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Kyogle Council has a new general manager.

David Tuxford, *pictured right*, took over the reins of the Council on Monday, 19 October.

The former Director of Business and Community Services at the Warwickbased Southern Downs Regional Council brings to the position many years experience in Local Government including senior management positions in the Hawkesbury and Liverpool city councils.

In his most recent role at the Southern Downs Regional Council, Mr Tuxford helped lead the council through a number of contentious issues.

Mr Tuxford said he was looking forward to working with the Mayor, Councillors, staff and the community of Kyogle to provide services that meet community needs both currently and into the future.

"Local Government is an industry that I am very passionate about and I hope to meet as many local community members as I can in the next few weeks," he said.

"I cannot let this opportunity go without cerned; instead we should concentrate on



also mentioning the many challenges that we will all have to face and tackle over the next few years.

"Local Government reform is high on the State Government's agenda and we all need to work together to ensure that our community receives the best possible outcomes from these reforms.

"We should not be worried or concerned: instead we should concentrate o the positive outcomes that the reforms will bring to local government as an industry."

Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland said she was looking forward to working closely with Mr Tuxford to ensure that Kyogle Council continues to provide the best possible services for residents and help the area reach its full potential.

"This is a very important period for local government in NSW and I am confident that Mr Tuxford's extensive knowledge and experience in senior management roles in large regional councils, coupled with his genuine interest in our local government area will help Council tackle the challenges ahead.

"With Mr Tuxford at the helm, Council is well placed to realise its full potential and continue to build relationships across all levels of government and with various stakeholder groups."

Mr Tuxford replaces long-time former general manager Arthur Piggott who left Kyogle Council in June to take up a position at Tweed Shire Council.

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There has been an assortment of meetings, forums and celebrations held over the last month however I know that for many of you, amalgamations are on your mind.

There has been a lot of speculation about what will happen with IPART, who are assessing all Councils' Fit for the Future

submissions, expected to hand their recommendations to the Minister on 16 October. Councils will find out whether they are deemed "fit" or not once a decision has been made by the Minister's office.

Until then, we wait.

Councillors and community members once again met as a group to finalise the draft community strategic plan, which is expected to go on public display at the end of October.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked very hard on this document which forms the basis of Council's activities. The Community Disaster Resilience Forum was held and provided valuable information around "what to do in an emergency".

Congratulations to all those involved - particularly Noelle Lynden-Way for her coordination efforts and the many emergency service volunteers who attended to share their knowledge.

The Kyogle Show was bigger and better than ever this year with Kimberley Langley taking out the title of Miss Showgirl 2015 and Jenna Jones being awarded the runner-up's sash.

The day was an extraordinary success and this is mostly due to the army of volunteers, too numerous to name, who worked tirelessly from open to close each day.

The next Mayoral Outreach Meeting will be held at Woodenbong on Tuesday, 10 November. If you would like to come along for a chat or to raise some issue, please contact Janelle McLennan on 6632 0214 to book a time so that you won't be kept waiting. If you can also provide details of the issue you would like to raise, this will help me to make some background enquiries.

Until next time, Danielle Mulholland



Members of the Tenterfield Shire, Kyogle, and Southern Downs Regional Councils meet with Federal Member for New England Barnaby Joyce at Tenterfield recently to push for further Federal funding to upgrade the Mt Lindesay Road. The Legume to Woodenbong Road Alliance is seeking \$8.8 million to complete the upgrade of the road from Legume to the top of Oakey Hill. Pictured at the meeting, from left, are Stephen Bell, Peter Petty and Lotta Jackson from Tenterfield Shire Council, Barnaby Joyce, Kyogle Councillor Lindsay Passfield, and Peter Blundell and David Keenan from the Southern Downs Regional Council.





Above: Inanna's Descent is just one of the works by Lilyfield artist Gery Mews currently on exhibition at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery.

Left: Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland, far right, and Kyogle Councillor Michael Reardon with, from left, 2014 Kyogle Showgirl Lauren Donaldson, and 2015 Showgirl entrants Jenna Jones and Kimberley Langley. Kimberley was crowned the 2015 Kyogle Showgirl.



Safely dispose of **ASBESTOS**

Due to the success of the Household Asbestos Disposal Scheme run by Kyogle Council over the past 12 months, the Council will continue to offer asbestos disposal kits for householders wanting to remove and dispose of up to 10m2 of bonded asbestos.

The kits are free while stocks last and include safety gear, plastic and tape for wrapping asbestos for disposal, information for the householder on procedures and requirements for safe removal of asbestos and a voucher for disposal at Kyogle Landfill.

Kyogle Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer David Bell said the Council had decided to give out the remaining kits to encourage householders to be safe when handling asbestos during home renovations.

He said the Council also hoped to raise public awareness of the importance of the safe removal and disposal of asbestos.

