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EXTRA \$4.19M for local road projects

Council has received \$4.19 million to upgrade four roads under a special round of the State Government's Fixing Local Roads program.

The roads to be funded are:

- \$2,068,243 for the Afterlee Road
- \$864,948 for Lynches Creek Road
- \$720,248 for Tabulam Road
- \$539,920 for Lions Road.

The extra funding comes on the back of a \$191 million Federal Government injection to the State Government road funding program.

It is aimed at boosting regional economies and improving infrastructure as communities across the State grapple with the combined effects of drought, bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said Council was very pleased to receive the extra funding.

"Upgrading the LGAs roads and bridges is Council's top priority, so any additional funding we can get to do that is always



Sections of Tabulam Road will be rehabilitated as part of a \$960,000 project that has received \$720,248 in funding through the State Government's Fixing Country Roads program.

very welcome," she said.

"And the fact that Council managed to get funding for four of the five projects they submitted is a great result.

"Council will put another \$1,431,120 in total towards these four projects, which will upgrade sections of Afterlee, Tabulam and Lions roads and seal a section of Lynches Creek Road.

"It is very exciting news."

The Afterlee Road project will involve some drainage works and the rehabilitation of the worst sections of the road to bring the whole road up to a consistently good finish. Council will contribute almost \$690,000 towards the project.

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from the Mayor ...

I visited the Kyogle Men's Shed to take a look at the five street libraries they have built for Council's street libraries program.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the generous souls who volunteered their time to build these for me - (yes, ok, I did ask them but they said yes!).

These street libraries are usually painted by a local artist like the one we put in Bonalbo which was built by local, Dave Tucker.

These new libraries will be rolled out at Mallanganee, Mummulgum, Woodenbong, Old Bonalbo and Ettrick.

If there are any local artists who would like to volunteer their time to decorate a street library, please let me know.

The libraries will need to be maintained - someone to check they are stocked, clean and in good repair.

Usually this is the person who "hosts" the street library.

These libraries are intended to be 24/7, all weather libraries and need to be positioned in a place that is readily available to the public.

So, from here I will be looking for someone in each of these villages who can take the lead on identifying a suitable site and a local artist.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping to facilitate this program in your village.

Council continues its work despite the Covid restrictions and the current Councillors will do an extra year of service as the NSW Government has deferred Council elections to September 2021.

The Councillors elected in 2021 will only serve a three-year term with the next Council election to be held in September 2024.

I'd like to congratulate the two new newspapers that have started up to fill the gap left by the abolition of print media in our region.

With the Northern Star going online and the Richmond River Express Examiner closing altogether, some entrepreneurial locals have started the Northern Rivers Times and the Richmond River Independent.



Kyogle Council Mayor Danielle Mulholland and Alan Price of the Kyogle Men's Shed admire two of the five street libraries built by the Men's Shed.

Both groups should be congratulated on their commitment to ensuring our residents and ratepayers stay informed about local events, government decision making and current affairs.

While digital media may be appropriate and embraced in urban, peri-urban and highly populated regional centres, in many rural communities our residents are either unable to access the internet or incapable of using it. Many have no access to broadcast media.

Even though we are lucky to have two start up papers to replace the ones closed down or put online, other rural communities are not so fortunate.

So, Council has resolved to write to the relevant Ministers, CEO of NewsCorp and our local MPs to suggest that this decision be reviewed by NewsCorp and that any funding available to support regional media be aimed at those communities that have limited capacity to access information about current affairs, local events, Council reporting etc.

We are also asking for an explanation of how the \$50m package to support regional media during Covid-19 has been distributed.

Applications for the NRCF Recovery and Resilience Grants Program can now be submitted.

Not for profit community groups across the Northern Rivers, impacted by a recent disaster, such as a flood, bushfire, or

COVID-19 - can now apply for grants from \$2,000 - \$10,000.

