

LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

February 2020



AUSTRALIA DAY 2020 THE ROCK SWIMMING POOL



Ian Weily receiving his Award from Mark Warren. Photo courtesy of Leanne Veneris

It's 2020! Let's get ready for FOGO!

From **1 April 2020**, 'Food Organics Garden Organics' FOGO bins will be collected alongside existing bins throughout Lockhart Shire.

Under the new FOGO service, we are asking you to collect food and garden waste and keep it separate from other waste and recycling. FOGO waste will then be transformed into valuable compost at Lockhart's new composting facility. Compost will be used in local parks, gardens and community projects across the Shire.

In September 2019 we asked for your feedback about the new FOGO service. We heard your concerns and ideas and we were pleased to hear more than 80 percent of you support the new FOGO service. Educational resources have been developed based on community feedback.

We are delivering pop up stalls during February and March to explain how FOGO works and what to put in your new bins:

- Pop up stall, 3-5pm, Saturday 22 February 2020, The Rock Swimming Pool.
- Pop up stall, 2-4pm Friday 6 March 2020, outside Yerong Creek Post Office.
- Pop up stall, 9-11am, Sunday 23 February 2020, The Rock Triathlon, The Rock Recreation Reserve.
- Pop up stall, 6-8pm, Friday 6 March 2020, Pleasant Hills Community Pub, Pleasant Hills.
- Pop up stall, 9:30am-11:30am Friday 6 March, outside Lockhart IGA.
- Pop up stall, 10am-12pm Saturday 7 March 2020, Lockhart Truck Show, Lockhart Showgrounds

FOGO adoption is a positive step towards improving our environmental sustainability. It is crucial to extend our landfill capacity beyond 2030 and it also builds local capacity, creates jobs and enables us to keep pace with leading sustainable waste management practices. You can read all about FOGO on our [website](#) and check our [calendar](#) for more events in your area.



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.

Hello everyone.

Well we have now started our final year in this term of Council. This last year we may face some challenges as I expect that government may not be as generous with funding given the amount the droughts and bushfires will potentially cost government. Still we have programmes that are ongoing and much to complete. Council was given approval to submit drought related projects up to \$1 million and if granted would go some way to improving access to water in two rural areas and footpaths within townships among other projects proposed. As I said these have yet to be submitted, but when that happens we are hopeful of a positive outcome.

I now chair a "Drought Sub-committee" that consists of representatives of surrounding Councils and one thing that has become very obvious is that there has been a poor uptake of the services of the Rural Financial Counselling Service. The criteria for support has been greatly improved and not only includes household support, but subsidies for school children for both travel and accommodation. You can obtain a brochure from local Ag Suppliers, supermarkets and post offices, as well as the Shire office, or contact the RFCS on 1800 319 458 to access more information.

We again this year hosted a very successful Australia Day, this time at the new The Rock swimming pool complex. A great crowd, a fabulous breakfast cooked by The Rock RFS and a terrific guest speaker and Australia Day Ambassador in Mark Warren. Three recipients of Australia Day Awards were named in Cory Beckett, Leo Driscoll and Ian Wiley for services to their local community with Ian Wiley being named Citizen of the Year. A very big congratulations to Ian with the same also being extended to both Cory and Leo.

Another recipient of an award was our own Diana Alexander who was awarded an OAM. Diana has given her all to the performing arts as well as education and community and continues this work still. A very big congrats to Diana.

By the time you read this we will hopefully have received worthwhile rain. It is upsetting to see just how dry it is over such a large area but hopefully that will soon change. I like many have been involved in fire-fighting efforts to our east and south and I must say I am immensely proud of how many give so freely of their time from within our Shire. There has been a constant stream of RFS tankers going to and returning from fire grounds to be serviced replenished and again join the fight to quell these incredible fires. This Shire is made up of very good people!

In closing I would like to remind Shire residents that there is only six more Council meetings until the Local Government elections. If you believe you would like to contribute to your shire as an elected representative then contact the Shire office for more information. Till we chat again next month.

Cheers Rodg.

Picture: Mayor Rodger Schirmer with Diana Alexander OAM at this year's Australia Day Ceremony



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Works:

Grading and minor gravelling of unsealed roads has continued in accordance with the 12-month programme.

Sealing of Western Road has been completed with batters and signage to be completed by early February 2020.

Commenced Henty - Pleasant Hills Road rehabilitation works. Seal to be completed in early February 2020.

Approximately 5 kilometres of Urana Road shoulder widening works are completed to date. The Pugmill is providing consistent material.

Culverts on Flood Detour Road have been installed and the major culvert crossing on Urana Road is expected to be completed early February. Works at Urana Road and Narrandera Road are to commence once Transport for NSW have approved designs.

Major Projects:

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

Demolition of Voluntary Purchase Properties:

Council has been successful with its grant application to continue the Voluntary Purchase of properties in Lockhart for the next three years, commencing 1 July 2019. Council has secured another property and settlement has been completed. Work has commenced with quotes being obtained from several demolition companies.

