



Lending a hand at the ribbon cutting for the official opening of the Clarence Way Missing Link Sealing Project are, from left, Kyogle Council Deputy Mayor Cr John Burley, Member for Page Kevin Hogan, Cr Lindsay Passfield (back row), Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin, NSW Minister for Roads Paul Toole, Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland, NSW Member of the Legislative Council Ben Franklin and Cr Earle Grundy.

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87 NEW BRIDGES to be built over two years

Survey and design works have begun for the once-in-a-generation bridge building program which will see Kyogle Council replace 95 old timber bridges in the next two years.

Council currently has geotechnical and survey consultants on the ground while in-house engineering staff plan the complex logistics of building 87 new concrete bridges in a 24-month period -- eight of the smaller old timber bridges will be replaced with culverts.

The geotechnical and survey work is expected to take at least three months to complete, with work on the first four of the bridges to be replaced -- Lees Road Bridge, Old Lawrence Road No 1 Bridge, Ryans Creek Road Bridge, and Maslens No 2 Bridge on Tunglebung Creek Road -- expected to start in May.

Council will release a more detailed construction schedule, once all the intricate planning work has been completed.

Council received a \$40.419 million grant through the State Government's



Baileys Bridge on Baileys Bridge Road is one of 95 old timber bridges that will be replaced as part of a major project to be rolled out over the next two years.

Fixing Country Bridges (FCB) Program to part fund the replacement of 84 of the 95 bridges. Council will contribute \$8.86 million to the project, while the Federal Government will put up \$1.535 million for four bridges through its Bridge Renewal Program.

Council also will 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 multi-million dollar package through the Australian Government's Community Development Grants.

Council, with the help on local contracting companies, will manage and construct 49 of the bridges. To ensure the project timetable set by the State Government is met, 38 of the FCB bridges will be built under design and construct contracts which are to be managed by NSW Public

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from the Mayor ...

Kyogle Council's \$209.7 million four-year draft budget is a once in a lifetime investment in the future.

This record budget, adopted by Council at its 12 April meeting for public consultation, includes a \$50.8 million project to replace 84 aging timber bridges.

In my view, Kyogle has set a new benchmark for renewing essential infrastructure.

No other Council in the State is undertaking a bridge replacement program of this size with Council leading the way and showing other councils what can be achieved with determination and tenacity.

Just focusing on the bridges for a moment, the replacement of 84 bridges ensures vital infrastructure for the next 100 years and beyond.

With this investment, we secure the future for generations to come. We only have two years under our existing contract with the State Government to deliver these bridges.

But it's not all about bridges, this budget also provides further investment in our villages, roads, preschools, parks, gardens, pools, library services and community.

I'd like to thank the State and Federal Governments for the record grant funding provided, but we will continue to lobby for further ongoing funding so Council can continue to exceed your expectations.

To me, it is a sign that the State and Federal Governments have faith in our

organisation to deliver on time and on budget, and that they have confidence in our area as being one of growth and opportunity.

We have worked very hard to build that reputation and we are happy to begin to reap the rewards.

As a rural council, I think we are knocking it out of the park - we have received unprecedented funding and we are delivering outcomes that have been identified as priorities by the communities throughout our council area.

We still have a lot of lobbying and more work to do, but this budget is the building blocks of our future.

On another note, the Bonalbo Show was held on 16 and 17 April and was just wonderful. You can't beat a good old country show!

From those addictive lolly straps to soft serve ice cream, a bouncing castle and other activities for the kids, and there were even alpaca goods on show complete with Mum and Dad and a six week old baby alpaca.

Stalls galore and with the funding the Bonalbo Show Trust has obtained, the grounds look fantastic!

Congratulations to the show committee, the volunteers and participants for making this signature event so successful.

Member for Lismore, Janelle Saffin and State Parliamentarian Ben Franklin were also there, with Ben formally opening the show.

After the official opening, we all talked about funding for the Clarence Way. And then talked about it some more.

A petition is circulating in support of Council's application for the Clarence Way and for anyone who has driven that road, please sign it.

The Bonalbo Progress Association has plans to put the petition online so please share far and wide as soon as it becomes available.

