



## Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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



# Work starts on stage two of bridge renewal program

Work has started on stage two of the Gradys Creek and Lions Road Bridge Replacement program.

It follows the completion of stage one of the program — construction of new bridges to replace Boyles Bridge No 2 and Murrys Bridge.

The two new bridges are now fully open to traffic.

Stage two of the program will see Heards Bridge and Boyles Bridge No 1, both single lane timber bridges, replaced with dual lane concrete composite structures.

Council estimates it will take 13 weeks to complete Heards Bridge and 15 weeks to build Boyles No 1, weather permitting.

Heards Bridge will be closed while its replacement is constructed. The existing bridge must be demolished before the new bridge can be built.

During the closure, residents living north of Heards Bridge will have to detour around Simes Road, Forest Road and Lynches Creek Road to the Summerland Way.

This will affect properties on Gradys Creek Road from rural road number 601



An aerial view of the recently completed Boyles No 2 bridge on Gradys Creek Road.

and above, all of Cedargetters Road, Fernhill Drive, Glen Arvin Road, Brindle Creek Road, Main Creek Road, Tree Fern Road and Lions Road.

Once Heards Bridge has been closed, the re-placement of the bridge will be Council's highest priority of the project.

Boyles No.1 Bridge will remain open during construction as the road alignment allows the new bridge to be built beside the old bridge.

Following a community meeting held on 28 June to discuss residents' concerns

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## From the MAYOR

It has been a big month, with a number of events being held across the Council area, including the Reconciliation Day in Kyogle, the Ageing Positively workshop and a public meeting around the Grady's Creek bridge replacement program.

There are some exciting events coming up including the Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce Business Awards being held on the 22 July with nominations from Kyogle and the villages and the 100th anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Beersheba being held at the birthplace of the Light Horse at Tabulam.

Council sent representatives to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) conference and the National Timber Council AGM this year which were held simultaneously in Canberra.

Council was successful in 2016 in getting a motion up at the ALGA conference around abolishing the Financial Assistance grant freeze, which has now been lifted.

We successfully lobbied around four motions this year, including the quarantining of grant money for rural councils, the establishment of a rural portfolio, addressing the inequity in access to high speed internet via the NBN network in rural communities and creating incentives for local energy networks in rural area using renewable energy and energy storage.

These are great outcomes for Council as we press for



*While in Canberra for the National General Assembly of Local Government, Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland, centre, and Councillor Maggie May, right, met up with Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester, left, and Member for Page Kevin Hogan, to press Kyogle Council's case for more funding.*

greater recognition of the needs of rural communities.

Our Visions of the Villages engagement process will be kicking off soon so please watch this space for an opportunity to participate in planning for your future.

I will be holding a Mayoral Outreach meeting in Woodenbong on 15 August. If you would like to meet with me, please contact Janelle McLennan on 66321611 to make an appointment. This helps avoid waiting on the day.

**Councillor Danielle Mulholland**

## Boyles No 2, Murrays bridges open to traffic

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about the bridge renewal program identified during stage one construction, Council agreed to:

- Install Reduce Speed and Give Way signs and large chevrons or additional Reduce Speed sign opposite T intersection at the Lynches Creek/Warrazambil Creek Road intersection for the south-bound traffic
- Install additional signage to warn of the right hand bend northbound near 188 Lynches Creek Road - permanent curve warning signage and temporary Reduce Speed signage to be installed
- Remove the Detour signs that faces traffic on the Summerland Way in both directions at the intersection of Lynches Creek Road and Summerland Way in Wiangaree, but retain the Road Closed



*Council staff complete the road approaches to Murrays Bridge.*

Ahead and Local Traffic Only signs on entry to Lynches Creek Road.

- Investigate the option of including a side track for vehicles at the Heards Bridge site (the investigation found that a side track suitable for construction machinery only could be built through private property. The side track will not be open to the public or advertised for use by through traffic.)

- Provide e-mail updates to residents on a fortnightly basis as well as regular updates in Council's newsletter.
- Provide residents with at least two weeks' notice before the bridge at Ripples (Heards Bridge) is closed.
- Ensure the completion of bridges closed during the program have priority over other bridge/s with side tracks or detours.



## Government funding approved for urgent flood restoration works

During July, Council staff have been working on the rehabilitation of a section of Bruxner Highway at Theresa Creek and installation of two culverts on the Summerland Way between Woodenbong and the state border.

