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How do you rate Kyogle Council's delivery of programs and services?

Which programs and services are the most important to you?

What do you think the Council's priorities should be going into the future?

Kyogle Council is asking ratepayers and residents to answer these questions as part of its community satisfaction survey which was launched this month.

The survey can be done on line until 4pm Friday 30 March 2018, or completed in hard copy form and dropped in to Council's administration centre or posted to PO Box 11, Kyogle NSW 2474.

It takes just a few minutes to complete, asks 16 questions and gives people the chance to comment on any other issues that may not have been addressed in the survey.

This will be the fifth community satisfaction survey Council has conducted since 2007.

Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett said the results of the survey would provide Council with important



feedback on whether or not its services and programs were meeting the community's expectations.

"It's not just about whether Council is doing a good job, it's also about ensuring Council is focusing on the programs and services which are important to the community," he said.

"Council wants to know how the community thinks about the services we deliver, what areas are going well, and what areas need improving. "The results will be used to help Council determine its priorities going forward."

As part of the survey, Council is also asking ratepayers and residents if they think Council should make changes to its governance arrangements around the election of the mayor, the number of elected councillors, and the current ward system.

Other questions focus on where people receive information about Council's decisions and activities.

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It's 2018 and a new year brings new opportunities. I know that sounds like every bad horoscope you have ever read

which never came true, but for Kyogle Council it is a measure of how far we have come and where we are going.

We recently completed the community roadshows around Visions of the Villages which were incredibly well attended.

I'd like to thank everyone who turned up - there was a lot of positivity at each forum and some fantastic ideas emerged around future planning needs.

Once we have the outcome of the roadshows back from the facilitators, which will be a collation of the ideas presented by residents, Council will be back visiting the villages again to talk to everyone about some priority projects for the development of the draft plans for each village.

There were a few announcements last year before we wound up for 2017.

Kyogle tip will soon have a manual collection point for eligible recyclable drink containers. Council staff lobbied the EPA and TOMRA Cleanaway hard to get this and it was in response to many enquiries from residents.



Cr Maggie May presents David George, of Backmede, with the signed North Queensland Cowboys jersey. Mr George, a huge Cowboys' fan, bought the jersey at auction on Ebay or \$501.

So pop out to the landfill after 2 January 29 with your bottles and cans and make a few dollars while protecting the environment.

The Lions/Gradys Creek Road was reopened in time for Christmas traffic and ahead of the amended schedule with the fourth bridge being completed.

A concrete, two-lane structure, it will hopefully enhance the travelling experience for residents and visitors alike.

The NRL jersey received by myself and Councillor May at the Australian Local Government Association Conference in June has been auctioned and sold for \$501.

These funds will be presented to the Bonalbo and Kyogle Hospital Auxiliaries for public aged care.

I am looking forward to big things in 2018.

Kyogle Council has a good team of Councillors, executive and staff, and together we will deliver the outcomes that residents and ratepayers want.

Until next time,

Danielle Mulholland

Ratepayers, residents urged to complete **COMMUNITY SURVEY**



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To complete the survey online go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5MQ GJ8D or follow the link on Council's website.

If you would prefer to fill in a hard copy of the survey, you can pick one up at: Kyogle Council administration centre; Tabulam Post Office; Mallanganee Post Office; Cawongla Store; Old Bonalbo Post Office; Wadeville Store; Bonalbo Post Office; Woodenbong Post Office; and the Wiangaree Post Office.

You also can arrange to have one posted to you by phoning 6632 1611. For those interested, the results of Council's previous surveys can be found on Council's website at https://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au/council-engagement/strategic-direction-guiding-documents/community-surveys.

Free calendar

Copies of the 2018 A Busy Life Weed Control Calendar are available for collection from Council's administration centre in Kyogle.

The free calendar is put out annually and is a joint project involving the North Coast Regional Weeds Committee and the Hunter Regional Weeds Committee. The calendar is designed for farmers, property owners, land managers and the general public and provides information on what weeds should be targeted for control each month and details control methods.

It also provides information on how to identify a range of noxious weeds.

There are only a limited number of calendars available, so be quick.





