



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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

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Community joins together to BEAUTIFY CBD

A joint project involving Kyogle High School, Kyogle Council, the Kyogle Chamber of Commerce and Essential Energy is beautifying Kyogle and giving young people "ownership" of their town and an improved sense of belonging.

The project is the brainchild of teacher Rebecca O'Meara and involves Kyogle High School students from Years 7 to 10 painting the power poles from Anzac Park to the High School, starting with the town centre.

A fully supportive Chamber of Commerce has provided the paint, while

Kyogle Council organised approvals through Essential Energy, which was happy to see the project progress.

The paintings featured on the power poles will reflect the native flora and fauna of the Kyogle area, and Fairymount in particular, with the designs created by Ms O'Meara in collaboration with the students.

"Everyone has worked together to get this project up and going," Ms O'Meara said.

"Doug Allen took the project to the Chamber of Commerce, Kyogle Country Store provided the materials, and Graham Kennett at Council organised the approvals.

"It's been an incredible community effort."

Four power poles at the intersection of Summerland Way and Stratheden Street were the first to be adorned with original works of art, with Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland joining the high



school students in adding a burst of colour to the streetscape.

"It's wonderful to see our young people getting involved in the beautification of the town," Cr Mulholland said.

"They're having fun and taking real pride in their work.

"It's a great project -- the murals are reflective of this area's incredible creative culture and they will no doubt generate interest among locals and visitors alike."

The first four power pole murals portray a lomandra and an echidna, gum blossoms and a koala, wattles and a king parrot, and a sandpaper fig and a brush turkey.





COUNCIL OFFERS PRIZEMONEY OF \$5,500 to find modern new brand, photographs of the Kyogle local government area

Kyogle Council is going to the people to unearth a new brand that is fresh, modern and reflects the local government area (LGA).

Council will offer \$4,000 in prizemoney in a community-wide competition to find a new brand for use on signage, promotional material and products associated with the Kyogle LGA.

Entries in the competition will be required to produce:

- A graphic design representing the brand for the whole LGA;
- Suitable slogans or catch phrases for the LGA (up to three);
- Two key symbols/emblems for each of the villages of Wiangaree, Cawongla, Grevillia, Old Grevillia, Woodenbong, Old Bonalbo, Bonalbo, Tabulam, Mallanganee and Mummulgum and the township of Kyogle

- An explanation of the meaning behind each brand proposal, each slogan proposal and each village symbol/emblem and the linkage to Council's Community Strategic Plan.

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,500, with the first runner-up taking home \$1,000 and the second runner-up \$500.

Once the winners are decided, the framework for the new brand will be determined and a graphic artist will be asked to complete the final design.

Council also is seeking a new set of photographs (up to 100) for the LGA and is offering prizes for the best entries.

People submitting photos in the competition will maintain copyright, but will agree to Council's use of all photos at no cost.

The photographic competition, which will run at the same time as the brand

competition, will offer the following prizes in the follow categories linked to the Council's Community Strategic Plan.

- Best overall entry \$500
- Best Village Life entry \$200
- Best Governance and Community entry \$200
- Best Aging in Place, Disability Services and Respite Care entry \$200
- Best Agriculture entry \$200
- Best Visitor Attraction entry \$200

For further details about the two competitions, including conditions of entry and entry forms, go to Council's website www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au, drop into Council's Administration Centre at 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle or call Council on 6632 1611.

Entries open on 1 December and will close at 4pm on 31 January.



It's only two months since the new Council was elected and already we have had two Ordinary Council meetings and two Extraordinary meetings. It looks as if the next four years are going to be as busy

for Council as the previous four years.

The last Ordinary meeting of the year will be held on Monday 12 December at 5pm. All ordinary meetings are open to the public and community members are encouraged to attend.

My first Mayoral Outreach Meeting of the new term will be held at the Mallanganee Hall on Thursday 15 December from 9am-12pm. If you would like to come along for a chat or to raise an issue, please ring Council on 6632 0214 and book a time so that you won't be kept waiting. If you can also advise the Council officer of your issue and contact details (ie. phone numbers, email, etc.) this will help me to make some background enquiries so that any information you receive is correct and up to date.

