



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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

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The community celebrates the opening of the new bridge on Back Creek Road, which has been called Dwyer Bridge.

Improving access one new bridge at a time

Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland and Member for Page Kevin Hogan together with a host of delighted locals shared the honour of officially opening the new Back Creek Road bridge last month.

The new two-lane steel truss bridge replaces an old single-lane timber bridge that was closed for safety reasons to all traffic in May 2016. The closure meant residents,

including school students, had to detour around the bridge, in some cases adding about 15km to their trip.

It is the tenth new bridge Kyogle Council has built in just 12 months.

The new Back Creek Road bridge cost \$640,000 to build and was jointly funded by Kyogle Council and the Federal Government. It was part of a \$2 million funding commitment to Kyogle Council made by then Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Darren Chester before the last federal election and followed representa-

tions by Mayor Danielle Mulholland through Member for Page Kevin Hogan MP.

Mr Hogan described the new bridge as great news for the local community.

"The new Boorabee Park Bridge and the other bridges that we are upgrading will allow emergency services to reach the community during natural disasters, improve safety, and reduce travel time for motorists, while reducing ongoing maintenance costs for council," he said.

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From the
MAYOR

It's already promising to be a busy year with February seeing another two weeks of meetings for the Visions of the Villages. This second round of forums saw attendees at each

identify projects specific to their area.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy lives to help us with this exercise, residents and staff members. The will be so valuable in helping us identify appropriate funding for projects identified by the community.

Australia Day events were held at Bonalbo, Woodenbong and Kyogle.

Council provides more than \$10,000 to

the committees to coordinate the events and each event was very different.

Australia Day is about uniting the community and celebrating what it means to be Australian.

We lost one of our best in January - Malcolm Wallis, our Tourism Economic Development Officer passed away unexpectedly and my sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends.

He was a dedicated man.

We opened Back Creek (Boorabee Park) bridge this month with a number of other bridges to follow.

More than ten bridges throughout the Council area have been renamed, including Back Creek bridge which will now be called Dwyer bridge as a result of a number of submissions received supporting this name change.

The late Jack Hurley was also recognised with a bridge named after him on the Lions Road.

The Youth Advisory Committee met this month and I was impressed by the calibre and diversity of the representatives.

We are still seeking nominees from West of the Range, so if you know of a young person between 12-25 years of age who has an interest in delivering projects for young people in their area and are keen to learn about local government, please notify Council's Community Development Officer Nicola Mercer, phone 6632 1611.

Danielle Mulholland

IMPROVING ACCESS one timber bridge at a time

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"And importantly for farmers, they will now be able to get their product to markets.

"Kyogle and districts have one of the highest numbers of wooden bridges in the State. I would like to thank the Council for working with the Federal Government to replace many of these bridges."

Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland said the cooperative relationship between Council and the Federal Government was paying dividends in terms of the Council's bridge replacement program.

"Because of these partnerships, Council is gradually reducing our infrastructure backlog and delivering more bridges than ever before," she said.

Over the past 12 months, Kyogle Council has replaced 10 old timber bridges with new structures.

They are McKees Bridge Duck Creek Road (March 2017), Daleys Bridge Tabulam Road (July 2017), Wagayn Bridge Collins Creek Road (November 2017), Dwyer Bridge Back Creek Road (November 2017), Larsson Road Bridge (2017), Jackson Bridge Williams Road (February 2018), Davies Bridge Gradys Creek Road (December 2017), Herd Bridge Gradys Creek Road (September 2017), Murray Bridge Gradys Creek Road (2017), Jack Hurley Bridge Gradys Creek Road (2017).

Council expects to complete another five bridges this year and will have another four under construction.

Did you know you can carry out a home business or home industry without Council approval?



If your proposal complies with the following criteria you can establish and operate a business or industry from your home without the need for consent:

- Must be carried out within a dwelling or a building ancillary to a dwelling;
- Must not employ any persons other than residents of the dwelling and up to two non-residents;
- Must not interfere with the amenity of the neighbourhood (such as through emissions of odour, noise, fumes or traffic generation);
- Must not occupy more than 50m² of floor area;
- Must not involve the sale of items other than items produced at the dwelling.

To find out more please phone Council's Planning and Environmental Services Department on 6632 1611 or go to www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.



Community farewells Malcolm Wallis

The sudden death last month of Council's highly respected and well liked Tourism and Economic Development Officer Malcolm Wallis has rocked the community.