Flood Mitigation Construction - Lockhart:

Council has been successful with the grant application for Stage 2 flood mitigation works in Lockhart, being the drainage system east of the Industrial Park. Council

has engaged Mitchell Constructions (NSW) P/L to undertake the project, who have now completed the main drain component of the project. The installation of new culverts on Albury Road and The Rock-Lockhart Road are completed. Staff are continuing to work with John Holland Rail regarding finalising the approval for the culverts under the branch line, along with the culverts as part of the Flood Detour Road upgrade. The rail culverts are scheduled to be completed in February 2020.

Flood Mitigation Construction - The Rock:

Council's grant application has been approved for Stage 2 flood mitigation works at The Rock, being the drainage works along Nicholas, Yerong and Urana Streets. Work is expected to start in early 2020. Council are required to submit a work plan to the funding body. This is currently being drafted by Council's Project Officer. Tenders for the proposed works are currently being invited which will then be presented to the Office of Environment and Heritage (the funding body) and Council for consideration.

Road Safety:

The Road Safety Officer is continuing with the safety audit of all 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.

Traffic Committee:

ANZAC Day commemorations, The Rock – referred to Traffic Committee, and approved.

Lockhart Local Emergency Management Committee:

Next LEMC meeting is scheduled for February 2020.

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Fleet:

Orders have been placed for all the plant replacement in accordance with the adopted 2019/20 budget. The remaining plant is due to be delivered in early 2020.

Customer Requests:

Engineering and Environmental Services received 159 customer requests in 2019. Almost half of these requests related to rubbish bins, mainly in response to Council's enforcement of its collection policy. About 10% of customer requests received in 2019 are outstanding, with about half of these related to roads.

Biosecurity and Environment:

Property Inspections

Inspections were carried out in December 2019/January 2020 on residential, rural and commercial properties, which were selected due a change in ownership or to assess the implementation of control measures. The weeds most commonly found were Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Cape broom (*Genista monspessulana*), St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), and Sweet Briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*).

Control Program

Priority has been given to the control of St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), St Barnaby's thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), Bathurst burrs (*Xanthium spinosum*), Blue heliotrope (*Heliotropium amplexicaule*), and Feathertop Rhodes Grass (*Chloris virgata*) on roadside reserves.

Riverina Regional Weeds Officers Meeting

Council's Environmental Officer attended the Riverina Regional Weeds Officers Meeting at Narrandera on 3 December 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarise weeds officers with the 2020-2025 Weeds Action Program online grant application process.

Client Interaction and Defensive Tactics Training Course

On 11 and 12 December 2019, Council's Environmental Officer attended the Client Interaction and Defensive Tactics Training Course in Wagga Wagga, along with many other weeds' officers from the Riverina and the Murray. The course was designed to support weed inspectors in undertaking the functions, duties and powers of an authorised officer in a safe manner through developing tactical communication strategies and de-escalation techniques, and to enhance situation awareness.

Paterson's curse

Following the reported increase of Paterson's curse populations in November 2019, Council's Environmental Officer proposes to contact the NSW Weed Biocontrol Taskforce to initiate the breeding, purchasing and release of Paterson's curse biological control agents next spring to combat the potential germination of this species.

Parks and Gardens:

Swimming Pools:

The extreme smoky days caused some school rewards days to be rescheduled but the heat has been good for attendances. Lockhart's figures are on par with last year's at this stage, well up on pre-renovation numbers. The Rock's numbers were very similar to Lockhart's with an increase in both November and

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December of over a thousand patrons compared with last year. The Rock Pool hosted the Shire's Australia Day Celebration.

Inclusive Playground, The Rock Recreation Ground: I

Installation of playground equipment has been booked for 10 February with placement of rubber softfall to follow shortly after. The BBQ, tables, benches and water fountain have been delivered.

Mowing and Slashing:

The summer mowing schedule was completed with all urban areas mowed before Christmas. Further mowing of roadsides should not be required until late February/March. Irrigated areas will continue to be mowed at least fortnightly throughout the growth season.

Weed Control (within townships):

Khaki and Cathead are being chipped and sprayed in known problem areas. Regular spraying and weeding of urban areas will continue throughout February.

Trees: Regular watering of street trees planted in the last two years will continue throughout summer.

Other: The Rock Triathlon 23/2/20 and Tolland Cycle Club 23/2/20 event were approved pending receipt of their approval from NSW Police.

Controlled Bus Network - The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has been notified of approved roads.

For Sale

Expressions of Interest

for the purchase of sundry furniture items include: desks, chairs, bookshelves etc.

Open for viewing on Thursday 13th February between 9 and 10 am

at the Valmar building

on the corner of Mathew and Hebden St.

Offers to be delivered/sent to Council by 28th February 2020.

Enquiries to:

Donna Munro or Tracy Hounsell

Lockhart Shire Council

02 6920 5305

Email: mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au





Next Council Meeting Monday 16 March 2020



Notice is given that Council's Meeting for March will be held in the Council Chambers, Green Street, Lockhart, commencing at 5.00pm. Members of the community are most welcome to attend.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Friday March 13, 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:

28th February 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.

DRIVER TESTING

The next Service NSW driver testing at Council's Administration office is will be February 2020.

In order to make a booking for your driving test please call 13 77 88.



Lockhart Show Committee Report

It is our great pleasure to present to you a report of the activities of the Agricultural Pastoral and Show Society of Lockhart Inc. for the 2019 year.

