

# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

April 2020



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# THE COMMUNITY ACTION RESPONSE - COVID-19

5 things you can do to make Positive difference in the Lockhart Community



## Be kind to others, consider your actions

Remain respectful of each other, share concerns, support one another, maintain a healthy routine. Repair any hurt caused.



## Stay in touch, connect and reach out

Practice physical distancing but ensure social connection. Offer to or check in on one another for your social and emotional well-being. Talk, phone, text, post drawings, video-link online.



## Make plans, have purpose, have fun

Dedicate time for work and play areas, limit distractions, balance breaks and workhours. Keep contact with family/friends/teachers/colleagues.



## Keep things in perspective - take reasonable hygiene precautions

Try creative and flexible thinking. Talk to your GP for a referral to a psychologist. Stop and take time to relax, breath deeply and reassess.



## Share accurate information

Learn the facts, but limit media exposure so you can focus on other things. Continue to manage your existing medical concerns with the first port of call being your GP/ Specialist/local Pharmacist

## Lockhart Health Advisory Committee (LHAC)



## LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE

# QPR

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Have you completed our FREE QPR training yet? It takes less than an hour and will give you the skills to help save a life. Head to [www.lifespanmurrumbidgee/qpr](http://www.lifespanmurrumbidgee/qpr) to register!



## Mayoral Report



Hello everyone.

Well how are we all coping with social isolation? In a country like Australia where freedom to do most anything we choose is a given, it's quite hard to be restricted in ways we haven't been before. I believe that we are winning this fight, but we must maintain our social distancing and wash hands and things touched often to reduce the chance of acquiring this most dreadful disease. But enough of that let's get on to good news.

Finally the DA (development application) has been approved by the Planning Panel for "regionally significant development" for our renewable energy project. Other aspects of the planning phase are continuing and when completed, this approval will allow work to commence on the construction of stage 1 of the project being the solar farm and battery storage to the northwest of Lockhart. A most significant development as it is hoped it will attract new business to town as well as employment.

Stage 2 of the flood mitigation works in Lockhart has now been completed which will divert water coming from the east into town, south toward the Albury road, thus going behind the town and out of harm's way. The flood bypass road is also well under way and when completed will allow traffic around the town as well as heavy vehicles which are travelling north. Work is also continuing on MR 59 (Urana Rd) to widen 22kms which will give much safer passage to traffic from Lockhart to Urana.

The new all abilities playground is nearing completion at The Rock recreation ground. This project received grant funding amounting to some \$175,000 and will be a tremendous asset to the town. The football ground, new swimming complex and playground has made this area of the town very attractive and a huge incentive for people considering a move to The Rock.

Lockhart Shire Council has been very successful in its receipt of funding under the recently announced "Stronger Country Communities Fund" grants including Osborne Football Club (redevelopment of changerooms); Lockhart Recreation Ground (upgrade of kitchen facilities); Pleasant Hills Public Hall (various improvements) and Yerong Creek Tennis Club (upgrade of tennis court); as well as a youth programme teaching life skills to our young people in the Shire. A considerable amount of money which will help enhance the experience of living in this Shire.

Remember that playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment in the Shire are closed for use due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Most experiences in life teach us something and this time of social distancing has taught me about ZOOM conferencing on our iPads. Terrific technology and pretty awe inspiring for a technophobe like me, but very very helpful.

The Minister for Local Government has decided to extend by one year the term of the current Councillors and hold elections for Council in September 2021. This will give continuity to local government in these very difficult times. That's about it from me this month. I hope you all stay well and are able to make the most as far as possible of this stay at home time.

Cheers Rodg.

# Council Snippets 20 April 2020

## **Works**

### Urana Road (MR 59):

Approximately 9 kilometres of Urana road shoulder widening works has been completed to date. Table drains, batters and sealing have also been completed.

### Flood Detour Road:

Culverts have been installed. Base and sub-base as well as drainage works are mostly completed.

### Western Road (R2R):

3.3km of Western Road sealing has been completed with batters and signage installed in February 2020. Another 2.5km have been gravelled with primer seal to be applied in late April subject to weather conditions.

### Henty-Pleasant Hills Road (R2R):

Completed.

### The Rock-Mangoplah Road:

Contractor commenced rehabilitation work in early March. Currently applying pavement material.

### Urana Road and Narrandera Road Intersection:

Transport for NSW has approved the designs. Contractor to be appointed.

