

This may look like “just another new bridge”, but for the residents of Capeen Creek Road it represents freedom. For the first time in more than 10 years the road is free of all load limit restrictions, meaning that cattle and timber trucks as well as heavy equipment can now travel the road freely. Capeen Creek Bridge No 2 was the last of four bridges—three on Capeen Creek Road and one on Duck Creek Road— that Council has replaced in the last six months under the State Government’s Fixing Country Bridges Program. All four bridges had load limits of between five and 20 tonnes, which prevented heavy vehicles from crossing the bridges and accessing properties further along the road.

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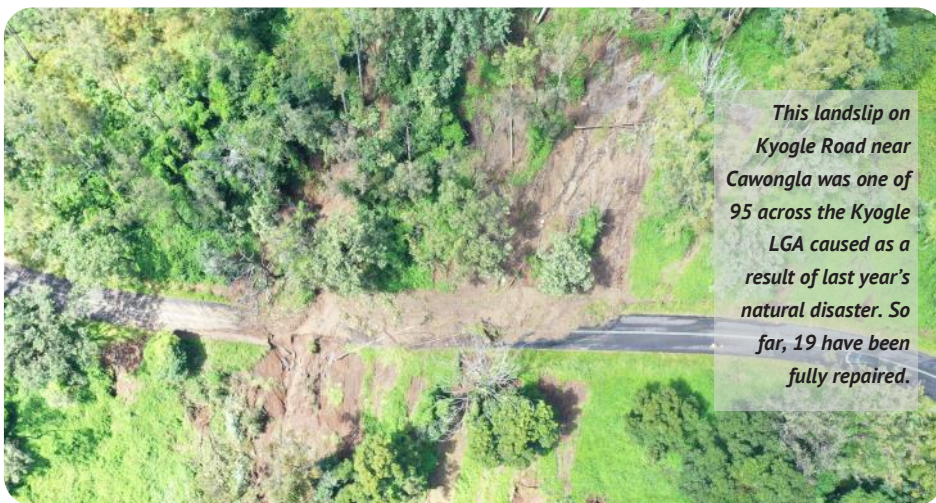
Disaster recovery work INTENSIFIES

A year on from the worst natural disaster to hit the Kyogle Local Government Area (LGA) in recorded history and work to restore damaged infrastructure is intensifying.

With Council’s total restoration bill from the February and March 2022 floods now expected to hit \$254 million (that’s more than a quarter of billion dollars), the focus has switched from addressing urgent humanitarian issues to repairing, rebuilding and recovery.

A general overview of the \$254 million infrastructure damages bill includes:

- 95 landslides across the LGA - Council has so far fixed 19, 15 are to start imminently, and 13 are in design. The balance are still to be programmed.
- \$65 million in damages to the unsealed network with 15.5% complete
- \$75 million in damages to the sealed network, with repairs ramping up day by day
- \$98 million worth of works have been partially approved for funding with the



This landslide on Kyogle Road near Cawongla was one of 95 across the Kyogle LGA caused as a result of last year’s natural disaster. So far, 19 have been fully repaired.

remainder still under assessment, data capture (survey, geotech, design) and scoping.

Unfortunately, COVID-generated supply chain problems and the national labour shortage are impacting the pace of the recovery.

Council is experiencing long lead times for supplies and the availability of survey, geotechnical engineers and designers has slowed Council’s ability to respond.

These specialists, who are in high demand

nation-wide, are the foundation stones to the claims, approvals and procurement process and ultimately Council’s ability to start works.

Meanwhile, Council staff have shovelled by hand 1126 tonnes of premix asphalt and Council is operating two Paveliner repair gangs in a never-ending battle to repair potholes. In a number of fights, Council simply conceded defeat and returned sec-

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Local contractors help repair FLOOD DAMAGE

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tions of sealed road back to gravel. In the interim, temporary sacrificial holding seals have been applied until Council can regroup and fix the pavements properly.

Council's response to the disaster over the last year has been guided in part by the community, who have helped by providing essential information to Council.

A total of 1728 customer action requests related to the floods have been lodged with Council since 1 March 2022.