As this will be the last newsletter this year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and Councillors for their hard work this year and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until next year,

Danielle Mulholland

From the
MAYOR

COUNCIL EMPLOYS bridge, road construction apprentices



New apprentices, from left, Josh Dorsman, Braydon Rose and Spencer Powell are welcomed to Council by road works overseer Greg Walters, bridge overseer Tony Olive, and Acting General Manager Graham Kennett.

In a move to improve employment prospects for the area's youth and tackle the problem of an aging workforce, Kyogle Council has taken on three apprentices.

The bridge and road civil construction apprentices - Josh Dorsman, Braydon Rose,

and Spencer Powell - started work at Council on 15 November.

Over the next three years, they will work with Council's bridge and road gangs throughout the LGA, learning on the job from Council's highly skilled work force.



Australian Govt Bridge Renewal Project rollout at Gradys Creek

Kyogle Council received \$2 million in January this year to replace six bridges along the Gradys Creek and Lions roads through the Australian Government's Bridge Renewal Program.

Construction of the six bridges will be undertaken in three stages (refer to map for stages) starting in January 2017. This will result in changed traffic conditions, detours and longer travel times around some of the sites.

Council will engage with residents about the project at an information night on **6 December** at the **Risk Hall** from **6pm**.

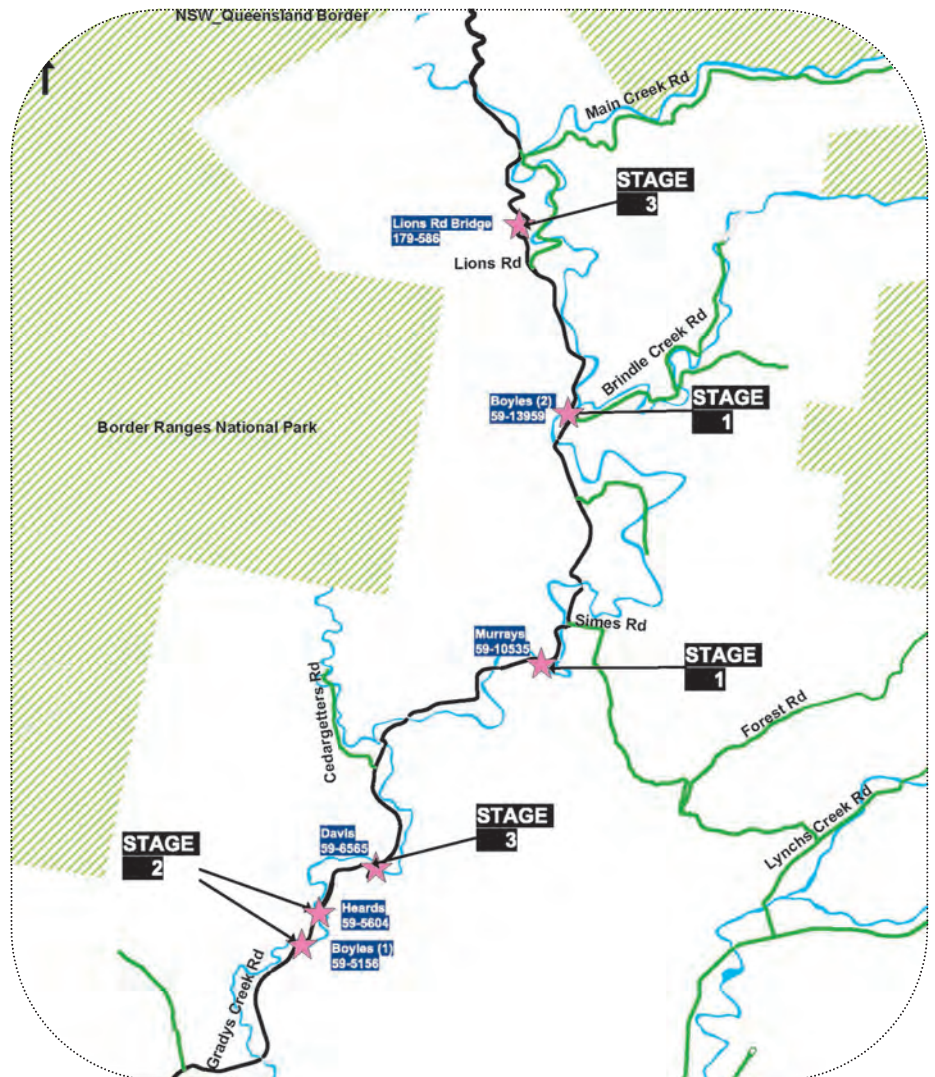
The evening will focus on how the bridge replacement program will be rolled out and provide details about changes to traffic conditions and detours for each stage.

