



# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

Our Values - Leadership; Integrity; Progressiveness; Commitment; Accountability; Adaptability

**Lockhart Shire Business Excellence Awards  
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**March 2019**



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The Rock Red Cross  
Tuesday 16th April 2019 - 10am at  
The Rock Bowling Club

Lucky  
Door  
Prizes

Easter  
Egg  
Raffle

**EASTER BUN MORNING TEA**  
All Welcome

Ann Taylor President 6920 2085 or Joy Schultz Secretary 0428 566 902

The Rock CWA presents

**"Blume's Winter Fashions"**

**Tuesday 14th May 2019**

**At**

**The Rock Bowling Club**

**Morning Tea - 9.30am**

**Cost - \$5.00**

**All Welcome**

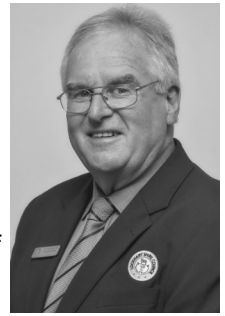
**Enquiries to:**

**Joy Schultz - President, 0428 566 902**

**Ann Taylor - Secretary, 6920 2085**



# Mayoral Report



Hello everyone.

Well we are well into the year now and still no rain. Farmers and business owners alike are feeling the effects of the dry with business reported to be slowing down not only in our smaller towns but also in the larger regional centres as well. At these times we must, if possible, support the businesses in our own towns.

A couple of weeks ago the inaugural meeting of “Neighbourhood Watch” was held in Lockhart to see if there was appetite to form a branch here in Lockhart. The meeting was very well attended and I think it will probably go ahead. A very good project.

The plans for the proposed upgrade of Lockhart CBD have been on exhibition and they have generated quite a lot of comment. Council welcomes the views of people whether local or those passing through because, if we go ahead in the future with a plan, we want it to be right.

Work is progressing well on the culvert and bridge upgrades and as people can see Lockhart Green Street and The Rock Streven Street works are progressing well.

A drinks and nibbles night was held at the Lockhart Bowling Club on 8 March to show Council’s thanks for a job well done for Max Montgomery after 24 years of service on the Lockhart Shire Council. Thanks Max.

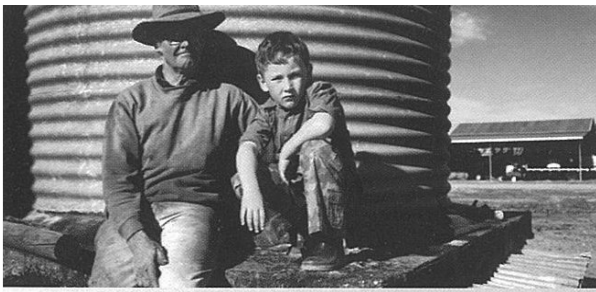
We were saddened to here of the passing of Susan Creek. She was a stalwart of Pleasant Hills and contributed hugely to the welfare of many. Our sympathies are extended to Peter and family at this time.

Our Renewable Energy Project fight is ongoing and hopefully we will achieve a result soon. This is a project that has no downsides and has the ability to provide smaller rural communities like ours with reliable base load power forever.

The Rock residents will note that work has begun on Stage 2 of the pool refurbishment. It’s all very exciting and will further improve the prospects of attracting new residents to The Rock. Stage 2 of flood mitigation works at Lockhart are due to commence in early May. This should bring a large degree of comfort to Lockhart residents.

Lastly, on Sunday, 3 March I attended the 100th anniversary of the Urangeline Peace Hall. What a marvellous day with a very large crowd in attendance. The organising committee headed up by Mr Bill Hamsen did a terrific job and everyone enjoyed a good old-fashioned catch up as well as a fantastic lunch (thank you ladies). That’s it from me for another month and let’s hope that when we next talk it will be much wetter.

Cheers Rodg.



LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE

**QPR** QUESTION.  
PERSUADE.  
REFER.



## LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE

Many people who are experiencing suicidal thoughts communicate distress through their words or actions, but these warning signs may be missed or misinterpreted. We can all be trained to spot the signs. By building a network in our community, we will strengthen our local safety net. Suicide prevention is everyone's business.

QPR training will provide you with:

- knowledge and skills to identify warning signs someone may be suicidal
- confidence to talk to them about suicidal thoughts
- connect them with professional care

**SIGN UP FOR QPR TRAINING TODAY**  
[www.lifespanmurrumbidgee.org.au](http://www.lifespanmurrumbidgee.org.au)

QPR for individuals living in the Murrumbidgee region is free. Bulk licences are available for businesses and organisations across the region. Contact us today at [lifespan@mphn.org.au](mailto:lifespan@mphn.org.au)



  
**ONLY TAKES  
60 MINUTES**

  
**LICENCES REMAIN  
ACTIVE FOR  
3 YEARS**



# Community Satisfaction Survey

Council is undertaking a community satisfaction survey as a means of better understanding what things matter most to residents and obtaining feedback regarding the community's priorities. A community satisfaction survey also assists Council in evaluating its own performance in relation to the wide range of activities it undertakes.