This year we spent a considerable amount of money on entertainment for Show patrons, which were all very well received. The Committee is always looking for entertainers that are different and interesting, so the search is on for the 2020 Annual Show. It was great to see more sideshows and trade stalls at the Show and we hope this trend continues.

During the year we were awarded a grant of \$5640 from the Community Enterprise Foundation™ of the Bendigo Bank. This grant will enable the completion of the construction of cages in the Poultry Pavilion, with the installation of mesh cage fronts. These fronts are made specifically to show poultry and other birds because they prevent damage to the birds' feathers. Thank you very much to the Lockhart & District Community Bank® Branch for this grant and for your continued sponsorship of our Show.

In 2018 the Society was awarded a Volunteer Grant. In 2019 we were able to purchase a new laptop and printer, a commercial refrigerator and a small freezer with these funds.

Again, this year we welcomed a generous co-sponsor for the Senior Showgirl Competition. Riverina Bluebell kindly sponsored the Showgirl Competition with \$500. This is in addition to the major prize, which was sponsored by Friedlieb Fox McLeod. Our successful entrant in the Showgirl competition was Jana Shilo. Congratulations Jana and our best wishes for the Zone 7 showgirl judging, which will be held at Finley on Saturday 15th February.

The Peter Schirmer Memorial Crop Competition was staged again, with the Lockhart Ag Bureau as Stewards. This was also run in conjunction with our other crop competitions, including the Field Wheat Competition of NSW, which is conducted in combination with Dept of Agriculture and the ASC.

For the past eleven years, the Society has held the Lockhart Truck Show. Proceeds from this event go towards sending a young person to the Sydney Royal Easter Show for two days. Unfortunately, the person chosen this year was unable to attend due to work commitments. As an alternative, we decided to send two people to attend the Wagga Wagga Show where they were to be escorted throughout the Show by representatives of the Next Generation Youth. Olivia McDonnell accepted our invitation to attend the Wagga Show. She said she had a great time and enjoyed a closer look at the workings of a regional show.

The Show Society wishes to sincerely thank all trophy donors, advertisers, sponsors and prize givers. We ask members and show attendees to show their appreciation by patronizing these business houses.

We also wish to thank the Stewards and other members of the community for their good work and commitment in order to bring to you, the citizens of Lockhart and District, your Show.

This is the 'Shop Window of the District' and these people put on the Show for all to see what Lockhart is and what we can produce and attain. - **Lockhart Show Committee**

Youth Officer News

Start of Year Pool Party

The students from The Rock and Lockhart Central had an amazing day on Tuesday 4 February as we all celebrated being back at school at our Start of Year Pool Party! The Students enjoyed the Inflatable Obstacle Course and the lovely cool water as the weather warmed up from a cooler morning. The students also worked amazingly together in their teams as they battled though the 'Minute to Win it' style challenges, ranging from paper plane building to water carrying challenges. After a yummy BBQ lunch, we all enjoyed a lovely, relaxing swim before heading back to school. A massive thank you to Tammy and her life guards for looking after us all day. What a perfect start to the school year!

HSC Help

Wanting to get a head start on your HSC studies for the year? The Riverina Regional Library has got you covered! Make sure you jump online and check out the website resources that are available to you through the use of your Library Card. All the websites are listed on one page to make life easy for you when finding the paper or practice test you need.

**You are invited to join us at
Lockhart Central School
for our annual**

Community Concert 'Love to Celebrate!'

**on Wednesday, 26th February, 2020.
starting at 10:30am in the school's gymnasium.**

**This free mini concert will be followed by
a delicious morning tea provided by
families and served by SRC students.**

We look forward to seeing you there!



SAVE *the* DATE

14.03

Brockdale Charity Ball

2020

at the BROOKDALE HALL • dress BLACK TIE
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ADAM brookdaleball@hotmail.com



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8.30AM – 4.00PM

For children aged 3 – 5yrs

As little as \$10 per day

For more info contact Megan 6929 6407 or (M) 0407 492 062

Email: phpreschool@gmail.com



St Aidan's Anglican Church Hall, Lockhart

| HALL HIRE RATES | PRICE |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Hire of the Hall for half a day | \$50 |
| Hire of the Hall for full day | \$75 |

Contact Jan Pietsch

Ph: 0447 296 494

Email: janrylah40@gmail.com

| HIRE OF ITEMS USED AWAY FROM THE HALL | PRICE |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Hire of trestles | \$10 ea |
| Hire of steel chairs | \$2 ea |
| Hire of 12 steel chairs | \$20 |
| Hire of crockery | \$20 |
| Hire of cutlery | \$20 |

Claiming the Date

The Rock Progress Deb Ball 2020, Friday 27th March, 2020, The Ball will be held at The Rock Memorial Bowling Club 7pm. Tickets \$40.00pp

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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



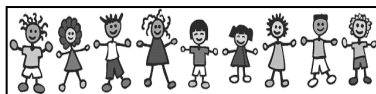
Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8am – 3.30pm

Expressions of interest now open for 2019 and 2020

Phone Kerri 69 205 156 or email

director@lockhartpreschool.com.au



Lockhart Playgroup

For all children from birth – 5 years and all carers
parents & grandparents
Enjoy a coffee and morning tea while the kids play
in a safe and secure environment.
Also a great opportunity for the children to become
familiar with the preschool surrounds.

