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## GENERAL MANAGER re- appointed for further five years

Kyogle Council has re-appointed General Manager Graham Kennett for a further five years.

Mr Kennett has lead the Council since February 2017.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said Mr Kennett's re-appointment reflected Council's confidence in his management and the wealth of knowledge his 20 years at Kyogle brought to the role.

"Council has been punching above its weight delivering for our community," she said.

"Together, we have secured record grant funding that is upgrading vital infrastructure across our local government area while planning and delivering sustainable growth for our communities.

"We have a vision, goals and

action plans in place and I look forward to continuing to work with Graham to deliver great outcomes for our communities."

Mr Kennett said he was honoured to receive the ongoing support of the Council and was excited about the future of the Kyogle LGA.

"I lead a dedicated team who are set on making a difference to the everyday lives of the people in our communities and I am grateful for the support of the community for the work we do," he said.

"I see this decision as a vote of confidence in the work done by all Council staff."



*Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland congratulates General Manager Graham Kennett after he was re-appointed for five more*

## from the Mayor ...

Well, coronavirus has certainly spiralled some people into a panic and we have been seeing some very un-Australian behaviour in supermarkets across the country as people are binge buying, leaving others to go without.

I think this Covid-19 coronavirus is showing us what we are made of.

It is showing us that the veneer of civilisation is easily stripped away whilst people descend into the murky depths of "me-ism" - as long as I'm ok Jack, stiff bickies to you.

This is not the Australia I grew up in.

I give thanks every day for where I live.

Where if people have extra, they share with others less fortunate.

Where we pull together to overcome adversity.

Where we consider others in our communities.

We are the models for what is good and decent behaviour during times of crisis.

We pull together.

I hope everyone stays safe and we will be minimising large public gatherings to reduce the spread of the virus, on recommendations from the government.

On another note, I met with NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole, *pictured*, in early March and was advised that the funding round under which our \$33 million application for the Clarence Way is being considered, will be announced mid-year.

Our argument for the funds was robust, with the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO) freight and supply chain strategy, which was developed with a number of regional partners, having identified the



Clarence Way as an important link between south east Queensland and NSW.

I was encouraged by the news that such big projects had previously been funded, so I remain hopeful that we will get this over the line.

The issue around the waste levy continues to be an uphill battle and after meeting with NSW Minister for Energy and Environment Matt Kean's office, again, we may see some movement on this particular issue as well.

I met with NSW Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock to discuss the opportunity for member councils of the NRJO to pay their waste levies to this or-

ganisation so we can at least keep the money in the region and deliver innovative waste management projects which will reduce our volume of landfill.

I attended a number of forums in Sydney this month including a session on the new redress scheme for institutional child sexual abuse.

The scheme is not an arduous one - if you have been affected, the burden of proof needed is not the same as in a criminal court and the intention is to make the application process as easy as possible.

Given that 8 March was International Women's Day, I would like to just say that as women in your communities, you too are leaders.

You influence, model behaviour, and lead by example.

You work hard, not only for your personal benefit, but for the benefit of your communities.

All of you, make a difference. Strong women mean strong communities.

Resilient women mean resilient communities.

If we support, trust and respect each other, unite and use our voices, we can achieve anything.

Until next time,

*Danielle Mulholland*

## STILL TIME TO submit grant applications

Individuals, organisations and businesses still have time to submit an application for funding under a special round of Community Financial Assistance and Business Grants offered as part of Council's bushfire recovery program.

Applications for both programs will close at 4pm on Monday, 6 April.

Grants of up to \$5,000 without any co-contribution and \$25,000 with a co-

contribution are available for the Community Financial Assistance Grants as well as the Business Grants.

People and organisations running events are strongly encouraged to apply for a Community Financial Assistance Grant.

As is usually the case, the Community Financial Assistance Grants will be open to individuals and organisations.

Business Grants are only available for businesses, or the owners of a commercial premise, in one of the villages (ie excluding Kyogle).

Priority for the Business Grants will be given to applications that contribute to;

- Local employment or training
- The visitor economy
- Improved visual amenity or activation of commercial buildings and streetscapes
- Improvements or fit-out of registered food premises.