Council staff have also received and answered hundreds of flood-related phone enquiries.

Unsurprisingly, Council has had to triage its response to the flood damage and the community has understood that the more critical issues have had to be dealt with first.

Council would like to thank the overwhelming number of residents who understood the predicament of rebuilding after such a disaster and gracefully accepted that "their road" wouldn't be seeing attention for some time and that Council would tempo-

rarily patch, best it could, when it could; until staff could get back to do proper assessments and fix their road.

The disaster has showcased the community's resilience particularly as the magnitude of the recovery task became apparent.

The public's understanding and civility to staff in extremely trying times has been appreciated.

Council also appreciates the efforts of local contractors who have truly stepped up and bolstered Council's response to the disaster. A total of 26 additional contractor works crews are complementing the 12 Council crews engaged in all facets of repairing and rebuilding infrastructure across the LGA.

Council has deliberately partnered with local contractors where possible to try to keep the recovery funds circulating within the economy. This in turn helps the recovery of commercial/business sectors in the LGA.

Council will continue to focus on flood repair over the next couple of years, with the recovery process being approached more as a marathon, rather than a sprint.

With the Federal Government usually giving local government just two years to com-

plete all flood rehabilitation works, Council, together with neighbouring Councils and the State Government have applied for more time to complete the recovery.

Council's forward plan is to focus on repairing the infrastructure that most impacts the day-to-day lives of residents first and repair the hidden damage, not obvious to the casual observer, as resources become available.

In the initial stages of the LGA's remediation, Council started work on roads that required very little to no verification or investigation to obtain the necessary financial approvals. Council is now moving to the next phase and undertaking the more complex road repairs which attract larger financial outlays.

The process in obtaining the many approvals (financial, environmental, cultural) for these repairs is complex and is being dealt with in priority order and where opportunities exist.

The current restoration plan as detailed below is a guide going forward and is not set in stone as changing priorities and other external factors will also shape Council's response.

Sealed Roads

Completed

Theresa Creek Road
Racecourse Road
Tabulam Road
Tooloom Street
(Mallanganee)

Bingeebebra Road
McDonalds Bridge Road
Collins Creek Road

In Progress

Sextonville Road
Findon Creek Road
Kyogle Road

Peacock Creek Road
Nicholls Road

Upcoming Works

Omagh Road
Ettrick Road
Bentley Road
Tunglebung Creek Rd

Cawongla Road
Deep Creek Road
Duck Creek Road

There are another 32 flood-affected sealed roads that are yet to be scheduled.

The order in which they are scheduled for works will be determined based on approvals and how individual road conditions may deteriorate.

Unsealed Roads Program (by catchment)	Drainage		Grading	
	Start	End	Start	End
Afterlee	Dec-22	Aug-23	Mar-23	Jul-23
Gradys Creek	Aug-22	Jun-23	Oct-22	May-23
Roseberry Creek	Jan-23	Jun-23	Feb-23	Jun-23
Collins Creek	Aug-22	Complete	Jul-22	Complete
Cawongla	Aug-22	May-23	Mar-23	Jul-23
Boorabee	Oct-22	Jul-23	Feb-23	Jul-23
Woodenbong	Aug-22	Complete	Sep-22	Complete
Duck Creek (Padys)	Sep-22	Oct-23	Nov-22	Oct-23
Dyraaba	Aug-22	Complete	Sep-22	Complete
Deep Creek	Sep-22	Jun-23	Aug-22	Jul-23
Tunglebung	Feb-23	Jun-23	Aug-22	Oct-23
Ettrick	Aug-22	May-23	Apr-23	Sep-23
Sextonville	Aug-22	Jul-23	Jan-23	Oct-23

Landslips currently under repair

- Clarence Way at Bottle Creek, Kyogle Road, Creegans Road, and Peacock Creek Road.

Landslip repairs planned to commence in April/May

- Tabulam Road, Gabal Road, Lions Road, and Boorabee Creek Road

Landslips with design works nearing completion

- Geneva Bridge (Stage 2), Lillian Rock Road, Theresa Creek Road, Kyogle Road at Cawongla, Dugan Road, and Forest Road

Council secures funding for CLARENCE WAY

After years of lobbying State and Federal Governments, Kyogle Council has secured funding to upgrade the Clarence Way from the Bruxner Highway turn-off at Sandilands through Bonalbo and Old Bonalbo to Urbenville.

