



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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FAIRYMOUNT Festival makes a welcome come back

After a hiatus of more than a decade, Kyogle's much loved Fairymount Festival is back.

The born again festival will be held over three days from Thursday 17 November to Saturday 19 November.

And like days of old, the festival will feature the traditional Crazy Day activities on the Friday including a dress-up competition, Red Hot Sale Day, and buskers competition, while on the Saturday there will be a street carnival with live music, woodchops, rides for the children and a street parade.

The theme of the festival will be Festival Memories.

A spokesperson for the organising committee said there had been a long-held desire within the Kyogle community to resurrect the festival.

"Everyone has wonderful memories of past Fairymount Festivals," the spokesperson said.

"The festival was a lot of fun and brought the community together. It also shone a spotlight on the town and helped



Kyogle Council staff take part in the Fairymount Festival's Crazy Day dress-up competition in 2002..

promote Kyogle to the wider community.

"And that's exactly what the organising committee wants to do with the new festival.

"We want to call attention to our incredible community and everything Kyogle has to offer from our vibrant arts and cultural sector to our strong and innovative business community."

The festival will kick off with the Festival Memories dinner and showcase of local produce at the Kyogle Bowling Club on Thursday 17 November.

The action will move into top gear on Friday with Crazy Day activities on Friday which will wind up with a performance by DIRT and the Village Hall

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From the
MAYOR



The last month has been quite busy for most of our Councillors with the election on 10 September looming large in all of our minds. Congratulations to newly elected and returning Councillors – we have our work cut out for us for the next four years! I would also like to

acknowledge our outgoing Councillors for their service to the community: Ross Brown, Maggie Creedy, Chris Simpson and Michael Reardon.

Lastly, I would like to tip the hat to the candidates who stood but were not successful and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.



The blueberry farm's packing shed at Tabulam was opened with a great crowd in attendance.

We all went on a tour of the shed after the official opening which was just amazing.

The Eureka blueberry, a new strain introduced by the Bell family, is a large succulent berry and being mar-

keted through Coles.

It is primarily grown at Tabulam but also grown in countries around the world.



The General Manager of Kyogle Council has tendered his resignation to take up a position at a large metropolitan council in Sydney. The Council resolved at the last Council meeting to recruit another General Manager.

Advertisements for the position should be released in the next couple of months.



The Kyogle Show was held recently with an expanded side-show alley and some wonderful additions to the weekend.

Congratulations to all the volunteers, competitors and exhibitors for their hard work and contribution to a wonderful show.



We're having a few technical difficulties with our emails so please follow up with a phone call if you don't hear from us.

Our IT guru is working on the problem.

No doubt there will be loads of news next time but for now, take care.

Danielle Mulholland

REPLACE WEEDS with appropriate native plants

Pull out a weed and drop in a native.

That's what people in the Kyogle Council area are being encouraged to do in a bid to reduce environmental weeds.

A weed is simply a plant that is growing in the wrong place. Environmental weeds are plants, which through various methods of distribution and spread, have become a threat to the survival of native plants and animals.

Council recently received booklets to help landowners do their bit for the local environment.

The Bushland Friendly

Nursery Scheme (BFNS) Environmental Weeds and Native Alternatives booklet includes common names, scientific names and colour photographs to help landowners identify weeds and source native alternatives.

The booklets are available free from Council's Administration Centre in Stratheden Street, Kyogle.

Residents are encouraged to buy plants from Bushland Friendly Nurseries, which have made a commitment not to sell, propagate or knowingly distribute environmental weeds.

BLOOMING marvellous



A shout out to Kyogle Council's maintenance and facilities staff, particularly Robert Walters and Martin Garrard, pictured above, and Jeff Guihot, for their work on Kyogle's parks and gardens. The team won first place in the Kyogle Garden Club's spring garden competition for best institutional/commercial garden for the Kyogle Visitor Information Centre garden. The team is dedicated to keeping Kyogle's parks and gardens looking their best and the award is a testament to their efforts.



Left: Kyogle Councillor Janet Wilson, far right, officially opens the Lismore Over 50s exhibition at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery.



Cr Danielle Mulholland re-elected **MAYOR**

Cr Danielle Mulholland has been re-elected Mayor of Kyogle Council for her fourth term.

