

# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

February 2021



## Lockhart Shire Council Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to the 2021 Lockhart Shire Australia Day Award recipients.

**Citizen of the Year** - Patrick (Rick) Clancy from Pleasant Hills

**Young Citizen of the Year** - Annabelle Kingston from Tootool

**Sportsperson of the Year** - Erin Hogan from The Rock

Paul Flinn of Yerong Creek, Betty and James (Jim) Quee of Lockhart, Clinton Trevaskis of Lockhart and Margaret Vennell of The Rock were also recognised for their contribution to the community with an Australia Day Award.



**Australia Day**

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



# STAY INFORMED ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES.

Visit [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au) for the latest information.

We are working to make sure everyone in Australia has access to safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccines will give us the protection to go about our everyday lives.

To keep up to date with the latest progress, and to ensure your information is reliable, visit [health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines](https://health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines)



**COVID-19**  
**✓VACCINATION**

**Safe. Effective. Free.**



Australian Government

# Mayoral Report

Hello everyone. We are now well into 2021 and have just had our first Council meeting of the year. While Councillors had a Christmas break (no meeting in January) the work of Council continued. Work recommenced on the Urana Lockhart Road widening which is getting very close to completion. To drive to Urana from Lockhart is a much better experience now than it was twelve months ago. Well done to all staff working on that programme. Work also continues on Albury Road with culvert and road widening. The Observatory at the Rock is also progressing which when finished will be another great asset for this town which seems to be benefiting from increased interest in residential developments mainly out of Wagga. The harvest we have just completed saw a huge amount of heavy vehicle traffic on our Shire roads which all things considered have stood up very well. A drive through towns in the area which received grain will see mountain like bunkers of grain stored and this in turn will mean much more heavy vehicle traffic on our roads in coming months. Be mindful of this when driving in our Shire this winter as we want to remain as safe as possible. Mr Gordon Hinds of Better Energy Technology (BET) the proponent of our renewable energy project addressed Council on how things are progressing. The project has nearly completed stage one (planning and agreements with suppliers) and is quite close to starting the construction phase. Very exciting indeed. With the continuing wet summer weather comes weed growth , not only creating a headache for our farmers but also those who reside in our townships. A real problem in all our communities is the continued spread of both bindi eyes and khaki weed . These are both terrible weeds and are very hard to control without constant attention to eradication. Council is trying to do its best to control these weeds but it also requires home owners where possible to do their bit. Spraying or chipping of these plants is very effective and if you require information on what to use to control these weeds feel free to contact Council's Environmental Officer. It is very difficult for animals and people alike to walk in some areas due to this problem. Remember that the Councillors are there to help you with any problems you may have relating to our Shire and are very willing to bring your problems to Council and solve them where possible. I hope that the Christmas break treated you well and you are ready for a much brighter 2021 without COVID 19 or massive fires. I will endeavour to keep you all informed of Councils activities throughout the year in these monthly reports and hope that you find them beneficial .



Till we chat next month ; Cheers Rodg.

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## Engineering and Environmental Services Report

### Works Report

Urana Lockhart Road (MR 59) - Project is approximately 90% complete. Trim and seal to follow.

Western Road (R2R) - Widening of an additional section up to Pat Gleasons Lane completed.

Wattles Lane - Subgrade completed. Culverts delivered and installation commenced.

Albury Road - Commenced earthworks and drainage works.

Grading of unsealed roads - Council recommenced grading program early this year (after harvest traffic) with Figtree Road recently graded.

Resheeting - Council will recommence resheeting program later this year (after harvest traffic).

### Major Projects

Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock - Council submitted a revised grant application for Stage 2 flood mitigation works at The Rock, being the drainage works along Nicholas, Yerong and Urana Streets. Council was advised on 18 November 2020 that it was successful in obtaining a grant of \$1,901,394 for The Rock West drainage works. Tenders have been advertised and closes on 1 March 2021.

### Road Safety

Road Safety Strategy - The Road Safety Officer is drafting a Road Safety Strategy that will underpin the annual Road Safety Action Plan from 2021. The Road Safety Strategy will be delivered for consideration in April 2021 along with the Local Government Road Safety Action Plan 2021/22.

Road Safety Facebook - The Road Safety Officer shared relevant road safety content/material on Lockhart Community Facebook page.

### Fleet

Obtaining quotes and issued tender for plant replacement in accordance with the adopted 2020/21 budget. Currently reviewing and benchmarking Council's plant hire rates.