A special presentation was made to Braleigh Newton - the recipient of the Young Farmer Award from Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Next Generation - congratulations to Braleigh for her outstanding achievement.

A special mention also for Dave Whitney, who was MCing much of the show and was running around herding us all like cats for the formal announcements and presentations.

His family was recognised for their contribution to the Bonalbo community with the pavilion being named after the Whitney family. It was a well-deserved honour.

There's an awful lot happening across our local government area at present and I'll be back in Sydney again soon meeting with political representatives and their advisors about issues of importance to all our communities.

I assure you that there are very few people in Parliament House that don't know about our area, its attractions and its challenges and I'll keep knocking on doors until we get our fair share of funding.

Until next time.

Danielle Mulholland

LIONS ROAD upgrade project opened

The completion of the \$1 million Lions Road Upgrade Project was celebrated on Tuesday, 30 March with a small ceremony at the Lions Shelter.

Mayor Danielle Mulholland thanked the Kyogle Lions Club for its ongoing support in maintaining and upgrading the popular route.

She also thanked the State Government for its contribution to the

project of \$639,000 through the Fixing Local Roads program and the Federal Government for its \$213,000 through Roads to Recovery.

Key elements of the project included:

- installation of new drainage culverts;
- road widening;
- improvements to the road alignment;
- pavement rehabilitation and stabilisation; and
- the extension of the existing guard rail system.





HAVE YOUR SAY on budget, main street plan

Kyogle Council is seeking input from the community on its draft budget and the Kyogle Urban Streetscape Design Report covering the main street and the civic precinct.

The 2021/22 draft budget allocation of \$62.7 million includes;

- \$3.7 million for urban streets, including footpaths and kerb and guttering
- \$3.5 million for buildings and community facilities, including parks and gardens, pools and cemeteries
- \$3.4 million for rural local roads
- \$530,000 for library services

- \$100,000 in financial assistance to groups including the three Australia Day Committees, learn to swim/life education, three local Show Societies and Reconciliation Day and NAIDOC week.
- \$119,000 for the Roxy Gallery
- \$69,500 for pre-schools.

Copies of the draft budget are available for information and comment, from Council at 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle, on Council's website www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au or at Wadeville store, Woodenbong Post Office, Tabulam Post Office, Cawongla store, Mallangane Post Office, Old Bonalbo Post Office, Kyogle Library, Wiangaree Post Office, Bonalbo Post Office, and the mobile library.

Submissions should be made in writing by 4pm on 12 May 2021 to the General Manager, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle or to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

The Kyogle Urban Streetscape Design Report, which provides a vision for the future revitalisation of the Kyogle civic precinct and town centre (*see photos below*), is available for review on Council's website and Council's offices.

Council staff will be engaging with key stakeholders and are happy to meet with any other interested parties to discuss the vision for this key public space.

Submissions will be received up until 31 May, 2021

ARTIST'S IMPRESSION



NORTHERN GATEWAY (AT KYOGLE ROAD)

ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS



VIEW OF THE TOWN SQUARE FROM BLOORE STREET

TRAINING in mental health

The Black Dog Institute in partnership with the NSW Government is providing free mental health training to any NSW business with less than 200 employees, and not-for-profit organisations of any size.

To date, more than 12,000 workers and managers across NSW have done the Government-funded training, with 98% reporting they would recommend it to others.

To find out more, or to register for the online training, go to www.mentalhealthatwork.nsw.gov.au.

Another award for COUNCIL

Kyogle's Water Supply Augmentation Project has won an Engineering Excellence Award from the NSW and ACT Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia.

Council received the award for Innovations in Water Supply and Waste Water.

The \$9.4 million augmentation project was designed to provide Kyogle with water security during drought, improve water quality and increase the capacity of the water supply to cater for future growth.

Key elements of the project included:

- Decommissioning of the existing in-stream weir and construction

of an award winning, innovative fish-way in its place;

- Upgrading the existing river extraction pumping station
- Construction of a 200ML off-stream storage (OSS) dam, preliminary treatment and pumping facility, and
- Upgrade and refurbishment of the town's 1930s water treatment plant to meet current water quality standards

The project was delivered in conjunction with the Kyogle Flood Modification project, meaning substantial procurement and project management efficiencies were able to be achieved.

