

Council recognises local business owners

Council has presented Certificates of Appreciation to the principals of two local businesses which have provided exceptional service to the community over many decades.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland presented the certificates to Kay Noonan of Gateway Office Supplies and Max and Judith Watson and Bruce and Gail of J Watson and Son in a ceremony before the November Council meeting.

Cr Mulholland said the commitment and dedication Mrs Noonan and the Watsons had demonstrated in providing support for local residents over many years was worthy of recognition.

“They have supported local events, community organisations and sporting clubs, each in their own way and we wish them all the best in retirement,” she said.

Mrs Noonan, first as manager of the Star Office Supplies Store and then as owner of Gateway Office Supplies, provided support to local events, sporting clubs and community organisations for more than 40 years.

That support included offering her shop as the point of sale for raffle and event tickets and as a central drop off or collection point for event programs and entries.

Mrs Noonan also volunteered her time in managing the sale of tickets and receipting ticket monies.

The Watson family, through business J Watson and Son, has serviced the Kyogle and Woodenbong communities for 72 years.

Joe Watson started the business in 1948 with his son Les and grandsons Bruce and Max subsequently taking over.

Over the years, they have provided the community with taxi, general freight and civil engineering services, including ready mix concrete.

In 2009, the company decided to focus on providing school and passenger bus services to Kyogle, Woodenbong and associated communities.

Captions: Presentation 1: Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, left, congratulates Kay and Gary Noonan after presenting Kay with a Certificate of Appreciation from Council.

Presentation 2: Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, left, and Kyogle Councillor Lindsay Passfield, right, congratulate Bruce and Gail Watson and Judith and Max Watson on receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Council.

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