



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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Dalys Bridge officially opens

The new Dalys Bridge on Tabulam Road was officially opened on 12 September 2017 by Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland with Councillors Lindsay Passfield and Earle Grundy.

Built with funding of \$440,000 obtained under the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program, the new 25m long dual lane steel truss bridge is a far cry from the original 19m long single lane, load-limited timber bridge. With the new bridge in place load limits are no longer an obstruction to agricultural and industrial traffic and Tabulam Road is again fully available as a transport route for the local and wider community.

"Council's bridge crew had completed the project two weeks ahead of schedule, a great outcome for the community" Cr Mulholland said.

"The Roads to Recovery Program, funded through the Federal Government, enables Council to undertake important infrastructure projects such as the replacement of Dalys Bridge."



Above: Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland officially opens Dalys Bridge together with Cr Lindsay Passfield and Cr Earle Grundy.

"Council is very appreciative of the funding provided through this program and for the support provided by the Member for Page, the Hon. Kevin Hogan MP".

Right: Residents and staff celebrate the opening of Dalys Bridge on Tabulam Road





It's always an exciting month when we get some tangible outcomes for communities. This month has seen us receive funding for three bridges through the Bridge Renewal Program and the opening of Dalys Bridge at Tabulam which was finished two weeks ahead of schedule.

The Kyogle and Tabulam SES Headquarters were also opened by Minister for Emergency Services, Troy Grant.

Woodenbong is once again, featuring markets on the last Saturday of every quarter with the next one scheduled for November, while Mallanganee is having its Craft and Car Boot market on 14th October at Mallanganee Hall. The Tabulam CWA Awareness (Trash and Treasure) Day will be held on 15th September while the Woodenbong Show is showcased on the 16-17th September. To list your event on the online calendar, please email janelle.mclennan@kyogle.nsw.gov.au



Kyogle and the villages are becoming destinations of choice. Council is actively working to maximise these opportunities. We'll be coming out soon to talk to you about the Visions of the Villages process. We are looking for people to join in discussions around what your vision is for the future of your village. Do you want another amenities block? Some public art? Trees in the CBD? Salad sidewalks? More footpaths? To find out more go to www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au

Councillor Danielle Mulholland

From the
MAYOR

Planning for the future Kyogle Recreation Reserve

A new plan for the management of the Kyogle Recreation Reserve is to be developed by Council in partnership with the community. The Kyogle Recreation Reserve is a Crown reserve that accommodates the Kyogle Gardens caravan park, tennis courts, Alcorn Park, the former croquet lawn, band rotunda, cricket fields, Landcare nursery and the riparian corridor of Fawcetts Creek.

On Monday 11 September 2017 the Gateway to the Rainforest Reserve Trust resolved to commence the development of a new Plan of Management for the Kyogle Recreation Reserve. A new Plan of Management is required to document short-term improvements and changes at the reserve as well as to plan for its use and management over the longer term.

Immediate matters to be addressed include the development of a labyrinth, the restoration of the 101 year old band rotunda, deciding on a new use for the former croquet lawn and the development of more accommodation options at the caravan park.

Council is seeking to collaborate with community groups who have an interest in the reserve as well as the broader community to develop a Plan of Management that ensures the reserve is managed and developed in the best interests of the community. Input from the community is welcomed and you can get involved and have your say in the following ways:

September 25 – October 29 Send Council an email or letter telling us your ideas for the recreation reserve; such as what aspects should be preserved and what you think could be improved. Email Council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au with the subject 'Kyogle Recreation Reserve plan of management' or write to Recreation Reserve Plan of Management Team, Kyogle Council, PO Box 11, Kyogle, NSW 2474.

Tuesday October 24 10am-12pm, Alcorn Park Drop-in session; come to Alcorn Park and talk to Council staff about your thoughts for the use and development of the reserve. To find out more go to www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au and the Kyogle Recreation Reserve Plan of Management page under 'What's New'.





Work continues On roads and bridges

Heavy patching of Bonalbo streets has recently been carried out and heavy patching on the Clarence Way at Culmaran Creek is planned for late September / early October.

Initial sealing work will be carried out to join up two bitumen sections of Collins Creek Road. This will result in the road being sealed all the way from Tims Lane to Killaloe Road. Initial sealing work was recently completed on Lillian Rock Road, giving a continuous paved road surface from Kyogle Road to Rainbow Ridge School.