Applications are to be submitted on-line via the Council website. For further information, contact Council's Strategic Initiatives Coordinator Suzie Coulston on 6632 1611.

Successful applicants will notified in May.



## CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP ESTABLISHED

Council has appointed six community members and three Councillors to its newly formed Climate Change Working Group.

The six community members are Arthur Webb, Roger Small, Karen Webb, Rob Drury, Genevieve Larson and Dr Kim Watling.

They will be joined by Councillors Maggie May, Kylie Thomas and John Burley.

Ten people submitted expressions of interest to join Council's Climate Change Working Group, which will be tasked with providing advice and recommendations to Council around climate change, management of climate risk and implementation on targets relating to climate change and renewable energy in the Kyogle local government area (LGA).

On setting the terms of reference for the working group, Council hoped to have people

on the working group with a background in science or representative of commerce and industry, the Indigenous community and youth groups.

However, there were no applications from people identifying as a representative from youth of Indigenous groups.

The six applicants appointed to the working group are all residents of the Kyogle local government area and either have a background in science, are representing a community group/commerce and industry or both.

The background of the six community representatives are:

- Arthur Webb has a PhD/Honours Environmental Science and is working as a Climate Change Adaption Advisor for Fiji;
- Roger Small has a charcoal and barbecue smoking wood business
- Karen Webb is the secretary of the Bonal-

bo and District Memorial Hall

- Rob Drury has a Bachelor of Science and is Chair of the Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare Network, Chair of Kyogle Landcare and a member of the Executive of North Coast Regional Landcare Network
- Genevieve Larson has a PhD Applied Science, BSc Applied Physics, is currently studying Master of Environmental Management and Sustainability and is a member of the Kyogle Water Dragons environmental group
- Dr Kym Watling has a PhD Physical Chemistry and was nominated by the CWA Kyogle Evening Branch.

## HELP STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING

If rubbish such as household furniture, tyres, building materials and garden waste dumped on the road side or in the bush makes you see red, remember – you can help stop it!

Illegal dumping is a bad look, is very costly to clean up and can be a serious hazard to both the environment and human health.

Research shows that most people know illegal dumping is wrong, but they do it anyway because they don't think they will get caught.

You can help stop illegal dumping by using RID Online, a state-wide initiative that enables the public to report illegal dumping incidents on their phone or computer.

Simply go to [www.ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au) and follow the instructions.

It takes just a few minutes and once you've submitted your report, it is automatically sent to Council so that it can be investigated and cleaned-up as quickly as possible.



If you aren't phone or computer savvy, don't worry – you can still report illegal dumping by phoning Council on 6632 1611 with the location and type of rubbish that has been dumped. On the spot fines for people

illegally transporting or dumping asbestos start at \$4,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

To find out more about the responsible disposal of waste and how to stop illegal dumping, visit [www.illegaldumping.com.au](http://www.illegaldumping.com.au).

## ANNUAL PERMIT required for cats not desexed

As of 1 July this year, the NSW Government will require people to have an annual permit to keep any pet cats which are not de-sexed.

Under changes to NSW legislation, if you own a cat that is not de-sexed by four months of age, you will be required to pay an \$80 annual permit in addition to the one-off

lifetime pet registration fee.

The changes to government legislation are designed to create a stronger incentive to de-sex cats, improve health and wellbeing of pets, reduce euthanasia rates and help address concerns about feral, stray and roaming cats.

Exemptions will be in place for cats registered before 1 July, 2020 or kept for breeding purposes by members of recognised breeding bodies.

If you fail to register your cat when required to do so, you may be issued with a fixed penalty notice of \$330 or a court may award a maximum penalty of up to \$5,500.

You can register your cat online via the NSW Pet Registry at [petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://petregistry.nsw.gov.au), over the counter or online with Service NSW or over the counter at Council's Administration Centre.