With one in three Australian homes containing asbestos, it is important for householders to be aware of the potential risks associated with asbestos if undertaking renovations.

Asbestos products were used in a wide range of building products including fibro sheeting, roof shingles and guttering, vinyl floor covering and water drainage and flue pipes.

All houses built before 1987 in Australia potentially contain asbestos products.

Householders wanting to establish whether products in their home contain asbestos can contact testing laboratories that analyse building materials for asbestos.

The laboratories can give householders advice on how to correctly take and send a sample for testing.

"If you have more than 10 m² (equivalent of three sheets of asbestos containing fibro), you are required by law to engage a licensed asbestos removalist," Mr Bell said.

"SafeWork NSW, formerly WorkCover NSW, maintains a list of licensed asbestos removalists on their website."

The householder kits are available from the Kyogle Administration Building.

The kits are fully funded by Kyogle Council. To avoid disappointment, please contact Council on 6632 1611 to confirm that there are still kits



Above: Asbestos disposal kits contain everything householders need to safely dispose of up to 10 square metres of asbestos.

available before dropping in.

Please call the Kyogle landfill on 6632 3002 at least 24 hours before delivering wrapped asbestos to the site to allow for proper handling and disposal.

Please note that fees apply for disposal of asbestos.

This program is an initiative

of North East Waste (NE Waste), a voluntary waste group consisting of Kyogle, Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Clarence Valley, Lismore City, and Richmond Valley Councils working together towards costeffective waste management solutions.

Mad Hatters high tea party

To celebrate Mental Health Month, Partners in Recovery, Mission Australia and Kyogle Council are inviting everyone along to a Mad Hatters Tea Party.

The event is free and will be held at Grove House, 8 Geneva Street, Kyogle,

from 11am-2pm on Thursday, October 29,

Come along in your wackiest hat, enjoy a delicious high tea, watch the movie Mental and raise community awareness of issues surrounding mental health.

For catering purposes, give Council's Community Development Officer Nicola Mercer a call on 0417 025 919 to let her know you are coming.





Common Threads at the Roxy Gallery

Basket making is the oldest craft known to us.

It pre-dates pottery and the techniques and technologies associated with basket making exist in almost all other crafts today.

In 2015 the National Museum of Australia will be hosting an exhibition of objects from the British Museum.

This Encounters Project has seen representatives from the museum meet with local people to learn about a number of the objects in the exhibition which are connected to this region .

The objects are two baskets which where bequeathed to the British Museum by Mary Bundock from Back Road Station Wiangaree.

The baskets were made by local Aboriginal women and form part of a bigger story around early settlers and Aboriginal first encounters.

The local Aboriginal people had highly developed basket making skills and knowledge.

It was linked to their lifestyle of hunting and gathering. They also needed to store and carry food and precious objects.

In the Bundock collection, we see the highly developed trading systems of the local Indigenous people were used to trade body adornments and baskets, fibres and food.

The interpreters of the communities provided expert language interpreting in much the same way that we use interpreters today.

It was the dream of the late Aunty Patsy Nagas that the knowledge and techniques employed by her ancestors would be re-discovered and used by local Aboriginal people to maintain and develop their culture for the future.

As a professional basket maker/fibre artist Janet Wilson was privileged to have been invited by Aunty Patsy to work with local people to discover common roots, the important legacies and lessons behind these baskets.

From this the Guli Bal Living Culture Group was established.

With the support and encouragement given to the Guli Bal Living Culture group by Aunty Patsy, this project has developed into a series of basket making workshops where skills and knowledge of basket making techniques and natural fibres have been shared.

A research project around the early encounters of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this region through the diaries of Mary Bundock also has been undertaken by this group.

In the Encounters Project, the Guli Bal Living Culture Group have tried to learn about the language used in the collection,



Baskets made by Lauren Jarrett and Ben Radic from the Guli Bal Living Culture Group.

the fibres and techniques employed in making the baskets in this collection and the history behind Mary Bundock and Back Road Station in Wiangaree.

In November this year an exhibition entitled 'Common Threads' will be held at the Roxy Gallery, Kyogle showcasing the story behind the baskets in the 'Encounters Project' at the National Museum of Australia, the techniques of basket making with natural fibres from this region and the story of encounters between Aboriginal and early white settlers to this region.

Kyogle Community Gymon Facebook

Kyogle Community Gym has a Facebook page featuring all the latest news from the gym.

It was the gym's Facebook page that broke the news that the gym is now open an extra two hours on Monday and Wednesday evenings until 9pm.

With the start of daylight saving, people can now come to the gym after work and stay longer.

A volunteer at the gym looks after the Facebook page and regularly posts news and information about health and exercise. So check out Kyogle Community Gym on

Facebook and become a friend.