When: Every Tuesday during the school term

Where: Lockhart Preschool, Day Street

Time: 9am – 11am

Cost: \$20 annual fee per family
BSB: 633-000 A/C # 159 006 238
A/C name: Lockhart Playgroup

For more information contact
Rachel Day 0429 741 226 or
Erin Schirmer 0429 873 246



The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

Kindergarten

for 2020

Do you have a child,
or someone you know has a child,
turning 5
before 31st July, 2020

please contact

The Rock Central School
on

Ph: 69 202132

or

Email: therock-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

to enrol



Lockhart Senior Citizen's February March Events

**All activities and meeting are held at the
Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club**

1st Monday, 1.30pm - Cards,
Afternoon tea supplied

2nd Monday, 1.30pm - Meeting & Bingo, a plate
please

3rd Sunday, 11.30am - BBQ, a salad please

3rd Monday 1.30pm - Cards.

Afternoon tea supplied

4th Monday 1.30pm - Bingo, s

Afternoon tea supplied

The Rock Community Gym

Open between 5:00am to 10:00pm

Various Machines & Equipment, PT Classes are available
therockgym6@gmail.com - Petrina - 0408 264 729



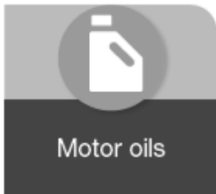
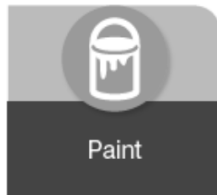
Community Recycling Centres

Waste matters

Drop off your household problem waste for recycling

FREE SERVICE

You can drop off:



Only household quantities accepted 20kg or 20L maximum container size. Please transport your materials carefully. Dangerous goods and items other than those listed will not be accepted.

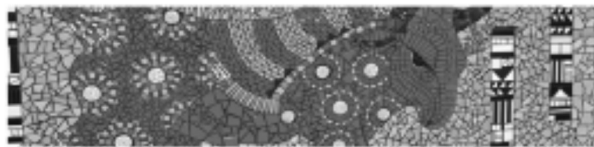
A Mobile Community Recycling Centre will be located at:

The Rock Waste Facility
3700 Lockhart The Rock Road, THE ROCK

Hours: 1.00-3.00pm
February 12th, 19th, 26th and March 4th

For more information call Lockhart Shire Council on 02 6920 5305
or visit www.crcriverinamurray.org.au

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy. Visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au



Exciting 'FREE' Creative workshops for local residents in April.

Francesca O'Donnell well known mosaic artist & former

resident of Lockhart & Owen Lyons Wiradjuri Artist & owner of Wiradjuri Art & Dreamers Gallery in Wagga Wagga, will be collaborating to bring a series of FREE Mosaic and Indigenous painting workshops to the area. The Project has been made possible by Riverina Water Community grants program funding. The workshops are open to students over 12yrs & adults. Participants will get the opportunity to create a small artwork either in mosaic or a painting that will become part of a new art mural. The art installation titled, 'The Murrumbidgee ~ River of life' Project, will celebrate the great Murrumbidgee and part of it's aquatic life. This is an exciting creative incentive for the whole community to come together to learn, create, collaborate & network.

The public artwork will be installed in Lockhart to complement the existing attractions that help tell the story of Lockhart and will form a part of the Sculpture and Heritage Trail.

LEARN THE ART OF MOSAIC & INDIGENOUS DOT PAINTING

DATE: Saturday April 4th 2020

Wiradjuri Art & Dreamers Gallery
1/99 Morgan St Wagga Wagga

DATE: Sunday April 5th 2020

Greens Gunyah Museum



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!!

Cost: FREE – Limited numbers
Sessions: 10am-12.30 & 1.30 – 4pm

TO BOOK - CONTACT:-

INDIGENOUS ART WORKSHOPS

Owen Lyons: M: 0406 907 403

E: owenlyons@outlook.com

MOSAIC WORKSHOPS

Fran Day: M: 0427 205 526

E: franday@bigpond.com

All tools and equipment will be supplied to create a mosaic or painted artwork for the community art installation.

What to bring: Closed in shoes & water (safety or reading glasses for mosaic workshop)

What to expect: Hands-on, fun filled sessions, learning Indigenous art or Mosaic skills and techniques. No experience necessary

These cultural & creative workshops have been made possible by funding **Riverina Water**.

Thank you also Lockhart Shire Council

*Lockhart Historical Society & Greens Gunyah Museum

* Wiradjuri Art and Dreamers Gallery

* Fran Day - Grants & Project Co-ordinator



Event funded by:



Schools, sporting clubs, youth groups, and other organisations involved in supporting young people up to the age of 25 years, can now apply for a Murrumbidgee Youth Community Grant to receive funding for activities aimed at building resilience and positive mental health and wellbeing.

The initiative is part of Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network's (MPHN), Federal Government Empowering Our Communities funding to support mental health and wellbeing in the region's drought affected communities.

