

# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

June 2020



Photo courtesy of John Holstein  
Taken from Osborne Rd, near Yerong Creek 12 June 2020

# Milbrulong Water Tower Mural and Outdoor Space



Stage One of the Milbrulong Water Tower Mural and Outdoor Space project has now finished which was created by artists Scott Nagy and Janne Birkner, the artists who painted the Lockhart Water tower mural. The mural was completed over a period of six days creating much interest amongst Milbrulong residents and others passing through the Village. The mural was made possible with the consent and financial support of Riverina Water, the owners of the Water Tower. Lockhart Shire Council General Manager Peter Veneris said it was a pleasure to collaborate with Riverina Water. Without their support the project would not have been possible. The mural, featuring a rosella, pays homage to the village name and the Wiradjuri heritage, Milbrulong being the Wiradjuri word for rosella, and will complement the Lockhart Water Tower mural which was completed in 2018 also with Riverina Water's support. The mural is part of a broader project which aims to create a vibrant community area through three key elements - art, nature and heritage. Stage Two is to link the creative mural on the Water Tower with a small park area, a rosella walk with nesting boxes, picnic tables and heritage panels which will be finalised within the next six months. The project is a collaborative project between Milbrulong Hall Committee, Milbrulong community, Lockhart Shire Council, Riverina Water and Eastern Riverina Land Care Group. The artists said they were pleased to be back in Lockhart Shire for another mural project and really appreciated the hospitality shown to them by Milbrulong residents.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to share their images via Instagram using #lovelockhartshire and on Facebook @visitlockhartshire

# Mayoral Report



Hello everyone.

June has been very busy with two new staff members starting, namely Chris Neaves who is our new Compliance Officer and Matt Holt our new Tourism and Economic Development Officer. A very big welcome to you both.

Our application for drought funding (up to \$1million) was granted some time ago and the projects that we nominated for our Shire have now been approved. An extension of the water line out through Bidgeemia and an extension along Vincent's Rd should allow farmers to travel much less distance to pick up or connect to water. Also footpath extensions will be constructed in both The Rock and Lockhart to allow older residents to access shops and medical facilities in both towns. A further grant of \$856,561 under the Federal Government's Covid-19 stimulus package, has been approved allowing further development within the Shire. Projects will be determined when Council receives more detailed information regarding the grant guidelines.

Drainage in our townships remains a problem in some areas and the matter was raised in Council for our Director of Engineering to investigate. Also at the last Council meeting a Draft Budget for next financial year was endorsed for public exhibition.

As most of you will know Council is restricted in how much it can increase its income from general rates each year by what is commonly known as the rate peg. The rate peg for 2020/21 is 2.6 % and the Draft Budget has been prepared on this basis.

Council recently received updated valuations from the NSW Government that are required to be used for rating purposes in 2020/21. New valuations are provided to Council about every four years.

The rate peg applies to the Council's general rate income in total, and not to individual ratepayers' rates. This means that when a revaluation occurs there is a redistribution of the rate burden and individual ratepayers' rates may increase or decrease by varying amounts that will not necessarily reflect the 2.6% change in Council's overall rate income.

Council has endeavoured to minimise the impacts of the new valuations however its ability to do this is limited by how the rate pegging legislation has to be applied.

The Draft Budget can viewed on Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov) and a brief summary has also been included in the Council Snippets in this Newsletter.

The latest addition to the Shire's public art trail, the Milbrulong Water Tower Mural, has been completed and has generated much attention on social media. Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you to Riverina Water whose permission and financial support made the project possible.

That's all for now until next time

Cheers Rodg

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## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### **Draft 2020/21 Budget:**

The 2017-2021 Delivery Plan and the 2020-2021 Operational plan incorporating the 2020/21 budget estimates and Revenue Policy are currently on public exhibition. The documents can be viewed [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions will be received in relation to the draft documents up until 17 July 2020. Any submissions received will be considered by Council at the 20 July Council meeting prior to formally adopting the Plans.