Funded through the NRCF Resilience and Regeneration Fund, this Grants Program is focused on helping community groups respond directly to community need arising from current and future crises.

The Application Form and Guidelines can be downloaded from this website at nrcf.org.au/grants/recovery-resilience-grants-program. Applications close mid-night Monday 17 August.

Many residents West of the Range have been asking when the projects under the Stronger Country Communities Funding will be delivered in the villages.

The works are currently being done with some scheduled to be done later in the year.

It takes a while to get there, but we get there in the end.

We are still observing social distancing and there are Covid related restrictions still in place so before scheduling or organising an event, please just check what the current restrictions are before proceeding.

It's a bit of a moving feast, with regular updates from the State Government, so what may be true today, can change tomorrow so it's always best to stay current.

Until next time,
Cr Danielle Mulholland



Kyogle Local Government Area's newest citizens, front from left, Aoife Bryant, Colette Stafford, Niranut Sirisombun, Kyla Sheffield and Alaine Grieveson, pose with their Australian Citizenship Certificates with Kyogle Mayor Danielle Mulholland, Member for Page Kevin Hogan and some of their family members.

FIVE LOCAL WOMEN take the pledge and become citizens

Five women now living in the Kyogle local government area (LGA) became the LGA's newest citizens at a special ceremony held at Council's Roxy Gallery in July.

The women - Aoife Bryant, Alaine Grieveson, Kyla Sheffield, Nira-

nut Sirisombun, and Colette Stafford – pledged their loyalty to Australia and its people during the ceremony which was officiated by Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland.

Member for Page Kevin Hogan also attended the ceremony and read a message from the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs the Honourable David Coleman MP.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, only the immediate families of the five women were able to witness the ceremony.

EXTRA FUNDS to fix four country roads

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Meanwhile, Council will put in \$288,316 to seal the remaining gravel section before the two new bridges on Lynches Creek Road, bringing the total cost of the project to \$1,153,262.

Likewise, Council will add \$240,083 to the \$720,248 Fixing Local Road Grant to rehabilitate the worst sections of Tabulam Road.

The Lions Road project will involve upgrades to the guard rails on the top section of the road to make it safer for motorcyclists as well as rehabilitation works on the



road itself.

Council will kick in \$213,307 towards the project, while the Kyogle Lions Club will provide an additional \$100,000.

Member for Page Kevin Hogan said the

additional funds for local roads would create jobs and boost local economies.

"It means smoother, safer trips along the roads our community use every day," he said.



FREE BATTERY recycling boxes up for grabs

In January Council announced the arrival of two new Community Recycling Stations, located in the Kyogle Library and Bonalbo Community Hall, to make it easier for the community to recycle common problem household wastes like alkaline batteries, which can be harmful to our environment.

The response from the community was incredible, with about 20kgs of batteries dropped off at the recycling stations in the first six weeks.

That's around 1,000 batteries that won't be going to landfill where they have the potential to contaminate our land or groundwater.

Council would love the community to keep up the good work, so we have 290 Household Battery Recycling Boxes to give away for free.

The reusable boxes, *pictured*, provide a convenient way to store your flat household batteries all in one place.

The box is small (measuring only 10cm x



6cm) so it also won't take up too much space wherever you choose to put it in your home.

When your box is full, simply bring it to your nearest Community Recycling Station or any of Council's waste facilities to recycle your batteries.

You can pick up a Household Battery Recycling Box at the Kyogle Library, Bonalbo Community Hall, or any of Council's waste facilities.

Don't forget that other problem household wastes such as fluoro light bulbs, printer cartridges, glasses and mobile phones can also be dropped off at the Community Recycling Stations for free.

Items such as car batteries, oil, paint, smoke detectors and e-waste (televisions, computers and monitors) can also 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 boxes for our community.

X-RAYS CAN now be recycled

Have you got old X-ray films lying about the house, taking up valuable space?

You can now recycle your old X-rays at the Kyogle Community Recycling Centre, located on Runnymede Road, Kyogle, free of charge.