So in addition to water quality and security benefits, the project also provided flood resilience and will assist with adaption to future climate change.





COUNCIL VOWS to keep community informed

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Works.

Council's General Manager Graham Kennett said the bridge building program would generate incredible opportunities for the community as well as present some real challenges to people.

"This level of funding is unparalleled and the new bridges will make a massive difference to the communities they serve and as well as our wider local government area," he said.

"In just two years we will be able to cut our timber bridge replacement backlog from 113 bridges to just 18. Ordinarily, that would take decades to achieve.

"But that unprecedented level of construction will come with some challenges



and inconveniences for the community."

Council will be doing its utmost to keep the community informed as the bridge construction program is rolled out, with the aim of giving affected residents and landholders as much notice as possible of changes to road conditions so people can prepare in advance.

A small number of roads will have to be

closed and detours put in place while some of the new bridges are built, while others will have sidetracks and temporary bridges constructed around the work sites.

Council will use a range of tools to keep the community informed including updates on Myroadinfo, roadside signs, letter box drops, and posts on Council's website and social media page.

BRIDGES to be replaced

Bridges to be replaced by Council and local contractors

Aspreys Road, Aspreys Road Bridge; **Babyl Creek Road**, Babyl Creek Road; **Babyl Creek Road**, Bucklands Bridge; **Babyl Creek Road**, Heaslips No 1 Bridge; **Bolan Road**, Little Terrace Creek Bridge; **Dunns Road**, Dunns Road No 1 Bridge; **Ghinni Ghi Road**, Peter Fin Bridge; **Gooleys Road**, Gooleys Bridge; **Iron Pot Creek Road**, Iron Pot Creek Bridge No 2; **Knights Road**, Grovers Bridge; **Macqueens Road**, Macqueens Road Bridge; **Mahoneys Lane**, Mahoneys Lane No 2 Bridge; **Pines Road**, Pines Road Bridge; **Sheddens Road**, Sheddens Road Bridge; **Slaters Road**, Slaters Road Bridge; **Wynlea Road**, Wynlea Bridge; **Baileys Bridge Road**, Daleys Bridge; **Boorabee Creek Road**, Crawfords Bridge; **Collins Creek Road**, Olesens Creek Bridge; **Gorge Creek Road**, Gorge Creek No 2 Bridge; **Green Pigeon Road**,

Mill Bridge; **Green Pigeon Road**, Williams Bridge; **Levers Road**, Levers Road Bridge; **Lynches Creek Road**, Hinde and Hurrell Bridge; **Old Tweed Road**, Crane Bridge; **Whites Road**, Whites Road Bridge; **Wyndham Road**, Wyndham Creek Bridge; **Campbell Road**, Clark Bridge; **Saunders Road**, Saunders Bridge; **Wiangaree Back Road**, Powells Bridge; **Walsh Road**, Temp Bridge; **Brumby Plains Road**, Brumby Plains Road Bridge; **Castille Road**, Castille Road Bridge; **Needhams Road**, Needhams Road Bridge; **Needhams Road**, Eight Day Creek Bridge; **Bingeebeebr Road**, Adams No 1 Bridge; **Bingeebeebr Road**, Scofields Bridge; **Ryans Creek Road**, Ryans Creek Road No 3 Bridge; **Ryans Creek Road**, Cooks Bridge; **Horseshoe Creek Road**, Horseshoe Creek Road No 1; **Leeses Road**, Leeses Road Bridge; **Old Lawrence Road**, Old Lawrence Road No 1; **Ryans Creek Road**, Ryans Creek Road Closed Bridge; **Sandy Creek Road**, Sandy Creek Road Closed Bridge; **Tunglebung Creek Road**, Maslens No 2; **Wyndham Road**,

Campbells Bridge; **Old Dyraaba Road**, Old Dyraaba Road Bridge; **Lindsay Creek Road**, Lindsay Creek Road Bridge.