Council received a \$10 million grant (the maximum allowable) under Commonwealth and NSW Governments' Regional Road and Transport Recovery Package (RRTRP) to upgrade the final unfunded piece of the puzzle, the Sandilands to Bonalbo stretch of the Clarence Way.

Council will put \$4.2 million of its own funds towards the project.

The \$10 million comes on top of a \$16 million grant Council received in 2022 under the Commonwealth Government's Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program to upgrade Clarence Way between Bonalbo and Urbenville.

Council also will have to make a co-contribution of \$4 million of its own funds for the Bonalbo to Urbenville upgrade.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Kylie Thomas has welcomed the funding describing it as a huge success for the Council and the communities living along Clarence Way.

"The condition of the Clarence Way, a regional road the State Government handed back to Council some years ago, has been a real concern for our West of the Range communities for many years," Cr Thomas said.



"But Council simply did not have the \$30 plus million needed to fix this section of the road, so we have been lobby State and Federal Governments trying to get the money, while simultaneously putting in funding applications for grants.

"This grant of \$10 million combined with the \$16 million announced last year is the best news we could get and, I'm sure, will be very warmly welcomed by everyone West of the Range.

"It will make every day living and travel so much easier for locals, boost economic activity and open the area up to increased tourism – it's a win, win, win."

Council also received \$2.46 million under the Regional Road and Transport Recovery Package (Betterment Fund) to rebuild Grieve

Crossing Bridge on Gradys Creek Road to give it increased flood immunity.

The new bridge will be 4-5 metres higher than the current bridge and will have an improved alignment.

Council's General Manager Graham Kennett said the approval of the Clarence Way and Greives Crossing projects was a major win for Council, staff and the community.

"It is a credit to everyone who has been involved in the project planning, business case preparation, community engagement and advocacy work that has finally seen these projects funded," Mr Kennett said.

Construction work on the Clarence Way project is expected to start in the second half of 2023 and take two years to complete.

Revised CBD Master Plans on PUBLIC DISPLAY

Council is seeking community feedback on revised Master Plans for the Kyogle and Woodenbong central business districts (CBDs).

Kyogle CBD Master Plan

A Master Plan for the Kyogle CBD has been under development since late 2020.

Council adopted the plan for the Stratheden Street Civic Precinct last year, but resolved to revise the plan for the Summerland Way amid concerns about the potential loss of car parking spaces.

The revised plan incorporates 461 designated car parking spaces and proposed

timed parking restrictions across the wider CBD (including side streets), whereas the original proposal showed 372 parking spaces.

It still allows for some greening and landscaping of Summerland Way, which will help in creating a more pleasant and comfortable environment for customers, businesses and visitors.

Woodenbong CBD Master Plan

The Master Plan for the Woodenbong CBD focusses on the area around Macpherson Street, and has been under development since May 2021.

Following community consultation, where the plan was broadly well-received, revisions were made to improve town centre parking and access.

The plan now shows the introduction of median parking accessible to north and southbound traffic on Macpherson Street, and preserves opportunities for parking and loading/deliveries adjacent to business premises.

Both plans are on public exhibition until close of business Monday, 24 April 2022.

The revised Kyogle CBD Master Plan can be viewed at Kyogle Council's administration centre foyer and at the Kyogle and Villages Visitor Information Centre pop-up shop at 127 Summerland Way, Kyogle.

The revised Woodenbong CBD Master Plan can be viewed at Woodenbong Public Hall.

Both plans can also be viewed on Council's website: <https://www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au/council-engagement/council-business/on-public-exhibition/>

400 TREES TO be planted on creek bank

A total of 240 native trees were planted along Fawcetts Creek, opposite the Kyogle Recreation Reserve, in late February by community volunteers, with another 160 trees to be planted soon.

The community tree planting is part of a larger project to restore 1ha of riparian vegetation along the creek.