Council also will be seeking feedback from local residents on issues they may face during the construction program and will discuss possible measures to limit the impact and inconvenience of the works to them.

Residents unable to attend the information night are urged to contact Council staff prior to 6 December and provide details of issues they have regarding the project.

Council is hoping to finish work on the six bridges within the 2016-17 financial year.

All bridges to be replaced are single-lane timber bridges with load limits of 2 to 25 tonne currently imposed on them.



They will be replaced with two-lane concrete and steel bridges.

The 24 km route from the Summerland Way to the Queensland Border along

Gradys Creek Road has 15 bridges and one major culvert. Replacing the load limited bridges will improve safety and access for all road users.

Our newest CITIZENS

Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland and Deputy Mayor John Burley officiated at two recent citizenship ceremonies. Cr Mulholland is pictured with newly confirmed Australian Marishel Jones, while Cr Burley welcomes, from left, Juanita Hill, Daniel Cox, Charina Clark and Sean Prieto to the Australian fold.





Timber bridges replaced WITH CULVERTS

Kyogle Council has built one new concrete bridge and replaced four old timber bridges with concrete culverts in the past three months.

The new bridge was built on Duck Creek Road to replace Grahams No 3 Bridge. Culverts have taken the place of bridges on Butlers Road, Old Lawrence Road, Capeen Creek Road and Tunglebung Road. And the bridge replacements don't stop there.

Council is building a new steel and concrete bridge to replace Barretts Bridge on Duck Creek Road and over the coming months will substitute culverts for bridges on Boomi Creek Road, Old Cob O Corn Road and Ellems Road.

Council bridge workers with the help of members of the 8th/9th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment have been carrying out repairs of bridges on Sheddens Road, Babyl Creek Road, Aspreys Road and Chestnut Road which will lead to the removal of load limits on those bridges before the end of 2016.

The replacement of a culvert on the Bruxner Highway near Mallanganee also is planned, with contractors undertaking



The new concrete bridge Kyogle Council has built on Duck Creek Road.

pipe jacking around the end of November.

Council's road construction crew is currently rehabilitating a section of Summerland Way between Dairy Flat and Woodenbong. The project will be completed before the end of the year. Rehabilitation of a section of bitumen road on Sextonville Road has seen road conditions improve for residents and road users.

In recent weeks, Council has graded Haystack Road, Captains Road, and Clarence Way (south of Bruxner Highway).

The West of Range road maintenance crew will continue pothole repairs on Clarence Way (north of Bruxner Highway) and grading of Bulmers Road, Hay-

wood Ridge Road, Richmond Range Road, and Hootons Road.

Heavy patching of sections of Summerland Way and Bruxner Highway will be undertaken in November. Slashing of the highway verges will take place in November and December.

New guard rails will be installed on Lynches Creek Road at McQueens Bridge and work will start on sealing a 500m section of Yongurra Road.

Re-sealing works will begin on Kyogle Road and continue in the Kyogle urban area and various local rural roads.

With gravel resheeting completed on Simes Road and Lynches Creek Road, grading has moved on to Forest Road and the Lynches Creek/Warrazambil Creek areas and will be followed by gravel roads in Gradys Creek, The Risk and Roseberry areas.

Another maintenance crew will be grading roads in the Edenville and Pines Road areas before moving on to Toonumbar and Iron Pot Creek.

MJ Smith Ground Preparation has been engaged to modify the Kyogle weir to allow fish passage up the Richmond River, while CNF and Associates working with FE Marsh and Co are refurbishing the Kyogle water treatment plant, a project which should be completed in 2017.

Council started work on replacing the water main in Bloore Street, Kyogle in October and is hoped to be finished in December. The Bloore Street main was laid in the 1950s and in recent years leaks and burst pipes have been common. Council thanks everyone affected by these works for their patience.