The Draft 2020-2021 Budget estimates for the General Fund provide for a budget with a surplus of \$13,624.00. Some key features of the Draft Budget are outlined below.

- **Rate Peg** – The Draft Budget has been prepared on the basis of a 2.6% increase in Council's general rate income in accordance with the rate peg imposed by the NSW Government. Council's total income from general rates is \$2.54 million.
- **Capital expenditure** – The Draft Budget incorporates capital expenditure of \$6.4 million.
- **Expenditure on roads** – Council's capital expenditure includes \$5.33 million on regional and rural roads. A further \$1.09 million has been allocated for repairs and maintenance of regional, rural and urban roads.
- **One-off increase in subsidies to section 355 committees** – Council provides its section 355 volunteer based management committees with an annual subsidy to assist with the management of Council facilities such as recreation grounds and public halls. The financial impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on Council's budget have been limited with some of the facilities forced to be closed by the Public Health Orders being managed by the volunteer based management committees and not directly by Council. However, this has denied the section 355 committees with valuable fundraising opportunities and a one-off increase in the annual subsidies of 40% (\$27,560) has been incorporated in the Draft Budget.
- **Drainage repairs and maintenance** – Council does not currently have a program for the maintenance of table drains on roadsides. An allocation

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of \$20,000 for drainage repairs and maintenance has been included in the Draft Budget for the first time so that Council can implement a program and respond to issues that are regularly raised.

## **Rates and valuations :**

The rate peg, as it is commonly known, is the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general rate income for the year. The rate peg applies to general rate income in total, and not to individual ratepayers' rates. The rate peg does not apply to sewerage charges or waste management charges. The rate peg is determined on an annual basis by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). The rate peg for the 2020-2021 rating year has been set at 2.6%.

Updated valuations are provided to councils for rating purposes every four years by the NSW Valuer General. Therefore, every four years there is a redistribution of the rate burden based on the change in an individual ratepayer's property value relative to changes in everyone else's valuation.

Lockhart Shire Council recently received updated valuations that are required to be used for rating purposes in 2020/21 for the first time. This means that there will be a redistribution of the rate burden in 2020/21. It also means that, even though the increase in Council's total general rate income is limited by legislation to 2.6% in 2021, individual ratepayers' rates may fluctuate up or down by varying amounts that will not necessarily reflect the 2.6% change in Council's total rate income.

It is noted that the total land valuation of the Shire increased by 50% and some farming properties, predominantly in the western part of the Shire, experienced more significant increases in their land values.

## **ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

### **Works:**

***Urana Road (MR 59)*** - Approximately 10.7 kilometres of Urana Road shoulder widening works has been completed to date. Table drains, batters, sealing and line marking have also been completed. Works to continue in late August/early September subject to weather conditions.

***Flood Detour Road*** - Culverts are installed and sealing is completed.

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**Western Road (R2R)** - Sealing of 3.7km of Western Road is completed with signage installed in February 2020. Some minor drainage works to be completed subject to dryer conditions.

**Urana Road and Narrandera Road Intersection** - Sealing completed with hold lines to be marked.

**HVSPP culvert upgrades** - Culverts have been installed at Flood Detour Road. Culverts ordered and being installed at Grubben Road (80% complete). Culverts delivered for Lockhart-The Rock Road and The Rock-Bullenbong Road (currently finalising quotes from suitable contractors).

**Grading and minor gravelling of unsealed roads** - This work is continuing in accordance with the 12-month programme. Recently completed grading and resheeting on Spanish Avenue, Lockhart Tip Road, McRories Lane and Adams Lane. Kilbrae Road has been graded and minor gravel works completed. Grading has been completed on Vincents Road, Plums Lane, Seeligers Lane, Shipards Lane and Finlaysons Lane.

## **Biosecurity and Environment:**

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

The weeds most commonly found were Bathurst burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), Asparagus weed (*Asparagus sp.*), Athel pine (*Tamarix aphylla*), Privet (*Ligustrum sp.*), Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), and Wild radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*).

