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Community Newsletter

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COUNCIL ACTS TO BOOST

economic activity, attract investment

Investors could save hundreds of thousands of dollars under a bold initiative by Kyogle Council aimed at stimulating development and opening up new residential, rural residential and industrial lots.

Kyogle Council resolved at its June meeting to amend its Development Contributions and Charges Discounting Policy to add subdivisions to the list of developments for which Council will waive developer charges and contributions.

The move, which Council hopes will help grow its population base and boost economic activity throughout the LGA, could potentially save investors hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The amended policy will go on display for public comment for a month and if adopted by Council will mean that heavy haulage projects will be the only development on which Council will levy developer charges and contributions.

Council also has moved to extend the life of the policy by at least another two years. It was due to expire in March 2020, but Council now plans to extend the life of the amended policy to at least March 2022.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said the Discounting Policy was another example of how the Council was prepared to invest in the future of the LGA by thinking outside the box.

"This policy is unique in the Northern Rivers and shows that we are prepared to be innovative to attract investment and stimulate economic growth," she said.



"The Kyogle LGA has world class features, attractions and excellent services.

"Kyogle is ready to grow and we've just made it much easier for investors to lead the way by waiving development fees, offering savings up to \$26,000 a lot for new subdivisions."

Cr Mulholland said Council had paved the way for growth by investing millions of dollars in infrastructure throughout the LGA. "Make no mistake, Kyogle is open for business," she said.

"We are delivering record investment in;

- key transport routes
- Infrastructure right across our residential, commercial, and industrial sectors

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from the Mayor ...

This past month has been quite challenging.

I went to Sydney for the Joint Organisation (JO) Chairs and Country Mayors' Association (CMA) meetings where we discussed the emergency services levy and the waste levy.

The waste levy has been in place since 2009 and Council has objected to it since its inception given that we have a similar demographic, industry and population base as Tenterfield Shire Council which is exempt from the levy.

The increase in the emergency services levy means Kyogle Council has to find another \$52,000 this year - not an easy task.

The JO Chairs and CMA resolved to lobby the relevant Ministers around these levies which are seen as cost shifting to local councils and are an unfair tax on our residents and ratepayers.

While we support the principle of the emergency services levy, which is about providing adequate insurance coverage particularly for firefighters who experience a range of cancers directly attributable to their work, the State has a responsibility to pay for this insurance, rather than dipping into the pockets of our ratepayers once again.

Prior to the State election, the Coalition promised to take back 15,000kms of regional roads and remove what are called benefit cost ratios or BCRs from funding programs, particularly road and bridge programs.



Smaller councils like ours have to work that much harder and try to build an impossible business case where there are BCRs in place because we simply can't meet them, eg high vehicle usage.

We need our State and Federal governments to recognise the "first mile" of primary production rather than the "last mile" where all freight meets. To date, these promises have not been kept and given our conversations with various Ministers around these specific issues, I am concerned that they won't be kept.

I'll keep you updated as events unfold.

I went to the Bernard Salt lunch held in Lismore in my role as Chair of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (JO) (although I never really take my Mayoral hat off!) to hear what he had to say about the future of our region.

Bernard's background is in demography and he had conducted an analysis of our region and what we could be aiming for in 20 years. You will be pleased to know that Kyogle Council has already done this work with our Community Strategic Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and other supporting documents.

In response to Bernard's predictions for growth patterns and insights into the future directions of our Northern Rivers region, I also share the view that we reside in a unique region in Australia.

It is fitting that our regional university, Southern Cross University, is the key project partner in this event, given the importance of retaining our young people in study and work opportunities.

In alignment with the JO's strategic regional priority of 'improved community wellbeing now and into the future', I'm pleased Bernard has highlighted the need for governments to strengthen and support the development of our tertiary education facilities.

With a population of 275,000 by 2030 and being the 12th largest region in Australia, it was significant to have 160 members of our regional community engaged in the discussion and expressing a desire to galvanise efforts towards a common view of the future.

Again, our diverse communities reflect differing rates of growth across the regional cities, towns and villages.

On a happy note, Collins Creek Public School recently celebrated its 100 year anniversary, *pictured above*, with historical displays, student performances and of course, the CWA evening branch providing an amazing array of yummies for everyone who attended. The local community was there in force and it was lovely to see such a small school receive so much support.

Until next time,

Cr Danielle Mulholland

KYOGLE LGA IS

open for business

From Page 1

- Developing our visitor economy
- Award winning water supply and sewerage systems servicing Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong.

