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### FISHWAY WINS

environmental award

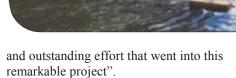
Kyogle Council's Fishway project has won Division A of the Local Government NSW Excellence in the Environment Awards.

The Fishway Project won the Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement: On-Ground Works Award for Excellence.

Kyogle Mayor, Danielle Mulholland said, "it is a just reward for the hard work



Kyogle Council Urban and Assets Engineer Matt Sorenson accepts the award for the fishway from Anthony Lean from the Office of Environment and Heritage.



"We partnered with DPI Fisheries, NSW Public Works, Restart NSW, the NSW Environmental Trust and the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust to deliver this project," she said.

"It is a brilliant example of cross government cooperation. Alone we do great work, but in partnership with other government agencies we can excel and this award win is proof."

Built by Kyogle Council at a cost of \$1.37 million, the fishway has reduced the 1.8 meter straight drop of the old Kyogle weir to 24 x 100mm lifts over 48 meters moving down stream.

As part of the fishway's innovate design,

pre-fabricated v-shaped concrete baffles were installed into the bed of the river to create the graduated 48 metre climb to the weir.

It allows native fish, particularly the Australian bass and the Eastern freshwater cod, to cross the weir to spawn, feed and seek refuge in the upper reaches of the Richmond River.

The innovative design allowed the fishway to be constructed in challenging conditions at half the cost of traditional technical fishways.

The concrete baffles for the fishway were pre-fabricated by Kyogle Council's bridge and concrete crew and installed by Woodenbong-based contactor MJ Smith Ground Preparation.









Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland, left, and Cr Earle Grundy, right, congratulate the 2017 Woodenbong Show Girl winners.

From the MAYOR

Council continues to perform well with the opening of Daleys Bridge at Tabulam, two weeks ahead of schedule and the completion of Heards Bridge at Gradys Creek, also ahead of schedule.

We're delivering on our bridge program and with an ambitious works program planned,

we need to keep on keeping on.

At the Lismore Area Command Presentation Day, I was pleased to see Tabulam police officer Aaron Greenwood receive no less than five awards which was an outstanding effort.

I was pleased to be invited to open the Woodenbong Show again this year which was a lovely experience.

Our Federal member, Kevin Hogan, was in attendance to sash the Showgirls. I was asked to judge the Grand Parade which was a first for me and heard a lovely story about a local wedding dress which became two: stay tuned for more details.

Congratulations to Margaret Martin and the Woodenbong Show Society for coordinating such a good show and to the 2017 Showgirl Tegan Jones.

The Kyogle Show was on this month which was probably the best ever with an expanded sideshow alley and rides for the whole family. Evening entertainment included fireworks and a demolition derby.

Congratulations to Brian Eichmann and all the volunteers who help make the show such a success every year. Congratulations are also due to the 2017 Showgirl Liesl Pederson.

We have the Visions of the Villages process starting soon.

Thank you to those who put their hands up to help with the process. There is money already in the budget for the Visions of the Villages process and I look forward to seeing what comes out of it. Until next time, *Cr Danielle Mulholland* 



Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland congratulates staff and contractors on the completion of Heards Bridge. The bridge was finished a week a head of schedule.

# CHOIR IN NEED

of more male singers

The Semitones choir has put out a call for more male singers.

The choir has been a part of Kyogle's musical culture for almost a decade and while the number of singers has grown over the years, it remains short of male members.

As well as performing its own concerts, the choir performs with other choirs/ensembles and with Kyogle's talented young musicians.

This year members of the choir performed at "The Last Hurrah" in early

March at Horseshoe Creek Hall, and at "Sun Sun Sun Here It Comes" in mid September at the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall.

The choir practises every Friday from 10am-12.10pm at Kyogle Primary School Hall.

If you're a male and love to sing, the choir would love to hear from you. For further information contact Martin on 6632 3740.

Meanwhile, the choir has donated \$1200 to the Kyogle MPS (Hospital) Auxiliary for the Residential Aged Care Unit. The money was raised at the Sun Sun Sun Here It Comes concert and raffle.

The choir has thanked Bev Aspbury, of

Leading Appliances and Warwick Prentice (Soul Pattinson Chemist) for donating the prizes and the generous community members who supported the raffle and the concert.



Cristabel Strehle, of the Semitones Choir, third from left, presents a \$1200 cheque to MPS Auxiliary members, from left, Jan Harlum, Elaine McIntosh, and Norma Wilson.