Council understands that the real benefit in undertaking community satisfaction surveys is to be able to view and analyse trends over a period of time. Therefore there is value in undertaking surveys on a regular or semi-regular basis rather than as a one off snapshot of community sentiment.

Accordingly the 2019 survey questions are the same as the community satisfaction surveys Council previously carried out in 2014 and 2016. The results of these surveys are still available on Council's website.

The 2019 customer satisfaction survey will be distributed in early April 2019. Alternatively the Survey will be able to be completed online at Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au) from early April also.

Council values the views of its community and therefore residents are encouraged to complete and return the Survey by the closing date of **7 May 2019**. The results of the Survey will be published in a future edition of the Newsletter.

## **LOCKHART RED CROSS OP-SHOP March News**

Open Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 2pm. We gratefully accept all clean clothing or small items (china, glasses etc) unfortunately we can't accept electrical appliances.

President Mary collected a good range of mobility aids and they were sent to Zimbabwe where they are very much needed.

Rae has been in touch with Helen Vakas & Julie Barker to see if they have any photos of the interior of the Monterey Café before it was pulled apart to become the Red Cross Op-Shop? They are going to go through their photos and get back to us.

Red Cross are going to hold a fashion parade & afternoon tea later in the year.

We have been getting an amazing amount of goods donated, thank you to anyone who has been doing clean-outs. If you have any hats, not caps, these would be greatly appreciated.

We are having a donation box at the polling booth on voting day. Money going to Red Cross Calling.

We will need to raise money to have the floor in the kitchen area fixed and we would like to have a hot water system installed.

Next meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Red Cross Shop at 2pm. All members welcome



**VALMAR**  
Linking Community

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:  
We also offer a Weekly Bus Service to Wagga each Wednesday.  
Social bus Trips each Friday .

### Contact 02 6920 4162

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



Meals on Wheels

### 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**

### Valmar Community Transport Lockhart to Albury Bus

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Depart Lockhart	8:00am
Arrive at The Rock	8.30am
Arrive at Yerong Creek	8:50am
Arrive at Henty	9:15am
Arrive at Albury	10.15am

Depart Albury	2.30pm
Henty	3:30pm
Yerong Creek	3:55pm
The Rock	4:15pm
Lockhart	4:45pm

**These times are an estimated time.**

**All destinations are available from Lockhart and we encourage new clients to ring to make enquiries on pick up points. Enjoy a trip with friends or go on your own and make new friends. New clients always welcome  
Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**\$10.00 RETURN TRIP**

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.  
Please contact our Lockhart Office  
Ph. 02 6920 4162.**



Lockhart Preschool  
Kindergarten Inc.

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

### St Peters Anglican Church

Celebrates 100 years of service to our community on 21/08/2019.

We are seeking a loan of any memorabilia, eg photos or items from the past to be used to help us commemorate this special occasion.

Please contact : Rev Jocelyn Heazlewood 0427 198 513 or Mrs M Vennell 69201067



### Rates information

If paying by instalments, your next instalment will be due by  
**31st May 2019**

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.

## Lockhart Senior Citizen's

### April 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,  
Afternoon tea supplied

### Lockhart Senior's News

18 members attended our March meeting. Minutes were read and the Treasurers report given. Members were reminded of the B.B.Q. on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and cards on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. President Joy thanked all members who were able to attend the Seniors Week activities, a good time was held by all. Being no further business, Bingo was played & a nice afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Marg Mildren

Secretary



Brookong Nook

Craft Shop

Green Street

Lockhart



*Stocking locally made wares for sale.*

An abundant variety of delicious home made *Jams, Pickles, Relishes and Lemon Butter. Local Honey, Free Range Eggs, Olive Oil & Goat Soap.*

Mouth watering, home baked *apple or apricot pies, small tarts, biscuits slices and succulent mixed fruit cakes.*

An array of gorgeous handcrafted knitted and sewn items.

*Great place for that special gift at reasonable prices.*

Orders taken if unavailable on the day.

## R U OK? MEN'S BBQ'S 2019

Free  
sausage  
sizzle  
lunch



### Get Some Men Together

Thursday, 18th April

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 20th June

Thursday 18th July

From 12.30pm

Venue

Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club



## Self Advocacy Support Group Lockhart

RDAS provides an opportunity for people who have a disability to be part of its self-organised advocacy support group to:

- have their say about issues which affect them and which are important to them.
- learn new skills
- share information
- know their rights
- make friends
- enjoy social activities

## When & Where do we meet?

### Meeting Dates for 2019

(Last Friday every month)

March 29th

April 26th

May 31st

June 28th

### Meeting Time:

1:00pm - 3:00pm

### Meeting Place:

Valmar office  
9 Matthews Street,  
Lockhart NSW 2656

If you are interested in joining the group, why not give it a go.