"And now we are offering developer contribution-free investment opportunities potentially worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings.

"We welcome private investment in the

Kyogle area that supports jobs and a strong local economy for the future."

Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett said the potential savings for subdivisions are;

- \$13,000 per new lot for residential subdivision in Kyogle
- \$11,000 per new lot for subdivision in Woodenbong and Bonalbo
- \$11,000 per new lot for industrial subdivision in Kyogle
- Between \$6,000 and \$26,000 per lot for the various Rural Residential zoned areas
 If adopted, the amended policy will apply

to all new development consents issued by Council and completed before the review of the policy in March 2022.

On application, the policy can also be applied to existing consents where the development consent is still current and the development has not been completed.

The amended policy can be viewed at Council's administration centre or on Council's website at www.kyogle.nsw. gov.au. Public submissions will be accepted up until 4pm on Tuesday 16 July and should be emailed to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au or sent to The General Manager, PO Box 11, Kyogle, NSW, 2474.



TIP SHOP TO BE

run by the community

Kyogle Council will soon be seeking expressions of interest from local community groups to re-establish and operate the Tip Shop at the Kyogle Landfill.

The Tip Shop was closed in 2017 after the building was found to pose a number of health and safety risks.

However, Council received funding last year to repair the building and that work is now complete.

Council's Manager Development and Regulatory Services Amanda Clark said the Tip Ship had, in the past, contributed to Council's waste management goals by enabling goods and materials to be diverted from landfill for sale so that they could be reused or recycled within the community.

"Encouraging the community to reuse and recycle goods and materials to prevent them from going to landfill is central to Council's waste management strategy," Ms Clark said.

"In addition to the environmental benefits of reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, Council is seeking to support the work of local community groups by providing an avenue, through the Tip Shop, for such groups to generate further income for delivery of community projects and services."



The newly rebuilt Tip Shop at the Kyogle Landfill.

The broad operating concept for the Tip Shop is that members of the community would be permitted to donate items in good working order or satisfactory condition to the Tip Shop for sale to the public. Such items may include:

- whitegoods and household appliances
- building, construction and renovating materials
- tools and gardening equipment
- toys and sporting equipment
- home decoration items
- furniture
- car and bike parts and accessories.

"The operator would also have the opportunity to supplement stock for the Tip Shop by having sole rights to scavenge through general waste deposited at the Landfill by the public and retrieve items suitable for sale," Ms Clark said.

If your community group would like to participate in the Expression of Interest process, or would like to receive further information, you can register to receive updates from Council by emailing your contact details to coun-

<u>cil@kyogle.nsw.gov.au</u> or telephone 02 6632 1611.

FAITH NAMED Employee of the Month

Kyogle Council school-based trainee Faith Clarke-Alcorn has been named NovaSkill's Employee of the Month.

Faith, a Year 12 student at Kyogle High School, is undertaking a Certificate III in Business Administration traineeship with Council's Planning and Environmental Services Department through NovaSkill.

She works at Council one day a week and goes to school the rest of the week.

Faith started her traineeship in April last year and expects to graduate in December this year and has nothing but praise for the experience. "I love it, I actually look forward to going to work," Faith said.

"It's not at all like a chore.

"I have had so many incredible experiences and learnt so much – and not just about business admin, but life skills as well."

Faith said it was the Council staff she worked with that made the experience so meaningful.

"Everyone has been so nice and supportive, being at Council is like being part of a little family," she said.

Faith is hoping her Certificate III in Business Administration together with her HSC will help her get a job next year while she studies Human Resources "or something similar" at university.



Faith Clarke-Alcorn is NovaSkill's Employee of the Month.



CAMPGROUND improvements completed

An upgraded amenities block at the Woodenbong Campground will provide improved facilities for Woodenbong both locals and visitors.

The amenities block at the campground, which also serves the sports ground, has been extended to include two new unisex all -access toilets and showers.

The laundry for the campground also has

been upgraded and modernised.

The project, which was funded under Round 1 of the State Government's Stronger County Communities Fund, also involved the installation of a bubbler near the outdoor gym and skate park and sealing the campground access road.

The project has given the Woodenbong community an improved community facility to complement those currently available and provide a place for the whole community to enjoy.



KYOGLE MUSEUM

is now active on Instagram

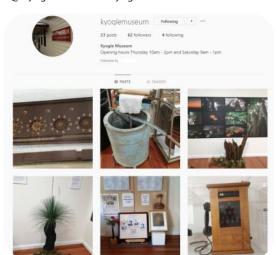
A recent collaboration between Council and the Kyogle Historical Society has boosted the online presence of the Kyogle Museum.

