

Media Release

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Draft budget released

Kyogle Council has released a draft \$190 million four-year budget to deliver the services our community needs and expects, Kyogle Mayor Cr Kylie Thomas said.

Council adopted the draft budget on Monday night and is seeking public comment through its annual budget consultation process.

“Having just experienced some of the worst flooding in our area’s history, this is welcome news for our community,” Mayor Thomas said.

“The budget sees the continuation of the largest bridge replacement program in the State, with around 90 bridges being replaced across a two-year period, at a cost of more than \$50 million.

“There is \$60 million in the 2022/2023 budget including;

- \$22.3 million for bridge replacements
- \$1.35 million for regional roads
- \$3.5 million for rural local roads
- \$1.7 million for urban streets
- \$3.1 million for building and community facilities including
 - Parks and gardens
 - Swimming pool renewals
 - Community building renewals and
 - Cemetery renewals
- \$104,000 for financial assistance donations
- \$120,000 for the Roxy Gallery
- \$71,000 for preschools
- \$550,000 for library expenses

“Over the last few years our region has suffered floods, drought, fires and COVID-19, but the character of the people of our region shines through. We are grateful for the assistance we receive from State and Federal Governments but rest assured, we know more needs to be done and we continue to represent the interests of Kyogle Local Government Area citizens, with the highest priority, at the highest levels,” Mayor Thomas said.

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, Mallanganee 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 10 May 2022 to the General Manager, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle or to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

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