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BUDGET TARGETS

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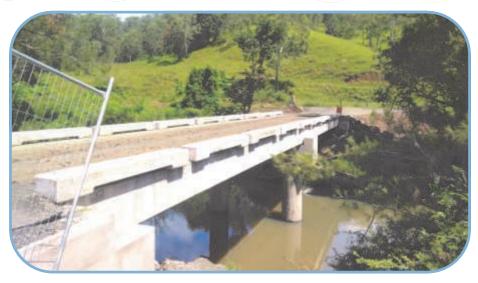
Kyogle Local Government Area (LGA) residents are set to reap the rewards of record grant funding success totalling more than \$7 million in the next two years.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said infrastructure spending was up, with \$29 million being spent on roads, including \$5 million for Culmaran Creek Road and \$8 million on the Clarence Way in the draft budget adopted by Council for public exhibition.

"An additional \$11 million is dedicated for bridges across the LGA over the next four years, on top of the \$13 million in the current year's program, with 65 bridges scheduled for renewal over the five years," she said.

"Council will also deliver \$3.7 million in community infrastructure projects across Kyogle and the villages after securing \$2.4 million through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

"Council has been consulting widely on the Visions of Village Life project and as a result of our successful grant funding applications we have secured more than \$1 million dollars for the six villages included



Kyogle Council's draft budget has made provision for \$29 million to be spent on roads and the renewal of 65 bridges over the next five years.

in the process."

The delivery of cultural and community infrastructure projects, such as the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall revitalisation, will provide more inclusive and sustainable community facilities.

"Community art is a focus of the budget with a major upgrade for the Roxy Gallery, seeing it relocated to the KMI," Cr Mulholland said.

"The Roxy will be serviced by a new lift

making it aged and disability friendly and the KMI hall will continue to be available free to all local community groups and charities."

Doing business with Council will be easier as a result of a \$150,000 Innovation Fund grant, with improvements to on-line services allowing residents to lodge applications, customer requests and make pay-

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This month saw a couple of exciting funding announcements including \$1.4m being allocated to Kyogle Council under the second round of the Stronger Country Communities fund.

This money will help Council deliver the projects identified by the community during the Com-

munity Strategic Plan process and the Visions of the Villages.

- The Bonalbo Showground will be sewered.
- Murals are planned in public areas.
- The Kyogle caravan park will receive an upgrade and the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall has been funded for much needed improvements.
- Mummulgum will get a unisex/disabled toilet.
- Tabulam, Woodenbong, Old Bonalbo and Wiangaree will also get a boost.

For more information, please see the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 April for a full list of projects.

Kyogle's refurbished water treatment plant was opened last month by Thomas George and myself.

The upgrade means a higher quantity of water that's of a better quality being available for existing and future residents.

The Kyogle Youth Centre will be able to upgrade its facilities to include a disabled toilet and greater open space with a recent grant from the State Government. The an-

nouncement was made by Minister Pru Goward who was here during a flying visit.

I'd like to congratulated Chris and his team from Kyogle Together for attracting the funding to a much needed resource in the community.



An agribusiness seminar was recently held in Bonalbo, teaching producers how to market their stock online.

Council partnered with DPI to deliver the seminar and the feedback from those who attended has been fantastic.

Also delivered by DPI, was a "Getting Started" seminar through the Young Farmer Business Program which covered issues which help young farmers enter the industry or expand an existing business.

The Lions Road finally reopened on 6 April.

These much needed bridges will see the tourist route to Brisbane reopen and provide much needed relief to the residents of Lynches Creek Road who have put up with the dust from increased traffic as the detour route.

With the Federal and State elections coming up next year, I am meeting with all candidates as they nominate.

We have an ambitious works program and need funding to deliver it, without even mentioning our infrastructure backlog. If we can get funding for the backlog, we will be better positioned to maintain and upgrade existing infrastructure. So fingers crossed!