Construction of abutments for a replacement bridge on Collins Creek Road and another on Back Creek Road is progressing well. Strong progress is being made on the Gradys Creek and Lions Road Bridge Renewal Program with Heards Bridge nearing completion and work on Boyles No.1 Bridge continuing. Once Heards Bridge is finished, work on the Davis Bridge replacement will commence.

Maintenance grading crews will be working in the Dyraaba, Main Creek and Duck Creek areas and a gravel re-sheet will be carried out on Sandy Creek Road. Vegetation control will be carried out on guard rail on Kyogle Road and Bentley



Road during October and rehabilitation of the landslips on Kyogle Road will be completed shortly.

Council recently called for tenders for the replacement of Jacksons Bridge on McClelland Road and Hogans No.1 Bridge on Sawpit Creek Road. The successful tenderer for the design and construction of the two new bridges was Ozwide Bridge Rail & Civil Pty Ltd.

The contractor has committed to completing these two bridges in just under six months, at a cost of \$5,148 per m² (Sawpit) and \$7,714 per m² (McLellands). The two larger bridges recently completed by Council on Gradys Creek Road took six months at a cost of \$4,050 per m².

The more expensive contractor costs were accepted by Council as the bridges are funded under the natural disaster funding, which requires the works to be completed by contractors rather than

Council's own staff.

Council staff have installed a new electric barbecue at the Kyogle swimming pool and preparations are now underway to ready the new museum site in Bloore Street. The water main extension in Edward Lane/Geneva Street was completed in September and construction of the road extension of Edward Lane will commence in early October.



BreastScreen van visits KYOGLE

The BreastScreen mobile unit is currently visiting Kyogle and is due to depart early October 2017.

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 diagnosed 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 necessary, appointments take only 20 minutes.





Tabulam wetland to be **RESTORED**

By **TERRY MOODY, Upper Clarence Combined Landcare**

Funding support for the restoration of a degraded 20ha wetland in the Upper Clarence has been welcomed by the landholder and Upper Clarence Combined Landcare (UCCL).

Wetlands are internationally recognised as helping to maintain catchment water quality and biodiversity. The North Coast, NSW and Federal Biodiversity strategies recognise wetlands as providing essential ecological services, and critical habitat. Wetland retention, protection, restoration, and maintenance are a high priority.

Planning for the Tabulam restoration project started with trying to get an idea of how the wetland has changed over time. Landholder memories and old family photos proved valuable, as did historic government aerial photos, and the more recent Google earth images.

Identifying threats to a wetland is critical in developing a restoration plan. Threats such as sediment from upstream erosion; the loss of native trees shrubs and water plants; and feral pests such as weeds and carp must be addressed for long term restoration success.

The development of a plan requires matching up landholder on ground observations and experience with farm manage-



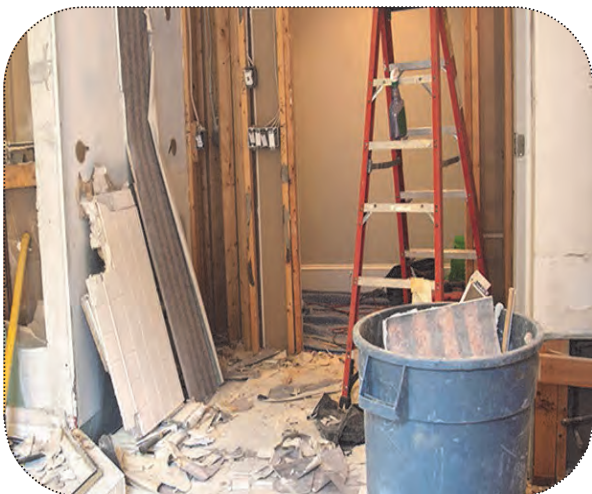
ment needs and wetland needs. The result must be a workable and effective plan that controls threats and improves wetland functioning. Functional wetlands can assist threatened species such as the Jabiru and Jacana, and seasonally migrating birds to survive and thrive.

The landholder and UCCL will be working together at Tabulam to erect fencing to control stock, and installing stock watering. Sediment will be stabilised and habitat created by planting a variety of local native species. Site surveys and photos will assist in measuring improvement over time.

A regional survey by UCCL has identified more than 100 wetlands. The three year Tabulam project is seen by UCCL as marking the start of series of similar wetland restoration projects into the future. Planning has commenced for the next project near Bonalbo.

