

Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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A view of Haystack Mountain, Bonalbo: Photo by Vilya de Tozser

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



New Council ready to start work

Four new councillors have been elected to Kyogle Council.

The new councillors -- Hayden Doolan, Earle Gundy, Maggie May and Kylie Thomas will join returning councillors Danielle Mulholland, John Burley, Lindsay Passfield, Robert Dwyer and Janet Wilson on the newly elected Council.

Only one sitting councillor Michael Reardon was not re-elected at the 10 September poll.

The final results for each of the three Council wards was:

A Ward

Hayden Doolan
Kylie Thomas
Janet Wilson

B Ward

John Burley
Robert Dwyer
Maggie May

C Ward

Danielle Mulholland
Lindsay Passfield
Earle Grundy

All councillors will attend a two day induction and training course at Council on Monday 26 September and 27 September. The course



will be conducted by local government lawyer Dr Lindsay Taylor.

It will look at the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, councillors and the general manager, and discuss the Code of Conduct, meeting procedures, delegations to the General Manager, disorder, misconduct, corrupt conduct and sanctions for councillors, and pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflicts of interests.

The first meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 28 September at 5pm.

The meeting will elect a mayor and deputy mayor and appoint representatives and delegates to Council and community committees.

GM RESIGNS to take up new role

Kyogle Council General Manager David Tuxford will leave the council next month to take up a senior position at the newly amalgamated Georges River Council in Sydney.

Mr Tuxford, who has been at Kyogle for 12 months, said family concerns and career opportunities had influenced his decision to return to Sydney.

He said he had enjoyed his time at Kyogle and was proud to have been at the helm when council won the right to remain a stand alone entity.

"I would like to wish the new Council the very best for the future and also acknowledge the wonderful staff that Kyogle Council has. The staff are definitely a great asset to Council and I have always been impressed with how they continue to deliver quality services to the community with limited resources," Mr Tuxford said.



Local government service **RECOGNISED**

Kyogle Councillor Robert Dwyer's 22 years' service in local government has been recognised by the State Government.

Cr Dwyer was presented with a certificate of service signed by the NSW Minister for Local Government Paul Toole and Member for Lismore Thomas George at a function held at the Kyogle Showgrounds attended by about 40 people.

The certificate acknowledges Cr Dwyer's 22 years "distinguished service" and thanks him for his "dedication and longstanding contribution to the community and NSW Local Government".

Mr Dwyer served as a councillor at Glen Innes Council, then Glenn Innes/Severn Council before being elected to Kyogle Council. He has served eight years on Kyogle Council and was re-elected at the 10 September 2016 poll to serve another four years.



Member for Lismore Thomas George presents Cr Robert Dwyer with a certificate which recognises his 22 years' "distinguished service" to local government.

Bonalbo film to debut receives a makeover

Bonalbo's contribution to the *If These Halls Could Talk* project will premiere at the Bonalbo Community Hall on 10 December.

The project auspiced by Arts Northern Rivers and funded by an Arts NSW Regional Partnership grant celebrates local halls and the role they play in our communities.

Seven halls from the seven Northern Rivers local government areas were selected to take part in the project and had a creative producer embedded with their community to collect stories, images and memorabilia of their hall.

A creative team was then assigned to each hall to create an artistic response to the material gathered from the community.

The Bonalbo team elected to create a film and together with a plucky band of farmers, artists, engineers and the occasional school-teacher they have been taking on the scheming financial overlords of the Australian film industry.

On December 10 their tale will be told in *Bonnywood Rising*; a live-cinema performance produced by Southern Cross University's Associate Professor and award-winning media artist Dr Grayson Cooke.

Featuring live narration by Ewingar resident Alan Highfield and music by post-rock band Amphibian, *Bonnywood Rising* tells the true histories (and the slightly embellished ones) of the Bonalbo and District Memorial Hall and stars the unknown celebrities of the Bonalbo community.

If These Halls Could Talk events will also be held at the Channon Hall, the Rileys Hill Hall, the Meerschaum Vale Hall, the Eatonville Hall, the Eureka Hall, and the Tumblegum Hall.

Arts Northern Rivers CEO Peter Wood said the artistic teams assigned to the seven halls had produced bold and captivating new works which would give new life and create new memories for the halls.

The full program of events can be found at www.ifthesehallscouldtalk.com.au/program



The Bonnywood Rising production crew.