Bridge to culverts

Connells Road, Timber Bridge; **Ferndale Road**, Mcqueens Bridge; **Iron Pot Creek Road**, Iron Pot Creek Road Bridge No 1; **Iron Pot Creek Road**, RF Oreillys; **Station Road**, Station Road No 1 Bridge; **Station Road**, Station Road No 2; **Yongurra Road**, Yongarra Road Bridge.

Bridges to be replaced through Public Works managed contract

Baileys Bridge Road, Baileys Bridge; **Brindle Creek Road**, Brindle Creek Road No 2 Bridge; **Brown Knob Road**, Dr Binnies Bridge; **Chestnut Road**, Chestnut Road Bridge; **Chestnut Road**, Varys Bridge; **Gradys Creek Road**, Grieve Crossing; **Gradys Creek Road**, Lamonds No 1; **Kyogle Road**, Back Creek Bridge; **Montgomerys Road**, Montgomerys Road Bridge; **Old Cob-O-Corn Road**, Old Cob-O-Corn Road Bridge; **Phelps Road**, Phelps Road Bridge; **Roseberry Creek Road**, Comerfords No 1;

Roseberry Creek Road, Comerfords No 2; **Tims Lane**, Mahoneys Lane No 1; **Trentys Lane**, Trentys Lane Bridge; **Williams Road**, Barker Bridge; **Collins Valley Road**, Lynchs Creek Bridge; **Askews Dip Road**, Askews Bridge; **Bean Creek Road**, Suffolks Bridge; **Boomi Creek Road**, Mulcahys Bridge; **Capeen Creek Road**, Mill Bridge; **Capeen Creek Road**, Capeen Creek Road No 1 Bridge; **Capeen Creek Road**, Capeen Creek Road No 2 Bridge; **Deep Creek Road**, Bodycotes No 2 Bridge; **Duck Creek Road**, Allens No 2 Bridge; **Duck Creek Road**, Curtis Dip Bridge; **Duck Creek Road**, Gears Bridge; **Duck Creek Road**, Tierneys No 1 Bridge; **Gambleys Road**, Gambleys Road Bridge; **Hansen Road**, Hansens Bridge; **Hootons Road**, Makings Bridge; **Larsson Road**, Larsson Road Bridge; **Old Lawrence Road**, Old Lawrence Road No 2 Bridge; **Rodgers Road**, Wintertons Bridge; **Tunglebung Creek Road**, Armstrongs Bridge; **Tunglebung Creek Road**, Secombes No 1; **Tunglebung Creek Road**, Trynney No 1; **Yabbra Road**, Yabbra Road Bridge.



CLARENCE WAY

upgrade project begins

Council staff have started to relocate about 1km of water main alongside Clarence Way near Woodenbong in readiness for roadworks.

The work began in late April and will continue over the next few months.

Also during April, the first section of Clarence Way earmarked for upgrade between Urbenville and Woodenbong was sealed. The 1km length of new seal is situated several kilometres south of Woodenbong. The next 1km section to be sealed is located closer to Urbenville and will be completed in May.

Bitumen reseals to protect road surfaces were carried out at Boomi Creek Road, Duck Creek Road, Yabbra Road, Gambleys Road, Koreelah Street (Bonaldi), Buller Street (Bonaldi), Tabulam Road, Sandilands Street (Mallanganee), Tooloom Street (Mallanganee), Findon Creek Road, Terrace Road, Worendo Street (Wiangaree), Gleeson Street (Wiangaree), Queebun Street (Wiangaree), Gorge Creek Road, Collins Valley Road, Collins Creek Road, Tims Lane, Hogan Lane (Kyogle), Hale Street (Kyogle), Harrison Street (Geneva), Benjamin Street

(Geneva), Lillian Place (Geneva), and James Street (Geneva).

Work on the Matthews Bridge replacement on Green Pigeon Road is expected to be complete and the bridge opened to traffic in mid-May. The

Matthews Bridge replacement was partially funded by the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program.

Construction of a sidetrack has started at Allcocks Bridge on Bentley Road but will not be required until mid-May when Council starts work on the replacement bridge. This project is partially funded through the State Government's Fixing Country Roads.

