



Three of the eight new Council apprentices/trainees who started work in December, from left, Courtney Nagas, Lionel Law, and Jack Kuhnell have joined the Council's Kyogle road construction crew and will be completing a Civil Construction (Roads) Apprenticeship.

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## SIX APPRENTICES, two trainees join Council

Six new apprentices and two new trainees have started work at Kyogle Council in one of the single biggest intakes of young workers in the Council's history.

The new apprentices and trainees joined Council's workforce in December and are based at Kyogle, Woodenbong and Bonalbo.

Council recruited four civil construction (roads) and two civil construction (bridges) apprentices and two water operations trainees late last year in a move aimed at giving the area's young people a chance to stay, work and earn in their home towns while addressing critical skills shortages in Council's ageing workforce.

The apprentices will undertake three years' training with Council, while the traineeships will last for two years.

Council's General Manager Graham Kennett said the recruitment and training of apprentices and trainees was a crucial component of Council's workforce man-

agement strategy.

"The skills these young people will learn from their Council mentors will help us address critical skill shortages and future proof Council's workforce," he said.

"Council received more than 150 applications for these roles, from a highly diverse range of applicants, which shows the high level of interest within the community from people wanting to pursue a career at Council.

"Council takes its role as a major employer in the local area very seriously, and it is with great pleasure that we welcome our newest members of the Kyogle Council team."

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland also recognized the Council's newest recruits.

"Our young people are our future leaders," Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

"As one of the biggest employers in our local government area, Council believes it has a responsibility to give our youth the opportunity to train and work in the communities they live.

"Recruiting apprentices and trainees will also help Council address issues with



James Parker has joined Council's Bonalbo crew and will complete a Civil Construction (Roads) apprenticeship.

its ageing workforce nearing retirement and ensure we have the skills needed to provide critical services to the community into the future."

As part of their employment, all the apprentices and trainees will gain valuable on-the-job training and nationally recognized qualifications.



## from the Mayor ...

Everyone is back on deck after the Christmas/New Year break and it's full steam ahead for Council.

We have an ambitious works program to deliver on this year, so we've hit the ground running. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays because it is going to be a big year.

It's already been a challenging bushfire season for our Rural Fire Service (RFS) volunteers, contractors and community members who have all done an amazing job.

They all deserve our thanks.

If you are feeling nervous or uniformed about whether a bushfire might be near you, please check the "fires near me" website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me)

Council has been lobbying for changes to the application of the waste levy to areas experiencing a disaster such as a bushfire. But, to date the legislation remains the same, which limits Council's ability to reduce tip fees etc.

"Bushfire-generated waste" is exempt from the levy, but this is a reactive response. We need everyone to be able to

follow the RFS recommendations to reduce the fuel loads on their properties and dispose of such waste in a responsible manner.

With the drought hitting hard, many families are doing it tough and the imposition of the waste levy at this time is, at the very least, inappropriate.

It's difficult to accept that the levy can't be waived in these circumstances, and I sincerely hope when the NSW Parliament resumes, the Government will reconsider its position.

Given that our neighbouring council, Tenterfield, doesn't pay the levy at all, it's not a big ask.

Funding for the Clarence Way is also a priority. Council has recently submitted an application under the NSW Government's Fixing Country Roads Program for \$33 million of the \$37 million required to upgrade the Clarence Way between the Bruxner Highway and Woodenbong.

Council managed to secure funding to seal the southern part of the Clarence Way and will continue to work with Kevin Hogan, our Federal Member of Parliament, and the NSW Government to ensure we get the remaining \$30m to com-

plete the rest of the works.

There are a lot of projects that you will start to see rolled out across the Council area.

There is a fair bit of time between the official announcement of Council securing the funding, building the business case, signing contracts, getting it signed off in Canberra, then actually getting the money and scheduling it in our works program.

Please be patient - the wheels of government often turn slowly. We have a lot of projects to deliver, and this will take some time.

We have now entered a new decade and I hope it is one of prosperity and growth for our town and villages.

Council has a clear direction and the staff are doing a marvellous job of developing the necessary funding applications and business cases for project funding.

We have spent a lot of time developing the necessary networks and relationships with Government, which will see us deliver on the projects that you, the community, have identified as being important.

*Cr Danielle Mulholland*

## Recycling stations established

Kyogle Council is helping to make recycling of common, problem household waste easier for the community by installing two new Community Recycling Stations.