The Murrumbidgee Youth Community Grants have two funding levels, up to \$1,500 where a simple 250-word overview of the activity and a basic budget is required to apply. The next level is for grants of more than \$1,500 and up to \$5,000, which will require a 500 word overview and a more detailed budget and quotes. Application to approval of funding should take no more than two weeks.

Grant applications close on Friday, 27 March 2020 or when funding is exhausted. All grant activities must be complete by 30 June 2020.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency should call the Mental Health Line 1800 011 511, Lifeline 13 11 14 or call 000. Or to access the Head to Health website visit www.headtohealth.gov.au

For more information about the Murrumbidgee Youth Community Grants visit www.mphn.org.au or follow Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network on Facebook or Twitter.

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We're bringing NSW Government services to communities with our Mobile Service Centres

Access frequently used services including:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Cost of Living service
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit service.nsw.gov.au/msc to find out when we're next near you.

Next in town



Lockhart Shire Council - 65 Green St. Thursday 5th March 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



SPRING INTO 2020



FEBRUARY 2020

LOCKHART

The Spring into 2020 FREE fitness program is being offered to support farmers & families in drought affected communities starting Monday 3rd February.

- What:** February 2020 FREE Fitness Classes
When: Monday's @ 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Where: Lockhart Football Club
Who: The entire Lockhart community is invited!







Also enjoy a FREE Dinner on 24th Feb after class at the Commercial Hotel.

This program is supported by:
Active Farmers Ride For Resilience 2019
C & K Toy Memorial Trust &



For more information please contact:
Jayde Hounsell on 0417 078 983

Water wise tips

| Tip | Benefit |
|--|--|
|  Hit target areas when watering and not nearby buildings, driveways and roads | Let's your garden and lawn get the full benefit |
|  Use your finger to test soil moisture before watering - if it's moist, you don't need to water | Overwatering can have a negative impact by creating thirsty plants which are more water-dependent |
|  Water in the morning or at night to reduce evaporation loss | Helps plants recover from the heat and reduces the risk of leaf burn |
|  Reduce water use by targeting intended areas with a trigger nozzle | Gives weeds less chance to germinate and results in more efficient watering |
|  Don't over water gardens and lawns | Daily watering encourages shallow roots that dry out quicker. Riverina lawn varieties can handle drying out for up to a few days, even in really hot weather |
|  Water longer and less frequently | Encourages deeper root growth rather than shallow roots that will quickly dry out. This also results in more stable and healthier plants |

Connect with us

We're on social media. You can follow us at

 facebook.com/RiverinaWater

 twitter.com/RiverinaWater

 instagram.com/rivwater

Fixed sprinkler ban

Fixed sprinklers are not to be used between 10am and 5pm. This helps reduce evaporation loss during the warmest parts of the day

rwcc.nsw.gov.au

On-Farm Plastic Waste Collection Program



Together with Lockhart Shire Council, **Eastern Riverina Landcare Group** is offering a FREE on-farm plastics recycling program at each of the Shire's Waste Disposal Centres during normal opening hours.

What items will be accepted?

- ✓ Silage Film
- ✓ Bunker Plastic
- ✓ Grain Bags

What will NOT be accepted?

- ✗ Twine
- ✗ Poly pipe

How does it work? It's simple!

1. *Pick up your FREE collection bags* from a nominated collection point*
2. *Sort your plastics (make sure they are free from contaminants such as soil, rocks, metal and small furry animals).*
3. *Bag your plastics*
4. *Take to your nearest waste disposal centre and place into the designated skip*

***NOTE: Unbagged waste will not be accepted.**

Information sessions will be run at the following locations during February (dates to be announced):

- * Yerong Creek Bowling Club
- * The Rock Memorial Bowling Club
- * Pleasant Hill Community Hotel
- * Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club

For more information or to register your interest contact John Holstein at secretary@erlg.org.au .

This project is brought to you by Eastern Riverina Landcare Group with assistance from Holbrook Landcare Network and funding from the Australian Government Communities Environment Program.

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE



Did you know?

- Less than a third of eligible farmers currently receive payments.
- You also get \$4k to do training or accreditation for things like:
 - Truck and plant licensing.
 - Industry Accreditations like Coles and Woolies.
 - Finish off some previous training.
- Being on FHA gives you access to other benefits like: Access to Youth Allowance for your uni aged children and a Healthcare card.