These works are carried out as part of Council's contract with Roads and Maritime Services.

Staff also expect to complete the replacement of Daleys Bridge and the rehabilitation of two sections of Tabulam Road by the end of July.

The grading program for July started with one grading crew in the Cawongla area and the other on Clarence Way south of Bruxner Highway.

Slashing is underway on Summerland Way and on Clarence Way north of Sandilands and vegetation control was carried out on Bentley Road. Pothole patching has been undertaken on Summerland Way and Clarence Way.

The replacement of Murrays Bridge on Gradys Creek Road is now complete and contractors are starting to install abutment piles for the replacement of Boyles No.1 and Heards Bridges on Gradys Creek Road.

The rehabilitation and exten-

sion of Edward Lane in Kyogle has commenced.

Stage one of the project includes construction of earthworks to extend Edward Lane and installation of a storm-water pipe.

Once this is complete, water mains will be laid along Edward Lane. Geneva Street will then be rehabilitated, with new pavement and kerb as part of this project.

The final stage of the project will see kerb and gutter installed along the new section of Edward Lane along with a sealed pavement.

Gardens in the Kyogle main street and near the Kyogle swimming pool have received some extra attention with mulching and pruning being carried out recently. The amphitheatre /Visitor Information Centre gardens are also looking beautiful.

Thank you to the members of the public who have taken time to pass on their appreciation of our staff's gardening efforts. Your kind words have been passed on to the work crew.

Council has received approval for funding to repair damage sustained on 31 March and 1 April 2017 due to flooding caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie.



*Gabion baskets have been used to repair the landslip on Cawongla Road.*

At this stage, Council has received approval of funding for the six items identified as urgent restoration works, where property access is still restricted or the road itself is at risk. The six items and their current status are;

- Cawongla Road landslip - \$430,372 approved, works in progress
- Kyogle Road landslip - \$303,409 approved, works in progress
- Williams Road landslip - \$262,572 approved, works in progress
- McClellands Road timber bridge - claim approved, Council will call for tenders for design and construction of a new bridge in the next four weeks
- Sawpit Creek Road timber bridge - claim approved, Council will call for tenders for design and construction of a new bridge in the next

four weeks

- Collins Creek Road timber bridge \$624,599 approved, Council will construct a new bridge. Piles have been ordered and pile driving contractor engaged.

A full list of 560 restoration items has been submitted to the NSW State Government for approval.

Council has been advised that funding for these items will be assessed over the coming weeks and months, starting with a priority list of 20 major items for repair.

Construction of a bridge to replace the damaged Boorabee Park Bridge on Back Creek Road will also commence in the next month with installation of piles by a contractor.

The construction of this bridge is being funded as part of an election promise made by Federal Member for Page, Mr Kevin Hogan MP.

## Most house fires start in the kitchen

Did you know that almost half of the house fires in Australia start in the kitchen – all because cooking was left unattended?

To help prevent kitchen fires, Fire & Rescue NSW has released the *Keep Looking When Cooking* mini mag.

Available from the Council's Administration Centre, the mini mag features a collection of recipes from firefighters that will give you the answer to that perennial question "What's for dinner tonight?"

The *Keep Looking When Cooking* mini mag also has handy tips on how to stay fire safe in the kitchen.

Fires can spread in minutes, but it only takes seconds to stop them!

Kitchen fire safety tips

- **NEVER** leave cooking unattended.
- **KEEP** loose clothing, fabrics, tea towels and curtains away from the stove as they can catch on fire.
- **KEEP** your oven and range hood clean. Excess grease and fat can ignite in a fire.
- **DON'T** put anything metallic in the microwave as metal can spark and cause it to catch on fire.





## NAIDOC 2017 CELEBRATIONS



*Kyogle's Reconciliation Group organised a march through the town involving school students and local residents as part of NAIDOC Celebrations.*

*ABOVE LEFT: Uncle Wayne Waller demonstrates the use of boomerangs to Kyogle High School and Kyogle Primary School students at the Kyogle library before the start of the march.*



*Kyogle Primary School students patiently wait their turn to do their footprint on the NAIDOC banner.*



*Members of a Casino-based Indigenous dance troupe perform at the NAIDOC Celebrations at Anzac Park Kyogle.*

## Kyogle residents urged to **SPIN SOME YARNS**

Kyogle's Yarn Spinning Phenomenon will take place on Saturday 12 August from 11am-2pm in Stratheden Street.

