



Kyogle Council Community Newsletter

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OFFICIAL OPENING Gradys Creek Lions Road Bridge Renewal Program

It was smiles and pats on the back all round at the official opening of the Gradys Creek and Lions Roads Bridge Renewal Program on Tuesday 15 May.

Member for Page Kevin Hogan and Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland shared the honour of declaring open the six new bridges built as part of the \$6.8 million project.

Funded \$1.9 million by the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program, the project saw Council's bridge crews, with the help of piling and concreting subcontractors, build five new composite fibre bridges on Gradys Creek Road and one new steel truss bridge on Lions Road.

All six new bridges are dual lane structures and are higher than the old, single-lane timber bridges they replaced, giving increased flood immunity to local residents,



Cr Earle Grundy, Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley, Member for Page Kevin Hogan, Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, Cr Lindsay Passfield and Cr Hayden Doolan observe Patricia Herd (centre) cutting the ribbon.

businesses and travellers alike. The construction of the new bridges also has meant that all previous load limits have been lifted, improving safety for mo-

torists and providing greater certainty to local farmers and business operators in the Gradys Creek area.

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From the
MAYOR



It's been another fast paced month with the State Government's Fit for the Future reforms around the joint organisations (JO) coming to fruition. It has been announced that Kyogle will be joining the five other member Councils (Tweed, Richmond Valley, Lismore, Byron and Ballina) of NOROC to establish the new JO. We will

meet at the end of the month to discuss our transitioning arrangements, including the establishment of a new charter and voting model. The JO will enable member Councils to collaborate, plan and deliver regional projects.

ANZAC Day was a lovely day - I headed up to Mallanganee and watched the last performance of local Yvonne Gay, who has performed at Mallanganee ANZAC days since the first event. Gail Bester who has the run the BBQ since 1982 also stepped down. Ms Gay and Ms Bester were awarded with certificates of appreciation by Master of Ceremonies, Neville O'Malley. Kyogle, Old Bonalbo, Bonalbo and Wooden-

bong ANZAC events were also well attended.

We opened the six bridges that were replaced on the Lions Road. These bridges were of special importance because they heralded a change in the grant criteria. Council had experienced some challenges in seeking funding under the Bridge Renewal Program, which was designed to help Councils like Kyogle with their timber bridge backlogs. Our federal member, Kevin Hogan, worked his magic and got us through the Deputy Prime Minister's door to discuss our proposed criteria which would make it easier for us to successfully apply. Long story short - the criteria was changed and the six bridges on Gradys Creek and the bridge at Upper Duck Creek were the first to be funded under the new criteria and replaced. This is a win, not only for us but for all rural Councils across Australia.

The Bonalbo Show was, as always, a great day out. On the same day, the MPS open day was held and isn't it impressive?! I'm so pleased to see this facility completed and congratulate Thomas George on his advocacy.

Until next time,

Cr Danielle Mulholland

Rally Returns To Kyogle

The Border Ranges Rally is heading back to Kyogle.

The Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club is bringing the car rally back to the Kyogle district from Friday 13 July to Sunday 15 July.

The rally was previously held in Kyogle in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

This year's event will be run over three days, with the reconnaissance and roads set up on Friday 13 July and the actual rally on Saturday 14 July and Sunday 15 July.

On Saturday, the rally will be run over four competition stages run three times and on Sunday, the rally will be run over three stages:

Saturday 14 July

- Hillyards Stage
- Dyraaba Stage
- Knights Stage

- Pines Stage
- Super Special Kyogle Showground

Sunday 15 July

- Happy Valley Stage
- Old Cob O Corn Stage
- Toonumbar Stage

A ceremonial start to the rally will be held at the Kyogle Showground, with the first car flagged away.

The rally headquarters will be based at the Kyogle Showgrounds where the rally will finish on Sunday evening following by the presentation of trophies.

Meanwhile, the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club will hold a second rally, the Yowie Country Rally, in the Woodenbong area on 13 October.

For further information on this and other events go to the Gold Coast Tweed Motor Sporting Club website at <http://gctmc.org.au/rally-events/>.





Kyogle library to be REFURBISHED

Kyogle library will receive a \$100,000 refurbishment and redesign thanks to a State Government Public Library Infrastructure Grant.

The grant for \$99,673 was announced this week by Lismore MP Thomas George and Minister for the Arts Don Harwin.

The funds will be used to replace the existing library shelving and furniture, create a new layout and increase flexibility in the floor plan for events and library activities.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland has welcomed the grant, describing it as "great result" for the library and the wider community.