It is free to join.

For more information:

1800 250 292



## News from Greens Gonyah Museum

Welcome to another interesting and exciting year. I say exciting because this year we will finally complete work on the Billabong building. Its been a long process of nearly 4 years, lots of sleepless nights and hard work by our committee. But its been amazing to watch the transformation of the building into a wonderful space where more of the town's stories can be told and history displayed.

We anticipate a Grand Opening early July all going well with the work that's still outstanding and the fit-out of displays etc. However, Tim Fischer's room will be opened sometime in April, we wish Tim well in his battle with illness. Invitations will be sent out to those who contributed to the funding of the building to attend a grand opening ceremony. We're not sure if we can match the original opening ceremony of Billabong motors in 1962 but it will certainly be something to celebrate.

Last year proved to be our busiest year both in the Visitor Information Centre and the museum with over 4,000 visitors coming through the door. We hope those numbers continue in 2019, however, due to volunteer numbers we will be closed every Monday afternoons as the executive can not continue to work these extra hours. We also have other days that the executive cover, so if you are interested in helping us stay open as much as possible please contact myself or Paul Creek and go on our roster.

We offer training, support and a comfortable and convenient work space with Air Conditioning, TV, kitchen etc all to make your volunteering with us enjoyable as possible. Please contact me on 0427295264 or Paul on 0429207252.

Thank you for your continued support  
Heather Trevaskis



## Looking after your heritage home and brick repair workshop

Join us for a free workshop and learn about common maintenance issues faced by heritage owners in the Riverina. You'll get tips on preventing building decline and a maintenance checklist to keep.

The workshop includes a demonstration on how to repair brick salt erosion and why you need to use lime mortar for repointing instead of cement.

Stick around for a cuppa after the workshop and find out where you can get funding and free advice to help you look after your old building.

### Workshop details:

**Date:** Friday 12 April 2019  
**Time:** 10am to 10:30am  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Location:** GrainCorp building  
126 Green Street, Lockhart

This workshop is offered as part of the Lockhart restoration project supported by Heritage Near Me and Lockhart Shire Council.

For more information contact Lockhart Shire Council on (02) 6920 5305.

## Anglican Parish of The Rock Diocese of Riverina

Easter Service Times:

Good Friday 9:30am

St Peters The Rock

Easter Sunday 9:am

St Cuthberts Uranquinty

Enquires Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

# School News

## **St Joseph's News**

We held our beginning year school Mass earlier in the term and immediately following the Mass, the Year 6 students introduced their Kinder buddies to the school and parish community.

Congratulations to the students on their wonderful efforts at the school swimming carnival. Well done to Hanrahan who were the eventual winners on the day and to our champions – Imogen Kurrle, Nick Bowyer, Bridie Nimmo, Tom Hunt, Macey Mathews, Darcy Fox and Caitlin Hamson. Twenty one of our swimmers then went on to the Deanery carnival in Wagga where, once again, some amazing performances were put in and our junior girls set a new record in their relay swim. Six students then went on to the Diocesan Carnival.

It was wonderful hosting our senior citizens for a concert and morning tea during Senior Citizens Week in February and well done to the students for their performance.

Catholic Schools Week celebrations took place for us in March with the students and staff from St Francis Xavier School, Urana travelling over for a visit so that we could share the day together. We began with a liturgy in the school grounds, followed by lots of fun activities based around the theme of 'Discover the Catholic School Difference: Jesus Christ – the Greatest Teacher' and then sat down to enjoy lunch together.

Congratulations to our boys who have been chosen for the MacKillop selection trials later in the year - Jack Douglas (cricket), Nick Bowyer (AFL) and Rohan Day (cricket and AFL).

## **The Rock Central School News**

On Friday, 8th February we had a very successful Swimming Carnival with excellent participation from a large number of our students. There were some stand-out performances. Deakin was the victorious house on this occasion with Barton planning a result reversal for the upcoming athletics carnival in the last week of this term.

Congratulations to all age champions especially Callum Gardiner who broke all existing records for all of his events. Thank you to all staff for their support and assistance on the day.

## **Head Teacher Secondary - Mr Price Jones**

### **Lockhart Central School News**

Our annual swimming carnival was held on Friday 8th February. It was wonderful to compete at the refurbished pool. Students participated and gained points for their houses with the end result being RED on 160 points and WHITE on 291 points. Congratulations White house. A very big thankyou to all staff who assisted in running the day and to the parents who came and supported their children.