Volunteers have been working on the site since last June, controlling weeds including Balloon Vine, Privet, Chinese Celtis, Camphor Laurels, Coral Tree and Green Cestrum (which is toxic to stock) and preparing the land for infill planting.

Native species planted included Blue Quandong, Sandpaper Fig, Weeping Bottlebrush, Black Tea Tree, Creek Lilly Pilly, River Oak, Melaleucas and Brown Kurrajong.

Kyogle Council received funding to support this project from NSW Department of Primary Industries Fish Habitat Action Grant. It is a collaborative project initiated by Kyogle Council, involving Kyogle Landcare, a Bush Regenerator and local landholders. It builds on other restoration activities that have been occurring along Fawcetts Creek for more than 20 years. A Gross Pollutant Litter Sock has also been installed as part of this project.

Why is it important to restore riparian areas?

Riparian areas are unique and diverse, and are often the most fertile parts of the landscape. When in a natural or well-managed state, riparian areas provide a buffer to surrounding land use, retaining



Some of the community members who took part in the community tree planting event.

nutrients and soil and, in so doing, improving water quality throughout the catchment area. This benefits the landholder and downstream users.

Riparian areas support diverse vegetation that provides critical habitat for wildlife and acts as a wildlife corridor or pathway within the landscape. Healthy and intact riparian habitats also provide shelter, reduce erosion by stabilising river banks, contribute food for fish and water bugs, provide greater diversity of instream habitat for aquatic animals and shade for the waterway.

Upstream waters are important for fish, like the Australian Bass and the endangered Eastern Freshwater Cod, for spawning, feeding and seeking refuge.

Riparian areas are vulnerable and easily degraded. Damage can be caused by uncontrolled stock access, clearing, invasion by plant and animal pests or recreational

activities. Waste from livestock can contribute to pollution, and trampling can destroy vegetation, harm soil structure and result in loss of valuable soil and land.

It is important that these sensitive areas are well managed.

The project at Fawcetts Creek aims to restore the condition of the native riparian area by removing invasive exotic weed species, allowing natural regeneration to occur and preventing the spread of weeds downstream.

Infill planting of native vegetation, within a fenced off area from stock at the site, will help to restore the structure and function of the riparian area so that it is able to perform its very important role in the landscape.

If you would like to know more about this project, please contact Judy Faulks, Senior Environmental Services Officer at Kyogle Council.

COUNCIL TO install EV charging stations

Kyogle Council will establish electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Bonalbo, Tabulam, Woodenbong and Kyogle thanks in part to a Drive Electric NSW EV Destination Charging Grant.

The four charging stations will cost \$153,310 to install, with Council receiving a grant of \$28,000 towards the cost.

Council had originally applied for \$113,820 in grant funding.

Although the grant received was much less than sought, Council resolved at its February

meeting to continue with the project due to the benefits the charging stations would bring to the four communities.

In line with the conditions of the grants, which require the EV charging stations to be installed at "destinations" rather than main street locations, Council will install the charging stations at the Kyogle Museum, Bonalbo's Norman Johnston Park, the Tabulam Sports Ground and Woodenbong Recreation Reserve.

Once installed, the EV charging stations will be owned and operated by Council, with users charged through a third-party software system supported by the manufacturer.

Council will administer the billing system

operations, and maintain the chargers once installed.



Key dates for introduction of 3-BIN SYSTEM

From the week beginning 3 July, properties receiving the split-bin service will make the switch to the new 3-bin system.

The new bins will include a weekly green-lid 240L food and garden waste bin, a fortnightly yellow-lid 240L recycling bin and a fortnightly red-lid 140L landfill bin (please see article regarding change to size of proposed landfill service below right).

Here are some important dates to take note of over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition.

1 - 14 May: Delivery of new red-lid 140L bin and green-lid 240L bin to single and dual households only.

All single and dual-dwelling households that currently receive a split-bin service will have one red-lid 140L landfill bin and one green-lid 240L food and garden waste bin delivered to their property.

Delivery of the new bins is occurring earlier than expected and Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause, however, it is necessary to ensure all residents receive their new bins in time to commence the new service from 3 July.