A passionate supporter of the Kyogle Council area, Malcolm was a driving force behind the establishment of a permanent Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in Kyogle.

He was a strong advocate for the local agricultural industry, local businesses, community and sporting groups, and a wide range of events and activities held across the local government area and the broader Northern Rivers region.

Malcolm was constantly searching for ideas and initiatives to grow and promote the area, and while some may have seemed to come from left field, his enthusiasm never wavered and was quite often contagious. He even managed to get the Deputy Premier of NSW to enter the egg tossing competition at this year's Fairymount Festival!

It was the mark of the man, that no matter the situation, Malcolm could always find a smile and maintain a positive outlook. His catch phrase was "living the dream", a statement that reflected his attitude towards his work and his life in general.

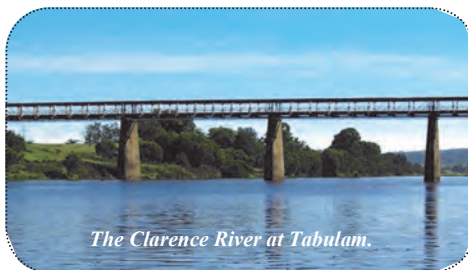
No words can completely describe Malcolm or how much his presence will be missed by his colleagues and the wider community.

Residents urged to take part in flood study

Residents of Tabulam and surrounds are being asked for their thoughts on how flooding should be managed in their community in a survey being undertaken as part of the Tabulam Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

The survey, which can be collected from the Tabulam Post Office or downloaded from Council's website (<https://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au/tabulam-survey/>), will close on 23 March 2018.

Residents are also being asked to provide Council with photos, observations, and records of previous floods in and around Tabulam as well as experiences/ personal views on how flood impacts are managed.



The study aims to define flooding behaviour of the Clarence River and its tributaries at Tabulam and the risk it poses to the community. The proposed new bridge at Tabulam will be considered in the flooding assessment.

The study also will identify and assess potential flood mitigation measures to address the flood risk for Tabulam.

Options such as land use planning, community awareness, flood warning and

infrastructure changes and upgrades will all be investigated.

Council will use the study to implement works and measures to manage flood impacts and guide strategic planning for future development of the area.

Council's Urban and Assets Engineer Matt Sorenson said some of the most important information for the study would be collected from residents and local business operators in Tabulam.

He urged everyone in the Tabulam community to complete the survey.

The study is not expected to be completed until early 2019. It is being undertaken by consultants Jacobs on behalf of Council and in consultation with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

For further information contact Matt Sorenson at Kyogle Council on 6632 1611.

Still time to complete SURVEY

There's still plenty of time for ratepayers and residents to take part in Kyogle Council's community survey.

Launched last month, the survey aims to determine what Council programs and services are most important to the com-

munity and how Council can improve their delivery.

Council would also like to know what the community thinks its priorities should be going into the future.

The survey can be done online 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.

To complete the survey online go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/5MQGJ8D

If you would prefer to fill in a hard copy of the survey, you

can pick one up at: Kyogle Council's Administration Centre, Tabulam Post Office; Malanganee 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.



Kyogle LGA celebrates **AUSTRALIA DAY 2018**



Kyogle Citizen of the Year Louise Petherbridge is congratulated by Australia Day Ambassador Dr Ross Walker.

Unsung community heroes and high achievers were honoured at Australia Day celebrations held across the Kyogle Council local government area last month.

The presentation of community awards was part of events held at Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong to mark Australia's national day.

As part of the festivities, Kyogle Council also allowed free entry to its public swimming pools at Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong.

The Australia Day Award winners for the three centres are:

Kyogle

Senior Citizen of the Year— Jen Hastie

Junior Citizen of the Year— Eloise Crawter

Citizen of the Year— Louise Pether-



Woodenbong Citizen of the Year Lynette Parker is presented with her award by Australia Day ambassador Carolyn Townsend.

bridge

Junior Student of the Year - Tom Brosnan

Junior Sportsperson of the Year - Rocco Partridge

Senior Student of the Year - Emily Ferguson

Senior Sportsperson of the Year - Dean Ferris

Community Organisation - Quota Club of Kyogle, Kyogle Rotary Club, Three Hospital Bike Ride

Bonalbo (West of the Range)

Citizen of the Year— Stephen Symonds

Senior Citizen of the Year - Jill Gorry

Junior Citizen/Sportsperson of the Year— Tess Codrington



West of the Range Australia Day award winners and nominees.