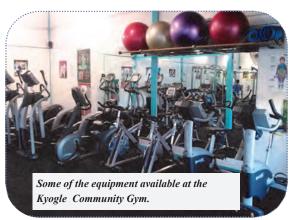
The Ability Links class on Thursday mornings at the gym has been a great success and has made a huge difference to the lives of the six participants who all have

different disabilities and were lacking social interaction.

To view a video of the class filmed at the gym go to YouTube.

The Ability Links program has been funded by the Northern Rivers Social Development Council (NRSDC) which is looking for private and/or corporate sponsorship to continue running it.

If you have any ideas or thoughts on obtaining this funding and you need further information, contact Suzie or Sharron at the Gym on 6632 2551 or email Sandy Kelly at Ability Links sandy.kelly@fncabilitylinkes.org.au or phone 0438 407 006.



RECYCLE old mobile phones

Old mobile phones, household batteries and accessories can be dropped off at Kyogle Council's administration centre and the Kyogle landfill for recycling.

Council is a collection point for MobileMuster, an Australian not-for-profit mobile phone recycling program.

During the 2014/2015 financial year, MobileMuster collected and recycled nearly 74 tonnes of mobile phone components across Australia.

By being part of MobileMuster, Kyogle Council has helped prevent more than 16 tonnes of batteries, which include cadmium and lead, from ending up in landfill.

Additionally, the amount of precious metals recovered from the circuit boards of the mobile phones was estimated to be equivalent to mining more than

2,400 tonnes of precious metal ores.

If you have old mobile phones, batteries and accessories, please deposit them in the designated bins at Council's administration building at 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle, or the Kyogle landfill.



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Council's Executive Manager Urban and Assets Graham Kennett has been filling the role of Acting General Manager since June.

Mr Kennett said he was looking forward to working with David and thanked all staff, councillors and members of the community for their support over the last few months.

"The last year or two have been challenging times for Kyogle Council and Local Government generally, with the issues around financial sustainability and the NSW Government's Fit for the Future reforms needing to be addressed.

"In particular, the talk of possible forced amalgamations raised many concerns in the community. Throughout it all, Kyogle Council has focused on retaining its independence and sense of local identity.

"Long term plans are now in place to ensure we can address these issues so we can focus on the future growth and economic prosperity of our council area.

"We are ready to grow."

A blooming success

Peter and Mary Constable have taken out the Champion Garden title in the Kyogle Garden Showcase.

Run by the Kyogle Garden Club, the showcase attracted good entries and positive support from local schools.

The award for Reserve Champion Kyogle Garden went to Margaret Mitchell.

Meanwhile, the Constables have two reasons to celebrate. As well as winning Kyogle's Champion Garden award, the Constables were named Reserve Champion of Champion Gardens in the wider Richmond Valley area.

They placed behind the champion garden in the Lismore Spring Garden competition.







WOW of a way to support SES

People throughout the Kyogle Council area are being encouraged to take part in Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW) to show their support for the essential work undertaken by State Emergency Service volunteers.

Wear Orange Wednesday also known as WOW Day will be held on Wednesday, 18 November, 2015.

The focus of WOW Day is to encourage the community to show their support and appreciation of the work done by SES volunteers in a very simple but highly visible gesture -wearing the colour orange.

Orange is the colour worn by SES volunteers.

There are 40,000 SES volunteers across Australia who each year collectively provide around a million hours of their time to help communities in times of natural disasters and emergencies.



DIRT takes new enrolments

The Village Hall Players are accepting new enrolments in its youth theatre program, DIRT.

Classes are held from 4pm to 6pm at the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall. Stratheden Street, Kyogle during school terms

Students will have the opportunity to perform both in class and for community events.

Already this year, DIRT has performed at Kyogle Court (Whiddon Group), the Bounce

Back from Disasters Forum, and the Kyogle

and District Arts Council musicale

DIRT is also scheduled to perform at a youth Christmas event in December.

DIRT provides an opportunity for 8 to 17 year olds to participate in a collaborative process while having fun and improving communication and team building skills.

The program assists students to develop skills in stagecraft, drama, technical theatre, and design (sets, costumes and makeup).

The number of participants is limited to 15 and places are offered on a first-in basis.

The class fee is \$7 per stu-

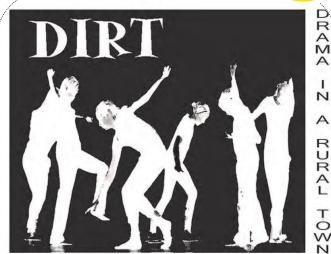
For further information or to

book a place in the program, contact Lynette Zito on 0429 922 169.

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Calendar Calendar

Bass Classic

The Kyogle Fish Acclimatisation Club's annual Toonumbar Dam Bass Classic will be held on November 7 and 8 at Bells Bay.

