

West of the Range Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Haylee White is presented with her award and congratulated by Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, left, and Australia Day special guest and former State Member of the Legislative Council Dr Brian Pezutti. Dr Pezutti was raised in Bonalbo and served for almost 15 years as an MLC. He was also Brigadier Assistant Surgeon General of the Australian Defence Forces.



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Council receives \$40.5M State Govt grant TO REPLACE 84 BRIDGES

Kyogle Council will replace 84 ageing timber bridges in the next two years thanks to an unprecedented State Government grant of \$40.419 million through the Fixing Country Bridges Program.

The 84 bridges will include all of Council's current load limited bridges.

An ecstatic Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland described the funding announcement as "truly great news for our area".

"This is a huge leap forward for Kyogle Council which has more bridges than any other local government area in NSW," Cr Mulholland said.

"To have 84 bridges funded in one hit is incredible and something we lobbied for and hoped, beyond hope, would one day happen.

"The fact that it has happened is incredible.

"On behalf of the community, I'd like to thank the State Government for this investment in the future of our area and for the faith they have shown in Council.

"This funding will go a long way to making life easier for many of our residents and local businesses as well as visitors to our area.

"Having decent infrastructure is essential for the wellbeing of our community and for generating economic growth.

"I am very excited, as I hope everyone will be, by this news."

The total cost to replace the 84 timber bridges comes in at \$50.8 million with Council contributing \$8.86 million to the project and the Federal Government \$1.535 million for four of the bridges



through its Bridge Renewal Program.

Council will also replace another 11 bridges as part of its current Delivery Program (bringing the total to 95 bridges). Of those 11 bridges, eight have been funded as part of a \$5 million package through the Australian Government's Community Development Grants.

Council's General Manager Graham Kennett said the State Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program required the 84 bridges to be completed by 2023.

"Council is currently working on the project program and delivery strategy to ensure these timetables can be met," Mr Kennett said.

"This unprecedented level of funding for bridge replacements presents a once in a generation opportunity for communities in the Kyogle LGA.

"Council and its contractors face a difficult challenge in the planning and delivery of these projects, but we are ready to tackle the

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from the Mayor ...

The announcement on 21 February by NSW Member of the Legislative Council Ben Franklin that Council will receive a \$40 million plus grant to replace 84 old timber bridges is fantastic news for the Kyogle local government area.

Council has lobbied long and hard for an opportunity such as this and the fact that it has now come to fruition is incredible.

Having decent infrastructure is essential for the wellbeing of our community and for generating economic growth and this funding will help Council achieve that.

Council would like to thank the State Government for this investment in the future of the Kyogle LGA and for the faith they have shown in Council.

Now the hard work begins to deliver the 84 bridge replacements in two years.

Was it just last month that we started the year with three successful Australia Day events at Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong?

Congratulations to the organising committee for each event - all were COVID-safe with protocols in place, but still socially inclusive.

I would like to congratulate all the local community groups in Kyogle and the villages who were successful under the 2020-21 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program.

With Council and community working hand-in-glove, we are receiving unprecedented funding for our Council area which will be reflected in the ambitious improvements we will be undertaking over the next 12 months.

I'm heading to Sydney in the first week of March to represent our interests and that of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation at a series of meetings including with various Ministers.

The 2020 waste strategy has yet to be released and this will determine whether Kyogle still has to pay the waste levy to the State Government, which is reflected in your tip fees.

The removal of this levy, which neighbouring Tenterfield Shire Council is ex-

empt from paying, is simply correcting a mistake in a policy which was aimed at reducing landfill in larger centres.

We continue to lobby around a range of issues - Toonumbar Waters Retreat, the Clarence Way, road upgrades, bridges, community services, various community projects, changing the formula for financial assistance grants which will see us get a bigger piece of this funding bucket - there's a lot of work going on behind the scenes which should come to fruition soon.

Councillors, Council staff and community groups are working together to source various funding buckets and so far this year, we have been knocking it out of the ball park.

We are also going to initiate discussions with the Scenic Rim Council, as there are a lot of synergies with what they are doing and the direction we are heading.

Mutual tourism benefits will be first on the agenda.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy,

Cr Danielle Mulholland

COUNCILS fight the bite

Kyogle Council has joined other Northern Rivers councils and the North Coast Public Health Unit to launch Tackling Mosquitoes Together, a pilot behaviour change program to reduce the disease risks and nuisance of mosquitoes in homes and local communities.