### Councils join forces to install temporary bridge

In times of emergency you can count on good friends and Kyogle Council was ready and willing to help Tenterfield Shire when the Beaury Creek bridge failed and needed urgent repair.

Approached by Tenterfield Shire Council for assistance, Kyogle Council readily agreed to help its neighbouring council reestablish access along Tooloom Road south of Urbenville at the recently failed Beaury Creek bridge.

"Borders exist in local government for councils to deliver services within a catchment area, but those borders blur when there is a sense of urgency such as the

bridge failure in Tenterfield Shire," Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland said.

"We were happy to help out and look forward to more opportunities in the future to work together cooperatively.

"This is a great example of how councils are meeting their Fit for the Future obligations and cooperating with each other to share resources."

Tenterfield Shire Mayor Peter Petty said: "Tenterfield has in the past worked collaboratively with Kyogle and where we can as neighbours, we will continue to look out for and assist each other. Tenterfield Council is appreciative of Kyogle's willingness to make available some of its capacity to temporarily mitigate the impact on our communities in the Urbenville Woodenbong locality."

Kyogle Council has a long history in delivering bridge projects and will provide a prefabricated modular bridge system developed in-house and some assistance with assembly on site.

Tenterfield Council's approach road works and work on the temporary bridge will commence in four weeks after permits are in place and Kyogle releases the temporary structure from Kyogle's Collins Creek bridge works project.

The temporary single lane bridge will provide access to all legally loaded semi or truck-and-dog trailer vehicles and be more efficient for transport providers currently forced to make at least a 60km detour.

The temporary structure will be available until a new structure can be funded and built.

# Gradys Creek bridge project forges ahead

Council is forging ahead with the Gradys Creek and Lions Roads bridge replacement project.

After a slow start, caused in part by the 30 March floods, three of the five bridges on Gradys Creek Road to be replaced have been completed -- Boyles No 2, Murrays Bridge and Heards Bridge -- and work is going to schedule on the other two -- Davies and Boyles No 1.

Heards Bridge was finished a week ahead of schedule on 29 September, a fact which generated plenty of positive feedback from the community, particularly when Council was able to re-open Gradys Creek Road to traffic for 10 days over the school holidays.

The road was closed again on 9 October, when Council's bridge crew began work to demolish Davies Bridge, a single lane timber structure located 6.6km on Gradys Creek Road from the Summerland Way turn-off.

Davies Bridge will be replaced with a two lane concrete bridge which is expected to be completed, weather and resources permitting, just before Christmas.

Local traffic is being detoured via Simes Road and Lynches Creek while the Davies Bridge replacement is being built. All other traffic travelling to and from Queensland should take the Summerland Way/



The recently completed Heards Bridge on Gradys Creek Road.

Mount Lindesay Road/Mount Lindesay Highway route.

Meanwhile, the existing Boyles No 1 Bridge will remain in place and be used as a bypass for through traffic while the new bridge is being built. Because it remains open to traffic, Council's priority is to complete the bridges which have had to be Creek and Lions Roads Bridge Replaceclosed and demolished.

Work will start on the final bridge to be replaced as part of the project, McIntoshes Bridge on Lions Road, immediately in the New Year.

It is also a single lane timber bridge which has a two tonne load limit. It will be cess and the route will be safer for all road replaced with a two lane steel truss bridge, users, including the school bus run.

and is expected to take about 10 weeks to complete.

Council received a \$2 million grant towards the cost of the new bridges through Round Two of the Federal Government's Bridge Renewal Program.

With the completion of the Gradys ment Project in the New Year, there will no longer be any load limits on the two

Residents, local businesses, motorists, and emergency and essential services also will have the benefit of an improved ac-

# CLARENCE WAY

# FISHING CLUB to

manage camping ground

The Kyogle Fishing Club has been appointed caretaker manager of the scenic Bells Bay Camping Ground near Toonumbar Dam.

The club took over as interim manager of the camping ground last month on behalf of WaterNSW, current owner of the site

The move followed extensive discussions between WaterNSW, Kyogle Council and Kyogle Fishing Club to ensure the grounds remained open as a key and valuable tourism asset for the region following the sudden departure of the previous lessee.

"I am very pleased to see this matter progressed and to have an outcome which will benefit the community and visitors alike," Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland said

"Toonumbar Dam is a feature of our region and to see it utilised more fully is an exciting prospect.