Even though your new bins will be delivered in May, you must continue to use your split-bin service until the end of June.

Please do not use your new bins until the last week of June as they will not be collected until the week commencing 3 July.

26 - 30 June: Multi-unit properties receive their new bins.

Due to space limitations, all multi-unit properties will receive their new red-lid



Upgrade of our 3 bin collection service - key dates

TIMELINE	From 1st May - 14th May Commence new bin delivery *single houses & duplexes only*	Do not use these new bins until the new upgraded service collection commences.	
	From 1st May - 26th June	Continue to use your kerbside split bin as usual	
	From 26th June Split bin converted to recycling bin (after it's final service as a split bin)	New bins delivered to apartments Free kitchen caddy bins and liners delivered	You can now begin to use your 3 bins
	From 3rd July	New collection service commences	Week 1: Organics bin & Landfill bin
	From 10th July	New collection service continues	Week 2: Organics bin & Recycling bin

140L landfill bins and green-lid 240L food and garden waste bins during the last week of June, ready for immediate use and collection the following week. Share options will be discussed with your property prior to delivery.

26 - 30 June: Last week using your split-bin service. Keep your split bin kerbside during this week until the divider is removed. Education pack, kitchen caddy and roll of compostable liners delivered.

During the last week of June, all properties are to place their split bin kerbside on their usual collection day, even if there is no waste to be collected.

Council's waste contractor, Solo Resource Recovery will follow the collection truck to remove the divider from your split bin and place a 'recycling' sticker on this bin. Your current split bin will become your new fortnightly yellow-lid 240L recycling service, completing your 3-bin set.

It is important that you keep your bin kerbside following collection until the divider has been removed. Once the changeover is complete, you are able to return your yellow-lid bin to your property and begin using it for recyclable items only. Start using your new green-lid bin for all food and garden waste, and your new red-lid bin for landfill waste. Council will deliver an education pack outlining how to use each bin, collection details, a kitchen caddy and roll of compostable caddy liners to assist with the separation of food waste in the kitchen.

3 - 7 July: New 3-bin system collection service begins - week 1

Collection will begin with your green-lid food and garden waste bin and your red-lid landfill bin. All properties can present both of these bins for collection during week 1 of the new service. *Please note:* A

collection calendar will be delivered as part of the education pack with all bins.

10 - 14 July: New 3-bin system collection service continues - week 2

Collection of green-lid food and garden waste bin and yellow-lid recycling bin.

For more information about the new 3-bin system and key dates, please visit one of the upcoming community information sessions or call Council on 02 6632 1611.

Community information sessions:

Saturday 20 May - Kyogle Farmer's Market

Saturday 27 May - Woodenbong Yowie Country Market

Sunday 4 June - Bonalbo Market

Saturday 10 June - Tabulam Community Farmers Market

Saturday 24 June - Kyogle Bazaar Market

140L BIN will take landfill waste

A 140L red-lid landfill bin will become the standard landfill service for the 3-bin system, collected fortnightly on alternate weeks to recycling.

This is also the standard landfill bin size and service available in many of our neighbouring northern rivers council areas.

It is important to separate food scraps using the kitchen caddy and empty that into the new 240L green-lid food and garden waste bin to be collected weekly. Food scraps should not be put into the landfill bin.

All properties do still have the option to upgrade to a 240L landfill bin at an additional cost.



FREE EVENTS

showcase flying-fox camp

Kyogle Council is running a series of community-focused flying-fox events throughout the year and would like you to be involved.

The events will centre on the flying-fox camp in Kyogle that has existed along Fawcetts Creek for more than 50 years.

In 2022, the *Kyogle Flying-fox Camp Management Plan* was adopted by Council and was prepared to guide future management of the flying-fox camp, with the aim of reducing conflict between humans and the flying-foxes.

On Sunday, 16 April 2023 (between 10.00-12.30pm), a flying-fox 'Walk and Talk' will be held along Fawcetts Creek in Kyogle Recreation Reserve.

The event will showcase the flying-fox camp, introduce the three flying-fox species that can be found at the camp, explain the ecological importance of flying-foxes, and describe the work being undertaken as part of a flying-fox habitat enhancement project at the northern end of the Kyogle Recreation Reserve.