Tackling Mosquitoes Together invites residents to join a free SMS program designed to help you protect yourself, your family and community from mosquitoes.

Residents who sign up for the program will receive 1-2 text messages per week with helpful tips, reminders, videos, images and common mozzie myth busters.

Once you subscribe to the program you can also pick up a free education kit from Council's



Administration Centre.

The most common mosquito-borne diseases in the Northern Rivers are Ross River Virus and Barmah Forrester Virus.

They are not fatal, but they can cause serious illness and have long-term health impacts.

The second highest number of recorded Ross River virus cases was reported by the Northern NSW Local Health District in 2020, a figure over three times the reported average for the last 30 years.

Cases of Ross River Virus are

most commonly reported in late summer and early autumn, so it's important for the community to know what they can do to, and to start taking action.

Tackling Mosquitoes Together is funded by the NSW Government in association with Local Government NSW.

The program runs until 30 April 2021.

For further information and to sign join the SMS program please visit www.tacklingmosquitoestog.ether.com.au.

COUNCIL COVID safe

Kyogle Council is now registered as Covid Safe through the State Government Covid Safe website.

All visitors entering Council's administration centre for meetings, are asked to scan the QR Code and digitally check in.

If you are unable to digitally sign in, Council has a visitor sign-in book for your convenience.

Council would like to thank you all for helping our community stay safe during this pandemic. Your patience and assistance is greatly appreciated.



FUNDS FOR Crown reserves

Crown reserve land managers across the Kyogle local government area have shared in hundreds of thousands of worth of NSW Government funding under the 2020-21 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program (CRIFP).

Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin said land managers showed great dedication and commitment to their local communities and this much-needed funding would help with repairs and maintenance projects, pest and weed control, new recreational infrastructure or environmental initiatives.

Successful 2020-21 projects included:

- **Bonalbo Showground**, refurbishment of the stumps and flooring to the Luncheon Pavilion and an upgrade of horse yard fencing, **\$92,328**.
- **Collins Creek Public Hall**, purchase and install rooftop solar system, **\$5445**.
- **Collins Creek Public Hall**, construction of accessible amenities, repurposing of amenity facilities and window upgrades, **\$50,224**.
- **Kyogle Recreation Area (Kyogle Council)**, control of weeds in reserve, **\$13,200**.
- **Wiangaree Reserve (Kyogle Council)**, upgrades to the access,

deck, yards and painting of the hall on the reserve, **\$92,000**.

- **Kyogle Showground**, repair of drainage system, **\$35,000**.
- **Mallanganee Campdraft Incorporated**, replacement of cattle yards at the grounds, **\$37,794**.
- **Mallanganee Campdraft Incorporated**, construction of a new road and entry to the yards, **\$15,437**.
- **Tabulam Public Hall**, construction of an outdoor barbecue entertainment area, improvement to building access, repairs to kitchen and purchase of equipment, and flooring repairs, **\$54,869**.
- **Woodenbong Showground**, replacement of power lines and upgrade of the meter box, **\$89,997**.
- **Woodenbong Showground**, upgrade and restumping of the pavilion and grandstand; upgrades to barbecue area, windows, security rollers, fencing, announcer's box, gatehouse, pavilion and undercover area, and showjumping equipment, **\$406,341**.
- **Woodenbong Common**, upgrade of fence, tree lopping and purchase of metal panels, **\$15,677**.
- **Woodenbong Public Hall**, upgrade of food preparation facilities, **\$29,150**.

HIGHWAY project takes shape

In February, Council started work on a project to upgrade a 1.5km section of the Bruxner Highway on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Carried out under the road maintenance council contract, the project will involve a culvert replacement and construction of new drainage infrastructure as well as new pavement.

A rehabilitation project focusing on the worst sections of Tabulam Road between Tabulam and Jacksons Flat Road is nearing completion.

At the beginning of March, work will begin on the replacement of Haystack Creek Bridge on Yabba Road. Bridge components have been manufactured at Council's Woodenbong pre-cast facility.

Council has started work on the new Matthews Bridge on Green Pigeon Road.

The old bridge has been demolished, and construction of the new concrete bridge has commenced. At time of writing, pile installation was well underway.

Fortunately, it was possible to construct a bypass on site to minimise inconvenience to locals.