"Congratulations to the Kyogle Fishing Club for taking this on and I wish them every success."

WaterNSW is currently reviewing options for the long-term management of the Toonumbar Dam area and recreational sites

The review process is expected to take

between six to 12 months to complete.

"WaterNSW has listened to community and local government concerns, understands the importance of the camping ground and remains committed to providing public access to the dam area and recreational sites while the review takes place," WaterNSW executive manager system operations and asset maintenance, Adrian Langdon said.

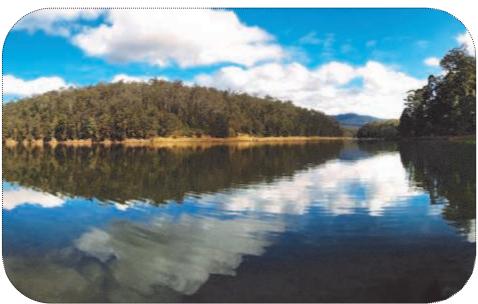
The camping ground will remain open on all school and public holidays. Outside of holiday periods, operating hours during summer will be from 6pm Friday to 7.30pm Sunday.

Kyogle Fishing Club will be responsible for all bookings and information about the Bells Bay Camping Ground.

They can be contacted on 0459 383 498 or you can email kyoglefishingclub@gmail.com for any enquiries about the grounds and fees.

Toonumbar Waters Retreat is currently unavailable for public use.

The site has been secured and will remain closed for the foreseeable future.



Bells Bay, Toonumbar Dam.

# Roadside spraying

Kyogle Council has an agreement with Rous County Council (formerly Far North Coast Weeds) to undertake the control of noxious weeds within the Kyogle local government area on Council's behalf.

This includes inspections on private property.

Spraying done by Council is part of its roadside vegetation control program.

Kyogle Council undertakes roadside spraying in areas that are not accessible to the slasher, such as around guideposts and sections of guardrail.

Council understands that the slashing and spraying it undertakes does not always provide for the level of service some land owners may desire. Council recognises that some individuals may wish to undertake maintenance of roadside vegetation at their own expense.

Prior to undertaking spraying or tractor-



mounted slashing, a landowner must submit an "Application to Conduct Works in the Road Reserve" (forms are available on Council's website) in accordance with Kyogle Council's Road Reserve Management Plan.

No fees apply, however signage is required when using tractor-mounted devices in the road reserve.

Mowing conducted with a hand mower or a ride on mower does not need approval from council.

Anyone with a legitimate reason for not wanting spraying to be undertaken adjacent to their property can make a submission to council to have their property listed on a register of areas not to be sprayed.

Email or written submissions to be included on the no spray register should be sent council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au or PO Box 11, Kyogle, NSW 2474.

# KYOGLE LGA

is ready to do business and grow

"Kyogle is open for business. We welcome jobs and growth and are an outstanding value for money investment opportunity," Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

In a call out to business to seize the opportunity to invest in Kyogle, the Mayor said Council was encouraging businesses to base themselves in the area and doing what it could to help make that happen.

"We are open to responsible, sustainable development that boosts jobs and keeps young people in our area," she said.

"Council staff are available for predevelopment lodgement meetings to answer questions and assist people considering developments in the Kyogle Local Government Area (LGA)."

Earlier this year, Kyogle Council convened a *Business Leaders' Forum* attended by local business representatives, with keynote speakers focussing on economic growth, marketing, and exporting as well as sustainability planning.



Local business men and women, Members of Parliament, government agency officials and Council staff at the Kyogle Business Leaders Forum earlier this year.

The forum was also attended by local Members of Parliament, Councillors, government agency officials and Council staff.

"We listened to our business leaders who told us they are ready to grow and meet the challenges of the future," Cr Mulholland said.

"That's why in this year's budget we have allocated funds for an *Economic Prospectus* to support local business to be the best they can and to encourage others to establish themselves here.

"We have also budgeted for major infrastructure upgrades to our road and bridge networks and community infrastructure, such as parks and community buildings.

"The Kyogle LGA offers exceptional opportunities for the tourism sector, with world class natural beauty and unspoilt scenic attractions.

"We also have an experienced and highly qualified workforce and an agricultural sector producing the best beef, dairy products and crops in the country. Kyogle is also perfectly positioned to capitalise on the major growth of south east Queensland, has a range of local and easily accessible regional health services, tertiary education services, airports and is within one hour of Byron Bay and outstanding coastal attractions."

# Beersheba

remembered

Tabulam, the birthplace of General Sir Harry Chauvel and the Upper Clarence Light Horse, will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba with a memorial service on Tuesday 31 October.

The service, to be conducted by the Grafton RSL Sub Branch, will be held at the Tabulam Oval at 5pm.

It will feature several guest speakers and will pay tribute to Sir Harry, a boy from the bush who went on to become the greatest cavalry general of modern times.

The memorial service will be followed by a re enactment charge at 6pm.

The following morning (Wednesday, 1 November), the Beersheba Memorial Ride 2017 will depart from Tabulam Racecourse.

About 150 riders have signed up to take part in the three-day horseback ride to Copmanhurst

They will mount up at 8.30am and cross the Clarence River on to Chauvel Road and follow Plain Station Road to their first camp.

Riders must be registered to participate. For further details

contact Ted Brown on 0447 473 143 (a/h) or go to the Beersheba Memorial Ride 2017 Facebook page.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Memorial Service and watch as riders embark on the first stage of the ride.





### Busy works program OŇ TRÁCK

It's full steam ahead for Council's works and maintenance program.

Heavy patching in various locations of the Summerland Way has been completed and road construction works on Collins Creek Road and the Edward Lane/Geneva Street upgrade are progressing well.

Other works in and around Kyogle on Wyndham and Merrigan streets and Runnymede Road are nearing completion.

In the lead up to the end of the year, Council will start on widening Ettrick Road near the top of the range, rehabilitating a section of the Clarence Way south of Woodenbong (adjoining last year's works) and upgrading Kyogle Road leading to the lookout east of Kyogle.

Shoulder grading on Horseshoe Creek and re-sheeting of Sandy Creek Road are also due to start.

Maintenance grading has been completed on Bean Creek Road, with the grader then heading to Brindle Creek, Collins Creek, Murphys, Sextonville and Slaughter Gully roads. Pothole patching is in progress on the Clarence Way starting from Woodenbong heading south. Slashing has been completed on the Summerland Way and will move to Bentley Road and Kyogle Road.



Work is progressing on the Edward Lane /Geneva Street upgrade.

Construction of bridges on Collins Creek Boyles No.2 continues in the background. and Back Creek Road is progressing well with both bridges expected to be completed during November.

Pile installation works will start on the Williams Road bridge once the other two bridges are completed. There will be short term road closures during this time.

Council's Bridge to Culvert program will replacement culvert washed away on commence on Pines Road with Nolans Road, Old Dyraaba Road and Deep Creek Road to follow.

Works are continuing on the replacement of six bridges on Gradys Creek and Lions Roads, with traffic now using three of the new bridges. The focus has now shifted to having the new Davies Bridge open by the holiday season while work on

Work on McIntoshs Bridge on Lions Road is expected to start in January 2018.

Flood damage funding following the March 2017 event has been finalised and Council will continue work on landslip repairs mainly east of Kyogle.

Council also has started work on the Boomi Creek Road. Contractors are due to start work on replacing bridges washed away on McClellands Road and Sawpit Creek Road.

While tenders close on 27 October for the replacement of Robothams Bridge on Williams Road, a commencement date will be announced once the contract has been awarded.

### Rates no longer delivered to digital mailbox

Australia Post has advised Council that the electronic notice delivery through their Mypost Digital Mailbox is no longer available.

Ratepayers who used this service have been notified and advised that they can still receive their notices electronically, but will need to use either BPay view through their online banking or signup with Formsport.

To register with Formsport, go to http://kyogle.formsport.com.au. You can either pay be debit or credit card through Formsport, however if you chose the credit card (Visa/Mastercard) option you will pay a surcharge fee of 0.975% (please note that this is not a Councilimposed charge).

# Winning smiles



Kyogle Tiddas, pictured above, had plenty to smile about after winning the women's competition at the 2017 Lismore Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. Team members are: front row, from left, Nea Robinson, Alethia Walker, Clarissa Byers Tamika Olive, Danielle Murray; middle row, Geneebie Nagas Dannie, Calister Katelyn Murray, Jamima Clark, Annette Boney; back row, Cloey Byers, coach Mitch Carter, assistant coach Aaron Davies, absent Kayleen Roberts.

# Library news

#### Leap into learning

Learn how to preserve your photos electronically as part of Adult Learners Week at the Kyogle library on Thursday 26 October.

The workshop is free and those attending are asked to bring along a few photos and a USB drive.