### Biosecurity and Environment

Weeds - Inspections were carried out on residential and rural properties to then assess the efficiency of applied control methods. The most found weeds were Green cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*), Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), Privet (*Ligustrum sp.*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius* subsp. *scoparius*), Coolatai grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*), and Giant reed (*Arundo donax*).

Control Program - Priority has been given to the control of Feathertop Rhodes grass (*Chloris virgata*), Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), St. Barnaby's thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), and St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*).

Silverleaf nightshade trials - In the summer 2019/2020, the Silverleaf nightshade plants on Bidgeemia Road and Jones Lane were showing signs of moisture stress at the time of spraying, with the leaves curling and closing. Council staff initiated a trial, watering plants prior to spraying.

This trial has proved to be successful, with a distinct difference between the stretch of road where pre-watering was applied, resulting in only a few plants germinating in this section this year, whereas the un-watered section has significant growth, and the infestation is consistent with the infestation of 2019/2020. By watering the

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plants, the leaves uncurled and chemical uptake to the roots occurred.

Although this practice would not be applicable to a broad-acre situation which is heavily infested, it will be beneficial in the roadside reserve situation. Silverleaf nightshade is a difficult weed to control, particularly due to its extensive and interconnecting root system, enhancing the plants competitive ability and persistence. Germination occurs from the roots mostly rather than seeds.

Silverleaf nightshade can grow from root fragments as small as 1 cm. All parts of the root system can form shoot buds. If kept damp, root pieces can remain viable in the soil for up to 15 months. As such, cultivation of infested areas should be avoided. Most spraying that occurs kills the plant above ground, while having little effect on the root system.

Another silverleaf nightshade trial was also initiated in the summer of 2019/2020 on the Lockhart Kywong Road. Three new infestations of silverleaf nightshade were discovered along this section of road, ranging from three to fifteen plants at each site. The use of 'Vigilant', an herbicide gel, has been successfully used in Albury City Council (active ingredients: Picloram and Aminopyralid). Herbicide gels remain on the plant for a longer time than sprays, allowing the plant to absorb the chemical slowly and transfer the chemical to the roots, rather than a quick kill of the plant from spray application. Council staff also watered these plants prior to herbicide application, to eliminate moisture stress and promote chemical uptake. Council staff applied Roundup Weedkiller Gel (Glyphosate product), to the leaves of plants, to trial its effectiveness in controlling silverleaf nightshade.

Reassessment of these sites this summer has shown that only one plant has

germinated at one of the three sites. Whether this plant has germinated from root or seed is unknown. Again, this method of control is not applicable to large infestations yet may prove to be a successful method of controlling small new infestations.

Common White Snail Baiting Program - Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 7 December.

## **Parks and Gardens**

Lockhart Cenotaph - A Lone Pine has kindly been donated to the RSL from an anonymous source and planted by Council on their behalf at the cenotaph grounds in Lockhart. In years to come the Lone Pine should grow to become a feature of the site.

Green Street Planter Boxes - There has been mixed success establishing petunia in the planter boxes due to the late season planting and lack of irrigation. An experiment was conducted with the newly built planter boxes on the southern side of Green Street in the form of a wicking bed. The petunia in these boxes were planted later than the ones in the existing boxes on the northern side but have established and performed more successfully. The northern boxes will be dug out and have the same wicking bed installed, comprising of stone and pipe work to direct and store water underneath the soil for the plants to draw on as required, before being replanted. These boxes are hand watered. The wicking beds reduce watering frequency and give the plants water to draw on throughout the day.

Swimming Pools - The hot January weather and school holiday swimmers has seen the crowds coming through the gates. The pools are still opening from 6am to 8am for morning lap swimmers and the very popular Swim and Survive lessons have been run in conjunction with

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Royal Life NSW again this year. COVID-19 safety guidelines are being followed.

Two large old golden cypress trees died and have been removed from the western side of The Rock pool over the last two seasons. The loss of the trees has also resulted in a significant loss of shade. Market umbrellas are being used as a temporary measure while designs and quotes are being sought for a permanent shade structure.

Parks and Gardens - Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, deadheading, and mulching. Regular checks and maintenance of irrigation systems will continue throughout summer. Weed control in urban areas is ongoing. Mowing and Slashing: The summer mowing schedule was completed before Christmas. Some areas have received

follow up attention due to unseasonable growth from summer rains. Extreme weather conditions will be considered when scheduling slashing. Fortnightly mowing and edging will be scheduled for most irrigated areas during the growth season.