BRIDGE FUNDING A 'once in a generation opportunity'

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challenge head on."

More detailed information will be made available to the community as planning for the project progresses over the coming months.

"There's no doubt that there will be some short term inconvenience and interruptions for many residents and businesses as the program rolls out, so we ask everyone for their patience and understanding as we work through this fantastic opportunity for the future prosperity of our community," Mr Kennett said.

SUPPORT FOR bushfire affected businesses

The Strengthening Business Service is a free service complementing the existing recovery effort to assist bushfire affected businesses to recover, grow and become more resilient.

The service recognises that many businesses have also been devastated by drought and COVID-19.

At the heart of the program lies a network of facilitators that are local, independent business experts who work with clients on their businesses.

Some key items of the service provided include:

- Provide advice and support to assist with recovery from impacts of bushfire / drought / COVID and help the business to grow, strengthen and become more resilient in the future.
- Work with the business to develop a roadmap that sets out the immediate, medium and longer term needs and plans of the business.
- Identify and facilitate access to funding opportunities and other available assistance to help the business recover and grow.

- Draw upon the well-established Entrepreneurs Program (EP) national network to provide specialist support including:

- ◊ Digital Solutions
- ◊ Technology advisory service
- ◊ Innovation
- ◊ Commercialisation
- ◊ Industry sector specialists
- ◊ Industry data and benchmarking

This service is available to businesses with a current ABN that were operating in the Kyogle Council LGA during the Black Summer bushfires. For more details or to apply for the program go to www.business.gov.au/EP or contact Nathan McGrath on 0428 029 354 or nathan.mcgrath@ep.industry.gov.au.

Kyogle LGA celebrates AUSTRALIA DAY 2021



Kyogle Citizen of the Year Kay Noonan with Australia Day Ambassador Lyndey Milan



West of the Range Citizen of the Year Uncle Kevin Torrens accepts the award.



Woodenbong Citizen of the Year Robertine (Tein) Smith with Australia Day Ambassador Julia Weber.

People who work quietly in the background for their communities, local sports stars and high achieving students were honoured at Australia Day celebrations held across the Kyogle Council local government area on 26 January.

The presentation of community awards was part of events held at Kyogle, Bonalbo and Woodenbong to mark Australia's national day.

As part of the festivities at Kyogle, which were held for the first time at the Amphitheatre Park, one local resident officially became an Australian citizen.

The Australia Day Award winners for the three centres are:

Kyogle

Citizen of the Year, Kay Noonan

Senior Citizen of the Year, Leo Laarhoven

Junior Student of the Year, Ruhara Mapabandara

Senior Student of the Year, Ashton Leck

• **Nominee** Joshua Williams

Senior Sportsperson of the Year, Peter Anderson.

Special Community Achievement Award (posthumous), Tom Matthews.

West of the Range

Citizen of the Year, Uncle Kevin Torrens

• **Nominee** Bill Mills

• **Nominee** Lawrence McCarthy

Young Citizen of the Year, Haylee White

Sportsperson of the Year, Alex Gibbon

Event/Community Organisation of the Year, Tabulam CWA Branch

• **Nominee** Richmond Range Rugby Club

Woodenbong

Citizen of the Year, Robertine (Tien) Smith

Sportsperson of the Year, Nicholas Hannant

Business/Service of the Year, Taylors Hardware

Community Organisation, Woodenbong Unrugged Group



Kyogle Senior Citizen of the Year Leo Laarhoven.



Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, left, and Australia Day Ambassador Julia Weber, second from left, with Woodenbong Australia Day award winners, from left, Peter Taylor of Taylors Hardware, Nicolas Hannant, Tein Smith and members of the Woodenbong Unrugged Group.

COUNCIL MOVES to VendorPanel for tenders

Kyogle Council is now using VendorPanel to simplify the way it seeks quotes.

VendorPanel is a web-based eProcurement system used by hundreds of organisations to increase transparency and compliance in quote-based purchasing processes.

Council uses the VendorPanel portal to advertise tenders, quotations, expressions of interest, and other purchasing requirements and to manage the procurement process through to contract award stage.

Council encourages all current and potential suppliers of goods and services to register on the VendorPanel portal. There is no charge for registration.