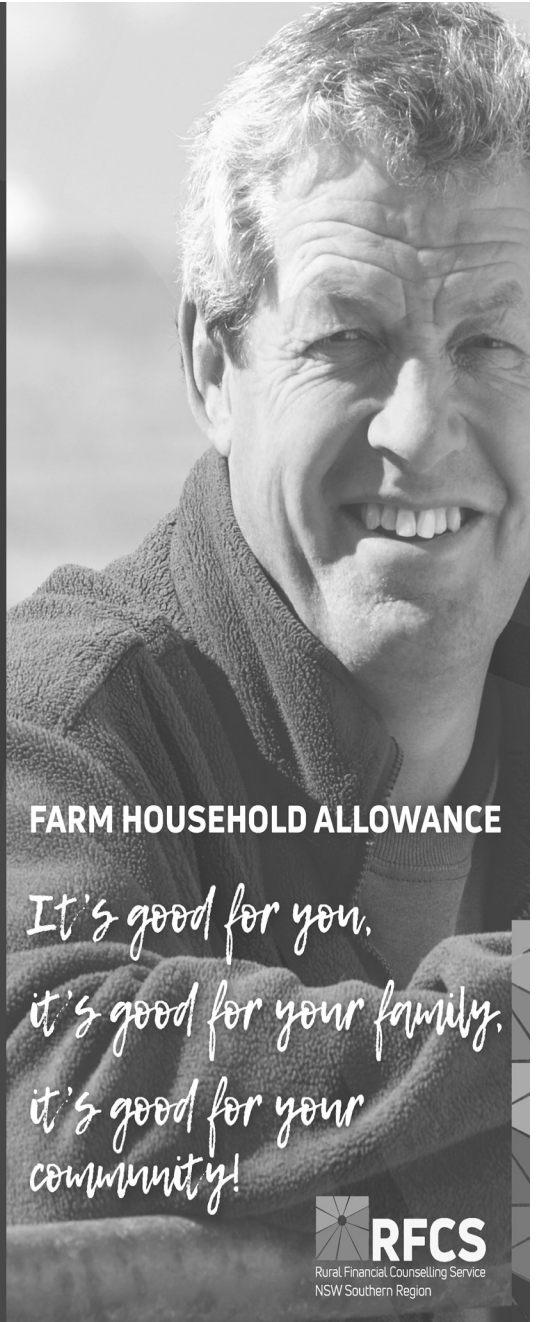
Give RFCS a call today - it's free and we can come out to farm or make an appointment for you to come into one of our offices.

1800 319 458

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FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE

*It's good for you,
it's good for your family,
it's good for your
community!*



THE RULES HAVE CHANGED

The rules have changed, so if you have applied before and weren't successful maybe you will be now! Don't self assess, give RFCS a call to chat- we're here to provide assistance. Even if it takes a day or two to get the paper work in order an extra \$20k+* in your back pocket is a pretty good hourly rate!

We've all heard that when farmers are doing it tough everyone in the community does too. In this prolonged drought not a truer word has been spoken. With a bit of extra cash in your pocket from FHA, you could help local businesses along the way.

You can help your community be stronger together.

*Figure is dependent on personal circumstances i.e. income and assets.

WHAT IS IT? AM I ELIGIBLE?

FHA is available to help farm households with household expenses. You can be on FHA for four years in every ten (this doesn't have to be consecutive years).

Here's a quick checklist:

Are you:

- A farmer or partner of a farmer, who spends the majority of your time and money on the farm.
- Over 16 years of age.

Do you:


- Have assets less than \$5.5 million (subject to legislation).
- Have off farm income of less than \$100k.

Chat on 1800 319 458 or jump on our website. Again, don't self assess. We know how to help.

You can get a hand from the RFCS to fill in your application and to make sure you have all the i's dotted and t's crossed.

We have handy checklists to make sure you gather the right information the first time and with our help you'll cut the time it takes to fill in the paperwork.

Get in touch with the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Southern Region on 1800 319 458.



**20 Years.
8,000 people
helped.
(Let's make that 8,001).**

Lockhart Caravan Park



If you know someone looking for just the right place to set up camp with a tent or caravan, or looking to hire an on-site van, then Lockhart Caravan Park is just the place.

Situated in Green Street, the caravan park is just 100 metres from the shopping area and within easy walking distance to all facilities.

There are 21 sites, three unpowered and eighteen powered sites.

Three Cabins which can accommodate up to 8 people are also available.

A modern camp kitchen is available as well as showers, toilets and a peaceful location.

**Contact the Manager on
0458 205 303
for bookings.**



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

March

Lockhart

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

9am - 12.30pm

Milbrulong

5th & 19th

9am - 10am

Pleasant Hills

2nd, 16th & 30th

1.15pm - 2.30pm

Yerong Creek

4th & 18th

3pm - 4pm

The Rock

5th & 19th

10.30am - 12.00pm

www.rrl.nsw.gov.au

BACK TO SCHOOL

Slow down...kids about

40km/h school zones help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff

development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

For information and educational material visit **safetytown** or **kidsandtraffic** websites.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We are calling for volunteers to join the Local Health Advisory Committee

- Take a seat at the discussion table
- Provide your feedback and ideas
- Be part of the planning & decision making
- Make a difference

Be a voice for health in your community...

Applications now open
to find out more visit

www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au

APPLY
NOW!

To find out more call:

Setchen Brinson
Community Engagement Manager
call or text: 0477 359 764

email: MLHD-feedback@health.nsw.gov.au

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An Australian Government initiative



Brookong Nook CRAFT SHOP

Stocking homemade local wares, jams, pickles, relishes, butters, local honey, eggs, olive oil & goat soap. Mouth watering, home baked apple or apricot pies, small tarts, biscuits, slices and mixed fruit cakes. A large array of handcrafted knitted and sewn items. Great place for that special gift at reasonable prices



Kengal Krafters Inc

The Rock Craft Shop
CWA Rooms, 128 Urana St, The Rock
Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 2pm

Selling a large variety of locally made items including: Free range eggs, jams, relish, pickles, baked goods, hand painted gifts, baby wear, children's clothing, toys, quilting and patchwork, knitted and crochet items, kitchen and bathroom accessories, ladies bags, jewellery, scarves, aboriginal artwork.