HVSPP culvert upgrades: Culverts have been installed at Flood Detour Road and culverts ordered and delivered to site at Grubben Road, Lockhart-The Rock Road and The Rock-Bullenbong Road. Quotes have been received for the installation of culverts on Grubben Road. Commencement of installation is anticipated in early May.

### Grading and minor gravelling of unsealed roads:

Continuing in accordance with the 12-month programme. Recently completed grading on Hollies Road and Slocums Lane.

## **Major Projects**

Council is currently undertaking several major projects and the status of each of these is as follows:

### Demolition of Voluntary Purchase Properties:

Demolition of 69 Urana Street has been completed.

### Flood Mitigation Construction-Lockhart::

Work on the rail culverts is completed.

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## Flood Detour Road Rail Culvert Construction-Lockhart:

Work on the culverts is completed.

## Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock:

Council has submitted a revised grant application for Stage 2 flood mitigation works at The Rock, being the drainage works along Nicholas, Yerong and Urana Streets.

## **Road Safety**

### Road Safety Audits:

The Road Safety Officer is continuing with the safety audit of roads within the Shire. The audit will form the basis of Council's Strategic Road Safety Plan and will be used for grant applications in the future.

### Communication:

Activities include investigating new opportunities to communicate with the community during COVID-19; regularly posting community Facebook messages from the NSW Government to ensure road user information is available during COVID-19; and regularly liaising with NSW Police during COVID-19 to ensure that drink driving and speed doesn't become a community concern which has been identified in other LGA's.

### Bridge Renewal Program:

Currently investigating potential projects for the Bridge Renewal Program. Applications close 29 May 2020.

### Crash Data:

Currently analysing latest available 5-year crash data to support future infrastructure and behavioural projects.

## **Lockhart Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)**

A LEMC COVID-19 video conference was held on 3 April. The Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) also participated in as many Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) COVID-19 video conferences as possible. The Riverina Murray (East) REMC-LEMC video conference includes the LEMCs of Albury City, Bland, Coolamon & Junee, Greater Hume, Leeton, Lockhart, Narrandera, Temora and Wagga Wagga councils. LEMCs have been issued with a task request process and request for assistance form.

## **Fleet:**

Orders have been placed for all the plant replacement in accordance with the adopted 2019/20 budget. The remaining plant (bobcat and light vehicle) has

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been delivered with inductions held. One light vehicle has been ordered in February with delivery still pending.

## **Biosecurity and Environment:**

### Weeds:

Property Inspections were carried out on residential, rural and commercial properties, which were selected due to a change in ownership or to assess the effectiveness of applied control methods.

The weeds most commonly found were Bathurst burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Privet (*Ligustrum* sp.), African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*), Coolatai grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*), Green cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*), Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), Cape broom (*Genista monspessulana*), and Willow (*Salix* sp.).

### Control Program:

Priority has been given to the control of Bathurst burrs (*Xanthium spinosum*), Feathertop Rhodes grass (*Chloris virgata*), and Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*) on roadside reserves.

### drumMUSTER:

The March drumMUSTER collection event occurred at Lockhart on Tuesday, 10 March. 1938 drums were inspected, raising \$532.95 for St. Joseph's School. The Rock collection event occurred on Thursday, 12 March. During this event 334 drums were inspected, raising \$83.50 for The Rock Men's Shed. drumMUSTER collection events have been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 15 September for Lockhart and Thursday, 17 September for The Rock.

### Common White Snail Baiting Program:

Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 12 March. Herbicide was also applied to all vegetation to remove any source of nutrition or habitat for the snails.

### Autumn Fox Baiting Program:

Fox baiting commenced on 16 March on the Galore Hill Scenic Reserve and Kincaids Reserve. All replacement baits have been depleted.

## **Parks and Gardens**

### Swimming Pools:

The pools closed mid-March. Both pools recorded attendances of around 11,000 patrons for the season, well above historic averages of approximately 8,000. It has been a very successful season, especially considering the relatively cool start and end. The complexes continue to receive ample praise

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and a few out of shire schools have already booked their rewards day for next season.

## Inclusive Playground:

*The Rock Recreation Ground:* The footpaths are completed, the BBQ has been installed and power connected, water connected, water fountain installed, and park furniture installed. Finishing touches are being completed including landscaping, planting and finally installation of the perimeter fence.

## Mowing and Slashing:

The autumn mowing schedule is well underway. All areas are growing quickly due to the recent rain. The fortnightly mowing schedule of irrigated areas will continue until the onset of cooler temperatures toward the end of autumn.