Benefits for Suppliers

The eQuotes system allows Council officers to request quotes from three types of supplier categories:

- Open market (marketplace) suppliers,
- Registered suppliers (self-invitation), and
- Selected FCC Pre-qualified suppliers (Tender Established)

The eQuote system gives an easy and consistent way to hear about opportunities from Kyogle Council. The eQuote system is:

- Free to suppliers and contractors to register on VendorPanel
- Easy to set up – just add your business details and relevant compliance documents.
- Provides a consistent RFQ format and process.
- Simplifies management of compliance documents for Council.
- Gives Council officers an easy way to send out quotes, increasing the chances of you hearing about works.
- Allows you to manage multiple supplier



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& villages

Register as a supplier to Kyogle Council

The Kyogle Council uses VendorPanel Marketplace to find local suppliers and to invite them to quote on work.

It's entirely **free** for suppliers and, once registered, your business profile will be visible to Kyogle Council buyers and to others searching the Marketplace for suppliers in the area.

REGISTER NOW



lists from one account.

- Set up so users can easily download reports on all the requests received, with a record of what you responded to.

Self-registered Supplier List

Council uses this pool of contractors and consultants, registered by self-invitation for the supply of frequently used goods and services under \$150,000 (incl. GST).

This is relatively new to Council, and all interested contractors and consultants are encouraged to register for inclusion.

Registered contractors/consultants submit compliance requirements specific to the category of goods and services as follows;

- Valid ABN
- Public and product liability
- Workers compensation certificate
- Any other licence specific to that panel for the goods and services.

To register as a supplier on Council's pre-approved contractors' supplier list, go to the eQuotes (VendorPanel) page under the Business and Industry menu on Council's website at www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

Public Tenders

Public tenders are listed here <https://www.vendorpanel.com.au/publictenders>.

[aspix?emcc=3C4F5EFB3673](https://pages.vendorpanel.com/workwithkyoglecouncil)

To register on Council's tender notification list, go to <https://pages.vendorpanel.com/workwithkyoglecouncil>

Once you are registered with us, you will be automatically notified of tender opportunities and will have online access to all the details and status of tenders.

You will be able to access this portal to view any associated documentation, participate in Q&A forums and, where required, submit electronic bid responses through our secure, e-tender box facility.

The Marketplace

The VendorPanel Marketplace will be used for quotations sought from suppliers and contractors where goods and services are not able to be sourced from the other two supplier categories listed above.

Suppliers and contractors should register in all the categories that best represent the goods and service they provide.

VendorPanel Market place provides opportunities for suppliers and contractors to be visible to other council and government entities that use VendorPanel.

To register on the Marketplace go to <https://pages.vendorpanel.com/workwithkyoglecouncil>

VEGIE GARDENS are good for the environment

The Kyogle Environment Group (KEG) is urging people to take advantage of the glorious weather and start preparing their gardens for planting with a selection of free seeds available from Kyogle library's seed library.

By growing your own vegetables you can reduce your carbon footprint, thanks to several factors, including cutting the time it takes to get your food to your plate.

A KEG spokesperson said the estimated average distance food travels before it is consumed is 1,500km, with the transportation of goods burning fossil fuels.

The spokesperson said that by choosing to grow your own vegetables, you also

know that your food is free of chemicals and you won't be adding unnecessary packaging to landfill.

"You'll also be saving money," the spokesperson said. "So you'll be doing something that's both good for you and good for the planet."

KEG meets at 5.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month at the Uniting Church, Bloore Street, Kyogle.

BUSY START TO

New Year at Roxy Gallery

The new year of programmed exhibitions at Council's Roxy Gallery has started with a fantastic show by the Practicing Artists Network (PAN), that saw more than 26 of its members present artworks inspired by the poem *The Wander- Light* by Henry Lawson.

The show attracted a large number of visitors to the gallery and has helped set the scene for upcoming exhibitions that weave visual art with the art of literature.

In support of the Kyogle Writers Group Festival planned for May, where the Roxy Gallery will function as the Festival Hub, Gallery Director Ruth Tsitimbinis decided to get right into the literal and host an exhibition on *WORD*.

Some local and regional artists have been asked to contribute to this exhibition, however if you feel you have a creative *WORD* work that could be included, please get in touch with Ruth on 6632 0230 to discuss your proposal.

Warp, Weft and Easel will open in the Roxy Gallery on March 3 and is an exhibition that brings together 16 artists from the region who connect via their engagement and support of the Roxy and Blue Knob Hall galleries.