Residents can now drop off small quantities of household alkaline batteries, printer cartridges, mobile phones, compact fluoro light bulbs and eye wear such as sunglasses and prescription glasses at the stations, located in the Kyogle Library and the Bonalbo Community Hall.

Many people do not realise that items such as household batteries and compact fluoro light bulbs shouldn't be placed

in the garbage bin.

These items contain harmful substances which might contaminate the land or groundwater if they end up in landfill.

Council hopes that by placing the Community Recycling Stations in easily accessible public places, it will make it convenient for people to do the right thing and in doing so, help protect our environment.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland was thrilled to see the new stations and dropped by the Kyogle Library, *pictured right*, to try it out for herself.

"It is wonderful to see another initiative being rolled out to encourage the community to recycle, especially one that will make recycling more accessible to our young people," Cr

Mulholland said.

"Our children will be the stewards of our environment in the future and so it is important that we get them involved in recycling too."

Cr Mulholland was also keen to promote the social benefit of the Community Recycling Stations.

"All glasses collected through the stations will be donated to the Lions Recycle for Sight Program which refurbishes glasses and distributes them to men, women, and children in need," she said.

Don't forget that other problem household waste such as car batteries, oil, paint, smoke detectors and e-waste (televisions, computers and monitors) can be recycled for free at the Kyogle Community



Recycling Centre located at the Kyogle Landfill facility.

Council wishes to thank North East Waste and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for arranging and funding the stations for our community.





## LEVEL 4 WATER restrictions at Bonalbo

Level 4 water restrictions have been introduced at Bonalbo.

Level 4 restrictions ban residents from using water for all outdoor purposes, apart from the use of recycled grey water, and puts tight controls on the use of the town water supply by businesses and schools.

The restrictions have also meant that Council has had to close the Bonalbo pool.

Bonalbo pool season pass holders will be able to use their pass at the Woodenbong pool and, for the remainder of this season, at the Kyogle pool.

Alternatively, Bonalbo pool season pass holders can request reimbursement of half the cost of the pass.

Under the restrictions, water carters will no longer be able to fill up from the Bonal-



bo town water supply.

The new restrictions were imposed by Council in the wake of the steady decline in the storage level at Petrocholis Dam and the lack of flow in Peacock Creek.

Council staff will be closely monitoring water usage and consumption in Bonalbo to ensure compliance with the Level 4 re-

strictions and that water usage reduction targets are achieved.

Meanwhile, Level 2 restrictions remain in place at Kyogle and Level 3 restrictions at Woodenbong.

Under Level 2 restrictions, residents cannot fill new pools and can only use garden micro-sprays and drippers for a maximum of 15 minutes a day and hand held hoses for half an hour every second day, between the hours of 4pm-9am on odd or even days matching the house numbering system.

Under level 3 restrictions, no irrigation is permitted, with residents only allowed to use buckets or hand held hoses for a maximum of 10 minutes, every second day, between the hours of 4pm-9am on odd or even days.

For further details about water restrictions, go to Council's website at [www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au).

## Council waives \$34 service fee for BULK WATER SALES

In a bid to ease the financial burden on drought-affected rural residents facing water shortages, Kyogle Council decided at its December meeting to waive its \$34 service charge for bulk water sales for the next three months.

Council also will write to all registered professional water carters accessing Kyogle Council's water supply requesting they pass on the saving in full to their customers.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland stressed that the service fee did not generate a profit for Council, rather it covered the cost of providing the service to the community.

However, she said Council recognised that waiving the fee temporarily was going to help struggling drought affected residents.

"The communities in our area are under a lot of pressure and accessing clean drinking water should be any government's high

est priority," Cr Mulholland said.

"Thirty four dollars may not seem like a huge amount, but it will mean a lot to residents on fixed incomes who are facing real financial hardships due to the ongoing drought.

"And to ensure that the people who need the help receive the benefit of the waiver, we are appealing to all the professional water carters to pass on the full saving to their customers."

The fee waiver, which came into effect immediately, covers all water sales over 100 litres, and will be reviewed at Council's March 2020 meeting.

Councillor Maggie May, who put forward the motion to waive the fee, said access to water was an essential human right and that the need to buy water was adding to the financial burden of families already struggling due to the effects of the drought.

She said a saving of \$34 would mean a lot to affected families and showed the Council was sympathetic to the difficulties people were facing as a result of the ongoing drought.

## BLAZE Aid camp at Woodenbong

BlazeAid has set up a camp at Woodenbong and is keen to hear from volunteers able to help repair/rebuild fences and property owners who need help to restore the fences on their fire-affected properties.