For enquiries regarding wetland management in the Upper Clarence, please contact Upper Clarence Combined Landcare on 66 653 133. For enquiries regarding the Richmond catchment, please contact Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare Network on 6632 3722.

Renovating this Spring? **BE SAFE!**



Free asbestos sample kits are available from Kyogle Council. The kits may be picked up at either the Council Administration Building, or the Kyogle Waste Facility located at Runnymede Road, Kyogle.

Asbestos fibres are hazardous when inhaled. One in three Australian homes contain asbestos. If your home was built before 1990 then products made from asbestos are most likely contained in your home. Asbestos can be released into the air when products are incorrectly handled. To minimise the risk to yourself and others it is important to find out if there is asbestos.

It is easy to find out. The sample kits include instructions of how to take a sample, a P2 safety mask, sample bags and a return paid postal satchel.

You are eligible for the kits if you meet the following criteria:

- You live in the Kyogle Council area
- The kits are only valid for bonded asbestos
- You are removing and disposing of a maximum of 10 m²

NAIDOC

Celebrations in Bonalbo

Bonalbo Central School's NAIDOC Day was a huge success thanks to the dedication and effort of school staff and various community members and organisations whose effort made such a great day possible.

This year's theme was 'Our Languages Matter', emphasising the need for all Australians to acknowledge and encourage the ongoing learning and promotion of Aboriginal languages across Australia.

The day officially started with local Elder Harry Walker giving a Welcome to Country, followed by a traditional dance group from Casino High School.

In addition to Bonalbo students, students from Old Bonalbo, Tabulam and Baryulgil Public Schools and Bonalbo and Tabulam Preschools attended the day and took part in activities such as decorating river rocks with Bundjalung words, boomerang decorating, headbands, face painting, bead making, damper making and biscuit decorating.



Various government agencies made a great effort in helping the Bonalbo Central School run a successful day, including the Rural Fire Service and the Red Cross who provided great "hands-on" activities for the students.

Bonalbo Central School would like to thank Northern Rivers Primary Health, Gold Coast Titans Football team, Kyogle Council, the Prime Minister of Cabinets NSW and the Bonalbo Central School P & C who donated funding towards our celebrations. Thanks also to everyone who attended and supported the event.

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 POOLS

re-open for 2017/2018 season

The swimming season has kicked off at Bonalbo, Kyogle and Woodenbong. All three swimming pools opened on Friday, 22 September.

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



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Tuning into Teens

Emotional intelligence is a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.

This is a six-session parenting program for parents / caregivers of pre-teens and teens. You will learn to:

- Understand your teen/pre-teen
- Help your teen/pre-teen manage their emotions
- Help prevent behavioural problems
- Assist them in handling conflict
- Assist in conversing and connecting with your teen/pre-teen

Tuning into teens shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence. Teens who understand their emotions:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- are able to concentrate easier at school are more
- able to calm down when angry or upset

Contact Emma at Kyogle Youth Action
youth_worker@kyoglettogether.org.au or at 66322972 to register!
Places limited, registration essential.

Mondays October 16th, 23rd, 30th, and November 13th from 10am-2pm

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Roxy Gallery takes a trip to Greece

The colours of Greece bring in spring to the Roxy Gallery with a new exhibition by local cedar point artist Ruth Riordan. 'It's All Greek To Me!' is the title Ruth has given to this exhibition which depicts the sights and surrounds absorbed by Ruth from her numerous visits to Crete.

Ruth has a great interest and affiliation with the island of Crete and this connection stems back to her father, Frank Ezzy. Frank fought in the Middle East, Greece and Crete from 1940 and was taken prisoner. He escaped the POW camp with two other Australians were these three men then became sheltered by a Cretan Farmer. This farmer and his family cared and sheltered these men for two years

before they were finally evacuated in 1943. Ruth's journeys to this island retracing her father's footsteps to find descendants of the Georgiakakis Family of Koustogerako, has grown into a strong connection with both the land and the peoples.

She has retraced her father's story in this her second major exhibition focusing on the peoples and landscape of this beautiful part of the world. Ruth captures in this body of work a story of how landscapes from two different continents link up to tell a stronger story of fragility, vulnerability, delicateness and commonality

'It's All Greek To Me!' will be on exhibition until September 30 .

Right: "Bell Tower" will be on exhibition at the Roxy Gallery



Call for Kyogle residents to Conserve Water

The Kyogle Water Treatment plant refurbishment and automation project is progressing well and it is expected to be completed by January 2018. The upgrade will see improvements to the filter systems, one of which has been operation since the 1930's.

Other improvements include the conversion of the pressure filter train from a manually operated system to an automated system with online monitoring which will assist in the delivery of very high quality water.

As a result of these improvement works, the water treatment plant is only operating at half capacity throughout the upgrade period.

The hot dry conditions that are being experienced by the region has seen an increase in water consumption and Council encourages residents to be mindful of their water consumption as the treatment system is at reduced capacity until December.

Right: Water treatment plant before works commenced



Level 1 water restrictions are currently in place in Kyogle:

Micro-sprays and drippers/sub-surface can be used for a maximum of 15 minutes and hand held hoses can be used for 1 hour every second day, between the hours of 4.00pm and 9.00am on odd or even days matching house numbering system.

Other irrigation and unattended hoses banned.

Right: The water treatment plant upgrade is progressing well





October at the Kyogle Library

Odd Socks Day Event Sock it to STIGMA

Everyone is invited to attend the Grow mental wellness program which is being held at Kyogle library on Tuesday 10 October 2017 meeting commencing at 10am for morning tea for a 10.30am start.

Paper craft

Paper craft with Sylvia will be held at Kyogle library on Tuesday 10 October 2017 from 10.30 am.

Bookings are **essential** as places at these workshops are limited.

Spooky Halloween Pizza & Pages for Tween-Teens

10 to 18 year olds are welcome to attend the Spooky Halloween Pizza and Pages which will be held in the Kyogle library children's area on Thursday, 19 October 2017 between 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Enjoy an hour of craft, pizza and giveaways.

FREE Adult Learners Week Event in October @ Kyogle Library

Kyogle library staff invite you to learn how to electronically store your precious old photos at the Adult Learners Week event being held on Thursday, 26 October 2017 Bookings are essential, contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

Holiday fun

Kyogle library will host free activities for children aged five to 12 during the September school holidays.

Calm colouring-in, simple craft, LEGO, and board games will be available everyday through the September-October school hols as an unstructured activity (parents need to stay with their children in the library.) The activities will run from Monday 25 September – Monday 9 October 2017

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Community Calendar

Kyogle Show

The Kyogle Show will be held on Friday 6 October and Saturday 7 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.



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.

Mallanganee Craft and Car Boot Market

Mallanganee is holding its Craft and Car Boot market on 14th October at Mallanganee Hall

NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards

Volunteers from across the Northern Rivers were recently recognised for the outstanding contribution they make in their local communities in the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Old Bonalbo resident Donna Van Leeuwen was awarded the Senior Volunteer of the Year Award. Congratulations Donna.



Donna Van Leeuwen was presented with the Senior Volunteer of the Year Awards by Councillor John Burley

Changes to weed management in NSW

Weed management legislation has changed across the State with the implementation of the new *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

The Act aims to better manage the negative impacts of animal and plant pests, diseases and weeds for the benefit of the people of NSW. The new Act came into effect from 1 July 2017.

Biosecurity was previously managed under 14 separate pieces of legislation including the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*. Streamlining these into a single act should reduce red tape to simplify existing procedures and provide greater flexibility in managing biosecurity risks.

A fundamental principle of the new Act is that biosecurity is everyone's responsibility. This includes individuals, communities, industry and government.

The values of shared responsibility will help to increase everyone's awareness of what they should and can do to manage

biosecurity risks.

Weeds are a major threat to both our agricultural industries and our unique natural environment. They also impact on the price of food, human health through allergies including asthma, recreational activities and the larger NSW economy. The estimated cost of weeds on NSW agriculture alone is estimated to be \$1.4 billion annually.

A key concept behind this new legislation is that everyone has a General Biosecurity Duty (GBD). A GBD requires that anyone dealing with a biosecurity risk, whether it be weeds, pests or diseases, must ensure the risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised. From a weed perspective this means landholders and managers must manage weeds on their land to reduce or prevent them impacting surrounding land.

Importantly, under the new Act, obliga-



tions on owners and occupiers of public land will be the same as the obligations on owners and occupiers of private land. This is a significant change from previous arrangements under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* where private landholders and local control authorities had more onerous weed control obligations than other public land managers.

For assistance with weed identification and management, please contact Rous County Council on 6623 3847 or visit www.rous.nsw.gov.au

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 9 October 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

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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