Warp is a direction of threads that run the length of the fabric, while *Weft* refers to yarn that is pulled and inserted perpendicularly to the warp yarns across the width of the fabric.

Even before an *Easel* is placed into this description, some insight into the type of work in this exhibition can be envisaged.

The name for this exhibition also gives a sound connection to the way the artists in this show link up.

Fibre artist Cherie Shadwell initiated the idea to bring together the skills of people her and her daughter Fiona interact with through their long-standing connections to both galleries.

Over the years, the Roxy and Blue Knob Hall galleries have worked at supporting community arts and artists, along with



Above: Fiona Shadwell's fabric creation titled *Star Fish*.

collaborating to offer supporters of these galleries a broader public outlet for viewing and acquiring artist's works.

Warp, Weft and Easel will be on show until 28 March and is an exhibition comprising of works in fibre, fabric, ceramics, painting, print with more mediums and techniques entwined.

DIRT THEATRE classes still open to students

There are a limited number of available places in the Drama In Rural Towns (DIRT) youth theatre classes in Kyogle and Casino.

DIRT is dedicated to introducing young people aged 8 to 17 to the incomparable magic of theatre.

This award-winning, creative drama program, run by Village Hall Players (VHP), fosters valuable individual and group skills that will strengthen students' self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

Classes have started for the term, but new students are welcome. DIRT accepts a maximum number of 15 students in each class. Applications are accepted on a first come basis and can be made in the first instance by email to vil-lagehallplayers@gmail.com.



DIRT's 2020 production of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Village Hall Players hold AUDITIONS

The Village Hall Players (VHP) is calling open auditions for its upcoming Broadway musical, *Bye Bye Birdie* which will be performed in Kyogle in July.

VHP are looking for actors, singers and dancers – male and female, any age from 18 to 65 plus, experience is optional!

Auditions will be held from 9.30-11.30am on 13 March at the Kyogle

Memorial Institute Hall, Stratheden Street, Kyogle.

VHP brings quality theatre productions to local halls and audiences and is always looking for new people of all ages to join.

Community theatre offers a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and develop or hone your acting talent while having fun.

If you are unable to make this audition but would like to give it a go or if you're interested in finding out more, contact Lynette on 0429 922 169.

FILM SOCIETY launches 2021 program

Film buffs rejoice - the Eden Creek Film Society is launching its 2021 program on Saturday 6 March with the Taika Waititi directed satire *Jojo Rabbit*.

The film society has been running since 2019, showcasing the best of art house, cult and new cinema for the Eden Creek Community.

The night at the Eden Creek Hall will also feature a curated selection of short films and a twilight dinner.

Three film memberships to the society are \$25. Food is \$10 per head. Food starts at 6pm, with the screening beginning at 7.15pm.

For more information go to www.edencreekpictures.com.au



LIBRARY NEWS

Author visit

Local poet David Hallett will visit Kyogle library on Saturday 27 March from 2-3pm to mark World Poetry Day.

He will also launch his new book *Out of the blue: poems by David Hallett*, pictured.

David will read a selection of poems from his new book as well as works from his favourite Australian poets including Patterson and Dennis.

He will conclude his visit with a Q&A session, book sales and signings.

The library after-hours event is free to attend and open to anyone who is interested.

However, as it is a COVID-safe event, bookings are essential.

To book a seat phone the library on 6632 1134 by 5.30pm Friday, 26 March.

The session will be recorded for uploading to the library's website.

Seed library

Take advantage of the amazing gardening weather and plant some free seeds available through the seed library.

New varieties are available now. The library is also still accepting donations of



seeds to further grow its collection.

Jigsaws

Jigsaws are now available to borrow from Kyogle library. Drop-in and check out the colourful collection.

Storytime

Read, Rhyme and Romp - Storytime sessions have returned to Kyogle library.

The sessions are open to mums and bubs (0-3 years), with pre-school aged siblings welcome.

The sessions are held every Friday during school terms from 10.30-11am.

To assist with COVID-19 regulations,

please phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134 for further details about joining this group.

Playdough Play Time

Playdough Play Time is held at the Kyogle library on the third Thursday of every month during school terms.

It is open to preschool-aged children and their carers and runs from 10.30-11am. The next play time will be held on Thursday 18 March.

Phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134 for further details about joining this group.