"Library services contribute so much to communities and it's wonderful to see the State Government investing in the future of our local library," she said.

Mr George said local libraries such as Kyogle were an important part of the community, providing much more than simply a place to borrow books.

"Libraries are at the heart of our com-



Kyogle librarian Corrine Hughes, right, shows Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, left, how the library's self-service laptop borrowing kiosk works.

munity and are transforming rapidly to meet the challenges of the digital age," he said.

Minister Harwin said the NSW Government had spent \$28.8 million on libraries this financial year and was committed to

working with councils to enhance library services and facilities across the State.

Work on the Kyogle library refurbishment is expected to start within the next few months.

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"This project is the biggest bridge renewal project Council has undertaken since it replaced nine bridges on the Clarence Way in 2008/2009," Cr Mulholland said.

"It has been ongoing since January 2017 and has provided significant challenges for local residents, businesses and the Council. "Gradys Creek and Lions roads were closed for extended periods to all through traffic during the different stages of the project, with residents having to detour via Lynches Creek.

"Then in the midst of stage one of the project, Council and the community had to

contend with one of the worst floods in recent history.

"I think it's fair to say that when the final bridge was completed and the road re-opened to all through traffic on 6 April this year, Council, residents and motorists alike were relieved and delighted."

As well as providing improved access for local residents and business, the new bridges had the potential to boost tourism, Cr Mulholland said.

"The route also is much safer for the school bus run and the new bridges will drastically reduce Council's maintenance costs," she said.

Cr Mulholland praised council staff for their hard work and commitment to the project.

"The weather was not particularly kind to us, particularly at the start of the project, then there was the flood which made life even harder for everyone," she said.

"Staff worked long hours over many months, often in very trying conditions, to get all six bridges finished and restore access to residents as soon as they possibly could.

"Their efforts are appreciated and have not gone unnoticed."



Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland with Patricia Herd



Council approval NOT needed for MOST CARPORTS

Did you know you can construct or install a carport without Council approval under certain conditions.

Those conditions are if:

- It is not constructed or installed on or in a heritage item or a draft heritage item or on land in a foreshore area; and
- it complies with the following development standards:
 - (1) The standards specified for that development are that the development must:
 - (a) not result in a building classified under the Building Code of Australia as class 7a, and
 - (b) not have a floor area more than:
 - (i) for a lot larger than 300m² in a rural zone or Zone R5—50m², or
 - (ii) for a lot larger than 300m² in a zone other than a rural zone or Zone R5—25m², or
 - (iii) for a lot 300m² or less in any zone—20m², and
 - (c) be not higher than 3m above ground level (existing) or, if attached to an existing single storey dwelling, be not higher than the roof gutter line, and
 - (d) be located at least 1 metre behind the building line of any road frontage, and
 - (e) be located at a distance from each lot boundary of at least:
 - (i) for development carried out in Zone RU1, RU2, RU3, RU4, RU6 or R5 - 5 metres, or
 - (ii) for development carried out in any other zone - 900mm, and
 - (f) have two or more sides open and not less than one-third of its perimeter open, and
 - (g) to the extent it is comprised of metal components - be constructed of low reflective, factory pre-coloured materials, and
 - (h) not involve the construction of a new driveway or gutter crossing unless the consent of the relevant road authority for each opening of a public road required for the development has been obtained under the Roads Act 1993, and



- (i) be constructed or installed so that any roofwater is disposed of into the existing stormwater drainage system, and
 - (j) if it is connected to a fascia - be connected in accordance with a professional engineer's specifications, and
 - (k) (Repealed)
 - (l) if it is located on bush fire prone land and is less than 5 metres from a dwelling - be constructed of non-combustible material, and
 - (m) if it is constructed or installed in a heritage conservation area or a draft heritage conservation area - be located in the rear yard, and
 - (n) be located so that it does not reduce vehicular access to, or parking or loading or unloading on, or from, the lot.
- (2) The roof of the development must be located at least 500mm from each lot boundary.
- (3) There must not be more than one development:
 - (a) per lot if there is a dwelling on the lot, or
 - (b) per lot or per each separate occupation of premises on the lot, whichever is the greater, in any other case.

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

Fables And Folktales

The DIRT students are back for their 2018 annual production. This time they're tackling *Aesop's (Oh So Slightly) Updated Fables* by Kim Esop Wylie and a wonderful folktale from Norway.

Recommended for children of all ages, this performance includes audience participation, lots of laughs and even some very poignant moments.