**What was K/1/2 most exciting and favourite part of swimming carnival?** "I like the sinking toys" David K, "Holly helped me swim in the noodle race" Chloe, "I enjoyed playing basketball with Seth" Mack, "I enjoyed swimming my laps" Jasmine, "I won the noodle race" Addison, "My favourite thing was the noodle race" David R, "Playing basketball with Mack, Jai and Raurii" Seth, "That I swam two laps" Amelia, "I enjoyed the noodle race" Jai

## **The Rock Red Cross "Claiming the Date"**

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 5th November 2019**

**For more information contact:**

**Ann Taylor - President on 6920 2085**

# Youth News

## 2019 NSW Seniors Festival – An Active, Happy & Healthy Life For All

On the 18 February 2019 the Lockhart Shire Central School students celebrated Seniors Week with members of the community at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club.

The event was an intergenerational event and was all about younger and older members of the community coming together for a fun morning of information, exercise and a scrumptious morning tea.

The morning commence with the Department of Fair Trading providing an extremely engaging and in-depth presentation on being scam aware, knowing your shopping rights and hiring a tradie. All undertaken with a chocolate wheel!

The Department of Fair Trading are experienced in delivering expert information about your rights and responsibilities and provide FREE speakers who will present at community events.

After a lovely morning tea the participants had the opportunity to take part in Chair Yoga facilitated by the Mindful Warrior, Anna Gannon. Yoga has been shown to improve overall health when practiced regularly. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be done sitting on a chair or standing on the ground while using the chair for support. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session and felt extremely relaxed and refreshed and ready to enjoy the rest of the day.

Thank you everyone for attending and taking part in the activities on the day and also the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club for providing the venue.

## **Country Arts Support Grant – Heroes of the Community: What the young people think?**

The success of the project *Heroes of the Community: What the young people thinks* was announced late last year with a visit from NSW Nationals MP Wes Fang to the Lockhart Central School.

The project is all about young people recognizing people they feel are making a difference in the community for other young people. They could be the local football or netball coach, a teacher or someone who organizes cultural events. The chosen participants will be interviewed and have their photo taken by the young people. Following this the young people will be mentored by a creative writer and graphic designer and an Ebook created. The Ebook will be accessible for the whole community to read.

The project will commence in May with interviews, July the creative writing will commence, August the book will be put together with the graphic designer and September it will be published as an Ebook.

If you are a young person interested in being part of this project contact Susan Kane Youth Development Officer on 0417212069.





## 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)



## 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

## "Kengal Krafters Inc"

The Rock Craft Shop

@ the CWA Rooms

128 Urana Street, The Rock—Open

Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 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, knitting and patchwork 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. For more information call Joy Schultz 042856902, Wendy Flory 0429637313 or Chris Makeham 0448570227

## The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

### Kindergarten

for 2019

Do you have a child,  
or someone you know has a child,  
**turning 5** (or at the latest 6)  
before 31st July, 2019?

please contact

The Rock Central School  
on

Ph: 6920 2132

or

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

to enrol

## 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/>



# 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**



## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

**April**

**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**

**3pm - 4pm**

**The Rock**

**4th & 18th**

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

Now stopping directly across from  
Emily Gardens Aged Care, Emily  
Street

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

# 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**

## Lockhart Uniting Church Services

**April 2019**

**7th - 9am**, Lockhart

**14th - 9am**, Lockhart,

**11am**, Woodhaven

**19th - 9am**, Good Friday, Lockhart

**21st - 9am** Easter Sunday, Lockhart

**28th - 9am**, Lockhart, Commissioning of  
Elders and Church Council Members,  
Holy Communion

If there are any pastoral concerns, please  
contact Lorraine Hoffman on 6920 6233 or  
0427 204 051

## 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](http://www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au)

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Milbrulong



2nd Sunday of the month -

Lay Reading with Sunday School

4th Sunday with Pastor Stuart Kleinig

Holy Communion & Morning Tea

Phone 02-69206226 with enquiries

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Riverina Parish of Lockhart

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

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets Lockhart

Worship Sundays 9.00am

### **St Philip's Urana**

Princess Street, Urana

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.00am

### **St Oswald's Boree Creek**

*Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals & other  
activities by arrangement*

*Enquiries: Rev Nola Cox 0429 028 274*

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

## 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

## The Rock Uniting Church

Ford Street, The Rock

Rev. Daniel Yang

2ND SUNDAY – 9.30AM

All Welcome

CONTACT: (02) 69202024

Or (02) 6933 1650

Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6

Tune every day



# Service NSW

## OPENING AND RUNNING A BUSINESS IN LOCKHART SHIRE!

Dreaming of opening your own business here in Lockhart Shire? We can help make your dreams come true! In partnership Service NSW, Lockhart Shire Council make it easier for you to open run and grow your business.

With streamlined forms and one phone number to help you fast track the approval processes when opening business you no longer need to call multiple numbers and complete numerous forms to hurdle complex regulations.

Through one online portal you will receive step-by-step guidance and support across local, state and federal government requirements, whether you wish to open, grow or finalise your business in Lockhart Shire.

Easy to do Business is free of charge and gives you peace of mind by letting you know upfront the time, fees and effort involved. It allows you to spend less time on paperwork and more time on your business. And, for added assurance, you will be supported by a dedicated personal Business Concierge through the process.