Cr Danielle Mulholland

Council approval NOT needed for MANY FARM BUILDINGS

Did you know you can construct or install a farm building for the purpose of an agricultural activity (and not for habitable purposes) without Council approval if it is:

- constructed or installed on land in Zone RU1, RU2, RU3, RU4 or RU6, and
- not constructed or installed on or in a heritage item or a draft heritage item or in an environmentally sensitive area.

The building must also comply with the following development standards:

- not higher than 7m above ground level (existing), and
- not have an area of more than:
 - ° if it is a stockyard 0.5ha, or
 - if it is any other building 200m² (if situated on a lot of 2ha or more) or 50m² (if situated on a lot of less than 2ha), and
- be located at least 20m from the primary road frontage of the lot and at least 10m from the other lot boundaries, and
- not be constructed or installed within 50m of a dwelling on an adjoining property, and
- be located at least 50m from a waterbody (natural), and



- to the extent it is comprised of metal components be designed by, and constructed in accordance with the specifications of, a professional engineer, and
- to the extent it is a silo—not be fitted with a motorised fan for aeration or drying purposes.

If the development is a shipping container, there must not be more than one shipping container per lot.

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



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ments online.

Council also has listened to the community's call for more flexible delivery of waste services and Council will now include additional options for waste collection services, a standard price per wheelie bin at our waste facilities, and a tip voucher for all ratepayers to be sent out with the first rates' notice each year.

Other budget highlights include:

- Developer contributions waived for developments completed within the next two years to boost the construction of a range of housing options for our growing community.
- Council continuing its support of library services with \$350,000 allocated in 2018/19.
- \$66,000 allocated to the seven preschools operating in the Council area.
- Kyogle LGA will be rebranded to reflect the Hinterland Lifestyle and Culture of Kyogle and the villages with \$340,000 dedicated to new village and council area entry signs, as well as improved visitor information signage.

- Council continues to invest in the area's young people with \$6,000 allocated to support the recently reestablished Youth Advisory Committee, and Council will continue its support of apprentices and school-based trainees.
- Community support continues to be a focus with \$90,000 dedicated to community grants and \$11,200 for the three Australia Day Committees.
- Funding for Council's pools will be maintained to allow the extended swimming season to continue, and for longer opening hours during times of extreme heat, and the return of the in-

flatable activity centre at all three pools.

Copies of the draft budget are available from Council at 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle, on Council's website www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au or at Wadeville store, Woodenbong Post Office, Tabulam Post Office, Cawongla store, Mallanganee Post Office, Old Bonalbo Post Office, Kyogle Library, Kyogle Council Administration Centre, Wiangaree Post Office, Bonalbo Post Office, and the mobile library.

Submissions should be made in writing by 4pm on 14 May 2017 to the General Manager, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle or to council@kyogle. nsw.gov.au.



The inflatable activity centre has been a huge hit at Council's three public pools this season.

Kyogle Together wins grant to refurbish KYOGLE YOUTH CENTRE

Kyogle Together has received a \$38,500 State Government grant to refurbish the Kyogle Youth Centre.

The project, which was supported by Kyogle Council, will involve the refurbishment of toilet amenities at the youth centre, as well as improvements to the community space and office area.

A confidential meeting room also will be created as part of the project and wheel chair access provided to the building.

When completed, the upgraded youth centre will allow Kyogle Together to provide improved/greater access to services centred on social housing, as well as advocacy, support and referral for people experiencing financial hardship and social isolation.

NSW Minister for Social Housing Pru Goward and Member for Lismore Thomas George announced the grant provided through the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund at a function at the Youth Centre last month.

Ms Goward said the project had the potential to benefit social housing tenants, particularly young people living in social hous-



Kyogle Together's Chris Hutton, NSW Minister Pru Goward, Member for Lismore Thomas George, Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland and Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley at the Youth Centre funding announcement.

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Mr George described Kyogle Together as a worthy grant recipient and said he looked forward to seeing the refurbishment completed.

Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, who attended the funding announcement with Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley, welcomed the grant funding.