Trees - The trial planting of 10 Geijera parviflora, Wilga, in south Lockhart are withstanding the stresses of their first summer quite well. If this attractive small to medium size evergreen native continues to perform well, they will be used more extensively. Regular watering of establishing street trees will continue throughout summer.

Compliance - Whereas compliance focused on reducing fuel loads up to the end of December 2020, the focus is currently on untidy blocks.

## Newsletter Deadline

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

**Friday 12 March, 2021**

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!**



## Next Council Meeting

**Monday 15 March, 2021**

NOTICE IS GIVEN

THAT COUNCIL'S MEETING FOR MARCH WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

65 GREEN STREET, LOCKHART  
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

# Planning & Building Services

## APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the following development applications were approved, with conditions, from 1 December 2020 to 31 January 2021. The below consents are available for public inspection at Council's Administration Office, 65 Green Street, Lockhart, between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays.

<u>DA/CDC No</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Site of Development</u>
DA28/21	Subdivision of land	4092 Olympic Hwy, The Rock
DA29/21	Installation of a movable dwelling	19 Cape Street, Milbrulong
DA30/21	Covered Outdoor area	143 Old Trunk Rd, The Rock
CDC32/21	Swimming pool	845 Bidgeemia Rd, Bidgeemia

Peter Veneris,  
General Manager

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PRE-LODGEEMENT APPOINTMENTS

If you are considering a new build or extension in Lockhart Shire, it is highly recommended that, prior to lodging your development application, you book an appointment with Council's Building and Planning team.

Pre-lodgement appointments are a great way to go through your application with Council's staff, and can speed up the application process by ensuring that all supporting information is supplied together at the time of lodgement.

To book a pre-lodgement meeting, contact Council's Environmental Services team during normal business hours on (02) 6920 5305.



## **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>

## Important Update

From 1 April 2021 All Development, Construction Certificate & Section 68 Applications are to be lodged via the NSW Planning Portal



Lockhart Shire Council is currently preparing to accept applications through the NSW Planning Portal from 1 April 2021.



# New South Wales Planning Portal

## Development, Construction Certificate and Section 68 Application Lodgements Changes!

### E Planning and Electronic Application Lodgement

The NSW State Government has introduced changes that now require all Development, Construction Certificate and Section 68 Applications to be lodged via the NSW Governments Planning Portal.

From the **1st April 2021** all Development, Construction Certificate and Section 68 Applications that were previously submitted to Council will now be required to be submitted / lodged via the NSW Planning Portal.

The NSW Planning Portal is an online platform where community, industry and government can work together to provide a digital experience that supports effective planning and decision making under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

From the **1st April 2021**, all development related applications and post consent certificates must be submitted with Lockhart Shire Council (LSC) through the NSW Planning Portal. These include:

- Development Applications (DA's)
- Applications to modify a DA, and
- Where Council is nominated to complete the assessment of a Complying Development Certificate, Construction Certificate, Occupation Certificate and Subdivision Certificate or appointed as the Principal Certifier for a development.
- Section 68 Local Government Act 1993 Applications

Unsure of using the Planning Portal to lodge your application?  
Don't worry, we are here for you if you still require Council's assistance. Please contact our office on 6920 5305 to book in an appointment with our planning staff.



# 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 \$90 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



## ELDERLY or DISABLED INDEPENDENT LIVING

### VACANCY at MAGNOLIA LODGE Green Street, Lockhart



Lockhart Shire Council and community provides the residents of Magnolia Lodge with the important things in life including:

- **INDEPENDENCE** Double bedroom, kitchen, bathroom/laundry, air-conditioned self contained units
- **AFFORDABLE** Low rent determined by income and eligibility for Government Assistance. A non-refundable Ingoing Contribution is to be paid prior to occupation
- **PEACE OF MIND** Vital call units available, monthly costs paid by Council.
- **CONVENIENT LOCATION** Close to shops, community services and other Magnolia Lodge residents
- **LIFE CAN BE EASY** Units and gardens regularly maintained

For enquiries, or to arrange an inspection  
Please call Council on 02 6920 5305





## LEASE OF 34-38 Day St The Rock

**Lot 1 DP541703, Lot 1 DP507286, Lot 33 DP9769**

Lockhart Shire Council invites expression of interest for the lease of the above property for a period of three (3) years commencing 8 March 2021 for grazing purposes.

The Land, located at Day Street, has an area of approximately 2,909 square metres. Offers are required to provide an annual lease amount which will be subject to annual CPI increases. A copy of the draft lease agreement is available on application.

Offers will be received in a sealed envelope marked "Lease of 34-38 Day Street, The Rock" or by email to [tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au) up until the close of business on the 4 March 2021.

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Director of Corporate & Community Services, Craig Fletcher on 6920 5305.

The highest or any offer is not necessarily accepted.

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

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



## LEASE OF 24 Island Bend Lane The Rock

Lockhart Shire Council invites expression of interest for the lease of the above reserve for a period of three (3) years commencing 8 March 2021 for grazing purposes.

The Land, located at the eastern end of Island Bend Lane, has an area of approximately 1 Ha. Offers are required to provide an annual lease amount which will be subject to annual CPI increases. A copy of the draft lease agreement is available on application.

The lease will include clauses guaranteeing access for flood mitigation works.

Offers will be received in a sealed envelope marked "Lease of 24 Island Bend Lane The Rock" or by email to [tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au) up until the close of business on the 4 March 2021.

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# Lockhart Caravan Park



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.

## **Important COVID information**

There are a few rules to be followed

You must call the manager before setting up .

You must sign a form with 3 simple questions (this is set under guidelines from NSW GOV)

You will be given a booklet with all information you need and what is required in the park

Booking is the best option at the moment due to COVID limits.

Amenities are open, bbq area is limited to 4 in there at any one time

**Contact the Manager on  
0458 205 303**



## **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

**March 2021**

**Lockhart**

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

**9am - 12.30pm**

**Milbrulong**

4th & 18th

**9am - 10am**

**Pleasant Hills**

1st, 15th & 29th

**1.15pm - 2.30pm**

**Yerong Creek**

3rd, 17th & 31st

**3pm - 4pm**

**The Rock**

4th & 18th

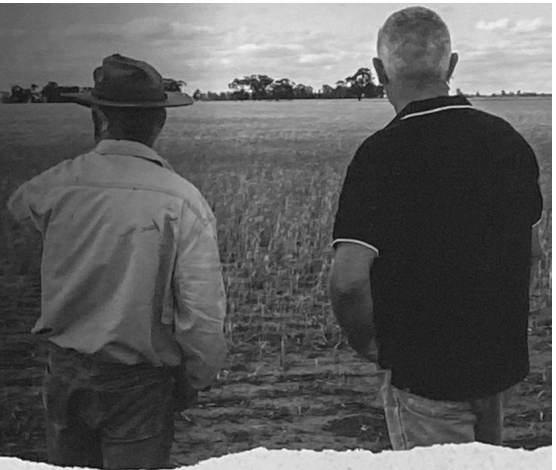
**10.30am - 12.00pm**

[www.rrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rrl.nsw.gov.au)



# ROC

RURAL OUTREACH COUNSELLING



ROC aims to improve mental wellbeing for rural communities and families across Australia by reducing the impact of stressors that perpetuate anxiety, depression, and suicide.

## WHO WE ARE?

We fundamentally don't accept how many rural deaths are occurring due to people taking their own lives. We identified a huge unwillingness in rural areas to reach out and seek help, leaving communities without the tools required to deal with the adversity they are inevitably facing every day. We believe that early intervention minimises negative impacts of mental illness and is a positive force in suicide prevention.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING?

Our main objectives are:

- Promoting a proactive approach to mental wellbeing within the community
- Increasing awareness about the importance of using help-seeking resources
- Offering support to those who can't/won't present to their GP or other services
- Developing confident first responders to be a listening ear
- Advocating on two levels of outreach: MateKeepers and Counselling

## HOW WE DO THIS?

**MateKeepers** - Local community members who are invited to complete QPR training and begin to reach out to save lives.

**QPR** - A short online course that will teach you how to **Question, Persuade and Refer** someone who may be suicidal.

**Key areas covered in training:**

- Skills to identify the warning signs of someone at risk of suicide
- Confidence to speak to them about their thoughts
- Tools to connect them with professional care
- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide

## COUNSELLING SERVICE

Help, support and mateship are based on caring and the best, most effective care is given freely, face to face and one on one.

## HOW CAN I BECOME A MATEKEEPER?

Contact us on either 0418 762 255 or 0408 221 697 or email us at [mate@ruraloutreach.com.au](mailto:mate@ruraloutreach.com.au) to get information to join the MateKeeper program.

RURALOUTREACHCOUNSELLING.COM.AU



# THE ROCK COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASSES!

**Monday afternoon at 3.00PM at  
The Rock Town Hall & Museum**

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  
on 0427 692 020 or 6920 2034 or  
Jeanie on 0438 202 468



**Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

**8am – 3.30pm**

**Expressions of interest now open**

**Phone Kerri 69 205 156 or email**

**[director@lockhartpreschool.com.au](mailto:director@lockhartpreschool.com.au)**

## The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

**Kindergarten**

for 2021

Do you have a child,  
or someone you know has a child,

**turning 5**

before 31st July, 2021

**please contact**

The Rock Central School

on

**Ph: 69 202132**

or

Email: [therock-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:therock-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

to enrol

# Local Church Services 2021

## **Lockhart Uniting Church Services**

Services are not resuming at this stage.

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

The address for the Riverina Presbytery website is <https://riverina.unitingchurch.org.au> There are several options for Sunday worship and some of them can be accessed at any time.

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

Diocese of Riverina Parish of Lockhart

### **St Aidan's Lockhart**

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets  
Lockhart

Worship: Friday 10am &  
Sunday 9.00am

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

## Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6 Tune every day

The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Riverina  
Parish of The Rock  
Service date and times

St Peters The Rock

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month  
9:30am

St Cuthbert's Uranquinty

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month  
9am.

For more information contact:  
Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood  
0427 198 513

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

Mass Times

Sunday - 8am & 10am

Monday - 7am

Tuesday - 6pm

Wednesday - 8.30am

Thursday - 7am

Friday - 6pm

Saturday - 8.30am

For more information contact:  
Fr Murray 0459 069 520

If Church times and Information require updating or if your church information has dropped off and you wish to have it returned. Please contact Council on 6920 5305 or email [mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

## **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



**Open Monday – Friday 8am-3:30pm**

**95 King Street The Rock**

Phone 69202455 or

email [therockps@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **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*

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/](https://www.facebook.com/TheRockHallMuseum/)



**The Rock Op-Shop Open 7 Days a week  
Contact Lynly Boyle 6920 1522**



## PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL

Open Tuesday & Wednesday

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](mailto:phpreschool@gmail.com)



## 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

## 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



**The Lockhart Street Library** at the Uniting Church is thriving with a steady turnover of books. Why not visit and find something new to read?

Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

# School News

## Lockhart Central School

Welcome back staff, parents and students to 2021, it is great to see our whole Lockhart Central School community back together again! A special welcome to all our new students and families. We know you're going to love our school! There is a sense of excitement for the year ahead.

We had a wonderful day last week for our swimming carnival. It was great to see so much support for everyone and a high participation rate. Well done to all competitors and a big thank you to all the parents who came along! It was a great day had by all. Our age champions are as followed:

Male Champions: 9 years: Seth Gowland, 10 years: Jai Coles, 11 years: Thomas James, 14 years: Adam Wolter, 16 years: Syd Brockwell.

Female Champions: 9 years: Lacie Henderson, 10 years: Jasmine Scott, 11 years: Isis Grant, 12 years: Meg Smith, 13 years: Lillian James, 15 years: Syn Pinsiri, 16 years: India Burkinshaw.

This year, every lunch time students will have the opportunity to attend an extra-curricular club such as: book club, chess, dance, lego, sport, debating and drawing. This is to provide students a variety of activities throughout the week to strengthen positive relationships. Also, the school has a brand-new badminton/volleyball court, basketball/netball court and handball courts the students are extremely excited to take advantage of.

We look forward to working closely with parents and the community throughout this year.

## Lockhart Bowls Report

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 16 bowlers travelled to Yerong Creek for the Shire Shield with Steve Johnstone and Barry Love having wins on their rinks, Jason Healy and Max Montgomery both had draws in two very close games. This was enough for Lockhart to bring home the shield – well done. Thanks to Brendan Barrat and Rex Sheather for filling in.

The Shire Shield is held once a year between Lockhart, Yerong Creek and The Rock.



*Pictured- left to right from the back - Jim Quee, Jason Healy, Rex Sheather, Jesse Shilo, Colin Ryan, Ken Smith, Keith Bender, Graham Johnstone, Duncan Lamont, Stuart Carn, Steve Johnstone.*

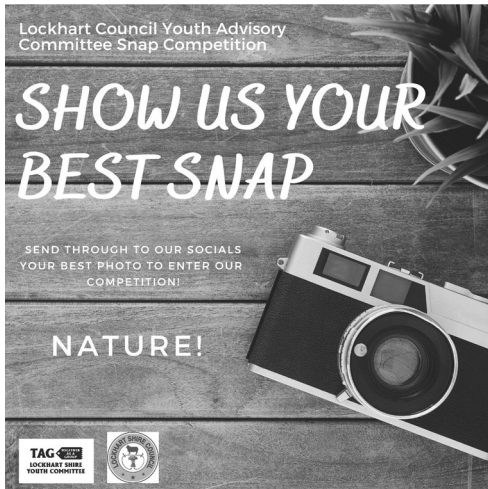
*Kneeling - Max Montgomery, Dave Flynn, Brendan Barrat, Barry Love.*

*Absent – Scott Chandler.*

# Youth Officer

## Start of Year Pool Party

At the end of February we are holding our Start of Year Pool Party with The Rock and Lockhart Central Schools at The Rock Pool. The day will be filled with fun games to play, plenty of sunshine and of course a free lunch! We think this is the perfect way to welcome in the new school year and can't wait to have fun with you all.



## Digital Events – Youth Photo Competition

Our second round for the Photo Competition is starting this month! We are going for a theme that is a little broader this time – Nature. All you have to do to enter the competition is send your best nature photo through to us on the Lockhart Youth Committee Facebook page and we will post it from there. Make sure you let everyone know as the winning photo will be the one with the most likes

You have until the end of March to get your photo in for your chance to win!

## NSW Youth Advisory Council 2021 – Applications Now Open

Applications are open for the NSW Youth Advisory Council 2021. Children and young people between 12-24 years of age living in NSW

are encouraged to apply. Council members are sought from diverse locations, backgrounds and life experiences. The 12 member YAC advises the NSW Government on subjects relevant to young people across the state. **Applications close 14 March, 2021.**

More information on the NSW Youth Advisory Council as well as application forms are available here [www.acyp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au)

## Lockhart Council 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 Schools.

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.

## Riverina Regional Study Help

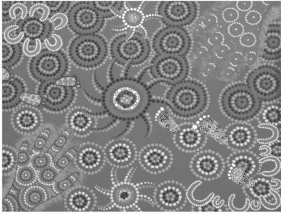
The Riverina Regional Library have all your study and homework needs sorted! Jump on their website and check out the Help for the HSC area or the Info Online section for all the links and downloads for whatever subject you are learning.



Health  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

## THE WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE IS VISITING LOCKHART

**Tuesday, 30th March 2021**



Artwork by Natalie William  
Commissioned for the MLHD Women's Health Nurses

For an appointment with the Women's Health Nurse

**RING 1800 654 324**

Cervical Screening Test  
Breast Health Awareness  
Menopause/Pelvic Floor Education  
Contraceptive Advice  
Pregnancy Testing with Counselling and Referral  
STI Screening

## Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021



FRIDAY

Date: 5th MARCH 2021

Time: 10.30 Am.

Location:

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOCKHART

Contact person: Sue GOODEN or CAROLYN RYAN  
Phone: 69205470 69205321

ALL WELCOME

## Quasquicentennial Celebrations

The township of Lockhart is 125 years old in 2021

A committee is intended to develop a plan for celebrations of this event.

If you are willing to work on such a committee, please attend a public meeting at the auditorium, Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club at 6pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

If you have suggestions of how this plan could be developed please contact Sylvia Mulholland on 0427 205135 or email [lockhartprogressassociation@outlook.com](mailto:lockhartprogressassociation@outlook.com)

Supported by the Lockhart Progress Association



**LOCKHART SHOW SOCIETY**



**AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL  
& SHOW SOCIETY OF LOCKHART INC.**

President: Bill Allitt

Secretary: Ms Shirley Jobson

**Annual General Meeting**

7.30pm 8th March 2021

**Lockhart Ex-Services Club**

Election of Office Bearers for 2021.

President, Vice Presidents 2, Treasurer, Public Officer & Committee.

General Business

All Welcome

Lockhart Show Society has a proud tradition of 114 shows and is regarded as a local area pioneer.

Lockhart Show Society is looking for dynamic people. The people we are looking for are keen and enthusiastic volunteers who love working for the community in a successful organisation which is, COVID 19 permitting, holding the annual show in September and Vintage Truck and Tractor Show in March.

The show has many facets, from Ring Events, Sideshows, Trade Stalls, Pavilion, Poultry and Dog Show, plus much, much more. We are seeking members to serve on the Committee or offer to help out at showtime.

email: [lockhartshow@gmail.com](mailto:lockhartshow@gmail.com)

The Boree Creek Community Committee (BCCC)

invites all to join us on

***Anzac Day 2021 for a Dawn Service  
in the Tim Fischer Community Park***

There will be no official ceremony at the Cenotaph in the Cemetery this year, however you are invited to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day should you wish to.

The Dawn Service will commence at 6.00am.

Please BYO chair.

Following the service, please join us at the Boree Creek Hotel for breakfast – gold coin donation, proceeds to Legacy.

Please direct any questions to the BCCC Secretary

Jodie Green 0448 132 432.

## Kindy Kits

Congratulations to Pleasant Hill Public School who received a \$200.00 voucher at the Gateway book shop in Wagga Wagga participated after participating in the questionnaire with the Kindy Kits project which is a Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) Initiative.

Kindy Kits aims to reduce waste at school and promote sustainable options to young children and their parents. The Kindy Kits project commenced in 2004. Since the Project began over 30,500 library bags have been given to kindergarten students in the Riverina Region.

Over 1,800 library bags containing information that promotes the message "No Waste in my Lunchbox" are distributed to kindergarten students across the REROC region during the first week of school each year. The character Recycle Roo is used to promote the reduce, reuse, recycle message via worksheets for the students, also included in the materials is a colourful brochure that gives parents valuable tips on how to reduce lunchbox waste. The resource materials, are used to create in-class discussion on both environmental and waste issues. A letter is included in the library bag explaining the project and resource materials are also included for parents to encourage them to discuss these issues with their children. To find out more go to <https://waste.reroc.com.au/kindy-kits>



*Image: Matt Holt – LSC ( Representing REROC) present voucher to Zillah Gleeson representing Pleasant Hills Public School*

## Dine & Discover NSW to help boost the economy

Dine & Discover NSW is helping businesses across the hospitality, arts and tourism industries by encouraging consumer spending at COVID Safe dining, entertainment and recreation venues.

Dine & Discover NSW will be tested with a small number of participants at The Rocks and Broken Hill in early February and then piloted with a larger group in Sydney CBD, Northern Beaches and Bega Valley from late February.

The program will be rolled out across the state in March 2021. Every NSW resident aged 18 and over will be eligible for four \$25 Dine & Discover NSW vouchers worth \$100 in total.

Two vouchers can be used for dining out at restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs and clubs, and two vouchers can be used for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues.

Residents can use their vouchers to dine at businesses from Monday to Thursday, and spend on activities at arts, entertainment and tourism businesses, seven days a week (excluding public holidays).

Businesses can register online to participate in Dine & Discover NSW. Vouchers will be distributed to NSW residents from early 2021, with some residents being the first to redeem their vouchers in selected trial locations prior to a state wide rollout.

For more information about Dine & Discover NSW, call Service NSW now on 13 7788 or book a free call with a Business Concierge. You can also find out more on the Dine & Discover NSW page at [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au).

Have you registered to accept vouchers?

**DINE  
& DISCOVER  
NSW**

Find out if your business is eligible and register today



Visit [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) or call 13 77 88



Did you know less than a third of eligible farmers currently receive Farm Household Allowance payments?

1800 319 458



**RFCS**  
Rural Financial Counselling Service  
NSW Southern Region

**FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE**

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

# DECISION MAKING & STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES



when: **Thursday 11 March**  
**10.30am to 1.30pm**

where: **Lockhart**  
**Ex-Serviceman's**  
**87 Green Street**

**This session will provide you with:**

- *An understanding of how stress impacts decision making*
- *Strategies to improve your decision making skills*

**Sign Up**

<https://bit.ly/36BdQT8>

Rural Adversity Mental Health  
Program Coordinator

**Faith Rogers**

[faith.rogers@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:faith.rogers@health.nsw.gov.au)

Partnered with:



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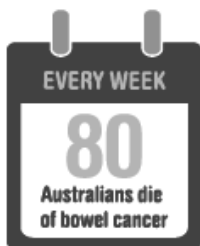