Cedrick Walker and Cr Earle Grundy at the West of the Range Australia Day celebrations.

Community Organisation or Event - Upper Clarence and Bonalbo Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Business/Service - Bankhouse Originals, Mallanganee - Susanne Richardson

Woodenbong

Citizen of the Year - Lynette Parker
Young Citizen of the Year - Katelyn Grimmatt

Sportsperson of the Year - Katelyn Grimmatt

Community Organisation/Event of the Year -- Woodenbong Pre-School Management Committee

Business/Service of the Year - Woodenbong Grocer, Manoj and Priti Kumar.



Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland conducts a Citizenship Ceremony at Kyogle's Australia Day Celebrations, welcoming Maria Anderson, Lidnald Kotzyba and Sasha Welker as new Australian citizens.



Work starts a major sewer project

Work has started on a major sewer renewal project that is likely to take Council about six months to complete.

The project is in line with Council's Asset Management Strategy which aims to eliminate Council's sewer renewal backlog within five years.

The project will include:

- Sewer dig-ups/repairs
- Sewer relining
- Sewer CCTV (used to inspect sewer lines)
- Manhole repair
- Smoke testing (which is used to detect illegal plumbing connections)

Council staff and contractors will be working throughout the local government area as part of the project.

Residents who live near a sewer manhole or have a sewer manhole in their backyard are advised that Council may need to access these manholes during the project.

Further information will be given to specific residents if and when their manhole needs to be accessed.

For further information, please contact Council's Assets and Infrastructure Services Department on 66 320 221.

In March, the newly upgraded water treatment plant in Kyogle will be fully operational.



The recently completed Jackson Bridge on McClelland Road.

Council recently completed the rehabilitation of sections of Horseshoe Creek Road and Omagh Road.

An upgrade of the first 800m of Findon Creek Road has also been completed.

It was carried out in conjunction with sealing of streets in Old Grevillia.

Grading and re-sheeting of Roseberry Creek Road is also close to completion.

Council bridge works recently completed include replacement of a pipe with a culvert on Deep Creek Road and another on Woodwards Road.

Contractors Ozwide Bridge Rail and Civil Pty Ltd have completed the construction of the new Jackson Bridge on McClelland Road.

The road opened to all traffic in February.

Work continues on many bridges within the area with Council expecting to complete Otterys Bridge and Frenchs Bridge on Williams Road in early April.

McIntosh Bridge on Lions Road should

be open to traffic in late March and construction of approaches to Triheys Bridge on Gradys Creek Road (formerly referred to as Boyles No.1 Bridge) will start in March.

Sheet piling will be carried out at Somerville Bridge on Ettrick Road in readiness for replacement of that bridge in the next financial year.

The work will need to be done under traffic control, so although the road is not closed, traffic delays can be expected.

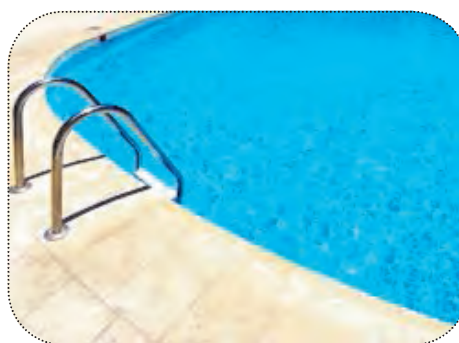
Ozwide Bridge Rail and Civil will complete Hogan Bridge on Sawpit Creek Road in March and will continue with the replacement of Robotham Bridge on Williams Road.

Heavy patching on Afterlee Road and stabilisation of a landslip near The Glen on Summerland Way will be carried out in March and Council will replace a bridge with a culvert on the unsealed section of Afterlee Road between the school and the intersection with Dam Access Road.

Swimming pool safety inspections to begin soon

With still no end in sight to the hot summer weather, many of us are continuing to seek relief from the heat in our swimming pools. While pools are at the heart of our summer activities, it is important to make sure that they are safe for use.

Over the coming months, Council will undertake safety inspections of all registered swimming pools in our area. Owners will receive a letter from Council advising of the inspection process and, when deemed compliant with current standards, a Certificate of Compliance will be issued for the pool – giving owners the peace of



mind that their pool and surrounding area is safe for use by family, friends and visitors.