### Lifetime registration fees for cats

Registration Type	Registration Description	Current
Desexed-Animal Registration	Registration fee for an animal desexed by the relevant desexing age	\$58
Desexed— Animal (Eligible Pensioner*)	Desexed animal owned by an eligible pensioner	\$25
Desexed - Sold by Pound/Shelter	Desexed animal sold by an eligible pound or shelter	\$29
Assistance Animal	Assistance animal	\$0
Not Desexed	Combined registration fee and additional fee for an animal not desexed	\$210
Non Desexed—Not Recommended	Animal with written notification from a vet that it should not be de-	\$58
Non Desexed—Recognised Breeder	Animal not desexed and kept by a recognised breeder for breeding pur-	\$58
Cat born prior to 1 July 1999	Cat born prior to 1 July 1999 where ownership has not changed (when	\$0

*\* An eligible pensioner includes a person in receipt of the aged pension, war widow pension or disability pension. If you are unsure whether you are an eligible pensioner, please contact your local council.*

## PET ADVERTS require ID number

New laws introduced by the NSW Government on 1 July last year require anyone advertising dogs and/or cats for sale (including those for free) to include an identifying number in the advertisement.

The requirement applies to all advertisements including those in newspapers, local posters, community noticeboards and all forms of online advertising including public advertisements on websites and social media.

The identifying number can be either an animal's microchip number, a Breeder Identification Number or a Rehoming Organisation Number.

This change aims to improve the identification of companion animals to support better traceability of cats and dogs and promote responsible pet ownership.

It also gives effect to the Government's response to the NSW Parliament Joint Select Committee Inquiry on Companion Animal Breeding Practices.





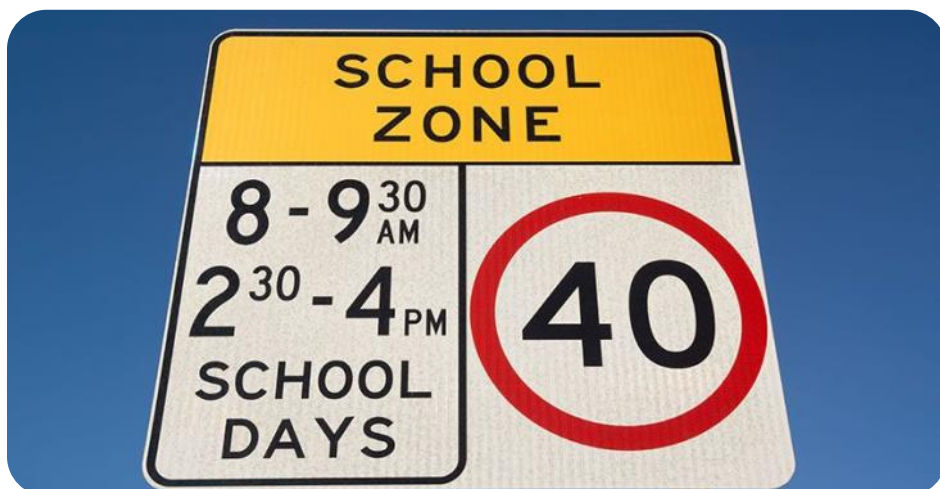
## ROAD SAFETY a must around schools

With families back in the full swing of the new school year, Council would like to remind parents and other road users to be vigilant about road safety around our local schools.

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand 'abstract ideas' such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic.

No parking and drop-off zones improve the safety of the traffic environment around



schools by ensuring drivers have adequate sight lines and provide 'safe' spaces for children to enter and exit vehicles around schools.

These zones operate from 8.30 – 9.30am and 3– 4pm on school days.

Please be aware that you cannot wait in your vehicle or leave your vehicle unattended in these zones and there is a two-minute time limit for picking up or dropping off your children.

You also cannot stop in a Bus Zone, on a footpath or double park.

These rules are in place to ensure all parents can safely access their children.

You need to be aware that failure to observe these rules is a breach of the Road Rules and you may be fined and lose demerit points from your driver's licence.

Fines range from \$191 to \$457 depending on the offence and generally attract two demerit points.

Council Compliance Officers will be monitoring parking zones around our schools and will have a zero tolerance policy given this is a major safety issue for our children.

For further information about how to educate your children about road safety issues, please visit [www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/](http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/).

## POOLS TO close on 26 April

Kyogle Council's three public swimming pools will remain open until the end of the school holidays.

The last day of operation for Kyogle, Woodenbong and Bonalbo pools for the current season will be Sunday 26 April 2020.

The pools will close for the off season on Monday 27 April.