You can now enquire about any type of business with Easy to Do Business. Find out more now by visiting <https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/> or calling **13 77 88**.

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Business** is  
now live in  
**Lockhart  
Shire**



**Service  
NSW**

Easy to do Business



# 2019 LOCKHART SHIRE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

## NOMINATIONS

The Lockhart Shire Business Excellence Awards celebrate and recognise local businesses for their achievements. The Awards are supported by Lockhart Shire Council, The Rock Progress Association, Lockhart Progress Association, Lockhart Rotary and Service NSW Easy to Do Business program.

### NOMINATION DETAILS:

- Nominations open on 25 March and close at 4pm on 15 April 2019.
- Nominations are free and is open to all businesses located within Lockhart Shire.
- Nomination forms are available in the Lockhart Shire Council newsletter, at the Lockhart Shire Council Administrative Office and online at <https://lockhartshirebusinessdirectory.com.au/>.
- Completed nomination forms are to be returned to Lockhart Shire Council, PO Box 21, Lockhart NSW 2656 by closing date.

*Nominations of more than one business/business person is permissible. Separate nomination forms are required. A business/business person may only be nominated once per each category. Self nomination by businesses is permissible.*

### NOMINATION CATEGORIES:

- Young Entrepreneur (18-35)
- Employee of the Year
- Excellence in Small Business

### NOMINEES:

All businesses nominated will receive a Finalist Pack that includes instructions to access a streamlined Finalist questionnaire, an outline of the judging criteria and an invitation to attend the Lockhart Shire Business Excellence Awards Presentation Evening. Finalist questions are due on 1 May 2019, with Finalists to be judged based on information received from each business.

### AWARDS EVENING:

***The Awards Evening is open to all Lockhart Shire Businesses and will include talks by Industry Leaders, an evening meal and the presentation of the Lockhart Shire Business Excellence Awards.***

The Presentation Evening will be a ticketed event and will be held at The Rock Memorial Bowling Club commencing at 6pm on 29 May 2019. The evening is an ideal opportunity for our Shire business owners to celebrate their achievements and to network with their peers.

The Winner in each category will receive a trophy with the runner up receiving a Highly Commended Certificate. The Winner of the overall Lockhart Shire Business Excellence Award will receive a Trophy and Certificate.

### KEY DATES:

Entries Open	25 March 2019
Entries Closes	15 April 2019
Finalists Announced / Finalist Pack distributed	16 April 2019
Questionnaires Returned	1 May 2019
Judging Process	5-19 May 2019
Presentation Evening	29 May 2019



# NOMINATION FORM

## 2019 LOCKHART SHIRE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**NOMINATOR – This section should include your own details.**

Name.....

Address ..... Postcode.....

Tel no .....

Email .....

*Please Note When Nominating:*

*Nominations of more than one business/business person is permissible. Separate nomination forms are required. A business/business person may only be nominated once per each category. Self nomination by businesses is permissible.*

**NOMINEE – This section should include details of the business / business person you are nominating.**

Business Name .....

Business Persons Name.....

Employees Name.....

Business Address..... Postcode.....

Tel no .....

Email .....

Category: Young Entrepreneur (18-35)

Employee of the Year

Excellence in Small Business

This form must be completed online at <https://lockhartshirebusinessdirectory.com.au/>  
or returned to Lockhart Shire Council, PO Box 21, Lockhart NSW 2656 by the  
closing date - **4pm, Monday 15 April 2019.**

## WHY SHOP LOCALLY IN LOCKHART SHIRE

### 1. Buy Local, Support Your Community

When you buy from a locally owned business, your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses and service providers, strengthening our local community.

### 2. Create More Jobs

Small local businesses are the largest employer nationally and with community support, local businesses provide more jobs to residents.

### 3. Invest In The Community

Local businesses are owned by people who live in the community and are invested in the community's future.

### 4. Keep Our Community Unique

Where we shop makes our community home. Our one of a kind businesses are part of the distinctive character of Lockhart Shire.

### 5. Support Community Groups

Community groups receive on average 250% more support from smaller business owners than they do from large businesses.

### 6. Encourage Local Prosperity

Entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their unique businesses and character.

### 7. Buy What You Want

Small businesses select products based on the needs and interests of their local customers.



## Silent Auction

### *Used Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts*

Council will receive EOI for the purchase of 36 of 2100wx900h used reinforced concrete box culverts up until close of business Friday 12 April.

The culverts are as-is and are located at 164 Green Street, Lockhart. EOI's can be submitted via email at [tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au) . Any enquiries can be directed to David Webb on 0269205305.



Come and join  
award winning sugar artist  
Anita Human of Vintique Cakes for a  
fun filled morning while supporting  
the Cancer Councils Biggest Morning  
Tea at Urana Community Health  
Friday 3rd May 2019 at 10am

Anita will be demonstrating cake  
decorating techniques, sharing her  
skills and knowledge.