**NATIONAL  
BOWELCANCER**  
SCREENING PROGRAM

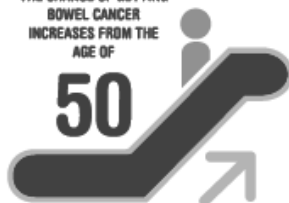


**It's a gift that  
could save your life**



THE CHANCE OF GETTING  
BOWEL CANCER  
INCREASES FROM THE  
AGE OF

**50**



OF BOWEL CANCERS CAN  
BE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED  
IF DETECTED EARLY



BECAUSE IT CAN  
DETECT BOWEL CANCER BEFORE  
SYMPTOMS APPEAR

By 2020 people aged

**50-74**

WILL BE SENT  
A FREE KIT IN THE MAIL  
EVERY TWO YEARS



Australian Government

Call 1800 118 868  
[australia.gov.au/bowelscreening](http://australia.gov.au/bowelscreening)

If you need help in your language,  
please call the Translating and  
Interpreting Service (TIS) 131 450

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# BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

## TOWN AND LIFESTYLE 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)



# 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 16th March 2021
- **The Rock Waste Facility** on Thursday 18th March 2021

#### 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).***



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 offer are:

◆ <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>

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** are running again on Monday mornings at the Lockhart Uniting Church Hall at 9am. There are classes on Tai Chi for Arthritis and Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and we are just learning Tai Chi for Memory. Beginners are welcome. Any enquiries please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 6920 6233 or 0427 204 051.

# 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 MARCH (7th & 21st)
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***



## Lockhart Lions Club Volunteers Required



The Lions Club of Lockhart is in need of volunteers

to assist with its main fundraising activity and community service  
involving the recycling of cardboard, paper and containers.

If you are able to assist, even for just a few hours a week,  
please contact John Irons on 6920 4616 or Dulcie McKenzie on 0429 434762.

## SILVERLEAF NIGHTSHADE



### *Solanum elaeagnifolium*

**Other common names:** White horse nettle, Tomato weed, White nightshade, Bull-nettle, Prairie-berry, Stansbos, Silverleaf Bitter-apple, Silver-leaf nettle, Trompillo, Silver nightshade, and Silver-leaved nightshade.

**Description:** A deep rooted summer-growing perennial plant from the tomato family Solanaceae, native of North and South America. It is an erect, perennial, bushy plant growing 30 to 100 cm high. Seedlings emerge at any time from late spring until autumn, depending on rainfall. Stems are erect, branched, densely covered in fine hairs and with numerous slender orange prickles.

**Leaves:** Silvery white underside due to dense cover of minute white hairs, alternate, 5-10cm long and 1-2cm wide. Leaf margins are often scalloped, and often with orange prickles on the veins.

**Flowers:** Usually purple to violet, occasionally white, 2.5-4cm wide, with five pointed petals, and five yellow anthers which are 7-9 mm long. Flowers from November to April.

**Seed/Fruit:** The fruit is a smooth globular berry about 6-12mm in diameter. Initially green with dark striations, changing to yellow and orange mottled and becoming wrinkled when ripe. Seed is spread by

birds, water, and livestock, particularly sheep.

**Root:** Deep, much branched, vertical and horizontal roots, bearing buds which produce new aerial growth each year.

**Toxicity:** Stock poisoning from alkaloids contained in the silverleaf nightshade has occurred, but this is uncommon. Only moderately palatable to stock although it is toxic to eat. Ripe fruit are the most poisonous part of the plant. Symptoms include profuse diarrhoea and profound nervous depression. There can be significant weight loss and eventually death, possibly due to heart failure, after 7 to 14 days of sickness.

**Control:** Silverleaf nightshade is very difficult to kill. Plants can spread by plant propagules, such as by root pieces, by seed or by suckering. It is best to try and treat isolated plants and smaller patches as they appear. Good ground cover and competitive pastures can be a key element in controlling the spread of the plant.

Silverleaf nightshade is also declared as a Weed of National Significance.

Silverleaf nightshade 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.

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)

Bringing  
services  
to your  
community

March 10th  
2021  
10am to  
3pm



## 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](https://service.nsw.gov.au/msc) to find out when we're next near you.

### Next in town



Wednesday 10th March 2021 10am - 3pm Lockhart Shire Council, 65 Green St, Lockhart