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.

## **Parks and Gardens:**

**Capital Works** - Works including the excavation of the nature strip between the footpath and the kerb, installation of crushed granite, boxing out tree sites, and planting and mulching new trees has been completed at The Rock Medical Centre, Day Street, along with some landscaping to tidy up a small section of the premises adjacent to the laneway.

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**Mowing and Slashing** - The autumn mowing schedule is well underway. All areas are growing quickly due to recent rain. The fortnightly mowing schedule of irrigated areas are still required but should ease back now that cooler temperatures have arrived.

**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 winter weeds will continue in urban areas.

**Trees** - The watering of street trees has been relaxed due to recent rain and cooler temperatures. Many of the trees are entering their dormant period. Pruning of street trees and lanes has commenced and will continue over the winter months. The focus has been on peppercorns in Lockhart's CBD and footpath clearance in Green Street.

## **Covid-19 Update**

The restrictions on gatherings and movements as well as on premises remaining open to the public are put into legal effect through a Public Health Order signed by the Minister for Health and published in the Government Gazette.

The Public Health Orders have been amended from time to time and more recently the amendments have reflected the relaxation of restrictions by the Government. Set out below is an update regarding the impact of the Public Health Orders on Council facilities.

- **Playgrounds** playgrounds which were previously closed in compliance with an earlier Public Health Order have now been reopened.
- **Caravan parks and camping grounds** – these facilities are now permitted to reopen provided a Covid-19 Safety Plan has been prepared and implemented. A template safety plan and checklist for caravan parks and camping grounds has been developed by the NSW Government for this purpose.

Council staff worked with the Manager of the Lockhart Caravan Park to implement a Covid-19 Safety Plan and the Park has now re-opened.

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- **Museums** – museums and galleries are now also permitted to reopen provided a Covid-19 Safety Plan has been prepared and implemented. A template safety plan and checklist for museums and galleries has been developed by the NSW Government for this purpose.

The template safety plan and checklist has been forwarded to the section 355 management committees which manage the Greens Gunyah Museum at Lockhart and The Rock Museum. Council's contracted Museum Advisor will be available to assist these committees in developing a Covid-19 Safety Plan prior to reopening.

- **Council administration building reception** – Perspex screens have been installed on Council's reception counter and a sanitiser station provided at the entrance. The office will reopen to the public Monday 22 June.

In a cautious and staged approach it is initially proposed to open from 8.30am to 12.00pm and 1.00pm to 4.30pm. Keeping the office closed over the lunch break will address the issue of "hot desks" i.e. shared workspaces, that have been identified as a high risk in office environments. Residents and ratepayers are encouraged to where possible transact their business with Council online or over the phone.

Information on how to pay your rates online or by telephone can be found by visiting Council's website at <https://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/council/rates-payments.aspx>. Credit Card payments can also be made over the phone by calling Council's office on (02) 6920 5305. Anyone unable to pay using other methods, is also asked to contact Council's office. For all other enquiries, please call Council's office to speak to the appropriate officer or to make an appointment.

## Next Council Meeting Monday 20 July 2020



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





## **LOCKHART SHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017-2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-2021**

Council has prepared a draft Delivery Program 2017-2021 and a draft Operational Plan 2020-2021 incorporating an Income and Expenditure Budget and Revenue Policy including a schedule of Fees and Charges.

The documents will be on public exhibition from Thursday 18 June to Friday 17 July 2020 inclusive and can be viewed at:

- Lockhart Shire Council Administration Building, 65 Green Street Lockhart;
- Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions can be made in relation to the draft documents and will be received up until 5.00pm on Friday 17 July 2020. Submissions should be forwarded to:

General Manager

Lockhart Shire Council

65 Green Street (PO Box 21)

Lockhart NSW 2656

[mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

Peter Veneris  
General Manager



**Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979**  
**SECTION 7.12 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN FOR THE**  
**COUNCIL OF LOCKHART SHIRE - 2020**

Council, at its meeting on Monday 15 June 2020, approved a draft version of the Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan for the Council of Lockhart Shire – 2020.