Council staff and members of the 8th/9th Battalion RAR work on a bridge on Babyl Creek Road.



RECYCLING SAVES money and the environment

The Kyogle Local Government Area is in the 'waste levy' paying area of NSW.

This means that for every tonne of waste buried in landfill, Council has to pay the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) close to \$80.

Instead of shifting our problem to Queensland, we are trying to promote recycling to reduce costs to residents.

The idea behind the waste levy is that the more we recycle, the less we pay.

Our community has done a great job with recycling in recent years.

Each year we recycle around 1,000 tonnes of mixed recyclables (paper, cardboard, hard plastic, glass), and in the 2015/2016 financial year we recycled about 400 tonnes of scrap metal (that's the equivalent weight of 180 four-wheel drives).

With excellent community participation, around 16 tonnes of 'problem recyclables'

have been recycled through our Community Recycling Centre since it opened last year.

Residents are advised that soft plastics cannot currently be recycled through the recycling plant that we use. Please make sure that soft plastics, including plastic bags, are not included with recyclables.

For further information regarding recyclable materials, please check out the Kyogle Recycles factsheet on Council's website.

Many recyclables have limited value, however any income received helps with waste improvement projects such as the Community Recycling Centre and the upcoming Waste Transfer Station in Woodenbong.

Council currently operates four waste facilities in the Kyogle LGA.

Every property owner in the LGA contributes to these facilities through rates.

For properties that aren't on the wheelie bin collection route and therefore don't have the option of a collection service, owners pay a landfill management charge

to help make sure that waste facility sites are available.

Property owners who pay a landfill management charge are provided with one general waste voucher each year to use at a Council waste facility.



INFLATABLE POOLS ARE NOT TOYS

With the warm weather already here and with families taking advantage of the longer days, Council would like to remind the community of the safety issues associated with inflatable and portable pools.

- Small pools should only be used if you are willing to empty and store them away after each use.

- Use larger portable pools only if you are willing to fence them.
- Fines apply if you do not have a child-resistant barrier around any pool that can be filled with more than 30cm of water (the size of an average ruler).

Inflatable and portable pools are not toys and children under the age of five should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Contact Kyogle Council on 6632 1611 for more information.



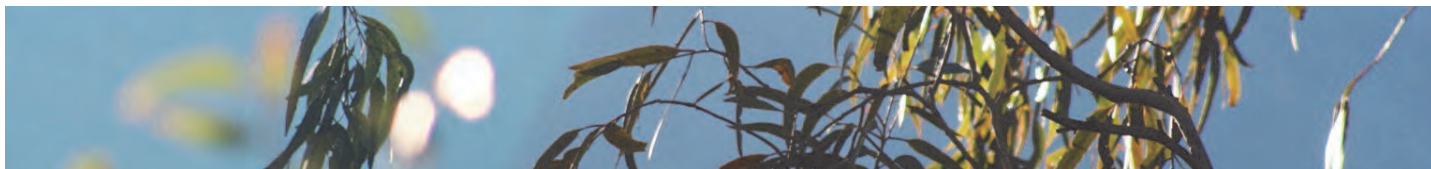
FESTIVE SEASON CLOSURES

Kyogle Council landfills and transfer stations will be closed for public holidays during the festive season.

The following facilities which would normally be open, will be closed on the following days:

- **25 December 2016** - Kyogle landfill and Mallanganee transfer station closed
- **26 December 2016** - Kyogle landfill closed
- **27 December 2016** - Kyogle and Woodenbong landfills closed
- **1 January 2017** - Kyogle landfill and Mallanganee transfer station closed
- **2 January 2017** - Kyogle landfill closed.

Meanwhile, Council's administration centre and works depots will be closed from 1pm Friday 23 December 2016 to 8am Tuesday 3 January 2017 inclusive. For emergencies, please call Council's after hours number on 6626 6800.



DONATION BEARS FRUIT

Anti-poverty week was recognised by a generous donation by Daleys Fruit Nursery of three fruit trees for Kyogle's Anzac Park.

The fruit trees were a pecan, mandarin and Shahtoot white mulberry.

Rodney Daley is no stranger to planting trees around town.