Council's Development Services Assistant Mikaela Kerwin helped Historical Society volunteers set up an Instagram account to document and promote the 'Kyogle in 100 Objects' exhibition which is currently being featured in the museum.

The account @kyoglemuseum predominantly features items in the current exhibition, however it may also be used to showcase events taking place in the new building.

Now that the volunteers are trained on how to use the platform, it will be exciting to see what they produce and how Instagram assists them to promote the museum to the online community!

If you haven't already, pop down to the new museum at 19 Bloore Street, to view the exhibition. The museum is open Thursday 10am – 2pm and Saturday 9am – 1pm. Group bookings are available and can be made by calling the Historical Society on 6632 3041 or Elaine on 6632 1672. @kyoglemuseum #kyoglemuseum



MAJOR ROAD project nears completion

The official opening of the Culmaran Creek Road upgrade will be held on 10

The bridge replacement component of the project was completed in early June, the final section of sealed road completed mid-month, and signs and

guideposts installed at the end of June. The total \$5million project was funded jointly by the State Government through Restart NSW, the Federal Government through the Regional Jobs and Investment Package and the Bridge Renewal Program, Kyogle Council, and industry contributions by Mara Seeds and Mara Global.

July will also see the completion of a few large projects for Council including continuation of work that commenced in June to widen and rehabilitate Bentley Road between Hillyard Road and Back Creek Road, and replacement of a large culvert on Clarence Way at Yabbra Scrub.

Council will commence rehabilitation of a 1.2km section of Clarence Way approximately 1km south of Medhurst Quarry in July.

This work will be funded through the Roads and Maritime Service's REPAIR Program which provides funds to assist councils in carrying out larger rehabilitation and development works on Regional Roads.

The aim of the REPAIR Program is to minimise the long term maintenance costs of these roads in line with their function and usage.



Timber bridge replacements scheduled for completion in July include the bridge known as Peacock Dip Bridge on Peacock Creek Road and Brindle Creek No.1 Bridge on Tree Fern Road.

Council will complete the replacement of Hayes Road Bridge with a new timber structure and will carry out work to repair slumped road pavement at two culverts on Lynches Creek Road and a section of Wiangaree Back Road.

The first stage of the Curtois Street drainage improvements are on track to be completed in early July.

Projects completed in June include the Blackspot-funded upgrade of Peacock Creek Road and Clarence Way intersection, replacement of Walkers Bridge on Boomi Creek Road with a new concrete structure, construction of the new Mitchell Bridge, *pictured above*, on Williams Road, and the relocation, drainage improvement, and sealing of a previously problematic section of Green Pigeon Road.

Asphalt work on the town sections of Kyogle Road will commence in the last week in June.



KMI DECK upgraded, refurbished

The front verandah of the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall can now be opened up to large crowds.

Work to re-inforce the deck which runs the length of the newly relocated Roxy Gallery was completed earlier this month.

The need to upgrade deck was identified during the recent KMI revitalisation project.

The original verandah on the KMI was removed in 1954 as part of upgrades to 'modernise' the building.

It was reinstated in the early

2000s, with Council also reinstalling the French doors which opened on to the deck.

However, the structural integrity of the verandah was only to an 'office standard' which provided for light use by less than 50 people.

During construction of the new gallery, it was identified that upgrades to the verandah to allow for 'crowd-loading' would greatly enhance the functionality and appeal of the gallery.

Council also hopes the upgrades will improve the general appeal of Kyogle's main street and potentially inspire other building owners to upgrade/refurbishment other main street buildings and facades.



BASKETBALL COURT

well patronised by Kyogle youth



Kyogle now has a publicly accessible basketball court, *pictured above*.

Council, with the help of a Federal Government grant, has replaced the existing netball posts on one court at Anzac Park with changeable netball and basketball posts. It has also installed new line markings.

The works, which were undertaken in April and May 2019, now allow for both basketball and netball to be played on the court.

And if the amount of usage the refurbished court is receiving is any indication, the project has been overwhelmingly welcomed by the community, particularly the town's young people.

NO APPROVAL

needed for some alterations

Did you know you can carry out nonstructural alterations to the exterior of a building without Council approval.

This includes works such as:

- painting, plastering, cement rendering, cladding, attaching fittings or decorative work;
- the replacement of an external window, glazing areas or a door (other than those on bush fire prone land);
- the repair to, or replacement of, a non-structural wall or roof cladding;
- the installation of a security screen or grill to a door or window or a security door;
- the repair to, or replacement of, a balustrade,
- restumping or repairing structure foundations without increasing the height of the structure.