X-ray films contain silver, a precious metal which can be extracted from the film and reused to produce silver products. X-rays are collected in a secure bin to protect your confidential medical information.

The film is then securely transported to the Siltech Metal Refinery in Victoria, where it is incinerated, with no residual waste going to landfill.

The refinery is one of the only licensed facilities in Australia with the ability to treat this kind of waste.

So what are you waiting for?

Round up all those old X-rays and drop them off at the CRC next time you visit.



Don't forget you can also recycle other problem household wastes at the CRC such as batteries, smoke detectors, fluoro light bulbs and tubes, paint, motor and cooking oil.

For further information about all the waste and recycling services provided by Council visit <https://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au/infrastructure-environment/waste-water/waste-and-recycling/>.

PAIN STUDY NEEDS participants from rural areas

The Discipline of Physiotherapy at the University of Sydney is looking for adults who live outside metropolitan areas (rural Australia) and have low back pain and/or knee osteoarthritis to take part in a study.

You only need to have internet access and a smartphone, tablet or PC.

Your participation will be from home.

After completing the online baseline questionnaire, the participants will be randomly placed into one of two groups -- (1) the eHealth group or (2) the usual care group.

This means that you have a 50% chance of being placed in either group.

- The eHealth group: Includes free online physiotherapy treatment (eHealth) during three months
- The usual care group: You will continue to access local care where you would normally go (eg public hospitals)

To express an interest in joining the study, visit www.theempowerstudy.com and click start awareness.

For further information, email empower.study@sydney.edu.au or call to: 02 9351 9010.

COUNCIL GRANT applications now open

Applications for grants under Kyogle Council's Community Assistance Policy have now opened.

The policy provides one-off grants of up to \$1,000 for organisations, \$500 for individuals and \$5,000 for projects with matched funding.

Under the Community Assistance Policy, one off donations are open to eligible organisations and individuals who demonstrate the greatest need and/or benefit to the wider community in the areas of: welfare; community involvement/social interaction; sport and recreation; the Arts; youth affairs; senior citizens affairs; and cultural assistance.

Community Assistance grants are paid on a reimbursement basis - that means successful applicants must provide Council with receipts and/or invoices before any funds are paid.

For further details about the Community Assistance Policy, go to the Council Poli-



The Afterlee Public School Parents and Citizens Association was successful in winning a grant last year to help cover the costs of organising the school's centenary celebrations, pictured above.

cies page on the Council website at www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

Applications close at 4pm on Monday, 31 August, with application forms and further information available from the Kyogle Council administration centre, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle, or

www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

Further information also is available by phoning Council's Strategic Initiatives Coordinator Suzie Coulston on 6632 1611.

Council will determine this year's successful grant applications at its October meeting.

WORK STARTS on Bonalbo walking path

Work has commenced on the new walking path at Norman Johnston Park in Bonalbo.

In addition to providing a pleasant walking experience, the new infrastructure will link the caravan park and pool to the village.

Work was carried out in July in Woodenbong to improve the footpath between the Woodenbong camping grounds and the active recreation precinct of skate park/outdoor gym/swimming pool.

Council is currently undertaking replacement of the water main that services the residences above the Kyogle golf course.

The replacement will be completed by the end of August, and Council thanks the Golf Club for working with us to avoid inconvenience to club activities.

An initial seal of a section of Collins Creek Road is planned for August between Collins Creek Public School and Collins Creek Hall.

Drivers of Bentley Road may have no-



ticed work being carried out under traffic control at Allcocks Bridge.

Test drilling was being carried out in preparation for the replacement of the bridge later this financial year.

A concrete culvert on Bentley Road in the Back Creek area was replaced in late July in preparation for rehabilitation works which will be carried out in August.

Construction of the new Hootons Road bridge over the Clarence River is progressing on schedule. Girders were installed at the end of July and the bridge is expected

to be complete and opened to traffic by the end of August.