Our association was formed to provide opportunities for crafters within the Riverina area to connect with others, grow their home based businesses and promote hand made local products. If you would like to become a member, applications forms are available from the Craft Shop. All welcome. Call Joy Schultz 0428566902, Wendy Flory 0429637313 or Chris Makeham 0448570227

LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL HALL HIRE

| | |
|----------|----------|
| FULL DAY | \$200.00 |
| HALF DAY | \$115.00 |
| NIGHT | \$200.00 |

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:
Tables & Chairs

Please contact Lockhart Shire Council
Phone: (02) 6920 5305

THE ROCK TOWN HALL & MUSEUM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Use our history display panels as a talking point for your next function

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| FULL DAY | \$200.00 |
| HALF DAY | \$100.00 |

Some or all of the exhibits may be removed on request.

For information contact:

Nancy Smith (Secretary) 0427692020

<https://www.facebook.com/TheRockHallMuseum/>



Local Church Services

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTICE

Lockhart, Urana & Oaklands

Lockhart: 6:00pm 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

8:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays

Urana: 6:00pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays

8:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Oaklands: 10:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

For further information contact

Father Henry on 6920 5446

St Peters Anglican Church The Rock

Communion 1st Sunday

each month at 9.30am

Enquiries:

Rev Jocelyn Heazlewood 0427 198 513

Mrs M Vennell 6920 1067

St Mary's Parish, The Rock

Sunday 10.00am - The Rock.

1st & 3rd Sunday, 8.30am - Mangoplah

2nd & 4th Sunday, 8.30am - Yerong Creek

Enquiries: Fr Damian Jellett 6920 2017

Lockhart Uniting Church Services

February

9th, 9am Lockhart

11am Woodhaven, Holy Communion

1th, No service, join with the Anglicans

23rd, 9am Lockhart

Holy Communion.

If there are any pastoral concerns, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 0427 204 051 or Dorothy Creek on 0427 207 233

The Rock Uniting Church

Ford Street, The Rock

2ND SUNDAY – 9.30AM

All Welcome

CONTACT: Barbara Weily

(02) 6920 2024

St John's Presbyterian Church

Cnr Hebden & Day St, Lockhart

1st and 3rd Sundays - 6pm

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays - 8.45am

Rev Craig Nicholas 6929 3129

www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Riverina

St Aidan's Lockhart

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets, Lockhart

Worship Sundays 9.00am

Phone: 0429 028 274

Diocesan website: www.anglicanriverina.com/

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Milbrulong



2nd Sunday of the month - 9am

Lay Reading with Sunday School

4th Sunday - 9am with Pastor Stuart Kleinig

Holy Communion & Morning Tea

Phone 02-69206226 with enquiries

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

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| ◆ 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

Did you make a New Year's resolution to lose weight and/or become fitter? If so, why not come along and try some gentle Tai Chi to improve your balance and help you sleep while getting some simple exercise. Anyone is welcome to come along and try on either Monday 17th or Monday 24th February at 9.45am in Lockhart Uniting Church Hall. 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.

THE ROCK & DISTRICT MENS SHED

Ford Street THE ROCK 2655
THE ROCK & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY

FROM 8.30AM TO APPROX 3PM

\$6 INCLUDES MORNING TEA & LUNCH

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND IDEAS

OR JUST JOIN IN THE CONVERSATIONS

COME AND JOIN US

CONTACT NUMBERS

Bob President 0428 695 913

Chris Secretary 0404 914088



THE ROCK COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASSES!!!!

MONDAY ARVO AT 3PM AT EMILY GARDENS

The proven benefits of gentle exercise for all people include:

- ◆ Increased balance
- ◆ Increased strength
- ◆ Increased flexibility
- ◆ Increased fitness

These classes are for all ages and very affordable.

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Contact: Nancy Smith
0427 692 020
6920 2034

OR Jeanie 0438 202 468



The Rock & District Playgroup

Meets every Friday during the school term
10am - 12pm

The Rock Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall

Corner of Urana & Mixner Street, The Rock

For all children from birth - 5yrs and all carers,
mums, dads and grandparents

**Join us for morning tea & a play in a
beautiful space.**

For more information contact Playgroup NSW
on 1800 171 882 or join our Facebook
group—The Rock Playgroup, to be put in
touch with one of our committee members.



Open Monday – Friday 8am-3:30pm 95 King Street The Rock

Phone 69202455 or

email therockps@gmail.com

Friday is now open to children attending
school in the following year only. It
creates a smooth transition to school
process for the children.

The Rock Op-Shop Open

Sat/Sun 10am - 2pm

Mon/Tues 11.30am - 3.30pm

Wed - Fri, 10am - 4pm

Mon/Tues \$5 a bag days

Contact Lynly Boyle

6920 1522



drumMUSTER

FUNDRAISER

Together with Lockhart Shire Council, **drumMUSTER** events will be held by successful community organisations or groups on the following days/locations:

- **Lockhart Waste Facility** on Tuesday 10th March 2020
- **The Rock Waste Facility** on Thursday 12th March 2020

What will be accepted;

- Clean drums, rinsed to the Agsafe standard
- Drums larger than 1 litre and up to 205 litre;
- Drums that have been used for agricultural and livestock production, pest and weed control;
- Drums that are not hazardous substances, used in agricultural production
 - All pesticides
 - Seed dressings
 - Drenches
 - Wetters/Stickers/Adjuvants
 - Foam markers

Previously not accepted

What will not be accepted

- Drums with any residue (including lid and neck)
- Drums containing more than 100mL of rinsate

Drums that packaged the following;

- Liquid chlorine
- Household disinfectants
- Petroleum products

Triple rinsing

1. Empty the contents of the container into the spray tank and allow the container to drain for an extra 30 seconds after the flow reduces to drops.
2. Fill the container with clean water to about 20% of its capacity and replace the cap securely.
3. Shake, rotate, roll or invert the container vigorously for at least 30 seconds, so that the rinse water reaches all inside surfaces.
4. Pour the rinsate (the rinsing water from step 3) into the spray tank. Let it drain for an extra 30 seconds after the flow reduces to drops.
5. Repeat until the container has been rinsed three times.

- Containers should have caps **removed** for easy access by inspectors.
- No container will be accepted if they are crushed because it makes them difficult to inspect.
- Steel drums **must be punctured**.
- Please do not puncture plastics as some are reused
- All persons delivering drums to the **drumMUSTER** must sign a Container Cleanliness Declaration, noting the exact number of drums for delivery to **drumMUSTER**.

To ensure the **DrumMUSTER** operates efficiently and without time delay, drums will only be accepted at the facility by appointment. You may book a time to dispose of your properly cleaned chemical containers by calling Lockhart Shire Council on 02 6920 5305. **Please count your drums** and let Council know how many you have so the time allocated to you will be sufficient for inspecting.

Johan Louw
Director of Engineering & Environmental Services

Always ensure that the rinsed containers are drained and allowed to dry. Wash outside of container, cap and neck (both necks if twin neck).

Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

| | Each TUESDAY | Each WEDNESDAY | SUNDAYS IN MARCH (8th & 22nd) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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 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>

PRICKLY PEAR



Austrocyllindropuntia sp., *Cylindropuntia* sp., and *Opuntia* sp.

Other Common Names: Hudson pear, Riverina pear, Common prickly pear, Devil's rope, Wheel cactus, Coral cactus, Tiger pear, Smooth tree pear, Velvety tree pear, Creeping pear, Cane cactus, Jumping cholla, Boxing glove cactus, Pencil cactus, Bunny ears, Golden bristle cactus, Drooping tree pear, Velvet pear, Rope pear.

Dense infestations compete with native vegetation, limiting the growth of small shrubs and groundcover species. The spines are capable of causing serious injury to animals and humans, and reduce or prevent grazing activities and productivity. Large stands of cacti provide harbour for pest animals, such as foxes and rabbits.

Description: Plants have jointed stem segments, also known as pads or cladodes. These segments, which can be flat or cylindrical, contain the green tissue of the plant where photosynthesis occurs.

Varying in form and habit, opuntoid cacti range from low growing shrubs under 50 cm to erect trees eight metres high. Distinguished by the presence of glochids – small, detachable barbed bristles, growing from areoles – small pits or depressions on the surface of segments. Cactus spines provide protection from predators and heat, and on some species funnel moisture towards the plant's shallow root system, enabling growth in low rainfall climates.

Reproduction and Dispersal:

- **By seed:** *Opuntia* cacti are perennial plants that are generally long-lived. Flowering typically

occurs from spring through to summer, with fruits forming in late summer and into autumn. Species that develop mature fruit, produce numerous seeds, with a hard seed coat enabling longevity. The fruit provides a food source, enabling seed dispersal by native, introduced and feral fauna.

- **By flower:** New growth can also occur from flowers, from which new segments or roots can grow.
- **Vegetative:** Most common form of dispersal. Plant segments, immature fruits and flowers all have the ability to detach and establish following ground contact. The spines enable segments to attach easily to clothing, footwear, animals, vehicles and equipment. Segments are also distributed through the movement of water.

Priority weed: Prickly pear is considered a priority weed in the Lockhart Shire.

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: Prohibition on dealings:** Must not be imported into the State or sold (Except for *Opuntia ficus-indica* (Indian fig)).

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



LOCKHART TRUCK SHOW

LOCKHART SHOWGROUND
SATURDAY, 7 MARCH 2020

Truck enquiries:
Peter 0458 422 808

Stall enquiries:
Shirley 0457 644 772

- Historic & Modern Trucks & Vehicles
 - Feature vehicle Kenworth
- Prizes for Oldest Kenworth Truck, Typical Local Farm Truck & Kenworth Truck Driven Furthest
 - People's Choice Award
- West Wyalong Movies Theatrette
 - WW2 Jeep rides
- Market Stalls & Dairy Display

Night Entertainment by
Camden Valley Country Music Club
7.30pm at Lockhart Showground
Public welcome, gold coin donation
to evening event



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