Manual drink container collection point to operate at Kyogle landfill

Kyogle is to get a drink container collection point under the paid off." State Government's new Container Deposit Scheme.

The manual collection point, which will open on Monday 29 January 2018, will be established at the Kyogle landfill and will operate during normal landfill opening hours.

People will be able to take their eligible drink containers to the landfill, hand them in at the collection point and receive cash or a cash voucher on the spot.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said Council staff had spent a lot of time over the past few weeks lobbying the EPA and TOMRA Cleanaway to establish a collection point in Kyogle.

"The community has indicated they wanted a collection point in Kyogle and we have done our best to ensure it is delivered," she said.

"This is a great result for our Council area and it's a tribute to staff that their hard work has

Residents are advised that under the Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

- Crushed cans will NOT be accepted
- Bottles must NOT be broken. The barcode on the drink container must be able to be read when processed off-site.
- NOT ALL drink containers are eligible for a

Containers that are not included in the scheme and, therefore, do not qualify for a refund include:

- plain milk or milk substitute containers
- flavoured milk containers of 1 litre or more
- pure fruit or vegetable juice containers of 1 litre or more
- glass containers for wine and spirits
- casks (plastic bladders in boxes) for wine and



A drink container collection point under the State Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme will be set up at the Kyogle landfill.

casks for water of 1 litre or more

- sachets for wine of 250 millilitres or more
- containers for cordials, or concentrated fruit and vegetable juices
- registered health tonics.

For further information on what containers are eligible and those that are not and how collection points will operate, go to the EPA's website at: http://

www.epa.nsw.gov.au/yourenvironment/recycling-andreuse/return-and-earn

The Container Deposit Scheme, also known as Return and Earn, commenced in NSW on 1 December 2017 with the aim of reducing litter across the State - drink container litter makes up 44% of the volume of all litter in NSW and costs more than \$162 million to manage.

Return and Earn will pay customers a 10 cent refund on eligible 150ml to 3 litre drink containers when presented to an approved NSW collection point.

Measures you can take to **BEAT THE HEAT**

As summer continues and with further heatwaves predicted, Kyogle Council is encouraging residents to plan ahead to beat the heat.

Council, in line with NSW Health's Beat the Heat guidelines, is advising people to:

- Drink plenty of water
- Keep cool
- Take care of others, particularly the elderly, infants and children, people with a chronic medical condition and those who live alone
- Have a plan

For further details and great advice on about how to Beat the Heat, follow this link to the NSW Health website

www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/beatt heheat/Pages/stay-healthy-in-heat.aspx

To keep cool and take care of others during a heatwave, consider taking at-risk family members and friends to an airconditioned public building such as the local supermarket/shopping centre, the Kyogle library or the cinema.

The library opens on Mondays from 2-5pm, Tuesday to Fridays from 10am-5pm and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. The Kyogle Cinemas operates Wednesday-Sunday. For opening hours call the cinema hotline on 6632 1888.

You can also cool down at the Kyogle, Woodenbong or Bonalbo pools.

The Kyogle pool opens:

6pm

- Friday 6.30am to 7.30pm (6-7.30pm 50m pool unavailable to public due to use by Kyogle Swim Club)
- Weekends and public holidays -10am to 6pm

The Bonalbo pool opens:

- Wednesday, Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays - 2-6pm
- Tuesdays Closed

The Woodenbong pool opens:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays - 2-6pm
- Thursdays Closed.

• Monday to Thursday - 6.30am to To help residents beat the heat, Council will extend the opening hours of all three pools during actual heatwaves.

Kyogle LGA celebrates **AUSTRALIA DAY 2018**

Australia Day will be celebrated throughout the Kyogle Council area on Friday 26

January, with official events being held at Kyogle, Woodenbong and Bonalbo.

Organisers of the three events have issued an open invitation to everyone in the community to come together to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. The theme for Australia Day this year is Everyone, Every Story and reflects that every Australian has a story to tell.

Kyogle



Kyogle Australia Day ambassador Dr Ross Walker.

Kyogle's Australia Day festivities will be held the Kyogle Memorial Hall and will get underway at 9am with the Kyogle Lions Club serving up a free traditional Aussie morning tea of billy tea and damper topped with lashings of Cockies Joy (Golden Syrup).

The official ceremony will start at 10am and will include the presentation of the Australia Day Awards and performances of poems and songs that tell the story of rural Australians.

Australia Day Ambassador Dr Ross Walker will deliver the Australia Day address. Dr Walker is an eminent practicing cardiologist with a passion for preventative cardiology who strives to raise public awareness of heart health.

He is also a professional speaker and is highly sought after around the world.

There also will be a citizenship ceremony, with three women from diverse backgrounds officially becoming Australian citizens on the day.

A free lunch, prepared by Kyogle Quota Club, will be served at the conclusion of

the ceremony.

Entry to the Kyogle pool will be free as part of the town's Australia Day celebrations.

Woodenbong



Woodenbong Australia Day ambassador Ms Carolyn Townsend.

Australia Day celebrations at Woodenbong will begin bright and early with billy tea and damper from 8.30am at the Woodenbong Hall.

A flag raising ceremony will held at the front of the hall at 10am, with the official proceedings set to start at 10.15am.

Australia Day ambassador Carolyn Townsend will deliver the Australia Day address.

Ms Townsend is the Vice-Chair of Ronald McDonald House, Randwick and a Director on the Board of Ronald McDonald House Charities, Australia.

She will also present the recipients of the Woodenbong Australia Day Awards with their prizes.

After the ceremony a free lunch will be served and at 12pm there will be cricket coaching clinic at the oval behind the Woodenbong pool followed by the annual city versus country cricket match.

And for those people who would rather celebrate Australia Day with a swim, entry to the Woodenbong pool will be free on the day.

Bonalbo

2018 West of the Range Australia Day festivities will be held at the Bonalbo Bowling and Recreation Club starting at 10am.

The festivities will include a car boot market at the tennis courts behind the Bowling Club, barefoot bowls at the Bowling Club and an ambrose event at the golf course.

There will be a free sausage sizzle at the Bowling Club from 11.30am.

The official ceremony including the presentation of the annual Australia Day Awards will kick off at 1pm.

In line with Australia Day celebrations across the Kyogle Council local government area, entry to Bonalbo pool will be free on the day and this year Council's inflatable activity centre will be at the Bonalbo pool for the day.







Peter Hoffman retires

after 47 years' service to community

Council's longest serving employee Mr Peter Hoffman, has retired after 47 years' service to the community.

He worked primarily on the roads in the Woodenbong and Bonalbo areas.

Mr Hoffman is highly regarded by his colleagues and the community.

Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett described Mr Hoffman as one of council's hardest workers and a true gentleman

Council wishes Mr Hoffman the very best on his retirement

Pictured left: Long-serving Kyogle Council employee Peter Hoffman, left, is congratulated by Kyogle Councillor Lindsay Passfield on his retirement.

Local business people urged to complete on-line survey

Do you want to help the Northern Rivers secure its fair share of \$1.3 billion in State Government funding to improve infrastructure, create liveable and resilient communities and generate jobs?

If you do and you are a local business owner, operator or manager, you are being urged to complete an on-line survey to help with the development of the Northern Rivers Regional Economic Development Strategy.

The strategy is being developed by consultants Corview and when complete will enable the Northern Rivers to apply for grants under the State Government's \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund.

Corview has already held a series of workshops across the Northern Rivers including one at Kyogle involving key stakeholders to identify:

- the region's economic strengths and advantages
- current and potential economic growth opportunities
- current and potential constraints or risks to growth
- and prioritise actions to address each growth opportunity or constraint.

The on-line survey is the next step in the process and business owners, operators and managers throughout the Northern Rivers, including the Kyogle Council area, are strongly urged to take part.

The survey takes just 15 minutes to complete and responses are strictly confidential. It will close on 31 January 2018.

To complete the survey go to, https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthernRiversREDS

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Council's Tourism and Economic Development Office Malcolm Wallis by email at malcolm.wallis@kyogle.nsw.gov. au.



Kyogle Council Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley, with newly appointed members of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Youth Committee **APPOINTED**

Kyogle Council's newly appointed Youth Advisory Committee has elected Tom Masters as its chair for the coming year.

The nine-member committee, which advises Council on youth issues, met late last year to elect its executive and determine its meeting schedule for 2018.

Also elected to the executive were Nick Taylor (deputy chair), Lelani Schut (secretary), and Neve Petherbridge (treasurer).

The other committee members are: Thomas Moorehouse, Jemima Clark, Clarissa Byers, Darren Caldwell and Paige Roberts.

The committee's first meeting for 2018 will be held in February at which the committee will consider a program of activities for Youth Week.

Free booklet

on managing waterways

A free booklet which provides landholders with practical advice on looking after waterways in the Richmond catchment is now available at Kyogle Council's administration centre. The booklet has been produced by Rous County Council in association with NSW Local Land Services and Richmond Landcare Inc and provides guidelines for waterway management that seek to balance land use with resource protection. You can also download the booklet from www.rous.nsw.gov.au.



Work starts on

Williams Road bridges

Council crews are back at work after the Christmas-New Year break and are geared up for another busy year.

Maintenance grading is planned for Roseberry Creek Road, Mills Road, Lindsay Creek Road and Paddys Flat Road.

Slashing is planned for the Bruxner Highway, Summerland Way and the Clarence Way. Sealed road patch repairs will be carried out on the Bruxner Highway, Summerland Way and Culmaran Creek Road.

Council will begin work on the widening of Findon Creek Road starting from the intersection with the Summerland Way and a section of Horseshoe Creek Road.

Rehabilitation works will be carried out on a section of the southern end of Omagh Road and the unnamed lane in Woodenbong behind the hotel during January and February

Work on the replacement of Boyles Bridge No 1 is continuing. As the new bridge is being built alongside the existing

bridge, Gradys Creek Road will remain open to traffic.

Work has started on the replacement of Lions Road Bridge.

While work is carried out on the new bridge, traffic will be detoured along Gradys Creek Road. This section of Gradys Creek Road has a number of causeways and should be avoided. if at all possible, during wet weather.

Installation of piles has been completed at Mahers and Andrews Bridge on Williams Road.

Work on Frenchs and Otterys Bridges, also on Williams Road, is underway. During construction of the bridges, Williams Road will be closed and residents living north of Frenches and Ottervs Bridge will have access via Williams Road and those living south of the bridges will enter via Link Road.



The replacement for Davies Bridge was completed and Gradys Road reopened to traffic on 14 December much to the delight of local residents and travellers alike.

Council's contractor has commenced works to replace Jacksons Bridge on McClelland Road and Hogans No 1 Bridge on Sawpit Creek Road.

Both bridges were washed in the March/April 2017 flood and are being replaced with funds obtained through the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

U3A to hold classes in Kyogle

The University of the Third Age - Northern Rivers, will be offering some new courses in Kyogle in 2018, in addition to the 40 or so courses offered in and around Lismore.

U3A is a self-help, nonprofit organisation run by seniors for seniors and devoted to learning for the fun of learning, while making new friends and keeping old ones.

To take part, you do need to be a paid-up member, which involves an annual fee to cover administration and insurance expenses. The fee is \$50 for new members and \$45 for renewing members. This membership entitles you to attend any number of courses

and activities offered.

No educational qualifications are needed. Your "school of life" experience is enough, there are no examinations or compulsory homework and you don't actually have to be a senior to attend classes.

Kyogle courses for term one, 2018 are: French language for beginners; Fun with Boomwhackers - a group musical activity just for fun; High School Maths - for people who have forgotten or never quite felt confident with mathematical concepts. The classes will be held on Wednesdays between 9am-1pm at the Kyogle Memorial Hall Supper Room, starting 31 January. For further information, contact Kathryn on 6633 1238 or email ianand kathryn.rodgers@telstra.com

Community event **CALENDAR**

Woodenbong Market

The Woodenbong Yowie Country Market will be held on Saturday 24 February from 8am-2pm at the Woodenbing Public Hall.

There will be a variety of stalls, food, Espresso coffee, and musical entertainment.

The markets are held on the last Saturday at the end of each season.

Insured stall sites available for \$15. For further information phone Marian on 0487 635 558.

Farmers Market

The Kyogle Farmers Mar-

ket 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.