Council is nearing completion of the Clarence Way sealing project with works approaching the northern end of the unsealed section.

The road was closed for two weeks in July to allow for earthworks in preparation for upgrade of the intersection with Bruxner Highway and to enable the replacement of a culvert, *pictured left*.

If works continue as expected, the project will be complete and 100% of Clarence Way in the Kyogle local government area will be sealed by the end of October.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) contract work carried out in July included continued work on the Summerland Way rehabilitation project at Burnetts, and installation of extensive sections of guard rail on Bruxner Highway in the Mummulgum area where a total of approximately 1.2km of guard rail was installed.

Council will continue with the RMS job to rehabilitate a section of the Summerland Way at Burnetts during August. This work will include construction of 400m of concrete channelling.



VERY SPECIAL

exhibition at The Roxy

Many special things happen at Council's Roxy Gallery and the next exhibition falls into the special category. From 5-29 August, *The Finale* by Barbara Murray will be on show.

This is special as it's the first retrospective Barbara has had of her many years of being a creative maker in writing, embroidery, painting and drawing.

Barbara has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to living in this area. Born in Kyogle, Barbara raised her family on her Gradys Creek farm and now she is moving to Kyogle to live.

She has been an important contributor to the local community with her involvement in the Kyogle Writers Group and the Kyogle and District Arts Council along with many other community organisations.

Barbara has always had an interest in telling stories and recounting her knowledge of the history of this area, in both written and visual forms.

She has created a body of work that spans a lifetime and which reflects on people and places and the many changes she has seen and experienced in her 80 years.

Barbara loves to paint scenes from her environment and having lived a life in a very natural world she has done a lot of drawing of bird life and natural flora.

Barbara also has a quirky sense of humor,



which reflects in some of her caricature paintings of social gatherings and her talent as a seamstress and embroiderer is a skill unfamiliar to many now.

Her works in watercolour and acrylic are very intricate and her eye for detail shows her talent for observing her natural environment.

For the Roxy Gallery, this is a special exhibition as it is a chance for the gallery to reciprocate the support Barbara has shown over her many years of voluntary service to the gallery and the community.

Above: Barbara Murray's Urbenville Living The Fire.

Right: Agapanthus by Barbara Murray.



FIRST BOOK

an autobiography

It was really ice to find another Kyogle resident has become a published author.

Susan Jackson has been quietly working away at her writing and has finally had her first book published.

The Little Aussie Battler, pictured right, is a book that came about when Susan was faced with sorting out what to do with her collection of diaries, 40 big diaries that took up a lot of space.

Susan has kept a diary for most of her life, writing journal entries on a daily basis.

The diaries took her through so many memories stored at the back of her mind.

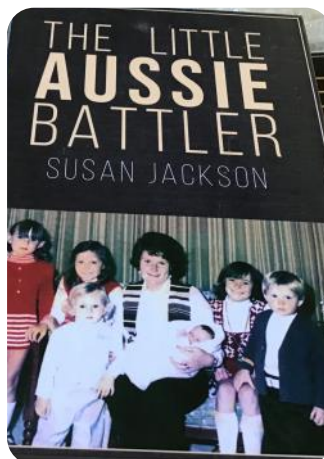
Susan said that it was a long and arduous process taking over ten years and the manuscript sat in a drawer for just as long.

After moving into town, she had a lot more time on her hands and so pulled it out once again to do the final draft.

This time it was very therapeutic and she could see how life had changed her from an innocent child and rebellious teenager into a battered wife and then into a strong and independent woman.

Susan is a mother of six children and has 18 grandchildren

and 17 great grandchildren. She is also a Lifeline Counsellor, a pastoral care worker at Nimbin and St Vincent's hospitals and was a scripture teacher for 10 years in state schools.



Local CWA wins AWARD

The CWA Kyogle Evening Branch is an Essential Energy Community Choices Champion for 2020.