The Kyogle and District Arts Council (KDAC) is hosting the event to add a bit more colour to our beautiful town and is really keen for all to get involved.

What is yarn spinning all about?

It's an opportunity to spin a yarn both literal and physical.

In a bid to keep traditional craft skills alive and current, KDAC is after interested knitters or crocheters to stitch together some yarns to attach to trees, railings and posts along and around the Stratheden precinct outside of the library and Council chambers.

Drop into the Roxy Gallery or connect to

the Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/kyogleartscouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/kyogleartscouncil/) to put a claim to yarn bombing something in this precinct area.

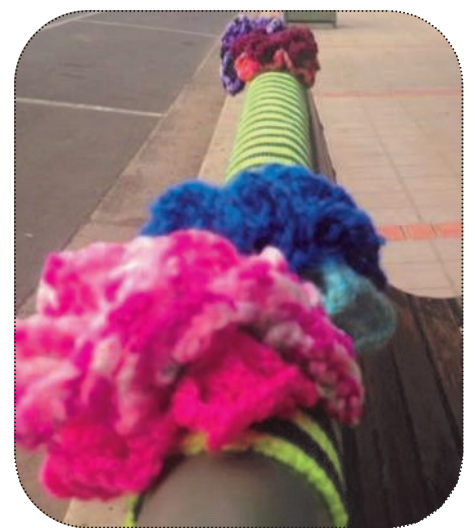
Along with the traditional craft skill of yarning, KDAC is also interested in hearing from people who have a story to tell or a 'yarn' to spin.

The Yarn Spinning Phenomena is looking for written yarn – short stories or poetry – about Kyogle or about the event itself.

There is an opportunity for the spoken word – a short story or poem – to be presented live from 12pm on the day along with demonstration workshops in spinning, knitting, crocheting and yarn wrapping.

Everyone is welcome come along or take part in the event. If you would like to spin a yarn as a poet/writer contact Graeme Gibson on 0408 676 550.

If you are interested in yarning up an object, contact Ruth on 6632 3518.



*Seat yarning.*

The event is free and people are encouraged to bring a blanket or a chair and have some creative fun on the grassed area in Stratheden Street, Kyogle.





*Members of the Muli Muli Ladies Corporation and Woodenbong students who worked together to produce a rap song and video as part of the Clean Up Country education project.*

## Woodenbong students help Clean Up Country

Aboriginal students from Woodenbong Central School have used rap music to share a message about their community and caring for country.

Twenty students took part in a creative five-day workshop with Desert Pea Media to produce a rap song and video clip as part of the Clean Up Country education project run by North East Waste.

An initiative of the Muli Muli Ladies Corporation and the Muli Muli community, the project is helping the community clean up the tip on Muli Muli and improve infrastructure and services that will improve waste management and recycling.

Toby Finlayson from Desert Pea Media said the song was a product of the young

people.

"The process involves getting the students to identify the real issues in their lives and community, visioning the ideal for their community and then identifying how to create the path to reach their ideal reality," Mr Finlayson said.

"The song is their words; it's their ideas and their story."

"Working with Muli Muli has been a real honour for all of the team and we'd like to thank all of the Githabul people for having us on Country."

And with videos from Desert Pea Media getting more than 1.4 million views on their YouTube channel, the young people from Woodenbong and Muli Muli are hoping their song also hits the right note with listeners.

Salome Green from Muli Muli is employed on the project as the Community Engagement Advisor and is helping to

design the education program.

"It's good for the kids, opening their eyes to different things. Producing music, we don't get to do that up here," Salome said.

Woodenbong Central School principal Greg Wilson said the project was an exciting initiative for the school.

"It provides our students with a great opportunity to think deeply about the environment and culture. It provides them with experience in multimedia, writing, recording and creating videos for an audience far beyond the school and the local community," Mr Wilson said.

The song will be released on YouTube in August. Students are hoping their work will put Woodenbong on the rap music map.

The Clean Up Country project is funded by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

## Bonalbo students SHINE

Three Bonalbo Central School graduating students of 2016 have won prestigious awards for their studies last

year.