These are all permissible without Council

approval as long as the work is not being carried out on or in a heritage item, a draft heritage item, or in a heritage conservation area or a draft heritage conservation area.

The standards specified for that development are that the development must:

- (a) not comprise the making of, or an alteration to, the size of any opening in a wall or roof, such as a doorway, window or skylight, and
- (b) not reduce the existing fire resistance level of a wall or roof, and
- (c) if located on bush fire prone land:
 - (i) be adequately sealed or protected to prevent the entry of embers, and
 - (ii) use equivalent or improved quality materials, and
- (d) not affect any existing fire resisting components of the building, and
- (d1) if the development involves cladding or is attaching fittings or decorative work:
 - (i) not be carried out on any building other than a 1 or 2 storey dwelling house, attached development or detached development, and
 - (ii) not involve the use of external



combustible cladding, and

- (e) not affect the means of egress from the building in an emergency, and
- (f) if it is the installation of a security screen or grill to a door or window or a security door:
 - (i) be for the purposes of a dwelling, or
 - (ii) be for any other purpose so long as:
- (A) the screen or grill is installed for a door or window that is situated at least 5m from the boundary of any road, or
- (B) the security door is installed at least 5m from the boundary of any road.

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

New exhibition opens at **ROXY GALLERY**

Lines In Space, Life In Place is the title of the July exhibition at Council's Roxy Gallery.

It features a new body of works by local artists Rebecca Tapscott O'Meara and Jill Runciman

The title of exhibition suggests a connection between lines, space, life and place and both artists

Both women are heavily involved in pursuing their interests in art making with a passion that sees them manage employment, family life, community participation and time for exploring their individual creative interests.

Both artists have been exploring the world of cyanotype printing and playing around with embellishing their images



Wallaby In Wildflowers on Afterlee Road by Rebecca Tapscott O'Meara .

through the incorporation of digital college and drawing.

By working on a two dimensional plane they have both found interesting individual ways to tell their own creative stories on life.

Lines In Space, Life In Place will begin on 3



An untitled art work by Jill Runciman.

July, with the official opening event commencing at 6pm on Friday 5 July.

The last day of this exhibition will be Sunday August 4 providing viewers a raft of time to visit the gallery and show their support for local artists.



FERAL DEER sighted near Kyogle

People living in the Kyogle Local Government Area are being asked to keep a lookout for feral deer.

Feral deer are establishing in many places across New South Wales and Queensland.

Until now, the Northern Rivers region from Grafton to Tweed Heads and west to the Summerland Way has remained reasonably free of feral deer.

However, recently there has been sightings of feral deer at Uki, Chillingham, North Tumbulgum, Dungay and south and west of Kyogle.

Deer cause fatal car accidents, threaten

sensitive environmental areas, destroy crops, damage fences, spread ticks and compete with livestock and wildlife for food.

We don't want deer spreading in the Kyogle Council area and greater Northern Rivers region.

Kyogle Council is currently working with Tweed Shire Council and Tweed Landcare to develop strategies for preventing the spread of wild deer and managing impacts on the community and environment.

The community can assist Council by reporting ANY sightings of deer in the Kyogle Council LGA to 1300 795 299 and entering the location into Feral Deer Scan here: www.feralscan.org.au/deerscan.

School claims third place AT BEEF WEEK

Bonalbo Central School's agriculture team has had a busy month attending Bonalbo and Woodenbong Shows, Casino Beef Education Day, Casino Beef Week and Casino Beef Industry Day.

Congratulations to Angel who received a Highly Commended for Paraders at Woodenbong Show.

Bonalbo Central School also had two teams compete in the Young Farmers Challenge at Bonalbo Show with a win for one of the school teams.

The school's agriculture team also placed third in the light weight class at Casino Beef Week.

Students are now getting steers ready for Lismore Show. They are also participating in a poultry egg laying competition for the Brisbane Ekka.





Calendar

Blood donors needed

The Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be at the Kyogle Public School (hall) on Tuesday 25 June from 10am-2pm.

For those interested in giving blood you are advised to drink three glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate, have a good sized breakfast or lunch and bring your photo ID with you.

For further information call 131 495.

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 0407 506 548 or Anne

on 6632 1851.

Kyogle Show

Plans for the 110th Kyogle Show are on track and going full steam ahead.

Current Kyogle Showgirl Ashleigh Little, who took us all the way to the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year, has partnered with another previous showgirl Liesl Pederson to coordinate the Showgirl Competition this year.

Both young women are passionate about educating this year's candidates and the energy and enthusiasm they are putting into the organisation of the event will be one to watch.

Show organisers are always looking for volunteers and sponsors to support the show, and if you would like to be involved please contact the show society at kyogle-show@yahoo.com.au.

Monthly meetings are held

the first Tuesday of every month at the showgrounds at 7pm.

This year's show will be held on Friday 27 September and Saturday 28 September.

Choir in concert

The Semitones Choir has been in rehearsals with children from a number of local schools, in preparation for the choir's annual concert at the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall on Saturday 27 July.

The choir will sing a variety of material, and are busy learning some Spanish, as the concert this year will feature the renowned Flamenco group, Arte Gitana, who will add an exotic flavour to the afternoon.

The Semitones Choir is a community choir which meets weekly in Kyogle, under the quidance of Fiona Kerr.



LIBRARY NEWS

Seed library

The Seed Library is now available at Kyogle library.

The Seed Library is a joint initiative between Richmond – Upper Clarence Regional Library and Richmond Valley Council FOGO Project.

How does a seed library work? Library patrons can select up to three packets of seeds to borrow at a time.

Plant the seeds in your garden, raise the plants, allow a plant to go to seed and then harvest the seeds. Return some of the seeds back to the library so our collection continues to grow. There is no cost to borrow, and no obligation to return seeds.

School holiday fun

There will be free school holiday activities for children aged 5-12 years of age at the Kyogle library on Wednesday 17 July and Friday 19 July from 10.30am-11.30am.

Activities will include doing some spooky science and cool winter craft/

Bookings are essential and should be

made by 16 July. For further details and bookings contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

Digital comics

Digital comics are now available free from the library through the eLibrary or the RBdigital app. For further information, contact the library on 6632 1134.

Kids Club

Kyogle Library's Parents N 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 on Saturdays, twice monthly, from 10.30-11.30am and will next meet on Saturday 29 June.

Haynes manuals

New to the eLibrary this month is Haynes Manuals All Access.

Library members can simply log in to Haynes with their library card number and

they will be able to find Haynes world famous repair manuals for cars and motorcycles in an instant and for free.

eLibrary

The eLibrary is always open and has some great features including beamafilm, access to the Good Reading magazine, digital comics, Haynes manuals and more.

To find out more, contact Kyogle library staff on 6632 1134.

Create Make Share

The next Create Make Share session at Kyogle library will be held on Tuesday 2 July from 10.30am-12.30pm. Bookings are essential. To reserve your place, call the library on 6632 1134.

Pizza and Pages

Pizza and Pages is held at the Kyogle library on the third Thursday of the month during school terms and provides fun activities, give-aways and pizza for all tweens and teens (10-18 year olds).

The next session will be held at the library on Thursday 18 July from 3.30-4.30pm.

PROBLEM WEED

found near Tenterfield

More than 1000 Black knapweed (*Centaurea X moncktonii*) plants have been discovered close to the Kyogle Local Government Area.

The mix of young seedlings and mature plants was found by an ecologist doing survey work on roadsides east of Tenterfield in March. The weed had spread along a one kilometre stretch of Bellevue Road.

Tenterfield Shire Council has quarantined the infested roadside, with no slashing or machinery moving in the area.

Inspections of land adjacent to the roadside have not uncovered more specimens.

Rous County Council is calling on the community to keep a close eye out for this weed and report any sightings.

Black knapweed is a low-growing perennial herb with purple flowers. It is part of the thistle family but has no spines on its leaves.

Listed as prohibited matter in the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, it is regarded as a significant biosecurity risk in NSW.



Above: Black knapweed seedlings found on the roadside near Tenterfield. Below: Mature Black knapweed plants found at the same location.

The March discovery is the first known incursion of Black knapweed in NSW since 1904, also in Tenterfield.

Black knapweed is not known to occur in Queensland and is also listed as Prohibited Matter in that State.

In Victoria it is listed as noxious, where it is found to be rare and isolated in the state.

Have you seen this thistle-looking like weed? If you have, please call Kim Curtis at Rous County Council on 6623 3847.



Council MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 8 July 2019 at 5pm. Ordinary meetings are generally 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 Public Forum, which provides an opportunity for the public to speak to Council on items of business to be considered at the meeting. To speak at the Public Forum, you should email or phone the General Manager by midday on the Thursday preceding the meeting.

REGIONAL ROADS INFORMATION

www.myroadinfo.com.au

Council contact and info

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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