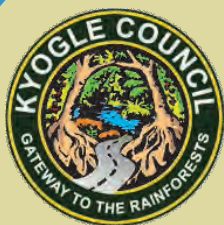
9am-4pm Saturday & Sunday

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm

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