Contact Anita for more information at  
[vintiquecakes@hotmail.com](mailto:vintiquecakes@hotmail.com)



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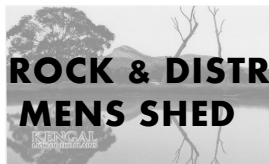


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Biggest  
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Tea**



## 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 & 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.



### 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



### 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.

### 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

# 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

04/11/2016 08:17

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network have a counsellor providing counselling on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Lockhart Medical Practice.  
Referrals are needed.  
Just call the surgery on 69205249 to make an appointment.

### 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.

### **Tai Chi Classes**



Each Monday morning at the Lockhart Uniting Church Hall at 9am for the Advanced Class and 9.45 for beginners It is a New Year so why not come along & try a gentle different exercise? Everyone is welcome.

Any enquiries please ring Lorraine Hoffmann on 0427204051.

# Environmental Services



## NSW PLANNING PORTAL

For all matters 'planning' the NSW Government has developed a *Planning Portal*. The Portal can be accessed via the link below, and can be used free of charge and without having to create a login.

You can do a search of your property to check the land zoning, development controls, and even determine if your development may be exempt from the planning process.

Visit the NSW Planning Portal at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>



## PRE-LODGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

It is highly recommended that, prior to lodging your development application, you book an appointment with Council's Environmental Services 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.

## Queensland Fruit Fly

With the continued warm temperatures fruit fly activity in the Shire has increased. Residents are reminded that by taking effective action to control fruit flies in your home garden you can minimise damage to the fresh fruit and vegetables you produce and contribute to regional management strategies for fruit fly control.

One of the best methods of controlling fruit fly is the removal and disposal of unwanted fruit trees. Fallen and unwanted fruit should be collected into black plastic bags and left in the sun for 3 to 5 days to kill the maggots, then dispose of in the garbage collection.

For more information on fruit fly and its control visit Department of Primary Industries website <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/insect-pests/qff> or advice for gardeners [www.preventfruitfly.com.au](http://www.preventfruitfly.com.au) .



# Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN APRIL (7th only)
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	10.00 am – 12.00pm		



## 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*

**Council's Waste Disposal Centres are closed on all Public Holidays**

**No cash \$\$\$ no worries. Eftpos facilities are now available at all Council waste facilities.**



## 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>

# Council Snippets 18 March 2019

## **MASTERPLAN FOR THE ROCK AVENUE OF HONOUR**

Council at its meeting held on 18 March 2019 resolved to form a focus group to look at a masterplan for the potential upgrade of the Avenue of Honour in The Rock following a request from The Rock RSL Subbranch. In addition, The Rock Progress Association has made contact with Council requesting to be involved with any master planning that may be undertaken. The main request appears to be around the trees and the type of trees to be planted in the Avenue. Any change in trees will require a considered approach due to the lengthy time required to establish trees, shading requirements, maintenance and suitability for the location. The streetscape in general undertook major renovations in 2008. Any masterplan would be subject to a full community consultation process.

## **MASTERPLAN FOR LOCKHART BUSINESS CENTRE**

Further to the report to Council at its February 2019 meeting, Council has undertaken community consultation of the initial masterplan preliminary concepts to upgrade the Lockhart business centre. The masterplan is considering a range of initiatives including heritage issues, all-abilities access to shop fronts, pedestrian access, parking, landscaping, street furniture, drainage, etc. to make improvements to the street function and amenity. The community engagement sessions were held during the week of 13-15 February 2019, which consisted of an afternoon and evening drop in sessions, as well as face to face meetings with all shop owners and the Museum committee. An online survey was open 7-28 February 2019. A total of 117 people were engaged with across all sessions, meetings and via the survey. The overall feedback was positive, with main comments around street trees, handrails and access with terracing the footpath areas, along with carparking arrangements. Key themes of importance that emerged were maintaining the heritage and pavers, accessibility and parking. The concept plans will be revised to incorporate the community's feedback to create the draft masterplan, and further public consultation is scheduled to occur in early May 2019. A third round of consultation will occur mid-June 2019 to present the final masterplan to the community before being presented to Council for endorsement.

## **HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS**

Council, in May 2017, approved to gazette for 4.6m high vehicles. The gazettal notice and maps have now been updated with all roads now approved for vehicles up to 4.6m high.



# Council Snippets 18 March 2019

In order to improve access across the Shire, staff are proposing the following gazettals:

- PBS Level 1 & 2A vehicles for GML. The attached NHVR PBS Vehicle Configurations brochure shows the intended PBS Level 1 and 2A configurations (up to 25m/26m) to be included in the gazettal. This would exclude PBS A-Doubles to GML at this time as they are classed as Level 2B and there isn't a PBS level 2B or 3A network in NSW as yet. However, Council is able to pre-approve local roads for PBS Level 2B (up to 30m) and 3A (30m-36.5m) combinations for up to three years. This will allow A-Doubles as well as B-Triples to use the road network. Once all the bridges have been upgraded and hopefully MR59 to Urana, then this would be recommended to be increased to allow HML.