Jeremy Johnston received two TAFE Awards for his studies.

He was named Student of the Year at the Casino TAFE Awards and took out an *Award of Excellence for School Based Traineeship in Cert II Business*

*Services.*

Tabitha Galvin received a Nanga Mai Encouragement Award. The Nanga Mai awards celebrate excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education in NSW public schools and communities.

Nicholas Chard was named North Coast TAFE Student of the Year for Digital and Information Technology.

Nicholas has since enrolled at university and is achieving credits and distinctions in his course.





## Ettrick locals get CREATIVE

*Elspeth etc....& Ettrick Friends* will be on exhibit at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery until 5 August 2017.

The exhibition is a retrospective show of works by local artist Elspeth Lake who will be joined by a couple of artist friends from the Ettrick area -- Darol Hoton, Anne Langley, Jenny Richter and Patricia Perry.

Elspeth came to Australia via Wales and as a single mum raised her children while managing her work- life balance and maintaining her interest in visual arts.

Her paintings are, at first glance, traditional but move into landscapes of thought around a given subject or a particular country scene.

Elspeth has been a resident in Ettrick for a number of years and has connected with a number of other Ettrick residents who also have a creative flare.

Together they have shared an interest in the arts and have met up over time to paint and draw in groups.'



Not surprisingly, Elspeth saw it fitting to invite them along to exhibit with her at The Roxy.

*ABOVE: Elspeth Lake's painting titled Stratheden Street is on show at The Roxy as part of the Elspeth etc....& Ettrick Friends exhibition.*

Upcoming  
EVENTS

## Community Calendar

### Family Fun and Market Day

Afterlee Public School's Free Family Fun and Market Day will be held in the school grounds on Sunday 13 August from 9.30am-2pm.

As well as being the school's major fundraiser, the day showcases student activities and the work of the school.

All children's activities on the day are free including children's entertainer, jumping castle, baby animal nursery, face painting and old fashioned races.

The day will also feature raffles, a chocolate wheel, silent auction and local live music all day.

This year's market has the biggest ever stall holder list and it getting bigger by the day. There will be a variety of market stalls selling everything from fresh vegetables, arts and crafts,

bric-a-brac to hand made goods. Breakfast, morning tea and lunch will be available from the Afterlee Cafe.

New enrolments to the school (K-6) are always welcome and Kinder Orientation at Afterlee is a comprehensive program happening for six weeks in Term 4. The Family Fun and Market Day is not only a wonderful day out for the whole family it is also a great opportunity to learn about the school and what it offers.

Market stall sites are available for a donation of up to \$10 (families are encouraged to book stalls selling unwanted items). For more information or to book a stall, contact Afterlee Public School on 6633 3163.

### Kyogle 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.

### Mabo: Life of an Island man

Kyogle Council and the Kyogle Reconciliation Group will host a screening of the film, Mabo: Life of an Island Man at the Kyogle Cinema on Thursday 27 July at 9.45am for 10am.

There will also be informative presentations and a cultural dance display, culminating in a bush tucker feed at the end of the proceedings.

Everyone is invited to attend this special event which has been funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

### Square Pegs

Northern Rivers Care Connections' Square Pegs program supports people in the community who, as a result of illness or injury, can't adequately care for themselves but do not meet the eligibility criteria for government funded programs. Square Pegs is run solely on fundraising and donations.

To donate to the program or find out more about Square Pegs, phone 6632 2194 or 1800 400 422.





*Kyogle Deputy Mayor John Burley, Councillor Hayden Doolan, and Community Development Officer Nicola Mercer with Bundjalung Elders Aunty Vera and Uncle Wayne Walker and family members in front of the children's foot print banner created for the NAIDOC Week parade.*

## Library NEWS

### NAIDOC Week

Kyogle library was very proud to partner with the local Bundjalung and Githabul community Elders/members and Kyogle Council to help acknowledge and celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mabo and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Referendum with special 'coming together' events at Kyogle library in June.

The community came together to hand print the Reconciliation Banner at Kyogle library with more than 70 people attending the event. And then 155 children and staff from five local schools came together to foot print the NAIDOC Week banner and listen to Uncle Wayne Walker's talk about Bundjalung culture and his traditional Boomerang art.

Both banners were carried in the NAIDOC Week parade to Anzac Park where further NAIDOC Week celebrations continued.