Council will also start construction of six other new bridges in May. Funding towards the replacement of these bridges, located on Yabbra Road, Tunglebung Creek Road, Ryans Creek Road, Old Lawrence Road, Leeces Road, and Lindsay Creek Road was received through the Federal Government's Community Development Grants Program.

The Afterlee Road Fixing Local Roads rehabilitation project started in April with the replacement of six culverts along a



1.5km stretch of road. This will continue through to the end of May.

Unfortunately, due to difficult terrain around the site, it is necessary to close the road for a few days each week while the works are undertaken. While detours are available, they do add considerable time to a journey, and Council thanks the community for their patience while dealing with the inconvenience caused.

Rehabilitation of Walters Street and southern section of Boorabee Street Kyogle will be undertaken in May.

The footpath along Summerland Way between Riverbend Close and George Street will also be improved during May. The work will not impact on vehicular access to the high school, hospital, aged care facility, and medical centre, but will cause changes to pedestrian movements.

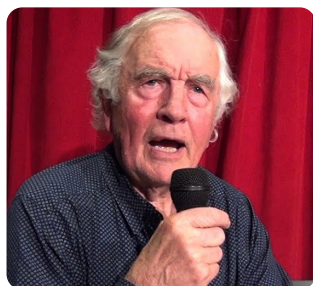
KYOGLE

Writers Festival

The inaugural Kyogle Writers festival, from Friday 14 until Sunday 16 May, is shaping up to be a fabulous celebration of writing and ideas.

More than 40 writers are participating (including novelists, short-story writers, poets, non-fiction writers and song writers) and the packed festival program includes conversations with authors, panel discussions on Indigenous writing; writing about Country, anchored by local author, Jarrah Dundler; and writing in a time of climate collapse.

Integral to the festival is an array of workshops that will enable people, no matter if



they are just starting out to write, or who are already published, to hone their craft.

Workshops cover writing young adult fiction, song-writing with local professional musician, Thor Phillips, writing children's stories as well as writing for the media.

Local writer and poet, Katinka Smit, will run a workshop on writing local history.

Some of the authors who will be speaking include ac-

claimed Aboriginal writer of Goori and European heritage, Melissa Lucashenko, whose novel, *Too Much Lip*, earned her the Miles Franklin Award for literature in 2019; Stuart Rees, *pictured right*, human rights activist and founder of the Sydney Peace Foundation, who will be discussing his latest book, *Cruelty or Humanity: Challenges, Opportunities and Responsibilities* and former ABC journalist (7.30; Foreign Correspondent), Scott Bevan, who will be discussing the set of three non-fiction books he has written while kayaking on the Hunter River, Sydney Harbour and Lake Macquarie.

"We hope the people of Kyogle benefit from the Writers Festival," Paul Shields, one of the Festival organisers said.

"Whether it's through the ideas and perspectives brought into town by the writers, opportunities to meet with and talk to writers or the additional business that people visiting for the Festival generates."

Tickets, which have been kept deliberately affordable, are on sale now and can be purchased via the Festival's website,

www.kyoglewritersfestival.com

The full program, as well as information about each of the authors, is also available on the website.

Kyogle Writers Festival is an initiative of Kyogle Writers Group and greatly appreciates the generous support from Kyogle Council, Country Arts Support Program Grant through CreateNSW and the



WORDS TAKE centre stage at The Roxy

Council's Roxy Gallery is going 'literate' in support of the Kyogle Writers Festival that runs from 14-16 May.

Along with hosting a number of WORDY events on the verandah of the gallery as part of this festival program, the Roxy will be exhibiting local artists' interruptions on the subject of WORD.

From the literate to the visual being made literate, this exhibition has an interesting collection of different interruptions on a subject and assists viewers to look further into what is written and what is visual.

Contributions to this exhibition have come from artists with visual and hearing impairments, artists who write and perform

poetry, artists who use film and sound and artists who create code in their mark making.

WORD is a collection of very diverse responses by creative people taking the literate and turning it into visual.

WORD will open to the public on 5 May and be on exhibit until the end of May.