This document is now on public exhibition for the community to provide any feedback.

A copy of the Plan is available from Council's website at [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au).

The Plan will be considered for adoption by Council at its August 2020 meeting. Anyone wishing to lodge a submission regarding the Plan is invited to do so in writing to the General Manager, by email to [mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au) or PO Box 21, Lockhart NSW 2656, reaching Council no later than 4pm on 15 July 2020.

**Peter Veneris**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**PO Box 21**  
**LOCKHART NSW 2656**

**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>

# MURRUMBIDGEE TRAILS

The Murrumbidgee Trails marketing campaign is comprised of Leeton, Lockhart, Narrandera and Murrumbidgee councils working co-operatively for the economic benefit of the region. This marketing campaign will entice visitors to explore our region through a marketing guide, touring trails, dedicated website, and social platforms. They'll discover our people, our businesses, our attractions, our places to stay, things to see and do and the places we dine. Murrumbidgee Trails' long-term objective of increasing the number of overnight visitors and their expenditure to the region as well as encouraging day trippers to our towns and villages.

Businesses in Lockhart Shire now have an opportunity to be part of this exciting new venture which will replace the current Lockhart Shire Visitor Guide "Home of the true country spirit" and last for two years, with a marketing prospectus now available.

For more information please contact Matt Holt - Tourism & Economic Development Officer on 6920 5305 or via [tourism@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

## Newsletter Deadline

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

**Friday July 17, 2020**

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Ph: (02) 6920 5305

Fax: (02) 6920 5247

or [mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

## Rates Information



If paying by instalments, your next instalment is due by:

**30 September 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. Failure to contact Council regarding overdue Rates may result in additional and unnecessary recovery costs which will be added to your account.

# Service NSW is coming to our community

Service NSW Mobile Service Centres are visiting rural and regional communities to deliver access to essential NSW Government services, including:

- Driver licence, Photo Card applications and renewals
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Working With Children Check applications
- Applying for birth, death and marriage certificates
- Cost of Living service to access more than 70 government rebates and savings including drought support. (This is a one hour consultation. No booking required.)

**The Service NSW Mobile Service Centre will next be at Lockhart on Thursday, 30 July 2020 between 10am - 3pm outside the Council building at 65 Green Street.**

Service NSW Mobile Service Centres are fitted with a ramp for easier access for all members of the community. It is a **cashless** service and will accept payment by cheque, EFTPOS or credit card. Customers are advised to check [service.nsw.gov.au/msc](http://service.nsw.gov.au/msc) on the day for final confirmation or call **13 77 88** for further information.



# Take Positive Steps

for your

# Mental Health



Taking the time to promote your own mental well-being improves the quality of your life and helps you cope with the stressors of life productively.

Step by step, incorporate the following into your regular routine and encourage friends and family to do the same.



**Take care of your body.** It's the only place you have to live.



Allow yourself at least **7-8 hours of sleep per night** to restore your mind and body.



**Exercise**, even a nice **walk for 30 minutes a day**, lifts your spirit and gives your brain a dose of the feel-good endorphins.



**Nourish your body and mind** with wholesome, unprocessed ingredients that give your body healthy energy to power daily activities.

**Lockhart Health Advisory Committee (LHAC)**



**Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

**8am – 3.30pm**

**Expressions of interest now open**

**Phone Kerri 69 205 156 or email**

**director@lockhartpreschool.com.au**



### **STREET LIBRARY**

The Street Library is going well. It is located on the verandah of the Lockhart Uniting Church Hall and is open and free for all. Thanks to Nick Mathews for the donation of a cabinet with a glass front to protect the books from the weather. It is much appreciated. Why not take the time to have a look and maybe discover a new author. There are books for all ages including some children's books. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