Lego Club

The monthly Lego Club for school aged children (five and up) has resumed at Kyogle library on the fourth Thursday of the month from 3.30-4.30pm.

It is next scheduled to meet on 25 March.

Please phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134 for further details about joining this group.

Book Discussion Group

Kyogle Library's Book Discussion Group has resumed and meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 10.30am.

The group is having great fun getting together again COVID-style while discussing members' latest reads. Phone Kyogle library on 6632 1134 for further details.

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.

Bonalbo Market

The Bonalbo Hall and Park Markets are held on the first Sunday of every month at the Bonalbo Hall and adjoining park.

The markets run from 10am to 1pm. Table sites cost \$5, just come along at 9.30am on the day.

Save the date—High Tea

Kyogle Ladies Golf will host a high tea at the Golf Club on Saturday 26 June from 1.30-5pm.

Theme for the event is Hollywood.

There will be prizes for the most imaginative Hollywood outfit, as well as lucky door prizes.

High tea will be catered by the lady golfers and there may even be some champagne on offer.

A COVID Safe Plan will be in place.

Writers' Festival

The inaugural Kyogle Writers' Festival will be held in May.

The three-day festival will feature inspiring writers' workshops, award winning and regional author interviews, guest panel Q & A, social activities, literary networking, music, poetry, street events, and community fun.

Booking details will follow in the next few months.

Green Thumb Gardening Day

Bonalbo Garden Club will host a Green Thumbs Gardening Day at Bonalbo on Tuesday 28 September.

This will be a day where gardeners can gather, enjoy and hear a horticulturist

speak about various garden-related topics for a small fee.

Lunch and morning tea are also included in the fee.

Free workshop for older drivers

Transport for NSW will hold a free workshop in Kyogle during April which will provide advice and safety tips to help older road users make safer choices.

The Road Safety for Older Road Users workshop will be held at the Kyogle Memorial Hall on Tuesday 20 April from 4pm.

Topics to be covered will include:

- Safer driving habits
- Driver licensing at 75/85 years
- Mobility scooters
- How health changes can affect our abilities as road users
- Pedestrian safety

Bookings are essential.

For further information or to book a place at the workshop phone 6764 6688 or email drivertraining@joblinkplus.com.au.

Project aims to combat FERAL DEER

A project to combat the invasion of feral deer to the Kyogle and Tweed local government areas now has a full-time project officer.

The Northern Rivers Deer Plan is funded through the Federal Government's Communities Combating Pests and Weeds Impacts During Drought program.

Skilled project manager Rachel Hughes, pictured, who grew up in Tenterfield, studied Environmental Science at Southern Cross University and has first-hand experience with feral deer management, has been appointed Deer Project Officer.

She will be hosted by Tweed Council until the end of 2021 as an initial step in the Plan, which will see Tweed and Kyogle Councils together with Landcare and other stakeholders working collaboratively to formulate a plan to manage this pest in the region.

While deer are formally mapped as "still absent" from Grafton to Tweed and west to

Kyogle, large numbers are present to the north in South East Queensland, west at Tenterfield and to the south in Coffs Harbour.

Feral deer cause havoc in urban and rural areas damaging orchards, eating crops, destroying fences, assailing cattle, putting water holes, trampling and stripping native vegetation, spreading weed seed and destroying threatened plant and animal habitats as well as a being serious risk with motor vehicle accidents.

Ms Hughes said there were six species of feral deer in Australia, all of which could adapt to the Northern Rivers environment.

She said assistance from the community in identifying and reporting sightings of deer was paramount to the success of the project.

"I am looking forward to working with the community, rural landholders and land managers throughout the Tweed, Lismore and Kyogle shires to raise awareness and how to report sightings," Rachel said.

Rachel will be operating periodically from the Landcare office in Kyogle to make contact easier with the Kyogle community.



Interested persons can talk with Rachel on Thursday, 25 March or by phone on 6670 2710 or email on RHughes@tweed.nsw.gov.au

To report a deer sighting or evidence of deer in your locality, go to DeerScan www.deerscan.org.au or the Local Land Services on 1300 795 299.

Council contact and info

Council MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 9 March 2020 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 to speak at the Public Forum, you should email council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au or phone 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

** All Council waste facilities are closed on public holidays*



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**KYOGLE COUNCIL HOURS 8.30AM-4PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**