### Tattoo Talk

Have you ever thought about getting a

tattoo, but wanted to ask loads of questions first?

Kyogle library is hosting a free Ink Talk Information session for adults only (18 years-olds and older) after normal library opening hours on Wednesday 26 July 2017.

The hour-long Ink Talk will be presented by local, professional tattoo artist Kate from K T Tattoos Kyogle. Kate will talk about her art and business and will take questions from the audience.

Doors of the library will open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

A free cup of tea/coffee and supper snack will be provided.

To book a place at Ink Talk, contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134 or call into the library in Stratheden Street, Kyogle, by Tuesday 25 July.

### Lego Club

Lego Club meets at the Kyogle library on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 4-5pm.

Lego Club is free for all five to 12 year olds and gives children the chance to get creative and build to a theme.

Please contact Kyogle library on 6632 1134 for bookings and further details.

### Free hearing tests

Free hearing checks and hearing aid advice from Bay Audio will be available at the Kyogle library on Friday 4 August from 10.30am-2pm.

For further information contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

### Parents N Kids Club

Kyogle library will host its next Saturday Parents 'N Kids Club on Saturday 26 August from 10.30-11.30am.

The library provides a welcoming space with resources for parents and carers to enjoy quality, fun times with their kids.

This is an unstructured activity so children must be supervised at all times.

### Mahjong Group

A Mahjong Group meets at Kyogle library every Tuesday from 1-3.30pm.

The group is for beginners through to experienced players.

Register your interest by phoning Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

### Kyogle Literary Group

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



## Correctly identify TSA to prevent worry

Are you worried that you may have the noxious weed Tropical Soda Apple on your property?

Kim Curtis, Weed Extension Officer at Rous County Council, says there are many different *Solanum* species and concerned landholders may think they have Tropical Soda Apple (TSA) when in fact they have something else.

"There may be people out there that have a plant they think could be TSA but treat it before getting it properly identified, then never really know what it was," Kim said.

"Correct identification can save a lot of worry."

To identify a TSA (pictured right) correctly, you should look for:

- Fruit that look like baby watermelons when immature but ripens to a yellow colour;
- Cream coloured veins and thorns on

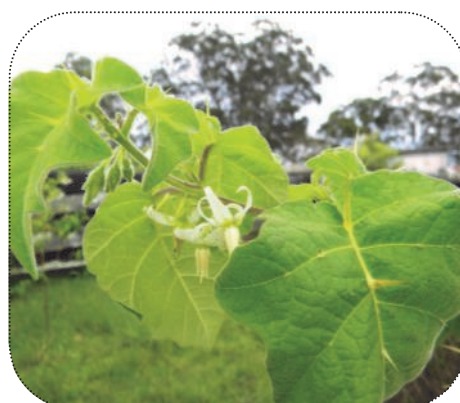
top of the leaf, not Red, like Devils Apple;

- Velvety leaves (not shiny) like Devils Apple;
- TSA grows to 1.5 m not 3 to 4m like Giant Devils Fig;
- White flowers not purple like Apple of Sodom.

Right and below are photos of Tropical Soda Apple.

If you think you have TSA you can send a photo for correct identification to Kim Curtis at Rous County Council

[kim.curtis@rous.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kim.curtis@rous.nsw.gov.au)



## Council Meetings

**Council Meetings:** The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 14 August 2017 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are held on the second Monday of every month except January and June. Meetings start at 5pm and are held at the Kyogle Council Chambers, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle. The first item of general business is Question Time which provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions of Councillors and senior staff. To speak to Council on a specific issue during the meeting, email or phone the General Manager prior to the close of business on the day preceding the meeting for public access.

### REGIONAL ROADS INFORMATION

[www.myroadinfo.com.au](http://www.myroadinfo.com.au)

### RECYCLING FACILITIES

All Council waste facilities have recycling capabilities (if separated) and can recover oil, paper, cardboard, steel, aluminium, glass, and plastic at no charge.

The waste facility hours of operation are:

Kyogle: 7.30am-12pm Monday to Friday

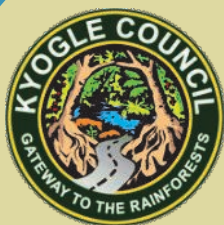
9am-4pm Saturday & Sunday

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm

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