## **Do you want a say in Lockhart's future?**

**Your voice will be heard if you are a member of**

# **The Lockhart Progress Association**

- A forum to meet and discuss important issues affecting you, the community and local businesses
- A united, strong group to lobby the Council and Government agencies to ensure a successful, prosperous future for Lockhart
  - Networking/Marketing opportunities

Our current projects: Tim Fischer memorial statue, protection and maintenance of our unique heritage streetscape, personalised pavers at the Lockhart Central School for the 125 year Quas-Centennial in 2022.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday July 6, 2020, 2pm**

**at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club**

**For more information Phone: 69 205577**

**Everyone welcome!**

***"Our Community Voice"***

## **Push-up Challenge**

We completed the Headspace Push-Up Challenge of 3,046 Push-ups over 21 days! If you are after a bit of a giggle or some workout motivation check out the videos on the Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee Instagram and Facebook pages. It was incredible to feel the support of everyone around us while we were completing a tough challenge for such an important cause – youth mental health.

## **July School Holidays**

Our July School Holidays programs will be a bit different this year, they will all be online! We are partnering with the Mindful Warrior to bring you all some videos around Yoga, Mindfulness and Meditation and 'Getting your Study on'. They will be posted throughout the school holiday period so make sure you are checking our Facebook and Instagram pages to see when they are uploaded!

## **Youth Advisory Committee**

We are looking for some new members for our two Youth Advisory Committees which are based at Lockhart Central and The Rock Central School.

The Youth Advisory Committee or YAC plays an important role in assisting Council to develop initiatives and projects for young people living in the Lockhart Local Government area. The YAC meets regularly to discuss issues, express views and contribute to the development of the local Lockhart Shire community.

The Committee –

- Has the opportunity to influence decisions made by council that affect young people;
- Organises and participates in youth activities and events such as youth week;
- Contributes to important community development projects affecting young people; and
- Informs council on issues that are important to young people

If you think the Youth Advisory Committee would be for you please inform the teachers at your school.

## **The Writer in You**

Wanting to be a writer, currently writing your very own story, or in the middle of studying for your HSC English Exam – the Riverina Regional Library has you covered!

Jump onto their website and check out in the youth section the 'Read Watch and Play' and find all the amazing links to tips and tricks into how to make your story amazing. There are even competitions you can join and ways to meet with and connect to other young writers!

# Annual permits for non-desexed cats, and restricted and dangerous dogs start on 1 July 2020



## What are the new annual permits about?

From 1 July 2020 owners of cats not desexed by four months of age will be required to pay an \$80 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

Owners of dogs of a restricted breed or declared to be dangerous will also be required to pay a \$195 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

## Why are annual permits being introduced?

Annual permits for non-desexed cats:

- ✓ create a stronger incentive to desex cats and improve their health and wellbeing
- ✓ lower demand on pounds and shelters
- ✓ reduce euthanasia rates

- ✓ help address concerns about feral, stray and roaming cats
- ✓ help protect our wildlife

The Government has also made a one-off \$10 reduction to the lifetime cat registration fee to encourage higher registration rates and adoption of cats from pounds and shelters.

Annual permits for dangerous and restricted dogs will:

- ✓ reduce ownership of high-risk dogs
- ✓ encourage owners to better manage the behaviour of their animal
- ✓ improve community safety
- ✓ reduce dog attacks



**petregistry**  
.nsw.gov.au



### How can I avoid the annual permit?

- ✓ desex your cat by four months of age, or request an exemption from your vet\*
- ✓ register your cat before 1 July 2020
- ✓ don't own a restricted dog
- ✓ manage your dog's behaviour to ensure that it's not declared dangerous
- ✓ if you are a cat breeder, join a recognised cat breeding body

\* Cats that cannot be desexed, either temporarily or permanently, are exempt from paying an annual permit. A certificate from your vet is required to qualify for this exemption.

### What dog breeds are restricted?

Restricted dog breeds are the pit bull terrier, American pit bull terrier, Japanese tosa, Argentinian fighting dog, Brazilian fighting dog, and canary mastiff. A dog can also be declared to be one of, or a cross-breed of, one of these restricted breeds.