Cr Mulholland and first term councillor Kylie Thomas were nominated for the position, with Councillors voting seven-two in favour of Cr Mulholland.

The election was held at an extraordinary meeting of Council on 28 September.

Cr Mulholland will serve as mayor for the next two years in line with changes to the Local Government Act.

Previously, mayoral elections were held every year.

The 28 September extraordinary meeting also re-elected Cr John Burley deputy mayor.

Cr Burley and Cr Thomas were nominated for the position, with Cr Burley win-

ning the poll five votes to four.

Cr Mulholland said the Kyogle Local Government Area (LGA) was on the cusp of real growth.

"I think the next four years are going to be very exciting for our LGA and I am looking forward to working with my fellow councillors, council staff and the community to achieve real outcomes and manage the opportunities which are coming our way," she said.

"Opportunities that will arise out of growth, opportunities from the Beaudesert-Bromelton State Development Area, opportunities surrounding diversification and



The newly elected Kyogle Council.

value adding of our primary industries, opportunities around tourism....it's a very long list of opportunities.

"And to make the most of these opportunities, we (the Council) need to work in partnership with the large number of creative and entrepreneurial people in the area."

FAIRMOUNT festival makes a come back

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Players in the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall.

The fun will continue all day Saturday and will begin bright and early with market stalls, truck and car display, children's rides, baby animal nursery, dance displays, woodchop, pie eating competition, truck pull, a lip sync battle, live music and a world record egg toss attempt.

Highlights of the Saturday programs will include the street parade at 2pm and two performances, once at 7pm and the other at 8.30pm on the Walter Whip Fire Show.

"We believe the program has something for everyone and we're hoping the whole community gets behind the festival," the spokesperson for the organising committee said.

Road closure

Motorists are advised that the Summerland Way between Kyogle Road and Wyangarie Street will be closed from 6am Saturday 19 November to midday Sunday 20 November for the Fairymount Festival and subsequent clean-up.

Detours will be in place while the road is closed.

Water main works cause **DISRUPTIONS**

Council has begun work to replace the water main in Bloore Street, Kyogle.

Work on the project started on Monday 17 October and is expected to take eight weeks to complete.

During that time traffic will be interrupted for the full length of Bloore Street.

Council will do its best to keep the interruption to a minimum and for the most part will keep one lane of traffic open.

The lane of traffic that will remain open will be traveling from the Wyangarie Street end to Geneva Street.

There also will be several interruptions to the water supply while the work is being undertaken.

Council plans to install the water main in three sections to ensure any interruptions are kept to a minimum, with affected residents being notified in advance.

As part of the work, Council will be moving materials and machinery in

and out of the Bloore Street area throughout the eight weeks.

As a result, people accessing Bloore Street are asked to remain vigilant, obey all signage and be aware of the works being carried out.

Work also has started on the upgrade of the Kyogle water treatment plant.

This work is being carried out along Plant Street which is in the same area as the water main replacement.





Eight simple things PREPARE FOR

With the start of the storm season fast approaching, the NSW SES is urging all residents to prepare now.

Storms are the most costly natural disaster to affect NSW, causing an estimated average of \$217 million damage annually.

During storms, it is important to protect your family and property from the major impacts such as high winds, hail and flash flooding.

According to the SES StormSafe website, there are eight simple things you can do to prepare your home and help reduce the potential damage caused by a severe storm.

They are:

1. Maintain your yards and balcony. Secure or store items that could blow around in strong winds. Strong winds can pick up even large items such as outdoor furniture, trampolines and roofing iron causing damage to windows, roofs and cars. Try to keep items around your property tidy. Identify things which you may need to secure or put away if strong wind or a severe storm is forecast. You may like to include this information in your plan. Storms can affect your home even if you're on holiday, so if you are going away consider securing these items and following other relevant steps before leaving.

2. Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages. It is important to keep your gutters and down-

pipes clear as blockages can cause the water to overflow under the eaves into the roof cavity. Clear leaves from the valleys of your roof as these will make their way into the gutters in heavy rain. Keep the drains around your property clear to help surface water move away and prevent water from pooling and entering your property. Pot plants in courtyards and around houses are often used to hide drainage grates. Make sure to move these if heavy rain is likely. Remember to park away from low lying areas and drains if heavy rainfall is expected.



3. Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property.

Check with the council about any guidelines or required consent applications. Remember, your safety is important so contact a qualified (and insured) arborist or tree surgeon for advice if necessary. Have a qualified arborist inspect trees every two-three years to identify any preventative action necessary. Root damage is a major cause of tree failure so take care when digging or excavating around trees. Remember to park your car away from trees if strong winds and severe storms are predicted.

4. Fix any damage to your roof, including broken or missing tiles. Your roof should be checked every year (or after major events such as hail storms) for signs of damage. Fix any cracked, broken or displaced tiles. Buildup of dirt should be removed as it can block the drainage channels on the underside of tiles. Damaged roof sheeting may need to be patched or replaced. Check inside your roof space. Light shining through may indicate that your roof or sarking (waterproof insulation membrane) is damaged. Working on a roof can be dangerous so you should contact an expert tradesperson if in doubt about your capacity to check or maintain your roof.

5. Check your insurance policy is

Meals on Wheels needs more volunteers

Just two hours a month is all that is required to join one of Australia's favourite community organisations – Meals on Wheels.

Kyogle Meals on Wheels is now recruiting volunteer drivers and delivery assistants.

The organisation is looking for people who are happy to be rostered on the same day each month, or who are able to fill-in on a casual basis when someone can't attend.

Shifts start at 11.15am and usually finish by 1pm.

For further information or to register as a volunteer driver or delivery assistant, phone Sharon at Northern Rivers Care Connections on 6632 2194.





you can do to STORM SEASON

current and adequate. Consider things like the type of cover (building insurance for home owners and mortgagees, contents insurance however is applicable for everyone). Consider also what level of cover you are insured for. Make sure that your insurance policy provides cover for the types of events specific to your location, these may include: flash flood, storm water runoff, associated landslide (or landslide) and damage to properties by trees.

6. Make a home emergency plan for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency. Consider where you'll get in and how you'll get in



contact with each other along with any special circumstances or considerations for your household. Remember that storms and other emergencies can happen at any time of day so think about where members of your household may be (school, work, commuting), how you'll get in touch with them and where you can meet up. Try to identify how you will manage in these circumstances and who you may be able to get additional support from. Make sure that everyone knows what the plan is.

7. Prepare an emergency kit with essential items in case you lose power or need to leave home in an emergency. Think about the sorts of things you'd need in an emergency. It can be difficult to find these items in a power out or if you need to leave home in a hurry. An emergency kit contains most of these items in a sturdy, waterproof container. Remember to keep it in an easy to access location. See the NSW SES website for more information on other items you'd include in an emergency kit. Remember to include items such as any essential medications and prescriptions, important documents and your emergency plans.

8. Listen to your local radio station and other media for weather warnings. Your local radio station will broadcast information specific to your area. This information can help you identify things such as flash flooding locations to avoid, road clo-



sures, evacuation and recovery centres. Power often goes out during storms and water can affect electricity outlets within your house so make sure you have battery operated torches and radios with spare batteries.

Remember, for emergency help in a storm or a flood call the SES on 132 5000.



Care Connections' events open to everyone

Northern Rivers Care Connections social activities are open to all.

Sign up for discounted member prices if you are over 65 years of age, have a disability, or are a carer.

Bookings for all activities are essential and can be made by phoning 6632 2194.

Upcoming activities include:
Robina Shopping Extravaganza, Wednesday 30 November; cost is \$20 for members and \$45 for the general public

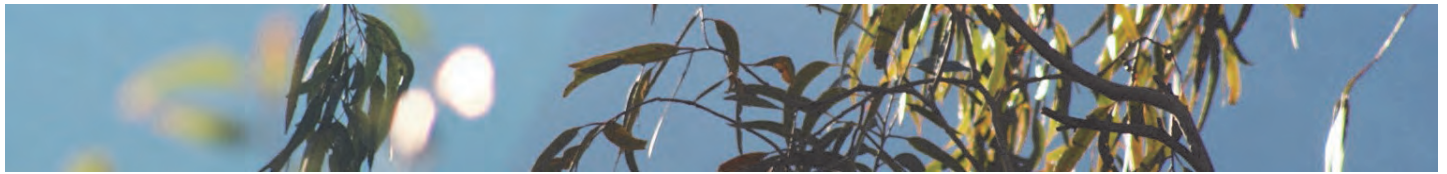
Legume Sawmill Big Day Out for men only; visit a one-man-sawmill at Legume, Killarney Heritage Centre, and Queen Mary Falls, Thursday 1 December.