Until then, all three pools will operate as usual. Opening hours for the three pools are:

Kyogle: Monday to Thursday, 6.30am – 6pm; Friday 6.30am – 7.30pm (from 6-7.30pm the 50m pool is unavailable to the public due to use by the Kyogle Swim Club); weekends and public holi-

days 10am – 6pm.

Bonalbo: Wednesday to Monday and public holidays – 2-6pm.

Woodenbong: Friday to Wednesday and public holidays 2-6pm.



## ANZAC DAY SERVICES across NSW cancelled for 2020

Following discussions with the NSW Government, RSL NSW has made the decision to cancel all public ANZAC Day commemoration services and activities across the state.

That includes dawn services, gunfire breakfasts, dinners, marches, and flag ceremonies.

Given the significant concerns around the spread of COVID-19, RSL NSW felt it would be irresponsible to allow such large gatherings that are seen each year on ANZAC Day to go ahead.

This is not a decision the NSW RSL has taken lightly.

Kyogle RSL sub-Branch suggests any person wanting to lay a wreath on ANZAC Day, should do so at the Cenotaph in small groups only.





## ROXY GALLERY

### closed on Good Friday

Julie St Aubyn's exhibition, *Remains To Be Seen*, has been extended and will now run at Council's Roxy Gallery until the end of April.

The exhibition is a retrospective of Julie's works over the past 20 years and features paintings, drawings and mosaics.

The imagery in Julie's works is drawn from both the natural and unseen worlds, with some obvious and some subtle.

Julie's childhood intrigue with, and fear of death, and her interest in the human spirit and our place in the world, led her into working within the fields of palliative care and funeral directing.

This has influenced her creative journey and prompted her to explore themes of impermanence and death.

Julie has also asked her son Jasper St Aubyn West to contribute some of his work to the exhibition.

Jasper is a multidisciplinary artist with a primary focus on the moving image.

His visual aesthetic has been heavily influenced by his many years working in the film and television industry and he often blends cinematic compositions and narrative elements with surreal and unexpected flourishes.

The Roxy Gallery will be closed on Good Friday (Friday, 10 April, 2020) and Easter Sunday (Sunday, 12 April, 2020).

However, the gallery will open as normal on Easter Saturday (11 April).

The gallery will also open as normal on Anzac Day (Saturday, 25 April).

The gallery is located upstairs in the Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall at 131 Summerland Way, Kyogle.



*Trainfish by Jasper St Aubyn West*

## Kyogle library NEWS

Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library branches, including Kyogle library, are taking the following preventative measures to support the health and wellbeing of the library community during the Coronavirus pandemic:

- All programs and events are cancelled until further notice;
- Stall will not handle patron's belongings including mobile devices and laptops;
- Patrons will be asked to scan their own library cards when borrowing items;
- Patrons will be asked to place their returns onto a trolley. Staff will not handle the returns until the following business day;
- The library will provide hand sanitizer and will disinfect surfaces regularly;
- Staff and patrons will be reminded to practice social distancing remaining 1.5 metres away from others. This will limit the level of assistance staff are able to provide at the public computers, and the number of computers that are available for use.
- The library will not be running a school holiday program during the April school holidays.
- Patrons are asked to stay home if they are unwell or have flu-like symptoms. The library provides an extensive eLibrary on its website with thousands of resources which patrons can borrow. You can find the library website at [www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/library).



## Most council business can be done on-line

Community members are reminded that most business with Council can now be conducted on-line or over the phone.

You can pay your rates, water rates and debtor accounts as well as lodge a customer request on line at Council's website ([www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au)).

You can also download all of Council's forms and applications, including development applications, lodge them by email ([council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au)) and pay any associated fees over the phone with a credit card (please note an 0.6 per cent surcharge applies to credit cards).

People are also able to report a lost animal, lodge a submission, and provide feed-

back on line.

And all of the documents that Council places on public exhibition are available to view on Council's website.

You can even read Council's meeting agendas and minutes dating back to 2010 on Council's website and listen to the podcast of Council meetings.

You can also find out what events are coming up—simply head to the events calendar which can be found on the home page of Council's website.

And if you do not have access to a computer, you can always phone Council (6632 1611) and talk to our customer service staff about what they can do to help you conduct your business over the phone.