The Branch attained sixth position on the leader board through an online public voting competition.

Other Kyogle local government area organisations the Louisa Johnston Centre and Collins Creek Hall also received awards.

The \$600 award will allow CWA Kyogle Evening Branch to purchase a dedicated laptop for their meetings and presentations.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Discussion Group

The monthly meeting of the Kyogle Library Book Discussion Group has resumed.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

To assist with Covid-19 regulations, please phone Corinne at the library on 6632 1134 for further details about joining this group.

Borrow a jigsaw

You can now borrow jigsaws from the Kyogle library.

While the jigsaw collection is based at the Casino library, local library goers can reserve a jigsaw and it will be delivered to the Kyogle library for collection.

You can borrow two jigsaw puzzles with your library card. The loan period is three weeks.

Seed library

More wonderful winter seeds are available from the free seed library.

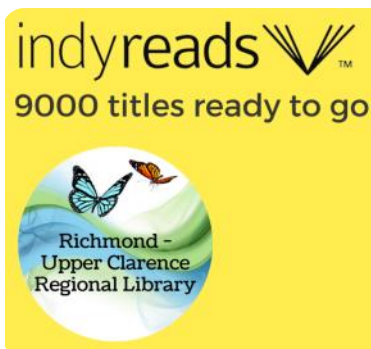
Library patrons can select up to three packets of seeds to borrow at a time. Plant the seeds in your garden, raise the plants, allow a plant to go to seed and then harvest the seeds. Return some of the seeds back to the library so our collection continues to grow.

There is no cost to borrow, and no obligation to return seeds.

indyread ebooks

The indyreads platform is provided by the State Library NSW and gives public library clients free access to ebooks as well as audio.

The primary aim of indyreads is to ensure that NSW public libraries can



continue to offer their clients a diverse collection of quality Australian and overseas published works.

The indyreads platform has been launched with a statewide consortia collection of 9000 titles.

This collection aims to complement the existing digital collections held by public libraries.

In addition to the Australian titles acquired from independent Australian publishers, there is also a collection of classic fiction and non-fiction imprints, offering modern translations and introductions.

There are also modern international and Australian literary classics and prize winners and the best examples of self-published content.

Indyreads aims to ensure that this content, which is not necessarily distributed through traditional library suppliers, is available to readers via their local public library.

Borrow a cake tin

In August, Kyogle library will have a cake theme in-library display featuring some new borrowable cake tins from the growing cake tin collection as well as recipe books to borrow from the library's collection.

Information on funerals

In early August, Kyogle library will host a display of information about having that very difficult, but necessary discussion about planning for a funeral.

The display will feature items from Guardian Funerals and will include some new helpful borrowable items from the library's own collection.

Library App

Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library has launched its own app.

The free app provides library members with a digital library card and allows them to search the catalogue and reserve items, renew their loan items, scan any book's barcode to see if the library has a copy.

It also gives access to the eLibrary.

To download the app, simply search Richmond-Upper Clarence RL in either the App Store or Google Play.

Digital photo competition

Every month the Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library runs a digital photo competition, Our Digital Perspective.

Go to the regional library's Facebook page for the competition theme, which changes every month.

Community Calendar

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 Robert on 0407 506 548 or Anne on 6632 1851.

Kyogle Bazaar

Kyogle Bazaar is excited to be reopening on the fourth Saturday of each month, 9am - 2pm in the Kyogle Amphitheater.

The Bazaar is back with COVID19 measures in place. Come along and enjoy a day browsing the artisan, secondhand and garden stalls while enjoying a delicious coffee.

Kyogle Bazaar is a social enterprise of Kyogle Together, a local community development not-for-profit organisation.

By being a stallholder of Kyogle Bazaar, you are helping Kyogle Together's sustainability as a social enterprise.

The aim is for market profits to be reinvested back into local community programs in Kyogle such as the Kyogle Youth Ac-

tion and Fair Share Kitchen, for a vibrant and inclusive community.