Both volunteers and fire-affected property owners can register directly with the camp coordinators Kevin and Shirley Jones on 0427 164 105 or email [blazeaid.woodenbong@gmail.com](mailto:blazeaid.woodenbong@gmail.com).

bong@gmail.com.

Registration is easy - there's no red tape, and can be done in as little as 10 minutes. Property owners are asked to register as soon as possible, so BlazeAid can determine how many families need help.

Meanwhile, BlazeAid provides people, who would like to help fire-affected property owners, a practical way to volunteer their time and make a real difference.

For further information, contact Kevin and Shirley Jones on 0427 164 105.



## KYOGLE LGA CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY 2020

*Australia Day is an opportunity for communities to come together in the spirit of friendship and harmony, showcasing the unique and diverse culture that makes us Australian. While Australia Day means different things to different people, it is a day that welcomes everyone to reflect on their Australian experience – their past, present and future. The theme 'Everyone, every story' showcases these personal snapshots to celebrate all the stories that make our country great. Come share your story at one of the three official Australia Day celebrations in the Kyogle local government area.*



### Bonalbo

2020 West of the Range Australia Day festivities will be held at the Bonalbo Bowling and Recreation Club starting at 10am.

The festivities will include market stalls, barefoot bowls at the Bowling Club and an ambrose event at the golf course.

There will be a free sausage sizzle at the Bowling Club from 11.30am.

The official ceremony including the presentation of the annual Australia Day Awards will kick off at 1pm.

Brigadier Warren Gould will be the official Australia Day guest.

The celebrations will conclude with a gumboot throwing competition with prizes for the "best bloke", "best Sheila", "best young fella" and "best young Sheila".

### Kyogle

Kyogle's Australia Day festivities will be held at the Kyogle Memorial Hall and will get underway at 9am with the Kyogle Lions Club serving up a free traditional Aussie morning tea of billy tea and damper.

The official ceremony will start at 10am and will include the presentation of the Australia Day Awards, a Citizenship ceremony, and musical entertainment.

The Australia Day Ambassador will deliver the Australia Day address.

A free lunch, prepared by Kyogle Quota Club, will be served at the conclusion of



*The 2019 Australia Day City versus Country cricket match at Woodenbong.*

the ceremony.

Council's inflatable activity centre will be at the Kyogle pool on Australia Day, and there will be free entry to the pool on the day.

### Woodenbong

Australia Day celebrations at Woodenbong will begin bright and early with billy tea and damper from 8.30am at the Woodenbong Hall.

A flag raising ceremony will be held at the front of the hall at 10am, with the official proceedings set to start at 10.15am.

The Australia Day ambassador will deliver the Australia Day address, with the celebrations to feature a recognition of, and a thank you to, all the Rural Fire Service members, volunteers, and local business who assisted in protecting the Woodenbong community from the recent bush

fires. This will include a video and photo presentation.

After the ceremony a free lunch will be served and then it's down to the Woodenbong recreation ground for the annual city versus country cricket match.

And for those people who would rather celebrate Australia Day with a swim, entry to the Woodenbong pool will be free on the day.



## STREET STALLS must be approved by Council

Local organisations wanting to hold a street stall or sell raffle tickets in the Kyogle central business district are reminded that they must first apply to Council for approval.

There is no application fee, however organisations must have public liability insur-

ance of up to \$10 million.

Under Council's street vending policy, only one street stall or raffle is allowed to operate on the Council-controlled footpath on any given day.

Organisations are also limited to holding two street stalls or raffles a month, with only one in a week.

And if the street stall or raffle is to be held outside an occupied shop, the organisation

must have the signed approval or the owner/manager of that shop.

The street vending application form can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au) (go to the All Council Forms and Applications page) or picked up from Council's administration centre at 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle.

For further information, contact Council's customer service staff on 6632 1611.





## Council wants dam WALL RAISED

Kyogle Council is calling on the NSW Government and WaterNSW to urgently commit to raising the wall of Toonumbar Dam by six metres to improve drought security and encourage further investment in agricultural production.

Councillors at the 9 December Council meeting were told that raising the height of the dam wall would increase the dam's storage capacity by 8GL to almost 20GL and could be completed for just \$50 million.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said WaterNSW had advised council the wall could be raised without actually in-

creasing the height of the existing embankment.

Rather, it could be achieved by building a new spillway to the south of the existing dam and installing gates on the current spillway.