If you wish to register your pool, or are unsure about its registration status, you can access advice online at www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au

Many people are not aware that the con-

struction of a swimming pool requires a Development Application.

If you have constructed a pool without an application, or are concerned that you may have bought a property with an illegal pool, you can contact Council's Planning and Environmental Services Department on 6632 1611 or go to www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au for further advice.

Safety guidelines for above ground inflatable pools can be viewed and downloaded at http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Consumers/Product_and_service_safety/Pool_safety/Inflatable_swimming_pools.page.

Council officers look forward to working with swimming pool owners over the coming months to ensure that we can all continue to enjoy our pools safely.



Kyogle container collection centre doing a roaring trade

More than 50,000 containers have been dropped off at Kyogle's drink container collection point in the first two weeks of its operation at the Kyogle landfill.

And there is no sign of drop-off rates slowing down, with residents continuing to flow through the gate, swapping their eligible drink containers for cash.

To make the process easier for everyone and prevent delays, residents are reminded to:

- Report to the weighbridge upon every trip to the Kyogle landfill.
 - Keep LEFT when visiting the drink container collection point and drive out in a clockwise direction after drop-off (see traffic flow path).
 - Completely empty containers of all liquid and remove bottle lids and any other items from containers.
 - Store containers undercover.
 - Where possible, fill empty cardboard cartons with the empty drink containers eg 30-pack cardboard carton filled with 30 empty aluminium cans.
- Ensure large loads include only eligible containers, with no



crushed cans, broken bottles or other wastes.

Dirty or contaminated containers will NOT be accepted.

Council thanks residents for their cooperation and patience during the current trial period.

Mental health first aid training course to be held at Kyogle

A free two-day mental health first aid training course will be held at Kyogle in early March.

The course on Monday 12 March and Tuesday 13 March is being run by the NSW Health Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP).

Those taking part in the course will learn how to help people in mental health crisis situations and/or in the early stages of mental health problems, including people exposed to traumatic events or intoxicated with substances.

Participants also will learn the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems, where and how to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

The course will run from 9.30am-4pm both days. Morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch will be provided to all participants at no cost each day.

Numbers are limited, and registrations are essential. To register email stephen.carrigg@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au.

For further information, contact Stephen on 0477 368 183.

The course, which will be held in the Supper Room of the Kyogle Memorial Institute, is funded by the Community Recovery Fund for flood affected communities.

Council crack down on roaming dogs

In recent weeks, Council has received a number of complaints of dogs being allowed to roam unrestrained around our towns and villages.

Everyone in our community has a right to enjoy our public places without feeling intimidated or inconvenienced by unrestrained dogs.

The Companion Animals Act places certain responsibilities on all pet owners, including:

- If your dog is in a public place, it **must** be under the effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to that person.
- If your dog defecates in a public place it is an offence not to remove the faeces.

Dog owners should ensure that their yards or gardens are securely fenced to prevent their pets from escaping.

In order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our wider community, Council officers will be proactively noting and monitoring unrestrained dogs in public places and will be following up such incidents with their owners.

If you wish to discuss your responsibilities as a pet owner, you can contact Council's Planning and Environmental Services Department on 6632 1611 for further advice.





Roxy showcases work of young artists

Two exhibitions which feature the works of some extremely talented young artists from the region are currently on show at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery.

Lost World No Codes features works by Mat Daymond, while Mike Smith, Chris Wilkinson and Ross Hill have combined their artistic endeavours with the help of RealArtWorks for the exhibition Art In Process.

Mat Daymond is described as an artist who makes "art his way" as a painter, songwriter, collage maker, poet and instrument player.

His art is with opinions and words -- he explores his opinions and facts



Sunflower Heart by Mike Smith.

through art.

Mat is interested by mystery, stories and apps.

Inspired by works of art through the ages, he determines the age of the works he is exploring and finds items that have

never been used before in art.

Mat likes the old world image, and feels the black and white image is different to the modern day colour.

Mat expresses himself and his dreams and madness as it comes out.

Lost World No Codes will run until 3 March 2018.

RealArtWorks is a post disability arts company that engages professional and emerging artists of varying abilities to create quality art through a deep investment in process.

Mike Smith, Chris Wilkinson and Ross Hill with facilitator Zeb Schulz have been using different processes to create artwork exploring personal narratives over the last 12 months.