Performances will be held at 2pm on Saturday 30th June at the KMI Hall, Stratheden Street, Kyogle and 2pm on Sunday 1st July at the Casino RSM Club. Tickets are \$10 each, children under 10 are free, and are available at the door.

Contact villagehallplayers@gmail.com for more information or go to their website www.villagehallplayers.com.





Work continues on roads and bridges

Council has completed the initial sealing of a section of Afterlee Road joining the sealed road at the intersection with Dam Access Road and the sealed section of road at Afterlee Public School. This means that Afterlee Road is now sealed all the way from Anzac Drive to Afterlee School.

Heavy patching will be carried out in June at various locations on Summerland Way and Bruxner Highway and a 1km section of heavy patching will also be undertaken on the Clarence Way south from Muli Muli. The June grading program will focus on roads in the Dyraaba and Barkers Vale areas.

The long-awaited upgrade of Culmaran Creek Road will commence this month. Works for this project planned for June include improvements to Larsson Road and to the gravel section of Culmaran Creek Road. These will be used as alternative routes during the road upgrade.

The extension of Loft Pinnacle Road was recently completed increasing Lofts Pinnacle Road from 1km in length to 2.5km. Now this work is complete, the crew will

move on to undertake drainage improvements to the gravel section of Lillian Rock Road.

Works on Summerland Way at The Glen on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services are continuing with the first of three sections almost complete. The extensive works include stabilisation, landslip repair, subsoil drainage works, installation of kerb and guttering, culvert replacement and pavement works.

Council's contractor Ozwide Bridge Rail and Civil has commenced construction of Robotham Bridge on Williams Road. A new precast concrete structure will replace the original timber bridge which was destroyed during the 2017 flood event caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

Council anticipates completion of French and Ottery Bridges on Williams Road and Somerville Bridge on Ettrick Road in the next few weeks.

Piling is due to commence on Christensens Bridge on Afterlee Road. Short term road closures should be expected during piling and will be managed under traffic control. Afterlee Road will be closed once demolition of Christensens Bridge commences but fortunately the site



allows for establishment of a vehicle bypass beside the bridge and traffic will not need to detour using other roads.

Contractor TnW Constructions has commenced work on the *Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall Revitalisation*. This exciting project includes the reinstatement of the Summerland Way hall entry, improvements to fire escapes, installation of an elevator and creation of a new home for the Roxy Gallery in the upstairs rooms of the hall.

Reconciliation Day

1 June

Kyogle's Reconciliation Committee will hold its annual Reconciliation Day event on Friday 1 June.

The celebrations will kick off at 11am with a community march from the Kyogle Youth Centre down the Summerland Way to the Ampitheatre where there will be a

range of activities for all ages as well as food, entertainment and guest speakers. A sausage sizzle will be provided,

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Metamorphosis: a journey of change, creation

Metamorphosis is the subject and title chosen by the Community of Learners Of Upper Richmond Small Schools (COLOURSS) exhibition at the Roxy Gallery from 7 May through to 2 June.

For a number of years the Upper Richmond small schools of Afterlee, Bakervale, Collins Creek, Rukenvale, The Risk and Wiangaree have come together to showcase the amazing creative minds of their young students.

This year, with the support of local artist Rebecca Tapscott O'Meara, the students have been exploring the concept of metamorphosing themselves in our world.

With a collection of ideas on how they would like to create themselves in a new world, these young minds have painted, drawn and sculpted images of other selves, evolving beings from extinct and common creatures.

It is always exciting and refreshing to exhibit art made by young people as they



A piece by a student from Afterlee Public School which will be part of the exhibition.

grasp non-conforming stereotypes of how art could/should be.

This is the ninth year that the COLOURSS group has coordinated the collective of small public schools to host an

exhibition of the art learning that their students engage in and the Roxy Gallery is always excited to curate their works in the space, bringing to the gallery new and interesting art.



A student from The Risk Public School contributed this artwork for the exhibition.

Keep it coming 'round Kyogle urged to recycle right!

Kyogle Council urges its residents to make small positive changes to their recycling habits, to assist in adapting to the current changes to Australia's international recycling markets.

Until recently, China was the world's largest importer of recycled paper, cardboard and plastics. For the past months, however, China has enforced a policy, called the China Sword Policy, rejecting recycling which is 'dirty' or contaminated more than a half a percent. For most Australian Materials Recycling Facilities, meeting the 0.5% contamination rate is not possible.

Finding a market for these products is now more difficult and has placed further pressure on Councils and the recycling industry. Kyogle residents, however, can rest assured that in the northern rivers

recycling is continuing and we are managing to find markets for most of our recycled materials – if we can't they are stockpiled for now.