"This is about planning for the future for the whole of the Kyogle and Richmond Valley areas and making the best possible use of the existing facility," Cr Mulholland said.

"There has been a lot of talk about improving water security and drought resilience, and this proposal does both, for what is a relatively small investment.

"We continue to have discussions with WaterNSW about what they are prepared to do with this asset and how they intend to

manage the issues associated with it. With the drought, this has become a far more urgent matter and we need to partner with the State Government to deliver outcomes that meet community expectations."

Kyogle Council Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley, who moved the motion to pursue the proposal to raise the dam wall, said Toonumbar Dam was an undervalued resource that had the potential to benefit the entire region.

"As well as giving improved drought security for water users downstream, the increased capacity of the dam would provide incentive for existing water users and opportunities for new high value agricultural productions in the local area," he said.

## Waste and recycling MYTHS BUSTED

Here at Council we often hear some weird and wonderful myths about our waste and recycling services, so this month we're busting some of those myths in an effort to boost recycling in our community.

**MYTH 1: All the rubbish and recycling gets mixed together in the garbage truck.**

**FALSE.** The truck used by Council's garbage contractor is vertically divided down the middle.

A flap in the opening at the top of truck aligns with the divider in your garbage bin, ensuring that garbage goes into the left side of truck and recycling into the right.

The rubbish compartment also has a door at the back of the truck. This door contains the rubbish so that it doesn't contaminate the recycling when it is emptied out of the truck (see picture).

**MYTH 2: All the recycling collected from our split bins goes into landfill.**

**FALSE.** All recycling collected gets emptied into the Comingled Recycling Bay at the Kyogle Landfill Facility.

The recycling is then transferred to a large skip bin which is taken to the Materials Recovery Facility at Chinderah. Here it is sorted and bailed ready for transport to other facilities where it is turned into new packaging products.

Last year, 377 tonnes of recycling was collected via our split bins.

**MYTH 3: Recycling is too hard – it's impossible to work out what can and can't be**

**put into the recycling bin.**

**FALSE.** Recycling right is easy.

Keep it simple by only putting hard plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminium cans, and paper and cardboard into your recycling bin.

If your plastic bottle or container has a triangle with recycling code 1-7 on it, it can be recycled. If in doubt, leave it out.

**MYTH 4: You can't put soft plastics into your recycling bin.**

**TRUE.** All soft plastics including plastic bags, plastic wrapping, chip packets and bread bags can't go into recycling.

The biggest mistake people make is putting their recycling into a plastic bag and then putting it into their recycling bin.

A good rule of thumb is if you can scrunch it up into a ball, it can't go into your recycling.

You can bag up your soft plastics and take them to a Woolworths or Coles Supermarket for recycling through REDcycle. A full list of soft plastics accepted by REDcycle is available at [www.redcycle.net.au](http://www.redcycle.net.au).

**MYTH 5: Bottles, jars and containers can't be put into the bin with their lids on.**

**TRUE.** All lids must be removed from bottles, jars and containers.

If the lid is larger than a credit card, put it into your recycling bin separately. If the lid is smaller than a credit card, put it in the garbage.

Plastic drink bottle lids and milk bottle lids (with recycling code 2 or 4 under the lid), and bread tags can be dropped off at



*The inside of Solo's divided garbage truck with recycling being deposited into the Comingled Recycling Bay at the Kyogle Landfill.*

the Kyogle Library.

The lids and bread tags are donated to *Lids 4 Kids* and *Bread Tags for Wheelchairs*, who recycle the lids and bread tags into prosthetic hands and wheelchairs for disadvantaged children.

Please just make sure the lids and tags are separated and clean.

**MYTH 6: I don't have to rinse or empty containers before putting them in the recycling bin.**

**FALSE:** Please rinse or wipe out containers of excess food and drink before putting them into the recycling bin.

A good tip is to rinse your containers in the washing up water when you are finished doing the dishes, so you aren't wasting clean water.



## ROXY MARKS

### one year at new premises

This year, Council's Roxy Gallery will celebrate its first anniversary in its new premises upstairs at the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall and what a year it was!

In the past 12 months, the gallery undertook 11 exhibitions involving more than 100 artists, there were more than 5,000 visitors through the doors, and 30 volunteers helped keep the doors open.

There was also a number of small exhibitions by local young people in the downstairs 'Stepping Up' exhibition space.

What does 2020 hold for the gallery?

A full calendar of exhibitions has already been planned with works by local and regional artists and a special collaboration between Kyogle Writers Group and Kyogle and District Arts Group where literature will become visual and visual will become literature.

Kyogle High School also will be holding an exhibition of works by Year 11 and 12 students.

In July, a group of artists from the Bonal-

bo area will be exhibiting and April will see the Practising Artist Network of the Northern Rivers region once again showcasing their talents in the production of two and three dimensional artworks.

The gallery's first exhibition of the new year will be a retrospective of Dok Kay's many years involvement in creating art.

His main interest has been in sculpture and in this exhibition he is intending to create an installation that draws on his interest in working in wood and found materials.

Titled *Been There. Done That. What's Next*, the exhibition opens on Wednesday, 29 January and will run through until 1 March. The official opening will be held on Friday, 31 January, from 6- 8pm.

The Roxy Gallery is calling for any young person or young people interested in exhibiting their art or craft works in the 'Stepping Up' Gallery to contact the gallery co-ordinator.

This space gives young artists an opportunity to see their works displayed, open up potential marketing opportunities for them, and gain skills in installing an exhibi-



*Christine Heeley's 'Verandah - Oriental Lillies' which was part of the end of 2019 exhibition Dasher's Hope.*

bition.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Tsimbinis at the Roxy Gallery on 66320230 or email at [roxygallery@kyogle.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roxygallery@kyogle.nsw.gov.au).

## TRIAL PROJECT

### to provide transport to jobs

How do we get people to and from work if they have no independent means of travel?

Discussion at the quarterly Kyogle Transport Working Group (KTWG) has been a catalyst for further meetings between transport providers, job network providers and employers (*pictured*) to develop a collaborative solution to this ongoing problem.

According to Gabe Kerz, of the Tabulam-based blueberry farm and packing shed, Mountain Blue Farms, there is a large pool of potential employees that are unable to establish/retain work because they can't access stable transport.



"We would love to be able to offer opportunities at our Tabulam sites for our local applicants if a transport solution becomes available," Mr Kerz said.

The North Coast Meat Cooperative is also a partner in the project.

To encourage opportunities for local employment, a trial model, which is yet to be finalised, will assist transport-disadvantaged jobseekers with travel to and from specific employers for a period so that these employ-

ees can transition to independent transport.

The Jobseeker Trial Transport Project Group is preparing an application for the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Transport Access Regional Partnership's grants program.

The Kyogle Transport Working Group is convened through the TfNSW-funded Northern Rivers Transport Development Project delivered by Social Futures.

If you have any public transport related matters that you would like to raise through this forum, please contact Suzie Coulston, Kyogle Council's Strategic Initiatives Coordinator on 6632 1611.

Social Futures convenes Transport Working Groups in each of the seven LGAs in the Northern Rivers. Contact [glenn.bailey@socialfutures.org.au](mailto:glenn.bailey@socialfutures.org.au) for more information.

## HOSPITAL HAS

### new telephone number

Kyogle Memorial Health (hospital) has a new telephone number.

It is 02 6630 0400.

The phone number was changed after Kyogle Memorial Health replaced its ageing

switchboard with a modern system.

Nurse Manager of the Kyogle Multi-Purpose Service Julie Cadet said the new system provided better connectivity with other systems and equipment throughout the hospital.

"The old number is being diverted, and this will remain in place until mid-2020. After that time, people will have to use the

new number." Ms Cadet said.

There are no changes to extensions or other direct phone numbers for areas or staff within the hospital.







# LIBRARY

## news

### Author to visit Kyogle library

Enjoy listening to famous Australian author Jenn J. McLeod, pictured right, at Kyogle library on Wednesday, 5 February, from 10.30-11.30am.

Jenn will be discussing her newly released book, *House of Wishes*, a gripping Australian family saga of, "three wishes, three mothers, three generations".

Her talk will be supported by a professional audio/visual presentation.

Jenn J. McLeod's one-hour presentation (plus Q&A) covers information for both reader and writer. She shares her insights into the hows and whys and the highs and lows of writing and publishing fiction that readers want to read.

This session is a must for book lovers and budding writers.

A free cuppa and delicious morning tea will be served after the presentation. Entry is free however, those attending may want to make a gold coin donation to raise funds for the wildlife victims of local bush fires being cared for by Northern Rivers Wildlife



Carers (NRWC) Inc.

Jenn J. McLeod has already started a fund of her own for fire victims and has very generously offered to support NRWC by donating a dollar for every book sold on the day. NO RSVP required.

### Library closed

The Kyogle library will be closed on Monday, 27 January, for the Australia Day public holiday.

