

Kyogle Council

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Stage set to shine spotlight on Kyogle

Kyogle now has a multi-purpose performance venue that can cater for audiences of up to 5,000 people with the completion of the custom-designed stage at the Kyogle Amphitheatre.

Fifteen years on the drawing board, the steel and concrete stage was built by Kyogle Council and made possible with \$100,000 in funding through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

A performance stage for the amphitheatre was first proposed as part of the original masterplan for the site back in 2004.

Since then, Council has brought together ideas from the Kyogle and District Chamber of Commerce, local performers, engineers, lighting specialists and sound specialists to inform the design of the facility.

The 4m tall steel stage was designed to handle large floods and features a 12m wide front opening, front stairs, side access ramp, five roller doors (to allow for a partially enclosed, or fully open environment) and a custom made lighting and electrical system.

"The stage gives Kyogle an incredible outdoor venue that can be used for a host of cultural experiences including concerts by local and visiting performance artists, theatre productions, community events and the list goes on," Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

"The weather resilience of the stage and the lighting and electrical system also means it can be used for both day and night performances. All that, and it's set in a beautiful natural amphitheatre."

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro thanked Kyogle Council for its commitment to delivering a quality community asset to support arts and culture in the region.

"A cast of stage and production experts as well as council and community members have dedicated countless hours to this project and I am thrilled that NSW Government funding has helped to make it a reality," Mr Barilaro said.

"I know that this great multi-purpose outdoor venue will give local music and theatre fans a huge amount of joy, especially families who will benefit from a dedicated space to enjoy seasonal performances and shows."

Picture caption (name of pic attached): Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, centre, and Councillors from left, Earle Grundy, Lindsay Passfield, Kylie Thomas, Haydon Doolan, John Burley and Robert Dwyer inspect the new amphitheatre stage with Council's General Manager Graham Kennett.

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