"Any investment in our youth is good for the community," she said.



LIONS ROAD

re-opens to all traffic

The Gradys Creek and Lions Road bridge renewal program is complete with the last of the six bridges on the route opened for traffic in April.

Council, locals and travellers alike are overjoyed to have this project complete and the alternative link from Summerland Way in NSW to Running Creek Road in Queensland fully open without any load limits.

Stay tuned for news of the official opening.

In May, Council will commence extension of Lofts Pinnacle Road and gravel resheet including drainage improvements on Lillian Rock Road.

Grading of other local roads in the Barkers Vale and Lillian Rock district will be carried out while equipment is in the area.

The Clarence Way south of the Bruxner Highway also will be graded and receive a gravel re-sheet.

Grading also will be conducted in the Dyraaba area during May. Road pavement repairs for the month will be focussed on Tabulam Road and Theresa Creek Road.



Council crews put the finishing touches to the last of the six bridges replaced as part of the Gradys Creek Lions Road bridge renewal program,

Heavy patching has been completed on Afterlee and Iron Pot Creek Roads in read- will start construction of Andrew Bridge iness for reseals.

Rehabilitation of about 2km of Summerland Way near Glen Road between Grevillia and Woodenbong is well underway.

The extensive works include stabilisation, landslip repair, subsoil drainage works, installation of kerb and guttering, culvert replacement and pavement works.

Council expects to complete construction of French and Ottery bridges on Williams Road in May.

Once these bridges are open, Council on Williams Road.

Ettrick Road is currently closed at Somerville Bridge while Council constructs a replacement bridge.

The new bridge is a two lane streel truss bridge and completion is expected by mid-

A covered walkway at the Kyogle High School bus bay in George Street is to be installed by Council in the April school holidays.

Students inspect **FISHWAY**

Kyogle Council marked World Fish Migration Day on Thursday 12 April with an education day at the multiaward winning Kyogle Fish-

Council teamed with Landcare, NSW Fisheries and the Kyogle Fishing Club to host the event which saw students

from Kyogle Public School learn how the fishway was built and how 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 students also were given presentations on the general hydrologic cycle and the recently augmented Kyogle water supply system.





Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland welcomes Paul and Cathy Kumar, the new operators of the VIC Café, to Kyogle.

set to re-open

The café at Kyogle's Visitor fé. Information Centre has new operators.

until recently have been operating the popular Shimla Curry House out of the Sugar Bowl Café on Friday and Saturday nights, have taken over the lease of the VIC Ca-

The couple will re-open the café after fitting-out the kitch-Paul and Cathy Kumar, who en and intend to offer a lunch and dinner service as well as provide take-aways.



\$9.4M water project COMPLETED

Kyogle's upgraded water treatment plant was officially opened last month, completing a major project to secure the town's water supply now and into the future.

Member for Lismore Thomas George and Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland pushed the button to start the refurbished water works which was the final component of the Kyogle Water Supply Augmentation Project.

The project also included the construction of the 200 megalitre off-stream storage dam, installation of the multi-award winning fishway on the Richmond River, and improvements to waste water disposal.

"The NSW Government is committed to investing in infrastructure projects that provide

regional communities with a safe and secure source of drinking water," Mr George said.

"We are proud to have invested \$6.47 million into this project, providing Kyogle with the infrastructure it needs to prepare for drought conditions and grow sustainably into the future."

The project was largely funded by the NSW Government through the Restart NSW Water Security for Regions program, with additional funding provided by Kyogle Council.

Cr Mulholland said the project represented a once in a generation improvement to Kyogle's water supply.

"This project delivers improved drought security and water quality, and provides capacity for the future growth of the township which in turn supports the growth of the local livered on the triple bottom line economy," she said.

"The additional grant funding



Member for Lismore Thomas George, Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle and Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley at the official opening of the refurbished Kyogle water treatment plant.

for the solar powered mixers in the storage dam will ensure that the water supply is resilient to the impacts of climate change into the future.

"Overall the project has deby providing social, economic and environmental outcomes

while addressing the core issue of providing a safe and secure water supply.

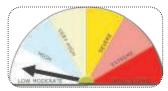
"The final product is a credit to all those involved, and showcases what can be achieved through strong partnerships between local and state government."

Bush fire danger REDUCĔS

The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period for the Kyogle Council area officially ended on 1 April 2018.

That means that permits for most fires are no longer required. However, some fires, such as those that are likely to be dangerous to a building, require a permit all year round (for further information go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fireinformation/BFDP).

Landholders are reminded that while fire permits may no longer be needed, they are still required to notify adjoining neighbours and the Northern Rivers Fire



Control Centre (phone 6663 0000) a minimum of 24 hours before lighting a fire.

Before lighting a fire, landholders must also:

- Check forecast weather conditions for the day of the burn and for up to four days following lighting;
- Delay the burn if concerning winds are fore-
- Create proper fire breaks and clear around the perimeter of piles
- Supervise the fire at all times
- Call 000 immediately of the fire escapes.



Fun run/walk for breast cancer research

Kyogle will host its fourth annual Mothers Day Classic Fun Run/Walk on Sunday 13 May.

The 5km fun run/walk will start out from the Visitor Information Centre at 8am.

The course will take participants out to New Park, back to the VIC and then a circuit round the water storage facility and

back to the finish line at the VIC.

The event raises funds for breast cancer research.

Registrations cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and can be done online or on the morning of the event (cash only on the day).

Registrations on the morning will open at 7.30am.

For further details go the Mothers Day Classic Facebook events page at www.facebook.com/ events/411254012631859/



WORK STARTS

on four new outdoor gyms

Work has started on the long-awaited second stage of the Kyogle Outdoor Gym Project.

The project will see the installation of four new outdoor gyms at Geneva (corner Harrison Street and Anzac Drive), Anzac Park, Apex Park and Homestead (corner of Bundock Street and Kyogle Road).

The project has been funded by the Kyogle Combined Services Club (Lions, Quota, Rotary and CWA), Kyogle Council, the NSW Government's Social Housing Community Improvement Fund and the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

In addition, in-kind support has been given by Kyogle Earthworks, Eden Creek Concreting, Soward Steel and Aluminium Fabrication and Graham's Quarry.

The four outdoor gyms are part of a bigger project which will see the installation of a new fence at Anzac Park playground, additions to the Kyogle Skatepark, as well as the installation of a disabled toilet at the netball courts.

The four new outdoor gyms are expected to be completed by July.



Kyogle service club members work on the new outdoor gym being installed at Geneva.

Following the installation of the gyms, the project will provide social housing residents with a free fitness program and childminding service which is expected to run for one hour each week.

The aim is to allow social housing resi-

dents to take part in the program without worrying about day-care or babysitters.

Although aimed at social housing residents, the program is open to everyone and Council is urging anyone interested in taking part to contact Council.

MEN'S SHED ART GROUP

explore, share their hidden talents

Male and female members of the Casino Men's Shed, who collectively get together to share ideas and learn new skills, have joined forces to showcase their art works in a new exhibition.

Art In A Tin Shed will be on show at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery until May 5.

This is an exhibition which lifts aspiring new artists to another level by providing them with an opportunity to share their works with the public.

Meeting once a week, this group of mostly retired individuals take over a section of the Casino Men's Shed, position their easels, pull out their paints and set about exploring their hidden talents.

Through the group, which is facilitated by Ruth Riordon, members have been able to share, explore, support and grow through, and in, art making.

Art In A Tin Shed reflects the joy and interest people, who do not come from an arts background, can obtain by collectively working together.



This untitled work by Lisa Wright is one of the pieces on show at the Art In A Tin Shed exhibition at Kyogle's Roxy Gallery.



Kyogle Library NFWS

School holiday fun

Looking for ideas to keep the kids entertained during the school holidays?