Council, Kyogle Landcare, a local bush regenerator and an ecologist will all be at the



The grey-headed flying-fox.

'Walk and Talk' to answer any questions and to provide insight into flying-foxes and the value of the habitat restoration project which is currently underway.

The walk will follow a formed track along Fawcetts Creek. Please bring a hat and water (and binoculars if you wish to see the flying-foxes up close). Light refreshments will be provided.

On Saturday, 20 May 2023 (9.30-12pm) a Community Tree Planting Day will be held at the flying-fox habitat enhancement project site within Kyogle Recreation Reserve.

Those taking part will be working alongside a local bush regenerator, Kyogle Landcare and Council and will have an opportunity to learn more about this on-ground project that is restoring and creating flying-fox habitat. Please bring sturdy boots, gloves, hat, water and sunscreen. All other tree planting equipment will be provided. Light refreshments will also be provided.

To register for these events, please visit:

- Flying-fox 'Walk and Talk' event: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/586330027897>
- Community Tree Planting day: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/586410277927>

Once registered, you will be provided with further details on where to meet. Also, keep an eye on the "What's On" page on the Council website for further details on upcoming events.

The events and the habitat restoration project are part of the Flying-fox Habitat Restoration Program assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust in association with Local Government NSW. Kyogle Council is also providing funding for this project.

Conserving private land FOR KOALAS

Expressions of Interest are being sought from landholders interested in protecting koala habitat through private land conservation agreements (CAs).

WWF-Australia, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, the Biodiversity Conservation Trust and Envite Environment have partnered to invest funds and encourage the uptake of permanent CAs for private landholders to protect, restore and manage koala habitat on their land.

Fiona Dawson of Envite Environment said the first stage of the project was to identify properties that may be eligible for a permanent CA over a portion of their land.

To be eligible, landholders must have a minimum of 20ha of intact native bush in moderate to good condition.

Up to \$45,000 of habitat restoration funding is delivered through Envite



Environment, a local not-for-profit organisation which provides ecological restoration and bush regeneration services. Eligible activities include weed control, revegetation, fencing, nest box installation and repairs to existing features such as tracks to maintain the conservation area.

Ms Dawson is keen to hear from anyone in the Kyogle LGA interested in an initial site visit to discuss the criteria and eligible activities.

For more information contact Ms Dawson on 0427 957 277 or email fionad@envite.org.au.

Customer Service Policy ON DISPLAY

Council has reviewed and updated its Customer Service Policy and is now inviting the community to comment on the new policy.

As part of the review, the best practices of neighbouring councils were considered when setting benchmarks.

The new policy identifies measures and targets for inclusion in performance metrics, as well as clear service level expectations for customers.

The draft policy is on display for comment until close of business Wednesday, 12 April and can be viewed on the Public Notice's page on Council's website at www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions can be made via the Lodge A Submission page on Council's website, by emailing council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au or by writing to The General Manager, Kyogle Council, PO Box 11, Kyogle, NSW, 2474.

Roxy hosts celebration of MUD AND INK

Council's Roxy Gallery will host an exhibition titled *Mud and Ink, A Celebration of Post-Flood Printmaking from the Northern Rivers* starting 13 April.

This exhibition is a tribute to all the printmakers who lost everything in the floods – everything except their determination and talent to get up and start over again.

Steve Giese, who lost much of his life's work and home in the 2022 floods, has pulled together more than 20 printmakers from the region to respond with ink to the enormous number of unresolved flood stories.

The exhibition reflects a sense of discovery, contemplation and optimism, engaging viewers in works, which express lives in limbo moving forward once again.

Mud and Ink, A Celebration of Post-Flood Printmaking from the Northern Rivers was the first exhibition shown at the Serpentine Community Gallery in Lismore when it re-opened after the floods.

The gallery was inundated by flood waters and was only able to re-open with the help of the local arts community who cleaned up the gallery.

Printmaker and exhibitor Penelope Sien-



Lifeline by Louise Goggin

na said community support had helped her get through the disaster.