It will start at 8am Saturday, November 7 and will feature senior, junior, and team events. A range of great prizes will be up for grabs.

Entry costs \$10 for adults, \$5 for juniors (under 15) and \$20 for teams. Fishing times will be from 8am-noon and 4-8pm Saturday and Sunday from 5-8am.

For further details, phone Barry Reeves 0429 448 358 or Shane Clark 0427 321 668.

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.

Tabulam races

The annual Tabulam race meeting will be held on Saturday, 7 No-

vember, at the picturesque Tabulam race course on the banks of beautiful Clarence River.

The day will feature five races including the Yulgilbar Company Sam Hordern Memorial Tabulam Cup, free entertainment for children and teens, and what's likely to be a hotly contested Fashions in the Field competition offering prizes to the value of \$2500.

Camping s available at the racecourse. For further information, phone 6661 3531.

Family Fun and Market Day

Afterlee Public School Family Fun and Market Day will be held at Afterlee Public School grounds on Sunday, 1 November, from 9am – 2pm.

All children's activities including the jumping castle, baby animal nursery, face painting and old fashioned novelty events (egg and spoon, sack races and a boot throwing competition) are free.

There will be heaps of raffles, a chocolate wheel, a variety of market stalls and live music all day including Jurassic Joe and Ray Sorensen. Registration for races before 9.45am for 10am start.

For more information or to book a stall, phone 6633 3163.





Library news

Halloween event

A Halloween themed pizza and pages event will be held at the Kyogle library on Thursday, 29 October, from 4-5pm. The event is for tweens and teens (11 + year olds), with those attending encouraged to wear Halloween fancy dress.

There will be free pizza and a free spooky Halloween craft to make and take home on the day.

Bookings are not required, just drop in on the day.

For further information about the event contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

Christmas paper craft

Countdown to Christmas paper crafting sessions will be held at the Kyogle library beginning on Tuesday, 20 October, and continuing throughout November.

The sessions will run from 10.30am-12.30pm, with participants encouraged to meet at the library from 10am for a free cuppa. Bookings are essential, as numbers are limited. Phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134.

Remembrance Day tribute

A free Remembrance Day tribute performance by the One Voice Choir of World War I and II era songs will be held at the Kyogle library meeting area on Saturday, 14 November.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the free show which will run from 10.30-11.30am. Morning tea will be served after the performance.

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Meetings

Kyogle Literary Group meets at the Kyogle library on the first Saturday of the month at 10am for 10.30am— noon. The group's next meeting is on November 7. Newcomers welcome.

Kyogle Reader's Group meets at Kyogle library on the second Tuesday of each month from 1.30-3.00pm. The next meeting will be held on 10 November.

Free multifunctional farming **WORKSHOP**

Is multifunctional farming the revolution to improve small farm productivity?

Diversifying productivity on small acreage could be the answer for many farmers struggling to make a profit and end the need for off-farm incomes to prop up their farming business.

Multifunctional farming is a concept of combining a diverse range of farming practices with other activities such as on farm processing, retail and agritourism.

Following the success of the Fresh Ideas for Farm Productivity Seminar last year, Kyogle Council has partnered with NSW Department of Industry to deliver a follow -up Food and Agribusiness Workshop at the Kyogle Community Cinema on Thursday, 29 October.

This will be a free workshop for farmers, landowners and anybody interested in finding out more about multifunctional farming and entering the agricultural industry.

Gabrielle Oriel from Austrade will present on current opportunities in international markets and there will be information on start-up funding opportunities. Budding young farmers are particularly encouraged to attend.

Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said there was a lot of interest expressed to Council for workshops to follow up the Fresh Ideas for Farm Productivity Seminar.

"There's been a lot of interest from outside the Kyogle Council area and local farmers in progressing with the outcomes from that seminar," she said.

"Kyogle Council has taken the lead in putting on workshops to inform and educate all agricultural stakeholders about what opportunities are available in product demand, market selection, the value of collaboration, resources available to farmers and landowners and how to find them."

The emphasis of the workshop will be on improving on-farm productivity through diversification of farm practices which could include traditional food production beef, pork, poultry, egg and dairy with game meat, free range egg production, organic niche market gourmet cropping.

Industry investment by collaborative practices will allow entry into the industry for young farmers, exit plans for aged farmers, better methods for production, processing, marketing and distribution.

Collaboration can be in the form of share farming, leasing, collectives, and off -farm investment. Diversification of farm practices incorporating new production opportunities.

Kyogle Council also will present the latest amendments to its Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to assist farmers and landowners to explore opportunities in agritourism.

Delegates to the workshop will gain expert advice on what can be done and how to do it and network with likeminded people.

For more information please contact Kyogle Council Economic Development Officer Malcolm Wallis on 0427 005 249.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday, 9 November, 2015, 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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