He plants, maintains, waters and replaces vandalised trees as part of his own personal beautification program along the Summerland Way, in Anzac Park and along Anzac Drive.

Daleys Fruit Nursery was established 36 years ago and is an independent Australian fam-

ily-owned and operated business.

Daleys supply a large range of sub-tropical, tropical, rare fruit trees and temperate varieties. The business recognises that to be able to supply its customers with the best quality trees they need to be young and healthy.

The health of a tree is directly related to the conditions of its roots: a young active root system becomes established very quickly and gives customers the productive fruit or nut tree they deserve.

"We have been able to achieve our high quality standards by having an excellent quality potting mix, a constant turnover of stock and a quality control system in place," Rodney said.

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This thriving business which sells fruit trees Australia-wide through its on-line service employs a hard working dedicated team of 18.

You can pick up a free fruit and nut catalogue from Daleys Nursey at 36 Daleys Lane Kyogle or you can look or shop online at www.daleysfruit.com.au.



Trio's art on show at THE ROXY

The month of November at the Roxy Gallery sees a grandmother, her grandson and a friend exhibit their art in Flynn & Amma Plus One.

The exhibition, which runs until 3 December, features the works of Flynn Anderson, his grandmother Christine Cameron and a family friend Susannah French.

As a grandmother who loves exploring creative techniques, Christine has inspired her grandson Flynn and nurtured his creative talents. Both have an interest in working in pencil and watercolour, producing images through scratch boarding and linocut prints. They love exploring new and varied ways to express their interest in creating images through art.

As a child, Susannah French was influenced by her grandmother, who was a prolific artist. She has painted, drawn and appreciated art, for as long as she can remember.

Whether it's the genres of Landscape, Still Life or Portraiture, Susannah works in a variety of mediums and

chooses what best describes the subject being depicted.

This exhibition will be the last show before the Roxy Gallery's annual end of year exhibition highlighting the festive, Christmas season. The gallery is seeking expressions of interest from artists wishing to be a part of 'Array of Sunshine'. Expressions of interest forms can be obtained from the gallery or by emailing roxygallery@kyogle.nsw.gov.au



Christine Cameron's Jervis Bay Cliffs

ROXY GALLERY

Australia Day AWARDS

Nominations for the 2017 Kyogle and Woodenbong Australia Day Awards are now open.

Both Kyogle and Woodenbong Australia Day Committees are asking the community to nominate those people worthy of recognition for their endeavours whether it be in sport, academia, community life or social welfare.

Kyogle has nine award categories, with nominations closing on Wednesday 30 November 2016.

Woodenbong has five award categories. Nominations will close on Saturday 31 December 2016.

For further details about the Kyogle and Woodenbong Awards, including nomination forms go to Council's website at www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au or call 6632 1611.



Australia Day



Library news

Craft/story time

A free Christmas storytime and craft afternoon will be held at Kyogle Library on Thursday 1 December from 3.30-5pm.

The event is for 5-12 year olds. Everything will be provided on the day. Parents/carers are asked to stay with their children during the session. Bookings encouraged, ring the library on 6632 1134.

Share the dignity

We seem to manage the needs of children at Christmas, ensuring they're cared for and made to feel special, but the same can't always be said for those women who put the needs of others before their own.

Kyogle library together with Share the Dignity want to make them feel special.

The 'It's in the Bag' Christmas campaign is an initiative of Share the Dignity, who are asking Australians to donate a handbag they no longer use and which is filled with items that would make a woman feel special.

Kyogle library is an official collection point for the campaign.

Drop your filled handbag in to the library by Saturday 3 December and it will go to a woman who is struggling this Christmas.

Christmas paper craft

Free countdown to Christmas paper crafting mornings will be held at Kyogle library every Tuesday morning up until 6 December. As numbers are limited, bookings are essential and can be made by contacting library staff on 6632 1134. Morning tea will be supplied free to all participants.

Christmas closure

Kyogle library will be closed from noon Saturday 24 December 2016 through the Christmas/New Year public holiday period and will re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Kyogle library staff wish all Kyogle Council local government area residents a very safe, merry and spiritual Christmas. Staff look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

KYOGLE
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Community CALENDAR

Multicultural Music Festival

The Kyogle Reconciliation Group will host a Multicultural Country Gospel Music Festival at the Kyogle Amphitheatre on Saturday 3 December from 4-8pm.