## Weed Control:

Khaki and Cathead are being chipped and sprayed in known problem areas; recent rain has renewed growth and many areas will require follow up treatment. Any assistance from residents in the form of reporting infestations or controlling outbreaks adjacent to their properties is appreciated. Regular spraying and weeding of urban areas will continue throughout April.

## Trees:

The watering schedule of street trees has been relaxed due to recent rain and cooler temperatures. Many of the trees are starting to enter their dormancy period. Pruning of street trees and lanes will commence over the next month, focusing on the peppercorns in Lockhart's CBD first.

## Correction

As a community initiative of the Local Health Advisory Committee, a fridge magnet was distributed to all households highlighting important telephone numbers.

Attention is drawn to the telephone number for Lifeline which is shown incorrectly on the magnet. The Correct number is:

**LIFELINE 131 114**

# Newsletter Deadline

All articles for the next Newsletter need to be received no later than 4pm on:

**Friday May 15, 2020**

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Ph: (02) 6920 5305

Fax: (02) 6920 5247

or mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

## Rates Information



If paying by instalments, your next instalment is due by:  
**31st May 2020**

Overdue Rates are subject to daily interest in accordance with the provisions of The Local Government Act, 1993 at the interest rate approved by the Minister for Local Government. Currently, interest is set at 7.5% pa. Failure to contact Council regarding overdue Rates may result in additional and unnecessary recovery costs which will be added to your account.

**The Rock Op-Shop CLOSED** Until further notice Contact Lynly Boyle  
6920 1522

## Community Street Library

Have you ever heard about a street library? It is usually a bookcase in someone's front garden which contains books to share at no cost.

The idea is that you have a look and if you find a book you would like you take it home. You may well have a book that you no longer need and you may decide to add it to the bookcase. I do not live in Lockhart and so cannot set one up in my front garden, but I am going to start one at the entrance to Lockhart Uniting Church Hall. There will be books on a whole range of subjects, probably fiction to start. If you are a voracious reader like me and are running out of books to read, please take the time to have a look and you may find something to take home with you. **If you want more information, please ring Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.**

POSTPONEMENT  
BOORANGA WRITERS'  
CENTRE WORKSHOP  
LOCKHART  
16 MAY 2020

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO  
YOU BY RIVERINA  
WATER

TO BE RESCHEDULED  
AT A LATER DATE  
DUE TO  
CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)



# FOGO has arrived!

Congratulations! We are now officially on our way to becoming a more sustainable Shire.

Our new food and garden waste collection service, known as FOGO, launched on 1 April 2020. We delivered more than 1100 **FREE** FOGO bins, kitchen caddies and compostable liners to households and businesses across the Shire. Remember to unpack your FOGO bin and set up your free kitchen caddy and compostable liners. A new red lid is being added to your existing garbage bin, so please remember to put your bin out so we can complete this transformation. If your lid has not been replaced yet, don't panic – your garbage bin will still be collected!

FOGO services have been added to businesses and households in current waste collection areas at no additional cost, thanks to funding from the NSW EPA. Please follow the instructions and help us keep food and garden waste out of landfill. It is important to note that FOGO is collected weekly and your garbage and recycling is now collected fortnightly. Check your collection calendar and remember to put your bin out the night before.

Collecting FOGO waste separately allows us to create valuable compost right here in Lockhart Shire. This will create local jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and extend our landfill capacity beyond 2030.

Visit the [FOGO webpage](#) for more information, or call 02 6920 5305, or visit the Lockhart Shire Council office.



This project was supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

## Next Council Meeting Monday 18 May 2020



**Notice is given that Council's Meeting for May will be held in the Council Chambers, Green Street, Lockhart, commencing at 5.00pm.**

### PLANNING MATTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Council is now able to notify the community of local planning matters online, to ensure the public receives the most accurate and up-to-date information during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the 'Building and Development' page of Council's website to view development applications and other planning matters that are currently under exhibition:

<https://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/development/building-development.aspx>

# BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

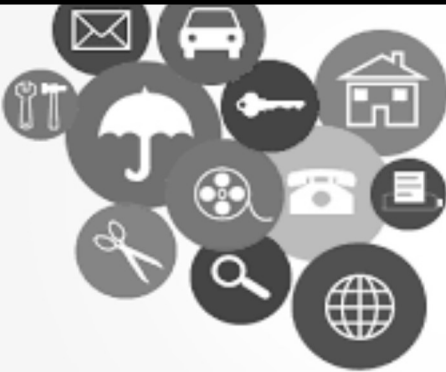
## TOWN BLOCKS FOR SALE IN LOCKHART

### AVAILABLE SERVICES

ELECTRICITY  
WATER  
PHONE  
SEWER



CALL JOHN MOONEY REAL ESTATE - 02 69 211255



## ONLINE Business Directory

*Find information on local businesses in and around Lockhart, The Rock, Pleasant Hills and Yerong Creek quickly and easily at*