### What is a dangerous dog?

Dogs of any breed can be formally declared dangerous by a council or court if the dog, without provocation, has attacked or killed a person or animal, repeatedly threatened to attack or repeatedly chased a person or animal, or is kept or used for hunting.

### How will pet owners pay for the annual permits?

From 1 July 2020, pet owners will be able to pay for annual permits using the NSW Pet Registry website, or through their local council.

Anyone registering a cat on the NSW Pet Registry will be informed that they must pay for an \$80 annual permit if their animal is not desexed by four months of age.

### Where will the revenue raised from the annual permits go?

Pet registration fees and annual permit fees go directly back to the local community through local councils to fund:

- ✓ animal pounds/shelters
- ✓ ranger services
- ✓ dog recreation areas
- ✓ education and awareness programs

They also fund operation of the Government's NSW Pet Registry and the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program which teaches dog safety tips to children in our pre-schools and primary schools across the State.

### What is the penalty if pet owners don't have an annual permit and get caught?

Pet owners who fail to obtain an annual permit risk an on-the-spot fine of \$700 for restricted or dangerous dogs and \$400 for non-desexed cats.

If taken to court, maximum penalties of \$6,600 for restricted or dangerous dogs and \$5,500 for non-desexed cats may apply.

### Where can I get further information?

Visit the **Office of Local Government website at [olg.nsw.gov.au](http://olg.nsw.gov.au)**



**petregistry**  
.nsw.gov.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**

We are hoping to be able to resume services in the near future but in the meanwhile there are still plenty of options for services through the internet. The address for the home page of the Riverina Presbytery website is <https://riverina.unitingchurch.org.au>. If you have any pastoral concerns, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051 or Dorothy Creek on 0427207233.

## **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

# BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

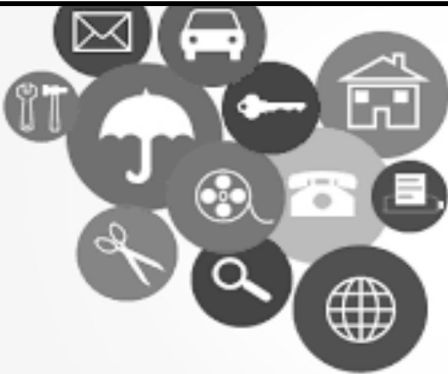
## TOWN BLOCKS FOR SALE IN LOCKHART

### 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)



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

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

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:**

Tai Chi is still in recess until MLHD says we may restart. However the Lockhart Tai Chi Group is just finishing their 5000 Step Challenge and are hoping to begin classes again very soon.

Any enquiries please contact Lorraine Hoffmann 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 JULY (12th & 26th)
Lockhart		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
The Rock		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Yerong Creek	1.30pm - 3.30pm		
Pleasant Hills	10am - 12pm		



## Lockhart Lions Club Recycling

**Location:** Next to Uncle Toby's Shed, 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*



## drumMUSTER



Lockhart Shire Council is calling for submissions from Shire-based community groups to run the upcoming **drumMUSTER** fundraising events:

**15 September 2020 - Lockhart Waste Facility**

**17 September 2020 - The Rock Waste Facility**

Refer to the procedures and requirements for eligible groups on the Council website, or by collecting a copy from the Council office.

Submissions are to be made in writing to the General Manager, Lockhart Shire Council, before 4pm on Friday 14 August 2020.

Enquiries directed to (02) 6920 5305.

## PARTHENIUM WEED



*Parthenium hysterophorus*

**Other Common Names:** Bitter weed, Carrot grass, Congress grass, False camomile, False ragweed, Gajar Ghans, Ragweed, Ragweed parthenium, Santa Maria, Santa Maria feverfew, White top, White head.