Free pool entry

As part of Australia Day celebrations, admission to all three Kyogle Council pools (Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong) will be free for adults and children on 26 January 2018.

Semitones Choir

The Semitones choir meets every Friday from 10am at Kyogle Public School Hall.

The choir is still looking for more male members. For further information contact Martin on 6632 3740.



Kyogle Library **NEWS**

Summer reading

Kyogle library is once again taking part in the Summer Reading Club which is for pre-schoolers through to 18 year olds. It will run from 1 December to 31 January.

This year's theme is Game On, with participants being encouraged to play, solve, participate and read.

Registration is free and participants have the chance to win a voucher from ITunes, Google Play Store, Booktopia or Steam.

Library closure

Kyogle library will be closed for the Australia Day public holiday on Friday 26 January and will re-open at 9am on Saturday 27 January 2018.

Literary meetings

Kyogle Literary Group meetings are in recess until the end of January.

The first meeting of the year will be held on the first Saturday of February



Kyogle library volunteers Geoff McNamara and Isabelle Clark were honoured at a special morning tea at the library last year. Geoff and Isabelle are volunteers for the housebound delivery service. They also help shelve books at the library.

2018 (3 February). New members always welcome. Free cuppa provided.

Maj Hong Group

Kyogle Maj Hong Group resumed its weekly meetings (every Tuesday from 1pm-3.30pm) on 9 January.

New members are always welcome and those attending receive a free cup of tea or coffee.

Holiday fun

Kyogle library will have Lego, colouring and board games for young members every day during the school holidays.

For more information, contact library staff on 6632 1134.

Kids Club

Saturday Parents 'n' Kids Club will be held at Kyogle library on 27 January 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.

Pop up library

These holidays you can grab a free book from the pop-up library at the Kyogle pool.

And as part of the fun, the library is asking you to post a photo online if you take your book on your travels this summer break. Please use the hashtag #bookishtraveller.

BIG YEAR AHEAD for the Roxy

A new year of exhibitions at the Roxy Gallery is always exciting and 2018 promises to be filled with local talent from across the region.

Seeing in the new year until the end of January is *In To The Light Of The New*. This exhibition comprises works from more than 20 artists working in a range of mediums including acrylic, oil, collage, printmaking, sculpture and photography.

It is wonderful to have on exhibit new artists to our region along with those who throughout the years have participated in the annual end of year-beginning of new year exhibition held at the Roxy Gallery.

The month of February will feature an exhibition of a body of work created by Lismore artist Mathew Daymond, who is also one of the musicians in Tralala Blip.

Mathew has been obsessed with collecting books and using images and words cut from them to create complex collages. Over the past 12 months he has occupied his time with photographically recording the development of his final works, hence making a timeline of images of his creations.

Throughout the year the Roxy Gallery will host exhibitions by the Woodenbong Arts Group (WAG), the Small Schools in our area, participants at the Casino Men's Shed and a number of group exhibitions from artists living in and around our region.

The Roxy Gallery hosts a new exhibition each month so you need to be a regular visitor to the gallery to keep abreast of the amazingly talented folk and the interestingly creative talents living amongst us.





Garageland by Ross Tamlin is on show at the Roxy Gallery as part of the In To The Light Of The New exhibition.



New history museum takes shape

Kyogle's new history museum is beginning to take shape.

Work started on the new museum late last year and is expected to be completed before the end of June.

Local contractor TNW Constructions is building the museum on land adjoining the Kyogle library in Bloore Street.

When complete, the 340 square metre museum will resemble an old time country hall and will incorporate historically significant features recovered from old buildings in Kyogle including leadlight glass panels from former shop fronts and recycled floor-

boards from the Cedar Point

It is being built as part of a Public Private Partnership between Council and the Kyogle and District Historical Society.

State Member for Lismore Thomas George secured \$60,000 through a Community Building Partnership Grant for the museum, Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan provided \$16,480 through a Stronger Communities Grant, three private benefactors chipped in \$120,000, and the historical society has contributed more than \$150,000.

Kyogle Council, which has provided the land for the new museum, will contribute a further \$168,820 towards the project.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 12 February 2018 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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