Monday Marigolds social group for over 65s every Monday at Tabulam CWA Hall. Local transport available.

Banksias meet at the Kyogle Seniors Centre every Tuesday from 10am. Cost \$10 for morning tea and a range of activities. Door-to-door transport available.

Blokes Barbecue Kyogle: Free barbecue for men only at Kyogle Seniors' Centre from midday on Tuesday 15 November.

Share-a-cuppa Kyogle: Meet from 10am for morning tea and a chat on Wednesday 9 November at Georgina's (at the Visitors Information Centre).



Kyogle Public Transport Working Group is inviting residents of the Kyogle Council Local Government Area to complete a new transport survey to assess community need for a direct service between Kyogle and Lismore. Anecdotally, the group is aware that there are difficulties for people travelling to Lismore on public transport, particularly for people travelling to TAFE and/or work. The group wants to investigate this further and this survey is the first part of the process. Please cut out this form and drop it to the Kyogle Council administration centre or send it to PO Box 11 Kyogle NSW 2474 before the close of business Wednesday 30 November 2016. If you prefer, you can fill out the survey online at www.goingplaces.org.au/kts. Hard copies of the survey are also available from the Council.

Would you use a transport service that ran direct from Kyogle to Lismore at 8am and returned at 5pm?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many times a week would you use the service?

- ☐ Once a week ☐ 3-4 times per week
☐ 2-3 times per week ☐ 5 + times per week

What would you be most likely to use this transport service for?

- ☐ Education ie TAFE, University ☐ Social Services ie Centrelink,
☐ Employment Medicare
☐ Shopping ☐ Sporting
☐ Social

Would you use a transport service that ran direct from Kyogle to Lismore at 12pm and returned at 1pm?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many times a week would you use the service?

- ☐ Once a week ☐ 3-4 times per week
☐ 2-3 times per week ☐ 5 + times per week

If a service ran on one day per week which day would be most suitable?

- ☐ Monday ☐ Friday
☐ Tuesday ☐ Saturday
☐ Wednesday ☐ Sunday
☐ Thursday

If you would like to be contacted about any new transport services in Kyogle, please write your contact details below:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Other Comments:





Library news

Bonsai group

Do you grow Bonsai? Are you interested in learning about Bonsai? Or do you just love this beautiful Japanese art form?

If you would like to get together and chat about Bonsai, please contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134. If there are enough interested people, the library will offer a free space and the opportunity for Bonsai enthusiasts to meet regularly, enjoy a free cuppa and make new Bonsai friends at Kyogle library.

Halloween fun

The Kyogle library invites tweens and teens to a Halloween Pizza

and Pages fancy dress event on Thursday 27 October from 4-5pm.

Library staff invite young people aged 10 years and older to come along and "scare up some fun".

For further information, phone library staff on 6632 1134.

Colouring-in for adults

Is life just too busy to take the break you need and deserve?

Why not join Kyogle library's new colouring-in for adults group.

Colouring-in is fun, relaxing, sparks creativity and promotes mindfulness.

The group meets on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10am for 10.30-11.30am. For further details phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134.

Upcoming Events

Bass Classic

Kyogle Fishing Club annual Bass Classic will be held at Toonumbar Dam on November 5 and 6.

The event officially gets underway at 8am on Saturday 5 November at Bells Bay camp grounds. For further information contact Shane Clark on 6632 1668.

Farmers Market

The Kyogle Farmers Market is held on Sat-

urday 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 Bazaar

The Kyogle Bazaar Market is held at the Kyogle Amphitheatre on the fourth Sunday of each month.

The next market will be held on Sunday 27 November. For further details contact Georgie 0458 573 410 or Sandy 0458 698 588.

Art works by over 50s on show at Roxy Gallery

Works by artists over 50 years of age are featured in the latest exhibition at the Roxy Gallery, Kyogle.

The art works were produced by participants taking part in the Lismore Over 50s Workshops. The workshops focussed on painting, drawing, watercolours, and mosaics.

The exhibition will run until November 5 and most of the works on display are for sale.



DIRT students to perform at FAIRMOUNT

Students from the Kyogle and Casino Drama in A Rural Town (DIRT) classes will perform at the Kyogle Fairymount Festival on 18 November, along with adult members of the Village Hall Players and friends.

The joint DIRT and Village Hall Plays production will feature the students performing numbers from several Broadway musicals – *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The King and I*, *Oliver!* and *Peter Pan*.

The students will be joined by soprano, Jenny Strever, in the role of Anna for their number "Getting to Know You" from *The King and I*.

Ms Strever is currently working with the DIRT program as a singing instructor.

Other numbers will feature adult singers such as Arthur Reynolds, Debbie Mills and Lynette Zito.

DIRT is a theatre program for children from 8 to 17 years of age who have an interest in acting or any other facet of theatre from directing to sound technician.

"While places in the program are limited, we do have vacancies in both the Kyogle and Casino classes," Ms Zito said. "You can contact DIRT by email villagehallplayers@gmail.com or, for more information, go to the website, www.villagehallplayers.com."

GALLERY update

The Roxy Gallery is seeking expressions of interest from artists wishing to exhibit their works in the annual Christmas exhibition.

This year the exhibition is titled Array of Sunshine

and will run until the end of January.

People wishing to be involved in this inclusive arts exhibition that focuses on art for Christmas gifts and supporting the local talents of artisans in our region can pick up an expression of interest form from the Roxy Gallery.

The gallery also has the

recently released, *Our Way Stories*, available for sale. The book celebrates the lives of 10 of the most respected Northern Rivers Aboriginal Elders.

Through the book the Elders share their personal experiences of growing up on missions, trying to maintain their culture and language and encountering prejudice.

Pasture management trial proposed

Upper Clarence Combined Landcare is looking for local beef producers interested in developing and trialling new pasture management practices.

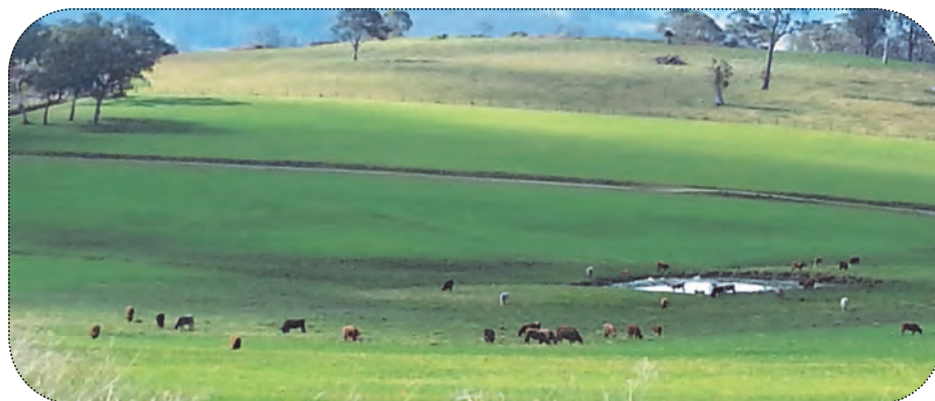
Local Landcare Coordinator Tanya Jobling said beef producers in the Upper Clarence strived most years to maintain cattle growth and condition through the late winter-spring feed gap.

During this period, grass growth has almost stopped.

This, combined with frost and dry spells, results in a shortage of both protein and energy for stock prior to pasture quality and quantity improving later in the year.

"Traditionally producers use a range of costly strategies such as grain, hay and molasses supplementation or planted winter active forage crops and pastures to meet this need," Ms Jobling said.

"In an effort to increase production and productivity, some producers have successfully developed other unique solutions



to this problem.

"Assistance may now be available through Upper Clarence Combined Landcare for these producers to tweak their solutions, and for others to explore options that may suit them, or be widely applicable."

Ms Jobling said it was well known that home grown feed was cheaper than bought feed.

"We would like to assist local producers to develop and trial improved or new pasture management practices," she said.

"The focus must be on both productivity

and economics.

"We are asking landholders to contact us and discuss their ideas.

"We are particularly looking to support innovation, and there are a broad range of areas that can be explored.

"On farm trials may address new varieties, using improved machinery practices, changing grazing systems or addressing soil condition."

For more information please contact Tanya Jobling on 0457 647 378 or Terry Moody on 6665 3133.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are held on the second Monday of every month except January. Meetings start at 5pm, except in June, July and August when meetings start at 3pm, 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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