Art in Process is a showing of some of these works and will run until 3 March 2018.

Kyogle Library NEWS

Story Time

A great new group for infants and their parents/carers is starting at the Kyogle library.

Start Together Story Time will be held on Fridays from 10-11am, is a free group and is suitable for children aged from birth to three years of age.

The group aims to develop:

- A love of books and lifelong use of libraries
- Pre-reading skills and a desire to learn to read
- Listening and language skills
- Imagination and creativity

For further details, phone the library on 6632 1134 or the Family

Support Network on 6621 2489.

Pizza N Pages

Pizza and Pages will now be held on the third Thursday afternoon of each month during school terms.

The group is for 10-18 year olds (twins and teens) and runs from 3.30-4.30pm.

There is always free pizza and generally a free make and take home craft.

The next Pizza and Pages event will be on Thursday 15 March.

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

Kids Club

Kyogle Library's Parents N Kids Club now meets on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month.

The library, through the Kids Club, aims to

provide a welcoming space with resources for parents/families/carers to enjoy quality, fun times with their children.

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

The Kids Club operates from 10.30-11.30am.

Mahjong

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

It is open to people who play mah-jong and those who would like to learn how to play. Register your interest by phoning Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

JP Services

A Justice of the Peace is available at the Kyogle library. Phone the library for JP availability.

CALLING all budding actors

DIRT, a program of the Village Hall Players (VHP), is a youth theatre class for 8 to 17-year olds.

Students learn through movement, improvisation, acting, music, and singing, and develop their confidence and teamwork while exploring their creative expression in a fun environment.

The DIRT (Drama in Rural Towns) program has five places available in its Kyogle class.

If you are interested, contact Lynette on 0429 922 169. More information is available at www.villagehallplayers.com

Community event CALENDAR

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.

Border Ranges Day Club

The Border Ranges Day Club for seniors meets at the Seniors Centre Bloore Street Kyogle.

New members are very welcome.

For further information please call Helen on 6633 3200.

Tropical Soda Apple spreading fast

Seasonal conditions through December and January have created perfect conditions for the spread of Tropical Soda Apple, and landholders are asked to be vigilant in ensuring their land is free of the weed.

Tropical Soda Apple is an aggressive, prickly shrub that readily invades riverside and pasture areas.

While many land managers may have undertaken weed control before Christmas, the rate and amount of germination brought on by warm summer conditions mean that places where the weed has occurred before and new areas where it might spread will need to be inspected as a priority.

The plant fruits quickly following rain and produces a large number of viable seeds which have the potential to spread and germinate rapidly.

This is why Soda Apple is a high priority for control across the state and particularly

in the North Coast.

Infestations impact agricultural land, forest, riparian zones, roadsides and parks, displacing native or existing plants. Seed is spread through cattle movement and baled grass, by flood, as well as by other animals that eat the fruit such as pigs and birds.

The importance of controlling this weed is highlighted in last year's release of stringent control requirements for all land managers under the *Biosecurity (Tropical Soda Apple) Control Order 2017* and the listing of this species as an eradication target in the North Coast Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017 - 2022.

Landholders should be aware that allowing this plant to go to seed, or controlling it and not removing the fruit is a breach of the control order, as is the movement of stock, machinery or fodder off infested properties without suitable quarantine actions in place. Landholders should hold stock in Tropical Soda Apple free paddocks for seven days prior to sale and movement off infested properties.

Restricting livestock from grazing and moving through areas with Tropical Soda



Apple will help reduce spread, as will regularly checking cattle handling facilities, cattle camps and yards for seedlings and new infestations.

The Control Order also specifies that individuals must report occurrences of this weed within 24 hours of detection.

If you believe you may have Tropical Soda Apple on your property, please notify Kim Curtis at Rous County Council on 6623 3847, who can arrange for an officer to correctly identify the plants and provide further advice on control methods.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 12 March 2018 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are held on the second Monday of every month except January. Meetings start at 5pm and are held at the Kyogle Council Chambers, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle.

The first item of general business is Question Time which provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions of Councillors and senior staff. To speak to Council on a specific issue during the meeting, 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:

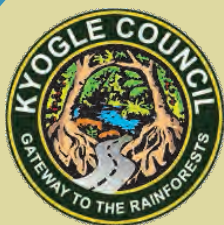
Kyogle: 7.30am-12pm Monday to Friday
9am-4pm Saturday & Sunday

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm

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