Council to brand Kyogle local government area

Kyogle Council is ready to develop a unique brand that identifies the local government area as a place of choice to live in or visit, connects with the individual characteristics of its villages and promotes the area's natural beauty.

The new brand will not replace the current Council crest/logo, which will continue to be used on official documentation.

It will be a tool to champion the area, its businesses, communities and opportunities and will be used on new town and village entry signs, Council letter heads and rate and water notices.

Council's General Manager David Tuxford said the move to develop a brand to promote the Kyogle local government area (LGA) to the wider population was an outcome of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which was adopted by Council on 9 May this year.

The CSP, titled Kyogle Council - Ready to Grow, was compiled by Council in collaboration with five focus groups primarily made up of community members.

The focus groups identified key strategies and actions to sustainably grow the LGA's cultural diversity, economy, services, and infrastructure over the next 10 years and these strategies and actions



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were developed into the CSP.

On the back of that, Council put together a project to develop the brand and erect new town, village, and LGA entry signs and set aside a budget of \$345,000 (\$25,000 to develop the brand, \$45,000 to build three Kyogle entry signs, \$125,000 to build 25 village entrance signs, and \$150,000 to build 16 LGA signs).

Mr Tuxford said the Council planned to consult with the broad community in developing the brand and would speak with a wide range of groups including progress associations, Aboriginal Land Councils and the three local high schools.

"It may be that the high schools will wish to become involved in the project from start to finish, which would be a welcomed addition to the consultation

process," he said.

"Once the inclusive community consultation process has been completed, all relevant information would be passed on to a graphic designer to develop the final brand imagery and the village entry signage designs.

"It is envisaged that the village entry signage would also recognise the local Aboriginal cultural heritage, including the use of tribal names, which would need to be confirmed with the Aboriginal Land Councils of the area."

"Finally, tenders/quotations would then be requested for the supply and installation of entry signage into the Kyogle local government area as well as the villages," Mr Tuxford said.

BreastScreen van visits KYOGLE

The BreastScreen mobile unit is currently visiting Kyogle and is due to depart early October 2016.

Appointments are now open for booking.

Women in NSW currently have a one in eight risk of developing breast cancer in their lifetime. The risk of developing breast cancer increases with age.

Nine in 10 women diag-

nosed with breast cancer do not have a family history. Early detection is the key to successful treatment -- a free mammogram every two years could save your life.

The BreastScreen NSW program targets women aged 50 to 74 as a priority, however all women over 40 are eligible for free screening mammograms.

All women aged 40+ living in Kyogle and surrounding areas are urged to call 13 20 50 and make a screening appointment.

A GP referral is not neces-

sary, appointments take only 20 minutes.





Roz from Kyogle Foodbank and Chef Daniel Lange with his apprentice Jarrod Davies. Daniel will conduct the Love Food, Save Money workshop in Kyogle on 19 October.

Free event to **SAVE FOOD, MONEY**

Making the most of the food we buy will be the focus of a Riches in Our Community event co-ordinated by Kyogle Council.

To be held on Wednesday 19 October at the Kyogle library and the Kyogle Community Kitchen, the event will include a free morning tea, talks and demonstrations and a free “Love Food (hate waste) Save Money” cooking workshop.

The free event is open to all interested community members. It will kick off at the Kyogle library with a healthy morning tea from 10am.

Red Cross Food Security Officer Kerry Gibson will then give everyone food for thought with a presentation on the Red Cross Breakfast Club.

Shane Runicman will follow up with tips on how individuals and families can make nutritious low cost meals with little to no waste.

Participants will then move across the road to the community kitchen within the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bloore Street for the Love Food Save Money Workshop.

The workshop will be held from 11am to 12.30pm and will include

a taste test of delicious leftover makeover meals made by chef Daniel Lange.

The aim of the workshop is to teach participants how to make their food last longer, eat well and save money.

As well as providing participants with easy to follow healthy recipes, the workshop will focus on the difference between use by and best before dates and how to keep food fresher for longer.

The Riches in Our Community program will wind up with a cooking demonstration by Sheryl Graham. It will include a meal menu, nutritional information and an expense chart.

To take part in the Riches in Our Community program, contact Council’s Community Development Officer Nicola Mercer on 6632 2473 or 0417 025 919.

The Love Food Save Money workshops are part of the NE Waste’s Love Food Hate Waste Challenge Program. The program is coordinated by NE Waste on behalf of Kyogle and North Coast member councils, and funded by the NSW Environmental Trust through the EPA’s Waste Less Recycle More initiative.

Future of Kyogle under spotlight at **forum of Bright Ideas**

The one certainty about the future of Kyogle is that it will change.

How it changes is for the community to decide.

Earlier this year, Growing Kyogle embarked on a project seeking bright ideas for the future of Kyogle and villages.

These ideas, coming from community groups, schools, businesses and individuals will be presented at Kyogle Cinema on Thursday 13 October.

Those presenting their Bright Ideas will use a fast-moving, informative and entertaining version of PowerPoint. Forget your uncle’s slide night, this is fun. No one will go to sleep, no one will be bored.

The bright ideas on offer are likely to include physical fitness and health, economic development, environmental opportunities, along with art and creativity. And the main street will probably get a run.

The aim of the Bright Ideas night is to bring people together to think about the future and talk about the ideas on offer.

Doors at the cinema will open at 6pm, for a start at 6.30pm sharp.

Along with the presentation of Bright Ideas, food, drink and music will feed the soul and the stomach. There will be a people’s choice award for the most promising Bright Idea. The event will finish by 9pm.

For catering purposes people are asked to RSVP to Joan Hayman, 6633 9143 by Thursday 6 October.

This is open to everyone interested in the future of Kyogle.

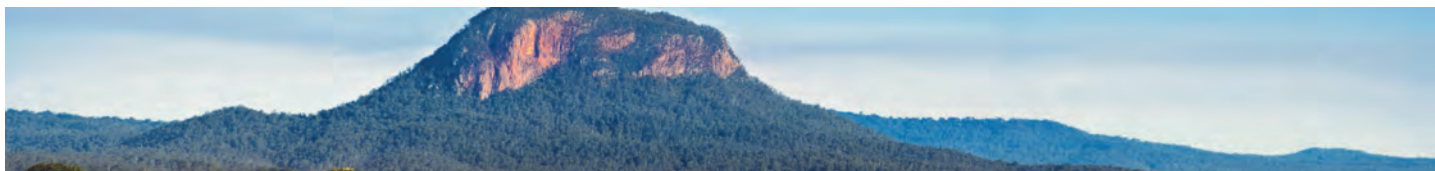
Mentors 4 Kids needed

Kyogle Family Support Services has established a Mentor 4 Kids program in Kyogle and is holding a series of information nights for men and woman interested in volunteering their time as mentors to young people aged 4-17.

The information nights will be held at Kyogle Family Support Services, 8 Geneva Street, Kyogle, on Monday 10 October and Monday 24 October from 4.30-6pm.

Co-ordinator of the program Scott Gordon said the Mentor 4 Kids program was culturally aware and aimed to provide at risk young people with role models to help and empower them to make positive life choices.

For further information about the program, what is involved in being a mentor and the selection process contact Scott on 6632 1044 or go to www.kyoglefamilysupportservices.org.



COUNCIL POOLS re-open for 2016/2017 season

The Kyogle pool re-opened for the 2016-2017 swimming season on Friday 23 September 2016.

The Bonalbo and Woodenbong pools will re-open on Wednesday 5 October 2016.

Opening hours for all three pools are the same as last year.

The Kyogle Pool will open: Monday to Thursday from 6.30am-6pm; Friday from 6.30am-6pm and then from 6-7.30pm for the exclusive use of the Kyogle Swim Club; and weekends and public holidays from 10am-6pm

The Bonalbo pool will open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from 2-6pm.

It will be closed on Tuesdays.

The Woodenbong pool will open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from 2-6pm.

It will be closed on Thursdays.

All three pools will close on Christmas Day.

For details about admission prices to all three pools, including season tickets, go to Council's website www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.



Fire permits now required for all burning

Fire permits are required for all burning now that the official bush fire season has come into force.

The Bush Fire Danger Period for the Northern Rivers, including the Kyogle Council area, came into effect on 1 September. Fire permits are free and can be obtained from your local Fire Permit Officer. To obtain the phone number of your nearest Fire Permit Issuing Officer, contact Casino Fire Control Centre on 6663 0000. People lighting fires are also required to notify the NSW Rural Fire Service and all adjoining neighbours at least 24 hours prior to lighting.

For information on how to prepare your property for the fire season, speak to a Community Safety Officer on 02 6663 0000 or go to the Rural Fire Service website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Council offers residents free asbestos testing

Kyogle Council in partnership with North East Waste is offering householders free asbestos testing as part of a trial program aimed at reducing the unsafe removal of asbestos by home renovators.

North East Waste Asbestos Program Co-ordinator Tash Morton said the program had been designed with the focus on it being as easy as possible for people to access.

"The sample kits include a P2 safety mask, the sample bags, return paid postal satchel and instructions on how to take a sample," she said.

"The program offers up to two samples per household and residents can access the program by showing their rates notice at the Council's pick-up centres."

The program will be run across six Councils in the Northern Rivers for the next 12 months.

"If you are planning renovations and your house was built prior to 1990 then it could potentially contain asbestos cement products, especially in the eaves, external and internal wall cladding, ceilings

(particularly in wet areas like bathrooms and laundries) and fencing," Ms Morton said.

"It is not possible to find out whether a material contains asbestos just by looking at it.

"Laboratory testing is the only accredited means to correctly identifying asbestos.

"If you are in doubt, use this program and get the materials tested."

Kyogle Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer David Bell said Council was keen for residents to use the free kits in the wake of a rising number of incidents where unidentified asbestos had been brought into the Kyogle landfill in loads of rubbish.

There have also been repeated incidents of asbestos being put into kerbside waste bins.

"We are very concerned about the health risks for our staff at the Kyogle Landfill who may be exposed to asbestos fibres through incorrectly disposed materials, which includes illegal disposal of asbestos in kerbside waste bins," Mr Bell said.

"By using this free asbestos testing program, householders are not only protecting their health, their families' health but

also the health of our staff.

"Additionally, Council continues to provide free asbestos removal kits for householders to safely remove quantities less than 10 m²."

To take part in the program residents can pick up a sampling kit from Council's Administration Building, Kyogle landfill, Woodenbong landfill, Mallanganee transfer station, or Bonalbo transfer station.

Asbestos may be disposed of at the Kyogle landfill, and disposal fees apply. For further information on the program residents can contact Council on 6632 1611.





FIBRE Frolics at the Roxy

The Roxy Gallery, Kyogle, has welcomed spring with a vibrant new exhibition called Fibre Frolics.

The exhibition features the works of well-known local fibre artists Cherie and Fiona Shadwell, Lynda Clark and Deborah Brown.

Cherie's interest is basket making using natural fibres while Fiona likes to marble material.

Lynda Clark is known for her contribution to making 'Love Wraps' and happily sits in the gallery on the first Tuesday of each month working with her Love Wrappers knitting and crocheting rugs for underprivileged people all over the world.

Deborah uses paper to create objects of adornment.

Fibre Frolics is on show at the Roxy Gallery until October 3.

Meanwhile, at 10am on the third Tuesday of every month until the end of the year, Lynda will hold a Creative Yarning gathering at the Roxy Gallery. All welcome to join in, just come along at the day and bring your yarn

The Roxy Gallery will host an exhibition throughout October of works from people who attend Over 50s courses in Lismore.



LEFT: A basket by Cherie Shadwell on show at the Fibre Frolics exhibition.
ABOVE: Fibre creation Birds in the Garden by Lynda Clark.



Cr Danielle Mulholland, right, presents donations collected at the Kyogle library for Share the Dignity, a charity that provides homeless, disadvantaged and at risk women with personal hygiene and sanitary products, to the charity's regional coordinator Michelle Burns. The donated items were passed on to the Kyogle Food Bank and Seventh Day Adventist Church for distribution to women in need in the Kyogle Council area.

TONORI PERFORM to an audience of more than 180 people

More than 180 people from across the Northern Rivers attended a performance by three members of the internationally acclaimed Ten Tenors at the Kyogle Memorial Institute last month.

David Kidd, Craig Atkinson and Andrew Pryor now perform as Tenori, after originally coming together as part of the Ten Tenors.

They were invited to perform at Kyogle by the Kyogle and District Arts Council and according to those who attended the show the three tenors put on a very polished show and brought the community hall to life.

The acoustics of the hall reportedly delighted the performers as well as the audience with many people commenting on how lovely and sharp the sound of the music and their voices were.

The Kyogle and District Arts Council hope to bring Tenori back to Kyogle in the coming year.





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Active for Autism

Active for Autism is a free support group for parents and carers of children and adults on the Autistic Spectrum.

The group meets regularly at the Kyogle library.

Meetings are generally held on a Monday and run from 10.30am-12.30pm.

For the date of the next meeting and for further information about the group, contact Raeanne at activeforautism@gmail.com.

Lego challenge

Kyogle library will host a Lego Challenge for children aged five-12 years old on Thursday 6 October.

The challenge will be run in two sessions — a morning session from 10.30-11.30am and an afternoon session from 4-5pm.

Both sessions are free and adults are welcome to stay and play with the children.

Bookings are not necessary, just come along on the day. For further information, contact the library on 6632 1134.

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.

Parents ‘n’ Kids Club

The Saturday Parents ‘n’ Kids Club at Kyogle library is a free unstructured activity aimed at providing a welcoming space with resources for parent/carers to enjoy quality, fun, happy times with their kids.

The group's October get together will be held on Saturday 22 October from 10.30-11.30am.

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

Books and reading

Kyogle Literary Group meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Kyogle library at 10am for 10.30am-noon. The group's next meeting is on 1 October.

Kyogle Readers Group is open to anyone who loves to read and share their love of books. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am-noon. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 October.

The Kyogle library **Book Discussion Group** is open to everyone who reads.

The group discusses any book members have enjoyed reading. The meetings are informal and friendly and are held at the Kyogle library on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am for 10.30-11.30am. The group's next meeting is on 18 October.

To join any of these groups, just drop into Kyogle library or phone 6632 1134.

JP services

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

Contact Kyogle library staff for details on 6632 1134.

Colouring in for adults

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

Kyogle library invites you to join the Colouring-in for Adults group which meets on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am for 10.30-11.30am.

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

For all enquiries and further details phone 6632 1134.

Community Calendar

Girls' night in

The “Girl's Night In” dinner will be held on Wednesday 19 October at the Woodenbong and District Golf Club.

For enquiries contact Chris or Rosslyn at NAB Woodenbong 6630 5900.

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 Show

The Kyogle Show will be held on Friday 7 October and Saturday 8 October.

The action-packed two days will feature horse and cattle events, a demolition derby, young farmers challenge, live entertainment and loads more!

For further information contact Wendy Piggott on 0438 554 385.



VIC celebrates its 10th anniversary

The Kyogle and Villages Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary in its purpose-built visitor centre on the Summerland Way.

From humble beginnings in 2002 as a community project occupying the old can-teen of the former Kyogle saleyards, the VIC has become an integral part of the local tourism industry.

Staffed by an enthusiastic team of vol-unteers, it now delivers an award-winning customer service experience to more than 6,000 visitors who walk through the doors of the VIC each year and responds to an equal number of telephone and email en-quiries annually.

Not too long after the community pro-ject began, Kyogle Council recognised the value to the wider community of a Visitor Information Centre and took on responsi-bility for the VIC. Council developed the purpose-built visitor information centre which opened for business in September



2006, employed a part-time tourism of-ficer and the rest, as they say, is history.

Council's Tourism/Economic Develop-ment Officer Malcolm Wallis said with limited funding and resources, partner-ships have been the key to the VIC's suc-cess.

"Being part of the Tourism Managers Group Northern Rivers and Australia's Green Cauldron National Landscapes pro-gram has elevated Kyogle Visitor Infor-mation Centre to lofty heights we would not have realised without collaboration across the region and border," he said.

Over the last 10 years, a number of pro-jects designed to boost the visitor econo-my have been initiated from the VIC.

A notable achievement in the last 12 months was sponsoring Level 3 Accredited VIC's in the villages of Bonalbo and Tabulam and assisting neighbouring Ten-terfield Shire Council with the Urbenville Accredited VIC.

"Our VIC network now covers the entire 3,589 square kilometres of the Kyogle Local Government Area providing authen-tic rural and nature based experiences," Mr Wallis said.

"It also gets the internationally recog-nised Visitor Information Centre "I" on maps in our more remote and disadvan-taged communities boosting social self-esteem and economic opportunity through increased visitation."

Information collated by the VIC shows that South East Queensland is the area's largest visitor market, and that visitor numbers and the amount of money spent in the LGA by visitors have grown signifi-cantly since the VIC officially opened in 2006.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 10 October 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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