**Description:** Eight new incursions in NSW recently. Weed of National Significance. One of the worst weeds in Australia due to its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. It has a large and persistent soil seedbank, fast germination rate, can undergo seed dormancy, and is allelopathic, releasing chemicals into the soil to deter other plants from germinating near it. Is a host for crop viruses.

Native to Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. An annual herb with a deep tap root and an erect stem that becomes woody with age. As it matures, the plant develops many branches in its top half, reaching up to two metres in height.

Prolific seed producer and aggressive competitor, which colonises bare, open ground on roadside, pastures and disturbed areas. The herb can mature and produce seed in a short period of time. Particularly if stressed, it can germinate and set seed in 4 weeks.

**Leaves:** Pale green. Lower leaves are 5 – 20 cm long with deep divisions. Upper leaves are less divided and smaller. Covered in soft, fine hairs. Alternate on stem. Most leaves die after the plant has flowered.

**Stems:** Grooved or ribbed, making stems look striped. Woody with age. Highly branched in upper half during flowering.

**Flowers:** Creamy-white. 4 – 6 mm in diameter. At the tips of stems. Made up of clusters of tiny florets in the centre. Star-like with 5 distinct 'points' – each point has a tiny petal. Can flower all year round. Each flower produces 4 to 5 seeds.

**Seed:** Dark brown to black. 2mm across. Flattened. Triangular with two thin, white, spoon-shaped appendages. Produces up to 25 000 seed in a growing season. Seed dormancy. Can germinate at any time during the year, but more common between October and January.

**Toxicity:** Toxic to cattle, and meat or milk from livestock that eat the weed can be tainted. Unpalatable to livestock unless no other feed is available. Causes kidney damage in cattle, sheep and goats. Young cattle most susceptible to dying from parthenium poisoning. Animals may also have allergic reactions including dermatitis. Parthenium weed can cause respiratory problems and severe dermatitis to humans, particularly if exposed to pollen.

**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 All of NSW: Prohibited Matter:** A person who deals with a prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries. **NSW DPI Biosecurity Helpline: 1800 680 244.**

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)



# FOR RENT—YOUTH FLAT

Exclusive to our community's youth\*, the Council owned and maintained flats in Drummond Street LOCKHART tick all the boxes for tenants:



- ✓ **INDEPENDENCE:** *One bedroom self-contained flats with reverse cycle air-conditioning*
- ✓ **LOW COST LIVING:** *Only \$80 per week or even less for Apprentices, Trainees or those who qualify for Rental Assistance*
- ✓ **LOW MAINTENANCE:** *Lawns & gardens maintained by Council*
- ✓ **AMENITIES INCLUDE:** *A carport & clothes line per flat, Council provides each tenant with a refrigerator & washing machine where required.*

**\*Flats are available for youth gaining employment in Lockhart Shire  
For enquiries, or to arrange inspection please call Council on 0269 205 305**

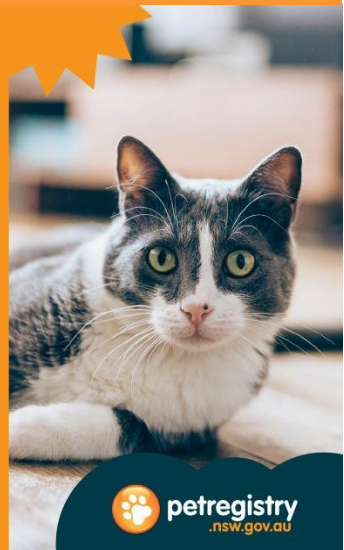
## New annual Fee from 1 July 2020 For cats not desexed by four months of age.



**Annual permits for non-desexed cats, and restricted and dangerous dogs from 1 July 2020**

The NSW Government is committed to promoting responsible pet ownership and improving animal welfare standards

[olg.nsw.gov.au](http://olg.nsw.gov.au)



**petregistry**  
[.nsw.gov.au](http://.nsw.gov.au)

**Owners of dogs of a restricted breed or formally declared to be dangerous will also be required to pay an annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee**