

Council adopts \$62.5 million budget

Kyogle Council has adopted a \$62.5 million budget for 2024-2025 which provides \$21 million for regional road projects including \$20 million for the upgrade of the Clarence Way, \$3.8 million for rural local roads, and \$2.4 million for bridges.

“The budget is all about Council providing facilities and services for our community in a sensible and sustainable way,” Kyogle Council Mayor Kylie Webster said.

“Council is investing in the future of the local government area (LGA) and has budgeted funds for our villages, roads, bridges, preschools, parks, gardens, pools, library services and community facilities.”

Expenditure provided in the budget includes:

- \$1.69 million for urban streets, including footpaths and kerb and guttering
- \$1.99 million for buildings and community facilities, including parks and gardens, pools and cemeteries
- \$608,879 for library services
- \$111,563 in financial assistance to community groups and organisations
- \$149,661 for the Roxy Gallery
- \$75,231 for pre-schools.

Council also adopted its fees and charges for the 2024-2025 year which includes two new reduced-rate waste disposal fees.

The new fees will come into effect on 1 July, and will allow residents to dispose of smaller quantities of household waste for less – a 27L bag of household rubbish will cost just \$1 to dispose of at Council waste facilities, while a 140L bin will cost \$5.

“This is a well-rounded budget which will take Kyogle and villages into the future and see Council continue to deliver community and cultural services for the people of the LGA.

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