## Two more bridges COMPLETED

Works to improve the Walters Road and Green Pigeon Road intersection was completed in mid-March.

The work was funded by the Federal Government's Blackspot Program.

Shortly afterwards, Council began replacement of Clancy Matthews Bridge on Walters Road. The existing timber bridge will be replaced with a concrete and steel bridge.

At the end of March, Council sealed a section of River Street in Wiangaree as part of the Village Streets Initial Seal Program.

The crew then moved on to commence improvements at the intersection of Imbrey's Road and Summerland Way which is another Federal Government Blackspot-funded project.

Council plans to carry out some minor works in Curtois Street in April.

The work is to restore some stormwater infrastructure that suffered damage in the heavy rain in February and was further im-



*Work on the new Mulcahy Bridge on Needhams Road, including the approaches, is now complete and the bridge is open to traffic.*

proved by rain in March.

The Roads and Maritime Services contract work to improve the Summerland Way at Burnetts Creek is underway and expected to continue until May/June.

Drainage pipes have been installed and roadworks have commenced.

The approaches to Mulcahy Bridge on Needhams Road and Burt Rayner Bridge on Findon Creek Road were sealed in March, marking another two bridge replacements off the list.

## HELP NEEDED to save endangered tree

Kyogle Council and the NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) needs your help to save the endangered Bailey's Cypress Pine (*Callitris baileyi*) (pictured).

In NSW, the species is known from a few small populations in Koreelah National Park, on the NSW/QLD border, west of Woodenbong.

However, small pockets of these endangered trees have been found on private land around Mallanganee, Casino, Lismore and west of Woodenbong.

The species also occurs sporadically in south-east Queensland.

The drought has significantly impacted known populations of the Bailey's Cypress Pine, further threatening the survival of the species.

This has prompted Council and the EPA to request the community's assistance in discovering new populations of Bailey's Cypress Pine in the Kyogle local government area.

Bailey's Cypress Pine grows to 18m tall and has spreading or erect branches and rough greyish bark.

Unlike many other cypress pines, the foliage is green, rather than bluish.

Adult leaves are 2 – 5 mm long and male and female cones occur on the same tree. The species prefers shallow clay soils and is usually found on rocky, hilly areas close to creeks in open grassy eucalypt forest.

EPA Threatened Species Officer, Richard Brittingham, said there could be populations of this distinctive tree on roadsides, reserves or on private property.

"So, we are encouraging the public to keep a look out and report any sightings," he said.

"Where new populations are found, funds may be available from the EPA to help manage threats such as trampling and disturbance of the species' habitat."

If you think you have Bailey's Cypress Pine growing on your property or think there are plants growing by the roadside or in parks and reserves in your area, please report it to the EPA by emailing [info@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Alternatively, you can report potential sightings by contacting Council.

You can find out more about the conservation and recovery of Bailey's Cypress Pine at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10131](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10131)



# IF IT'S NOT NATURAL, then do not flush it down the toilet

Council is appealing to residents NOT to flush wet wipes down the toilet.

Wet wipes, despite what the manufacturers may say, are not biodegradable and cause sewers to become clogged and blocked, which can lead to sewage overflows into homes or creeks and costly plumbing bills.

Please let your family and friends know to never flush **ANY** wet wipes down the toilet, but instead dispose of them in the rubbish.

As well as keeping wet wipes out of our toilets, drains and pipes, we should NOT flush any of the following items:

- Nappies
- Cat litter
- Oil
- Chemicals
- Rags
- Cotton buds
- Sanitary products
- Dental floss
- Cigarette butts

The more rubbish we flush down our pipes, the more water it takes to clean the pipes – that means less water for everyone at home and for business.



Our water bills include the cost of council maintaining and fixing broken and clogged sewer pipes.

When pipes get clogged, Council has to use lots of water to flush away the problem, that means higher costs and this can increase our water rates. Remember: Think before you flush! If it's not natural, don't flush it.

## Council contact and info

### Council MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 April 2020 at 5pm (due to Easter Monday public holiday). 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 the public with the chance to speak to Council on items of business to be considered at the meeting. To request to speak at Public Forum, email [council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au) or phone 6632 1611 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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MONDAY TO FRIDAY**