Bookings are essential. Phone library staff on 6632 1134.

#### Games galore

As part of International Games Week, Kyogle library will host a free afternoon of Lego and board games on Thursday 2 November 2017 from 3.30-5.30pm.

No bookings needed. Just drop-in and join the fun.

#### Pizza and pages

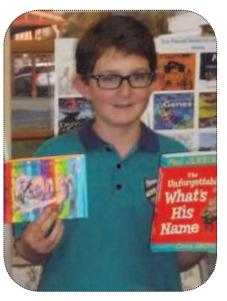
Pizza and Pages will now be held every third Thursday afternoon of the month at Kyogle library.

The next Pizza and Pages event will be on Thursday 16 November from 4-5pm.

No bookings required, just come along on the day.

#### Create make share

Sylvia will host a paper craft session at the Kyogle library on Tuesday 24



Eli Hausen, 11, of The Risk Public School won the 10-12 years section of Kyogle library's Children's Book Week competition. He is pictured with his winning entry and his first prize.

October at 10am for 10.30am.

Bookings are essential as places at these workshops are limited; phone 6632 1134.

#### Online magazines

Members of the Richmond Upper Clarence Regional Library now have free access to good reading online, with magazines for primary kids, teens and adults.

To access the magazines, register online at rich-mondvally.nsw.gov.au/library.

#### Parents 'N Kids Club

The Saturday Parents 'N Kids Club at the Kyogle library now meets twice monthly.

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.

For further information contact the library on 6632 1134.

#### 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.

#### Colouring-in for adults

Kyogle library invites you to join the Colouring-in for Adults Group.

The group meets on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10am for a 10.30am start.

# Upcoming Events

#### Fairymount Festival

The dress-up theme for this year's Kyogle Fairymount Festival is Aussie Icons

The festival will be conducted over three days this year, with the main activities being held on Friday 17 November and Saturday 18 November 2017.

The festivities will be officially launched at the Opening Gala Dinner on Saturday 11 November at the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall. The night will feature a three-course dinner and entertainment by a famous illusionist. Tickets cost \$50 and are available from Gateway Office Supplies.

Friday 17 November is Crazy Day, with activities aimed at community participation. Local businesses, schools and the general public are encouraged to dress up in the festival theme to create a fun atmosphere in the town centre. There also will be local buskers in the main street and a free family movie in the park at The Amphitheatre at 6.30pm for a 7pm screening.

Main Festival Day is Saturday November 18 and will feature the highly anticipated street parade, children's rides, street stalls and various entertainment going into the night.

#### Bass Classic

Toonumbar Bass Classic will be held at Bells Bay camp ground Toonumbar Dam from 6am Saturday 4 November through to 8am Sunday 5 November 2017. For more details, go to the Kyogle Fishing Club's Facebook page.

#### 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 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 26 November.

# UCCL project to help spread RUST FUNGUS

Upper Clarence Combined Landcare (UCCL) has partnered with Woodenbong Central School in a project to spread rust fungus, a biocontrol agent which targets crofton weed.

First released by the CSIRO in 2014, rust fungus has been successful in reducing height and vigour of affected plants, and reduced flowering and seed set.

However, the rate of spread of rust fungus has varied and UCCL hopes its new self-funded project will ensure it spreads to landholdings across the Upper Clarence, particularly to properties adjacent to State Forests and National Parks where the crofton weed is well established.

The process of spreading the fungus will see crofton weed which has been grown in pots moved to established rust fungus-infected areas.

When the potted crofton weed plants become infected by the rust fungus, they will be transferred to healthy weed colonies for the natural spreading process to



An infestation of crofton weed — it smothers pastures and bush and is poisonous to stock, particularly horses, causing potentially fatal lung damage.

take over and distribute the fungus.

Woodenbong Central School agriculture students will be involved in propagating the potted crofton weed plants under the guidance of head agriculture teacher Mr Stewart Grimmett.

The new project will take place in 2018, depending on favourable growing conditions. If you are interested in being part of the project and receiving infected crofton weed for release, please contact Tanya

Jobling, the Local Landcare Coordinator for the Upper Clarence on 6634 6165 or jobling@wallabycreek.com.au or Terry Moody at the UCCL office on 6665 3133.

This initiative is support by the Community Capacity Support program which is supported by North Coast Local Land Services, through funding from the National Landcare Program and from the NSW Government's Catchment Action NSW.

# council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 13 November 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, 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

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm



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