[lockhartshirebusinessdirectory.com.au](http://lockhartshirebusinessdirectory.com.au)

# Local Church Contacts

## **CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTICE**

**For further information contact  
Father Henry on 6920 5446**

## **St John's Presbyterian Church**

Rev Craig Nicholas 6929 3129  
[www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au](http://www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au)

## **Lockhart Uniting Church Services**

If there are any pastoral concerns, please contact:

Lorraine Hoffmann on 6920 6233 or 0427 204 051 or

Dorothy Creek on 0427 207 233

For additional resources or support, please contact Dorothy by email

[dot.creek@live.com.au](mailto:dot.creek@live.com.au) or

[Lorraine.lahoffman@bigpond.com](mailto:Lorraine.lahoffman@bigpond.com)

## **St Mary's Parish, The Rock**

Enquiries: Fr Damian Jellett 6920 2017

## **St Peters Anglican Church The Rock**

Enquiries:

Rev Jocelyn Heazlewood 0427 198 513

Mrs M Vennell 6920 1067

## **The Rock Uniting Church**

CONTACT: Barbara Weily  
(02) 6920 2024

## **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Milbrulong**

Phone 02-69206226 with enquiries

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

**Diocese of Riverina**

**St Aidan's Lockhart**

Phone: 0429 028 274

*Diocesan website: [www.anglicanriverina.com/](http://www.anglicanriverina.com/)*

Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6  
Tune every day



Our Services delivery areas encompass the Lockhart & Federation Shires. For further classification of service provision in what areas and for any queries please contact Lockhart on **02 6920 4162**

The following services Valmar Support Services

◆ Home Care Package Provider
◆ Individual & Group Social Support
◆ Home Modifications
◆ Meals on Wheels
◆ Domestic Assistance
◆ Community Transport
◆ Personal Care
◆ Flexible Respite
◆ Craft Group– 10am-12pm
◆ Day Club– Tuesdays 10am-3pm
◆ Home Maintenance
◆ Brokered Services NDIS

offer are:

We also offer a Weekly Bus Service to Wagga each Wednesday.

Social bus Trips each Friday .

**Contact 02 6920 4162**



**The Rock & District  
Meals on Wheels  
Association Inc.**

Help support your local Meals on Wheels Service

Everyone can assist us, just by having a conversation with a neighbour living alone, parents or grandparents or with the person with time on their hands. We offer freshly cooked hot meals daily, an extensive frozen meal menu, prepared locally in Wagga, centre based meals twice a week as well as outings, entertainment and various activities to people over 65.

**Social club operates every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am till 3pm at the Rock Memorial Bowling Club**

***For further details please contact Vicky 6920 2500***

**Tai Chi Classes:**

Lorraine would like to encourage the ladies to practice Tai Chi for Arthritis; Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Tai Chi for Memory. Remember that regular practice helps your balance, your concentration and your ability to sleep. If you want to chat please ring on 69206233 or 0427204051.

# Health & Associated Services



## Do you need a Community Health Service?

You can now access Community Health Services such as:

- Community Nurse
- Child and Family Health Nurse
- Generalist Counsellor
- Occupational Therapist
- Dietitian
- Physiotherapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Palliative Care Nurse
- Diabetes Educator
- Chronic Care

By calling one number the health professional on the end of the line will help you access the service you need.

**Call 1800 654 324**  
(1800 MLHD CH)



**Health**  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

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Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network provides a counselling service on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Lockhart Hospital. Referrals are required, please call Lockhart Medical Practice to arrange your referral.69205249

### Australian Unity Home Care Service **HCP Packages** **NDIS Service**

- Domestic Assistance
  - Personal Care
  - Respite Service
  - Social Support
  - Brokered Service
- Call 1300 296 835

### **X-RAY SERVICE**

X-ray services are available every second Friday at Lockhart & District Hospital. A referral from the doctor is required. For appointments phone 6930 7100

### **OPTOMETRIST**

Russell and Chalker Eyecare Plus visit Lockhart regularly for comprehensive consultations including glaucoma testing, cataract assessments, macular degeneration. Adults and children's assessments, and Veteran's Affairs patients welcome. Spectacle frames available. For Appointments Phone: (02) 6921 8833.

# Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN MAY (3rd, 17th & 31st)
<b>Lockhart</b>		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
<b>The Rock</b>		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
<b>Yerong Creek</b>	1.30pm - 3.30pm		
<b>Pleasant Hills</b>	10am - 12pm		



## Lockhart Lions Club Recycling

**Location:** Next to Uncle Toby's Shed on the northern side of railway line.  
Entry from Brookong Street.

**Opening Times:** Daylight Hours, Seven days a week

**Items Received:** Paper/Magazines, Books (including. phone books), Cardboard, Aluminium cans, Plastic bottles (rinsed) and any type of motor vehicle batteries (truck, car, tractor etc).

**UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT PLASTIC WRAP OR PLASTIC BAGS**

### Unacceptable Items:

Wax-coated cartons, Polystyrene, Light bulbs, Fluorescent tubes, Window glass, Heat-treated glass, Steel cans or drums and plastic bags or wrap.

***To make our job easier , please use receptacles provided.***

***Thank you for supporting the Lions Club***

## COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

Strapped for cash? Looking to tidy up your garage or shed?

There is a wide range of items that you can take to the Lockhart Community Recycling Centre (CRC) for free! Motor oil, paint, televisions and computers, batteries and old fire extinguishers & green waste are all accepted free of charge at the Lockhart CRC.

You can also drop off unwanted items that are too good to throw away, by delivering them to the Lockhart Re-use Shop, during normal tip opening hours.

For more information on waste and recycling in the Shire, visit our webpage at <http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au>

## FOUNTAIN GRASS



### *CENCHRUS SETACEUS*

**Other Common Names:** African fountain grass

**Description:** Highly invasive tufted grass. Plants are used as ornamentals in gardens or used for soil stabilisation. Once escaped, this grass can form dense stands that exclude all other plants. A weed of pastures and alongside railway line and roads. Fountain grass is of little grazing value due to its coarse rough leaves.

Fountain grass is a native of northern and eastern Africa and south western Asia. Fountain grass out-competes and suppresses native vegetation and greatly increases fire risk. It can grow in tropical to semi-arid areas and can live for up to 20 years.

A perennial, clump-forming grass, up to 1.5 metres high, with deep fibrous roots and short rhizomes that form new plants.

Long-live, medium to fast growing, and tolerant of many soil types, hot or cold temperatures, drought, wind, salt, damage, and grazing.

**Leaves:** Very thin, tough and harsh green leaves. Long narrow leaf blade to 3.5 mm wide and 60 cm long, with small forward directed teeth on leaf margins and upper surface.

**Seed:** Round, erect, purplish-white stems support narrow, bristly, purple-brown flowerheads (10-20 cm long), containing many seeds, each with bristles (20 mm). Flowers late spring to mid-winter. Can remain viable in the soil for at least seven years. Seeds prolifically from two years of age with a seed viability of over 80%. Seeds are spread by water and by wind for short distances, and also on clothing, animals and pelts.

**Rhizomes:** Rhizomes create dense spreading masses in well-lit sites. Rhizomes creep outwards and fragments are spread by soil movement and machinery.

**Weed Status:** Fountain grass is considered an environmental weed in New South Wales. An individual plant has recently been located on the Olympic Highway roadside reserve between The Rock and Yerong Creek.

For **All of NSW: General Biosecurity Duty:** All plants are regulated with a general biosecurity duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risk they may pose. Any person who deals with any plant, who knows (or ought to know) of any biosecurity risk, has a duty to ensure the risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised, so far as is reasonably practicable.

For further information please contact Council's Environmental Officer on (02) 6920 5305 or visit [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds)



# THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF YOUR FOOD ORGANICS GARDEN ORGANICS GREEN LIDDED BIN



**Meat & Bones**



**Grains & Pasta**



**Fish & Shellfish**



**Dairy Products**



**Coffee Grounds & Tea Bags**



**Eggs & Shells**



**Plate Scrapings**



**Fruit & Veggies**



**Leaves**



**Unbagged Pet Litter**



**Yard Trimmings & Prunings**



**Lawn Clippings**



**NO Plastic Bags**



**NO Household waste**



**NO Nappies or wipes**



**NO Recyclables**

**PLEASE SEPARATE ALL WASTE FROM WRAPPERS BEFORE PLACING IN FOGO BIN**