"During times of hardship, it is the generosity and kindness of friends and strangers alike that give me the hope and will I need to carry on until things are better," she said.

"The wings of kindness will carry us through."

Mud and Ink - A Celebration of Post-Flood Printmaking from the Northern Rivers will be officially opened on Friday 14 April at 6pm.



Trees - The conversation at Bosches Waterhole by Steve Giese.

Community members are encouraged to come along to meet with the artists and view this varied and fascinating collection of prints.

The exhibition runs until Sunday, 14 May 2023.

NOTE: The Roxy Gallery will be closed throughout the Easter long weekend.

ANZAC DAY commemorations

ANZAC Day services will be held across the Kyogle local government area on Tuesday, 25 April.

Kyogle

5.30am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph (gunfire breakfast will be held after the Dawn Service at Kyogle Bowling Club)

9.15am Assemble for March, in Geneva Street (opposite Exchange Hotel)

9.30am March through town centre to Cenotaph

10am Service and wreath laying at Cenotaph

Woodenbong

10.30am Assemble for March to opposite Foodworks

10.45am March begins

11am Formal Anzac Memorial

Service at Woodenbong Public Hall, MC David Hannant, guest speakers Donna and Greg Gulliver

11.45am March to the Lest We Forget Sign for wreath laying ceremony

12.30pm Diggers luncheon at RSL Hall (\$25 a person, numbers limited phone Roslyn 6635 1393 or Mekella 0407 493 901 to book)

4-8pm The Woodenbong War Memorial Trust and Woodenbong RSL subbranch will conduct two-up at the Woodenbong Hotel. – there will be a minute's silence at 6pm.

Bonalbo

6am Dawn Service at Patrick McNamee Anzac Memorial Park.

10.45am Gather at corner of Sandiland and Peacock streets to march to the Bonalbo Communi-



ty Hall.

11am Service at Bonalbo Community Hall hosted by Bonalbo CWA.

Old Bonalbo

9.30am Service at Old Bonalbo Soldiers' Memorial Hall hosted by Old Bonalbo CWA.

Tabulam

10.30am Assemble in Clarence

Street for march to new Light Horse Memorial

11am Service and wreath laying at Memorial

12pm Refreshments at Tabulam Hotel

Mallanganee

11am Service and wreath laying at Memorial Park

Time right to control GROUNDSEL

Local weed authority Rous County Council is urging landholders in the region, to step up their control of Groundsel bush (*Baccharis halimifolia*).

Groundsel is a containment species under the NSW *Biosecurity Act 2015*. It is not a reportable weed, however, it is highly important to control.

Rous County Council's weed biosecurity team strongly encourages landholders to get on top of Groundsel now, because throughout March and April Groundsel bush will flower on the Northern Rivers.

This weed can grow to 3m high. Leaves are wedge-shaped, waxy and toothed.

On top of each seed grows tufts of white hairs (pappus) which give the weed its char-

acteristic fluffy appearance when in full flower, pictured bottom right.

Female plants can produce up to 1.5 million seeds annually.

The seeds are spread by wind and will readily establish in areas of land disturbance.

The time to control Groundsel bush is now.

You can do this by hand pulling juvenile plants, pictured top; for larger shrubs foliar spray or cut the stump and immediately apply herbicide.

Early management will save time and money in the future.

For more information visit [rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-resources](https://www.rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-resources)

Anyone wanting help to identify a plant should go to the Rous County Council website and complete the webform or email a photo to weeds@rous.nsw.gov.au.



Council MEETINGS

The next two Ordinary Council meetings will be held on Tuesday 11 April (due to Easter Monday holiday) and Monday 8 May at 2pm. Ordinary meetings are held on the second Monday of every month except January. Meetings start at 2pm and are held at the Kyogle Council Chambers, 1 Stratheden Street, Kyogle. The first item of general business is Public Forum, which provides a chance for the public to speak to Council on items of business on the agenda. To request to speak at Public Forum, you should email council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au or phone 6632 1611 at least two hours before the start of the meeting.

REGIONAL ROADS INFORMATION

<https://www.livetraffic.com/>

Council contact and info

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

** Please note all Council waste facilities are closed on public holidays*



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