To help the current situation, householders in Kyogle are encouraged to keep recycling even better than they have before, making sure only clean recycling goes into the recycling section of their wheelie bin and following the tips below.

Kyogle's top recycling tips:

- Avoid wasteful products and buying products that are heavily packaged.
- Keep recycling and don't buy into the idea that Kyogle Council isn't recycling – we are!
- Keep your recycling as clean as possible and free from contamination.
- Keep recycling single-use aluminium cooking trays after they've been cleaned.

- Do not place soft plastics (eg plastic bags), food, clothing or nappies in your recycling bin.

For further information about what can or can't be recycled go to www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au or pick up a factsheet at Council's Administration Building.





LIBRARY

happenings

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 21 June.

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 children must be supervised at all times.

The Kids Club operates from 10.30-11.30am. Upcoming

meeting dates: 2, 16 and 3 June 2018

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.

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.

Literary leanings

Kyogle Literary Group meets on the first Saturday of the

month at the Kyogle library at 10am for a 10.30-noon.

Newcomers welcome and a cuppa supplied.

Readers group

Would like to meet some other keen readers? Would like to make new friends?

Do you enjoy a vigorous discussion and the opportunity to offer your opinion with like-minded folk?

Would you like to enjoy a monthly get together, share a laugh, have a chat and have fun while you enjoy a cuppa in a warm and welcoming place?

If the answer is yes, come and join the Kyogle Reader's Group at the Kyogle library in the first Wednesday of every month.

For further details phone the library on 6632 1134.

Book discussion group

Kyogle Library Book Discussion Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am for 10.30-11.30am.

There are no set books for discussion – members discuss any book they have enjoyed reading.

Everyone welcome to join in the fun.

Colouring-in for Adults

Are you interested in attending WEEKLY Adult colouring-in sessions at Kyogle library?

We already run twice monthly adult colouring-in sessions at Kyogle library.

We are seeking expressions of interest to run WEEKLY sessions at Kyogle library.

If you're interested in attending these sessions please contact Kyogle library staff ph 6632 1134.

Story time group

Kyogle library will be hosting the Lismore Family Support Network's weekly Story time group in the Kyogle library children's area every Friday morning 10-11am at Kyogle library for children 0-3 year-olds and their families.

JP Services

Did you know you can have your documents certified at Kyogle library. You can also print off, make copies and scan certified documents.

A Justice of the Peace also is available to witness Statutory Declarations.

To avoid disappointment, contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134 for JP availability.

Community Calendar

Volunteers needed

Kyogle Community Kitchen has been providing meals to the Kyogle community weekly for nearly two years.

If you would like to work as a volunteer, please phone 0487 665 022.

Blokes barbecue

Did you know that a free Blokes Barbe-

cue hosted by Northern Rivers Care Connection is held in Kyogle on the third Tuesday of every month?

The men get together, fire up the barbecue and chat. They also work out where they want to go for an outing –The Male Run

The Male Run is held on the first Thursday of the month and they have been to places like Tamrookam Robotic Farm, Zentfelds Coffee Plantation, Dick Johnson Museum and Ballina Seabird Rescue.

If you are male and over 65 years of

age, you are welcome to join the Kyogle crew for the barbecue and the outings.

For more information please call Northern Rivers Care Connections on 6632 2194 or 1800 400 422.

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.

Chinese Violet targeted for eradication in New South Wales

Chinese Violet (*Asystasia gangetica* ssp. *Micrantha*) is a high risk species targeted for eradication in NSW.

While some undesirable species are obvious, Chinese Violet looks harmless enough until you take note of the way it spreads.

As an environmental weed, it smothers other ground plants and displaces vegetation, which reduces the availability of habitat for native plants and animals and therefore reduces biodiversity.

Rous County Council regularly receive reports of suspicious plants and roadside garden dumping. Plants such as Chinese Violet find their way to these sites when landowners that plant them realise they have out grown the site for which they were originally intended.

Key points

- *Asystasia gangetica* ssp. *micrantha* is a matforming creeper which can smother more desirable plants.
- Prevention and early intervention are the most cost-effective forms of weed control.
- Avoid creating bare areas where *A. gangetica* ssp. *micrantha* and other weeds can invade.



Chinese Violet looks harmless enough until you take note of the way it spreads.

- Do not attempt control on your own, as it can spread very easily from both seeds and stems.

If you see a plant that may be *A. gangetica* ssp. *micrantha*, contact your local weed control authority, Rous County Council on 02 6623 3847.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings: The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are generally 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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