New stallholders to grow the market are always being sought.

For further information checkout the Bazaar's Facebook page facebook.com/kyoglebazaar or email kyoglebazaarmarket@gmail.com.

LOCAL DATA needed on Koalas

Koalas, like much of the state's wildlife, were severely impacted by last summer's fires.

This has made it more important than ever to get active on improving Koala habitat.

Throughout the drought and the fires, the Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare Network and landholders in the Kyogle local government area (LGA) were planting, managing and restoring koala habitat and corridors.

A recent project supported by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment enabled restoration actions across 2 hectares of occupied Koala habitat, planting of 650 Koala food trees and two workshops to build community knowledge on conservation actions.

Additionally, with the assistance

of the Saving our Species program and the Forestry Corporation, a further 6,000 Koala food trees were made available free to landholders.

These combined projects have reached 35 landholders across the LGA.

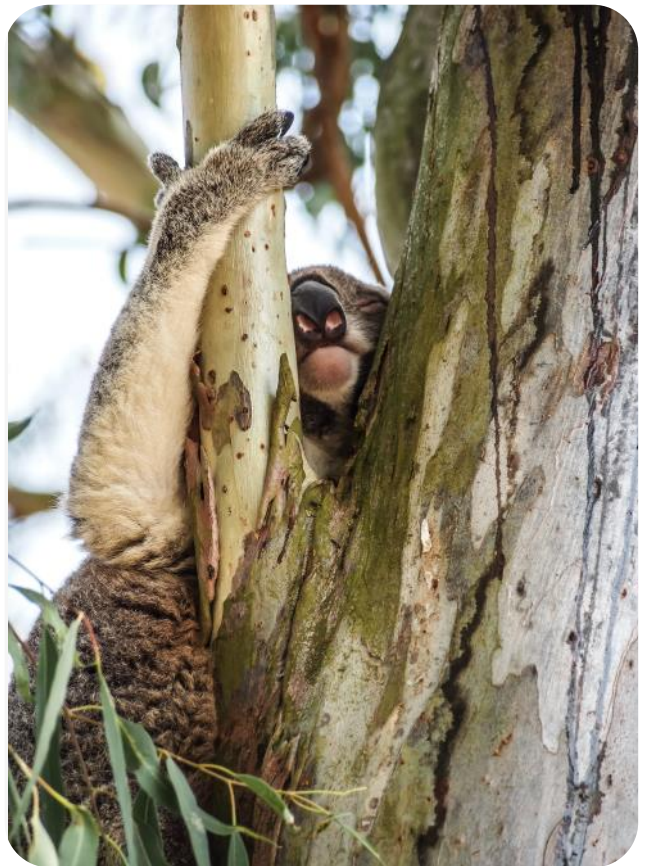
Emma Stone, of the Landcare network, said the recent projects had generated an "overwhelming interest" within the community for helping the local Koala population.

As a result, she said, planning for more projects was underway.

"We aim to work strategically to support Koala populations," Tara said.

"The NSW Koala Strategy has helped to guide community action however local data is of great value to good planning.

"We encourage landholders to get involved in citizen science and report sightings of Koalas to <https://www.friendsofthekoala.org/report-a-koala-sighting>."



Council contact and info

Council MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10 August 2020 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 Public Forum, you should email (council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au) or phone Council on 6632 1611 by midday on the Friday preceding the meeting.

REGIONAL ROADS INFORMATION

www.myroadinfo.com.au

RECYCLING FACILITIES

All Council waste facilities have recycling capabilities (if separated) and can recover oil, paper, cardboard, steel, aluminium, glass, and plastic at no charge.

The waste facility hours of operation are:

Kyogle: 7.30am-12pm Monday to Friday

9am-4pm Saturday & Sunday

Woodenbong: Tuesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Bonalbo: Wednesday & Saturday 9am-4pm

Mallanganee: Thursday & Sunday 9am-4pm



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