- The NHVR has released the new Agriculture Notice, which has new dimensions to cover the movement of agricultural equipment. The gazetting of access in accordance with this notice will support local farmers with the movement of air-seeders and headers in particular, and reduce the need for permits to be issued. Please refer to attached National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2019.

At its meeting 18 March 2019, Council resolved to:

- a) Grant consent to include PBS Levels 1 & 2A Vehicles to GML on the current Lockhart Shire B-Double approved network excluding Urana Street, Lockhart (from Green to Treasure Streets);
- b) Grant pre-approval for up to three years to include PBS Levels 2B & 3A Vehicles to GML on the current Lockhart Shire B-Double approved network excluding Urana Street, Lockhart (from Green to Treasure Streets); and
- c) Grant consent to the National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2019.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT**

*Works Report:* Shoulder widening works on Western Road and Osborne Yerong Creek Road have been completed. There are some tidying up and pavement defect repairs required on Osborne Yerong Creek Road, which will be undertaken shortly. One grader crew will continue with maintenance grading and gravel re-sheets in accordance with the updated programme, while the second crew has commenced rehabilitation works on Urana Lockhart Road. Concrete crew is continuing with the HML bridges project being the repair and upgrade of 9 bridge structures throughout the Shire. Bridges at Brookong Creek in Lockhart and Burkes Creek in The Rock have

# Council Snippets 18 March 2019

been completed. The first of the culverts upgrade on Green Street is well advanced and expected to be completed by mid-March, with the next culvert upgrade planned being across Urangeline Creek on Western Road. In addition, Council has recently submitted a grant application under the Drought Relief Heavy Vehicles Access program for the trimming of trees and vegetation to allow 4.6m high access across the Shire. Council approved 4.6m access in May 2017, as well as recently granted Class 3 Drought Assistance Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 to assist farmers, allowing more efficient movement of hay and livestock by use of the higher and wider loads. The trimming of trees will not only assist with higher vehicles but also modern agricultural equipment. Council has been successful with the grant application and works are scheduled to commence mid-March 2019 and will take up to three months to complete.

## **MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

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

*(a) Swimming Pools Upgrade:* The Rock pool upgrade works is planned to be undertaken in 2019 between swimming seasons, with the pool contactor commencing works on Monday, 11 March 2019. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by late October 2019.

*(b) 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.

*(c) 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 staff are having preliminary works undertaken being a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and services relocation completed before going to tender. It is anticipated that the construction works will commence mid-2019 and be completed by end of 2019.

*(d) Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock:* The Rock Strevens Street drainage project is 75% complete. The main drain, Mangoplah Road culvert, railway and private culvert crossings are all complete. Greater Hume Shire Council has been contracted to undertake the remaining works on behalf of Council. Works have re-commenced on site and it is now anticipated that the project will be completed in April 2019. A grant application has been submitted for Stage 2 flood mitigation works at The Rock, being the drainage works along Nicholas, Yerong and Urana Streets. It is not anticipated to hear any outcome on this application till late 2019.

# Council Snippets 18 March 2019

## **PARKS AND GARDENS REPORT**

### **Inclusive Playground**

\$75,000 has been granted to Council from the NSW Govt. Everyone Can Play initiative to partially fund a new playground for The Rock. Council's financial commitment to this project will be included in the 2019/20 budget.

Everyone Can Play is not a new standard but a commitment to the future of play in NSW. This is a set of best practice recommendations designed to encourage more people to create more inclusive playspaces. The creation of inclusive playspaces requires a new way of thinking about the way playspaces are planned, designed and managed. For a playspace to be truly inclusive, it is important to consider the wider context. Can I get there? Can I play? Can I stay?

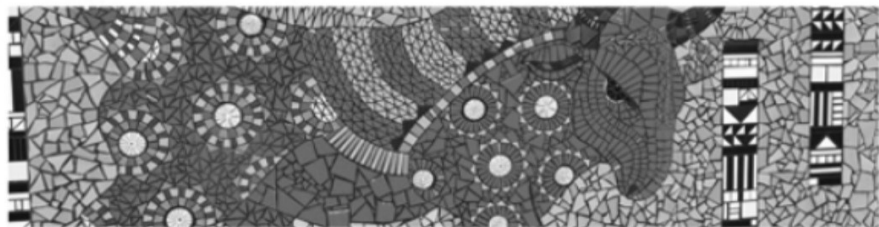
Inclusive playspaces consider as many needs as possible. Playspaces should be welcoming and comfortable, easy to navigate and interesting. They should offer a range of physical challenges, a variety of landscape settings and provide opportunities to connect with others.

The new playground will be installed at The Rock Recreation ground and will follow the design principles to create a playspace for everyone, regardless of age, ability (both physical and mental) or cultural background.

### **LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS 2018-19**

Council's Local Heritage Grant program aims to preserve, protect and/or identify areas or buildings of local heritage significance. NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) support the program by providing a small amount of funding to support Council's commitment at \$1:1 for eligible projects.

Each year, Council have been dedicating the grant program to a particular town. Last year's program, which targeted the Lockhart heritage conservation area, enabled applicants to undertake important restoration works to buildings, including the Lockhart IGA and the recently acquired 'Billabong Motors' building at the Lockhart and District Greens Gunyah Museum. This year Council have dedicated the 2018-19 program to The Rock Heritage Conservation Area. The Rock Hall and Museum Committee successfully applied for \$7,500 worth of funds through the grant program as a contribution towards building restoration and other works that will help enhance the street appeal and identity of the town hall/museum building, as previously identified in a report provided by Council's heritage advisor. The works are scheduled to commence in March and will be project managed by the Museum and Hall Committee under the supervision of Council staff.



## Exciting Creative opportunity for local residence coming up in April.

Francesca O'Donnell well known mosaic artist, graduate from Sydney College of the Arts and former resident of Lockhart, will be visiting to teach fun, creative Mosaic workshops for children and Adults as part of an exciting creative incentive for the area. No experience necessary.

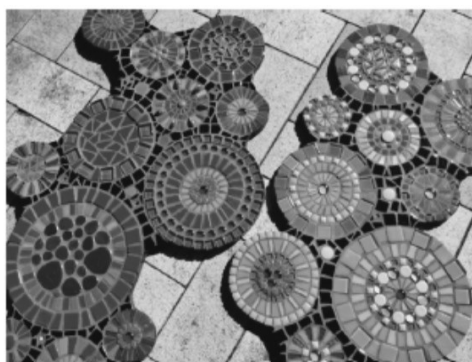
### *DISCOVERING CREATIVE MOSAICS.*

**DATE:** Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
**WHERE:** Greens Gonyah Museum  
**TIME:** Children (8yrs & over) ~ 9am -11am  
Adults ~ 11.30am - 2.30pm  
**COST:** Children ~ \$20 Adults ~ \$40

#### TICKETS CONTACT:

Fran Day M: 0427 205 526

E:[franday@bigpond.com](mailto:franday@bigpond.com)



All tools and equipment will be supplied to create your own Mosaic piece to take home using a variety of glass tiles, millefiori & beads.

**What to bring:** Closed in shoes, safety or reading glasses and water.

**What to expect:** Hands-on, fun filled session, learning Mosaic skills and techniques.

These cultural & creative workshops have been made possible by Eastern Riverina Arts, Regional Arts NSW, and Country Arts Support Program as the lead up to the 'Wiradjuri Yadhha (Dreaming) in Mosaic Project', an exciting artistic and cultural collaboration for the Lockhart community.

Thank you also to;

- Lockhart Shire Council
- Lockhart Historical Society
- Greens Gonyah Museum
- Fran Day -Grants & Project coordinator
- Mark Saddler Artist/Wiradjuri Elder





# Community Recycling Centres

## Waste matters

Drop off your household problem waste for recycling

**FREE SERVICE**

You can drop off:



Gas bottles and fire extinguishers



Paint



Household and car batteries



Fluoro globes and tubes



Motor oils



Other oils



Smoke detectors



Electronic waste

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.

Your Community Recycling Centre is located at:

**Lockhart Waste Depot  
Tip Road, Lockhart**

Hours: Wednesday: 8.30–10.30am

Alternate Sunday: 8.30–11.30am

For more information call Lockhart Shire Council on 02 6920 5305 or visit [www.ccriverinamurray.org.au](http://www.ccriverinamurray.org.au)

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy. Visit [www.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au)

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**CONTACT: LUKE FOLEY,  
JOHN MOONEY REAL ESTATE - AGENT FOR COUNCIL  
PHONE: 02 69211255**



## Service NSW

### Driver Testing

The next Service NSW driver testing visits to Council will take place on the 11th April 2019

In order to make a booking for your driving test you need to call **8059 3770**

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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

## Friday 12th April 2019

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)

## *Next Council Meeting Monday 15th April 2019*



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

Members of the community are most welcome to attend.

# WEED OF THE MONTH - PRICKLY PEAR



*AUSTROCYLINDROPUNTIA* 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](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds)





# 2019 LOVE LOCKHART SHIRE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



**\$1000  
IN CASH  
PRIZES**

**1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2019**  
FREE ENTRY | CASH PRIZES | OPEN TO ALL

**OPEN & YOUTH CATEGORIES**

OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN LOCKHART SHIRE  
& BE SUBMITTED IN PRINT AND DIGITAL FORMAT.

#TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY



For full details go to  
[visitlockhartshire.com.au](http://visitlockhartshire.com.au)