The official opening on Friday 14 May from 5.30-8.30 pm will launch both this exhibition and the beginning of the Kyogle Writers Festival.

A number of events, from poetry reading to podcast creating are programmed to take place on the verandah of the Roxy Gallery as part of the Kyogle Writers Festival program and throughout the weekend of 14-16 May the town will be entwined in exploring meanings through being creative.



Pam Cowgill's work Pin Gin Paint will feature in the upcoming WORD exhibition at Council's Roxy Gallery.

Poet's Breakfast debuts at WOODENBONG

The Pitstop Cafe was the venue for the inaugural Woodenbong Poet's Breakfast hosted by Jaynee.

Held on 10 April, the Poet's Breakfast, *pictured below*, attracted nine intrepid poets aged 15 to 97 who shared original and pre-published poetry and prose.

The morning was enjoyed by a small group of poetry fans and assorted travellers.

The poetry ranged from humorous bush poetry about the exploits of shearers and the local landscape, to poems with an environmental message, witty verse and funny limericks.

A young couple travelling from Brisbane summed it up saying: "It was a big surprise to find this going on and we thoroughly enjoyed it."

The next Woodenbong Poet's Breakfast will be held at the Pitstop Cafe on 8 May. All styles of poetry and writing welcome.



SOCIAL DAYS planned for Bonalbo

Men and women of all ages are invited to the twice monthly social days at Bonalbo's Louisa Johnston Centre.

Held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, the social days allow people to enjoy a social game of cards or scrabble, try a new craft of work on an existing project, or simply have a cuppa and a chat in the company of others.

Admission to the social days is free and there is no cost for the craft classes – all materials and tuition has been supplied thanks to a grant for the Northern Rivers Community

Foundation.

However, organisers of the social day are looking for tutors.

Anyone interested in teaching a craft should contact either contact Hellan on 0429 063 009 or Debbie on 0402 445 076.

Morning tea and lunch will be available to purchase at the social days for a small fee (\$3 for morning tea and \$7 for lunch) or people can bring their own.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) information van will be outside the centre on the second Wednesday of each month, to answer questions about NDIS and how it can assist local people.

For further more information contact Hellan or Debbie.

Composting WORKSHOP

Join Council and North East Waste for a composting workshop on Monday 3 May from 10-11.30am as part of International Compost Awareness Week.

Learn how to make your own compost at home at this special event to be held at Kyogle Community

Garden (at Kyogle Family Support Services Inc).

Learn composting basics as well as how to make your own compost container. The workshop team will also run a mini DIY beeswax wrapper demo - perfect to ensure your home-grown veggies can stay fresher for longer. Bookings are essential. To register for the workshop go to www.eventbrite.com.au/e/compost-and-diy-beeswax-wrap-workshop-kyogle-tickets



Second Hand Saturday IS ON AGAIN

The North Coast's biggest day of garage sales - Second Hand Saturday is coming back not once but twice this year, giving Kyogle Council residents even more opportunity to turn unwanted items into cash.

Hosted by Council and North East Waste, registrations have opened for the first event, which will be held on Saturday 15 May. Dates are still to be confirmed for the second event later this year.

Coordinator Linda Tohver said Second Hand Saturday, which was first held in 2005,

did not run last year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"The popular community event which aims to reduce waste sent to landfill is a coordinated approach across seven North Coast Councils, with free advertising of registered garage sales in Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and the Clarence Valley.

All registered garage sales will appear online and on the free Second Hand Saturday App. All you need to do is register online at www.secondhandsaturday.com.au before 8 May, 2021.

Plus those who register for the first date will once again be given the option during registration to hold a second 'leftovers' sale the following weekend on Saturday 22 May.

Participating garage sales will be provided with COVID-19 safe operating guidelines to ensure the health and well-being of our community.

For more information visit the Second Hand Saturday website www.secondhandsaturday.com.au, like the mysecondhandsaturday Facebook page or call your local council.

LOCAL GROUP targets climate change

The Kyogle Council Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) provides advice and recommendations around climate change, management of climate risk, and progress on the implementation of identified targets relating to climate change and renewable energy in the Kyogle Local Government Area.

The membership of the group consists of community members Dr Kym Watling, Dr Genevieve Larsen, Dr Arthur Webb, Roger Small, Karen Webb, Robert Drury; Councillors Maggie May, Kylie Thomas, and John Burley; and Council staff.

The CCWG held its first meeting in July 2020 and agreed to help to drive behaviour change in the community through education and by demonstrating processes and pathways to follow.

The group will also use information collected from the community to determine what the community wants to work on by themselves, what they need assistance with or what they require third parties to do.

The group is currently developing a community engagement plan.

If you are interested in these matters, please contact Council's Senior Environmental Officer Judy Faulks via email judy.faulks@kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

Library NEWS

The return of free face-to-face school holiday activities at the Kyogle library have been welcomed by parents and children alike.

The face-to-face school holiday activities were cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The children took part in a range of activities including weaving some wild animal creations, completing jigsaws, and a Lego challenge.

Library programs

The Kyogle library hosts a



range of regular programs including:

Monthly Playdough Play

Time: The program is for

preschool-aged children with a carer and is held on the third Thursday of the month from 10.30-11am.

Monthly Book Discussion

Group: The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10.30am (BYO a coffee/drink if you wish). Anyone who enjoys reading is welcome.

Create Make Share: This group is limited to six participants with hand sanitising and social distancing required.

Phone Kyogle Library on 6632 1134 for further details about these and all other library programs.

Community NEWS

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.

Yowie Country Market

Woodenbong Seasonal Yowie Country Market will be held on Saturday, 29 May

2021, from 8am-2pm at the Woodenbong Public Hall.

The market is held on the last Saturday of each season. Phone Marian on 0487 635 558.

Kyogle Museum

The Kyogle Museum is a great place to learn more about the history of the area.

Located at 19 Bloore, Kyogle, the museum has many photographs and historical items on display.

It is a great place to come for a browse, or to undertake some research on your own family history.

The museum is open from 10am-2pm on Thursdays and from 9am-1pm on Saturdays.

To contact the museum, phone 6632 3041, email khs.group.1972@gmail.com or check out the museum's Facebook page facebook.com/kyoglemuseum.

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.

Project aims to control INDIAN MYNAS

Have you seen this bird (pictured right)? If you have then the Border Ranges and Richmond Valley Landcare Network (BRRVLN) wants to hear from you.

The bird is the Indian Myna, an introduced avian villain, that should not be confused with the Australian native Noisy Miner.

BRRVLN has received short-term funding from North Coast Local Land Services to determine distribution of this pest species across the Richmond Valley and Kyogle Council areas and to implement actions to reduce and control their numbers.

Why is this bird a problem?

Since its introduction into Australia in the 1860s, Indian (or Common) Mynas have become a major pest, not only in terms of their nuisance value to humans but also their negative impact on native species.

Originating from South Asia, the species has been introduced to the United States, Canada, South Africa, a number of Pacific



Islands, and New Zealand, as well as other countries.

In Australia, the birds are found along the east coast and have been reported in Adelaide, Perth, and Darwin.

Indian Mynas are considered so much of a threat that they are one of only three birds listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's '100 of the World's Worst Invasive Species'.

Indian Mynas are attracted to areas of human habitation where they live off pet and stock feed and any other scraps they can scavenge on. They also favour human structures for roosting and nesting.

The species is very territorial and aggressive, mobbing any other birds that have the temerity to come onto their turf. They also will evict native birds and mammals from natural tree hollows and nest boxes, sometimes killing any young that may be in there.

This has resulted in the decline of native species in areas where Indian Mynas have moved in.

BRRVLN's Indian Myna Project is working with the community to identify areas affected by Indian Mynas and use the appropriate methods to control them.

This may include trapping, in the short term, and modifying habitat to make it less attractive to them in the long-run and discourage new birds coming in.

If you have Indian Mynas on your property and would like to participate in the project, please contact Mark Ambrose, BRRVLN's Indian Myna Project Officer on mark@brrvln.org.au or call 0493 120 299.

Council contact and info

Council MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday 10 May 2021 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*



A WARD

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