### Read, Rhyme and Romp

Read, Rhyme and Romp resumes at the Kyogle library on Friday 31 January at 10am.

This popular session is open to babies through to three-year-olds and their carers and is held every Friday morning during school terms.

### Learn to crochet

Learn to crochet at Kyogle library starting Tuesday 4 February. For further details, contact the library on 6632 1134.

### Lids for kids

Kyogle library is now a collection point for two organisations that provide wheelchairs and prosthetic hands for disadvantaged children using plastic screw top drink container lids and bread tags.

You can support the two organisations by collecting bread tags, and lids from milk, juice, water and soft drink bottles and dropping them into the collection box at the library.

### Lego Club

Lego Club meets at the Kyogle library on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3.30-4.30pm.

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 to book.

## What's happening Out and About

### Kyogle Bazaar

The January Bazaar falls on the Australia Day long weekend and organisers are encouraging travellers to drop by.

There will be many artisan stalls where market goers can meet the maker, there will also be a tie dye workshop and facepainters for the children.

For further details or to book a stall, contact Sandii via Facebook Messenger @kyoglebazaar, email Bazaar @kyogletogether.org.au, or phone 0457 471 583 and leave a message.

### 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.

## Online directory for CREATIVES

Arts Northern Rivers invites all creatives to register with "Northern Rivers Creative", the premier online directory for the creative industries in the Northern Rivers.

The platform is built to support creative ambition and increase professional opportunities for creatives by connecting them to local and global markets.

The Northern Rivers region is home some of the most diverse, vibrant arts communities in

Australia with the highest concentration of creatives outside of metropolitan areas.

Northern Rivers Creative celebrates the region's thriving creative diversity, featuring a range of categories including creative services, visual arts, design, Indigenous arts, literature, music, performance and screen.

With quality-controlled content and specified search options, Northern Rivers Creative is the easiest way to access the region's talents and stay updated with the latest creative news.

To register your business visit <https://northernriverscreative.com.au/about/>.

## Add your event to calendar

Community groups, sporting associations, and not-for-profits are encouraged to list their upcoming events on the event calendar on Council's website.

The event calendar appears on the home page of Council's

website and provides a fast and easy way for groups throughout the Kyogle Council local government area to promote their events.

It's also free to use.

To submit your event for inclusion on the events calendar, simply go to the What's On section on the home page of Council's website at [www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au).

Click on the 'Add Your Event' button, fill in the event details, upload a photo if you have one and then hit the submit button.

Your event is then sent to Council where it is authorized to appear on the website.

By listing your event on the event calendar, you are ensuring it gets seen by as many people as possible.

# MAY STREET

## works near completion

The rehabilitation and upgrade of May Street, Kyogle, *pictured right*, should be completed by the end of January.

This project includes improvement of storm-water control infrastructure and road pavement reconstruction. Work started in December with drainage works including kerb and gutter and culvert installation.

The second stage of the project, consisting of pavement construction, commenced at the beginning of January. Work has proceeded on schedule and Council thanks May Street residents for their interest, support, and patience during the last two months.

At the end of January, Council will start work to seal the intersection of Imbrey's Road and Summerland Way to improve safety.

A gravel resheet of Forest Road was completed in early January and has greatly improved access to the Border Ranges National Park.

The replacement of Needhams Road



Bridge is well underway with the pilings complete and construction of the bridge superstructure started.

The new steel and concrete bridge will replace an old timber bridge that had a 25-tonne load limit.

Council received funding for the project from the Federal Government's Bridge Renewal Program, the State Government's Fixing Country Road Program, and Forests NSW.

Burt Raynor Bridge on Findon Creek Road is expected to be open for traffic early in 2020.

Council's contractor has installed the pre-stressed concrete girders and has started construction of the deck and bridge approaches.

The new bridge is being built with almost 50 per cent funding from the Federal Government's Community Development Grants Program.

The next NSW Transport work Council will undertake is the Burnetts Creek Segment Rehabilitation on Summerland Way.

In this project, Council will carry out replacement of culverts and reconstruction of 11.77km of road.

## Council contact and info

### Council MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday, 10 February 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 Public Forum, which provides an opportunity for the public to speak to Council on items of business to be considered at the meeting. To request the opportunity to speak at Public Forum, you should email ([council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au)) or phone (6632 1611) the General Manager by midday on the Friday preceding the meeting.

### REGIONAL ROADS INFORMATION

[www.myroadinfo.com.au](http://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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