Kyogle library will have activities for children every weekday during the holiday period.

There will be Lego and board games in the mornings then Autumn-themed simple laminated bookmark making craft and calm-colouring in the afternoons. No bookings necessary - just drop-in and join-in.

On Thursday 26 April, the library will host a birthday party for 5-12-year-olds. Play your favourite party games, take home a free present and eat birthday cake! Starts at 10am for 10.30-11.30am. RSVP and bookings to the library phone 6632 1134 by Tuesday 24 April.

Bird Atlassers

NSW Bird Atlassers Inc is a voluntary group of people whose members love bird watching.

An informal talk about the group will be held at the Kyogle library on Wednesday

9 May from 10.30-11.30am.

Everyone wanting to learn more about Bird Atlassers is welcome to attend.

Library closure

Kyogle library will be closed on Anzac Day, Wednesday 25 April.

It will re-open as normal on Thursday 26 April.

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 (tweens 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 17 May.

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

Kids Club

Kyogle Library's Parents N Kids Club now meets twice a 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. Enjoy Lego, calm colouring in and free make and take home craft.

This is an unstructured activity so chil-

dren must be supervised at all times.

The Kids Club operates from 10.30-11.30am. Upcoming meeting dates: 5 May and 19 May.



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 you interest by phoning Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

Laptops

Kyogle library now has laptops available for members over 16 years of age to use within the library.

They are free to use, all you need is your library card.

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.

CALENDAR

Farmers Market

The Kyogle Farmers Market is held on Saturday mornings in Stratheden Street, Kyogle. To book a stall phone Rupert on 0403 628 292 or Anne on 6632 1851.

W'bong Pre-school anniversary

Woodenbong Pre-School will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an open day on Sunday 20 May.

If you would like to contribute a story or photo (preference for pre 1980s) contact the pre-school on 6635 1372.

Kyogle to get **SOUL'D**

Kyogle and District Arts is bringing some soul to the Kyogle Memorial Hall on Sunday 20 May from 2pm to 5pm with a spectacular live music performance by SOUL'D.

SOUL'D is the Northern Rivers biggest live band featuring musicians, who love recreating the retro sound of the golden era of big band music from soul, funk, RnB, blues, swing and more. The band features a horn section, female and male vocalists and cooking rhythm section.

Tickets will be on sale at the door from 1pm and will cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for young people under 16 years of age.

Afternoon tea will be provided by donation by the Kyogle and District Arts and the Kyogle Evening branch of the Country Women's Association.

This musical performance is set to rock the Kyogle Memorial Hall.



Tropical soda apple infests

234 properties across the Northern Rivers

Tropical Soda Apple (TSA) was first discovered in our region in 2012.

That initial infestation was spread over three paddocks on about five hectares of land at a property near Casino.

Since then, despite investing significant time and resources inspecting properties, mapping infestations, educating the public and ensuring treatment of known infestations, there are 234 properties on the Northern Rivers infested with TSA.

Following the release of a ministerial control order in 2015, stricter measures have been imposed on all owners or occupiers of land.

All TSA plants are to be destroyed, including fruit. Owners or occupiers are to ensure subsequent generations of TSA are destroyed and that the land is kept free of the weed. Notification to the Local Control Authority of the presence of any new infestations of TSA is to occur.

Due to the high numbers of new infestations, Rous County Council is now focussing on tracking the potential movement of TSA infested cattle off properties with known infestations.

Now is the time for action to help reduce the spread and assist Council in its drive towards eradication.

• Learn to identify TSA correctly

- If you are selling cattle be aware that there are heavy fines imposed for knowingly spreading TSA.
- New stock should be held in a TSA free holding area for six days to allow seeds to pass through the gut.
- You have an obligation to eradicate and notify your Local Control Authority.
- Return every four weeks to check for seedlings.
- Treat plants as you find them before they seed.

 If you have never had TSA on your property and suspect you may have it, please contact Rous County Council on 6623 3833.



Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 14 May 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.

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



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