The festival aims to bring the community together across all indigenous and non indigenous cultures through music. Organisers have put together a great line-up of musical acts. All welcome to attend.

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.

Kyogle Lights Up

Kyogle Tidy Towns invites residents and commercial premises to get into the festive spirit and "Light Up For Christmas".

Ring 6632 3352 to register your entry to be eligible for judging which will take place on the night of 11 December. Winners will be announced at Carols by candle light. Prizes to the value of \$500 (1st prize \$250, 2nd prize \$150 and 3rd prize \$100) on offer.

Last newsletter for 2016

This is the last Kyogle Council Community Newsletter for 2016. All going to plan, the first newsletter for the New Year should be in mailboxes on Monday 16 January 2017.

BONALBO HALL TO HOST world premiere of *Bonnywood Rising*

West of the ranges in the small town of Bonalbo, a plucky band of farmers, artists, engineers and the occasional school-teacher have been taking on the scheming financial overlords of the film industry.

This year their tale will be told at the star-studded red carpet world premiere on Saturday 10 December of *Bonnywood Rising*; a live-cinema performance produced by Southern Cross University's Associate Professor and award-winning media artist Dr Grayson Cooke, assisted by staff and students from SCU and Bonalbo resident, artist and first Assistant Director Marion Conrow.

Bonnywood Rising imagines the cinematic history of the Bonalbo and District Memorial Hall, weaving a yarn that places the Bonalbo hall at the centre of the largest Australian regional

film corporation you've never heard of.

Part melodrama, part Western, part historical epic and part complete fabrication, the film is a celebration of the ingenuity, the resilience, the spirit and the humour of the peoples West of the Range.

Featuring live narration by Ewingar resident Alan Highfield and music by post-rock band Amphibian and starring the unknown celebrities of the Bonalbo community, the night will bring all of the glamour of old Hollywood back to the Bonalbo and District Memorial Hall.

Bonnywood Rising is part of If These Halls Could Talk; a region-wide season of contemporary arts events being held in seven community halls across the Northern Rivers. It is an Arts Northern Rivers project.

Doors open at 7pm, with the show to start at 8pm. Admission is free and open to all ages.

Those attending are asked to RSVP info@artsnorthernriver.com.au and include your name and number of tickets required.

Volunteers hailed as VIC HEROES

The volunteers who staff the Kyogle Visitor Information Centre have been hailed heroes at the VIC's tenth anniversary celebrations.

Praise for the more than 100 volunteers who have helped run the VIC since its official opening on 28 October 2006 came amid calls for more volunteers to join the enthusiastic team at the centre.

"We always have room for more volunteers," Kyogle Council Tourism/Economic Development Officer Malcolm Wallis said.

"If you love meeting interesting people from all over the world, love where you live and love telling people about this incredible part of the world, then you are the kind of person the Kyogle Visitor Information Centre is looking for.

"You can give as much or as little time as you are able."

Interested volunteers can contact the visitor centre on 02 66322700 or Malcolm

on 0427005249.

Over the years, the volunteers at the VIC have ranged from residents to High School and University students.

"Each and every one of our volunteers has not only provided standout customer service but they have helped with significant projects to improve the local and regional visitor economy," Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

"Council and the community are extremely grateful to them."

Thanks to the volunteers, the Kyogle visitor centre operates seven days a week 363 days a year.

The centre services more than 6,000 walk-in visitors a year and a similar number of phone and email enquiries.

Veteran 10-year-volunteer Margaret Jackson said she loved working at the VIC.

"I just love it here, you meet so many interesting people from all over Australia and the world," she said.

"It's wonderful to be part of such a great team and to be able to give something worthwhile to the community -- it's why I



Long-time VIC volunteers Bette Rea, Fay Fardon and Margaret Jackson cut the 10th anniversary cake.

keep coming back".

Kyogle now sponsors level 3 visitor centres in the villages of Bonalbo and Tabulam while also assisting neighbouring Urbenville visitor centre when needed.

"It has been a great journey; working with so many enthusiastic volunteers and students and watching the visitor centre develop and evolve into something the community can be really proud of," Mr Wallis said.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday, 12 December, 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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