



# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

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

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May 2019



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# Claiming the Date!

Brookdale Red Cross

Melbourne Cup

with *Bling*

Tuesday 5th November 2019

The Rock Red Cross  
"Claiming the Date"  
Melbourne Cup Luncheon  
Tuesday 5th November  
2019

For more information  
contact:  
Ann Taylor - President on  
6920 2085



## ANIMAL WELFARE

### SELLING OR GIVING AWAY A CAT OR DOG IN NSW?

FROM 1 JULY 2019, NEW RULES WILL APPLY

You will need to include a microchip or breeder or rehoming organisation number in your ads

For more information visit [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals)



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# Mayoral Report

Hello everyone.

This month I will get straight into it. Firstly the election has been run and won which means that the commitment made by Michael McCormack to provide \$1million for stage one of the Lockhart renewable energy project can proceed. Congrats to Michael on his convincing win. We will get going on this as soon as possible but it could take some time.

The second public display of the proposed Lockhart CBD master plan was held at the Council Chambers earlier this month and again quite a few people turned up to have a look and make suggestions. Quite a few changes have been made to fit what people want and it will be further refined to make sure it will enhance our town environment not radically change it.

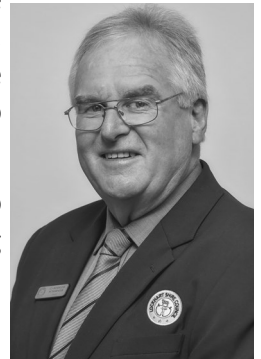
I spoke to a local hotelier last week about new laws that apply to the owners and operators of hotels in NSW. Fines have been increased substantially for publicans when people disobey directions given to them by publicans to not take alcohol into restricted areas i.e. onto the street etc. These fines, along with insurance required to be carried by these venues when compromised, could indeed cause these places to close in some cases. People using these venues should at all times be mindful of the consequences of their behaviour as we must retain these places in our communities.

Work is progressing well on our road maintenance through the Shire as well as the near completion of much of the bridge and culvert upgrades required to meet higher mass limit vehicles and enable full loading of livestock and grain to maximise efficiency. With funding secured for the Lockhart to Urana Road upgrade we expect heavy traffic to increase in time through our Shire.

By the time you read this report we will have had the "Volunteers BBQ" at the Yerong Creek Bowling Club. Hopefully we will have had a good crowd in attendance as we need to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who do so much in our communities.

Hopefully very soon we will receive good follow up rains to give some surety to farmers completing their cropping programs. That's about it for this month. Stay well.

Cheers Rodg.



# 2019 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

Council, recently undertook a Community Satisfaction Survey following on similar surveys carried out in 2014 and 2016. Acknowledging that the real benefit in undertaking community satisfaction surveys is to be able to view and analyse trends over a period of time, the 2019 survey questions were kept the same as the previous surveys so that comparisons can be made and trends revealed. The Survey was distributed in early April and a total of 111 responses were received by the closing date of 7 May 2019.

The trend in increasing levels of satisfaction recorded between the 2014 and 2016 surveys continued through to the 2019 survey as reflected in the tables below. On all the key questions relating to satisfaction, and on a scale ranging from 1 – Not at all satisfied to 5 – very satisfied, the number of responses ranked “1” and “2” decreased whilst the percentage of responses ranked “4” and “5” for the most part stayed the same or increased.

Q.6 - How satisfied are you with the interactions you have had with Council?

	1	2	3	4	5
2014	9%	9%	28%	28%	26%
2016	6%	6%	25%	31%	32%
2019	2%	5%	21%	34%	38%

Responses ranging from 1 – Not at all satisfied to 5 – very satisfied.

Q.8 - How satisfied are you with the level of communication Council has with the community? Responses ranging from 1 – Not at all satisfied to 5 – very satisfied.

	1	2	3	4	5	Weighted Average
2014	6%	8%	31%	40%	15%	3.52
2016	6%	6%	18%	41%	29%	3.81
2019	0%	5%	25%	41%	29%	3.94

Q.11 - Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council, not just for one or two issues, but across all areas? Responses ranging from 1 – Not at all satisfied to 5 – very satisfied.

	1	2	3	4	5	Weighted Average
2014	3%	12%	26%	45%	14%	3.55
2016	2%	7%	20%	45%	26%	3.63
2019	0%	4%	22%	48%	26%	3.96

# 2019 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

Q12 Overall, how would you rate Council's image within the community? Responses ranging from 1 – Not at all satisfied to 5 – very satisfied.

	1	2	3	4	5	Weighted Average
2014	7%	16%	36%	31%	10%	3.20
2016	6%	5%	23%	38%	28%	3.51
2019	3%	5%	29%	43%	20%	3.73

The importance of the Council's monthly newsletter as a means of communication was reinforced by the 2019 survey result shown below.

Q.7 - How do you receive information about Council?

	2014	2016	2019
Local newspaper	48%	35%	21%
Council newsletter	96%	96%	96%
Rates notice	37%	46%	39%
Website	14%	20%	20%
Facebook	5%	13%	17%
Word of mouth	38%	34%	39%
Council officers	19%	18%	22%
Councillors	35%	35%	25%
Other	-	02%	-

The highest ranked services and facilities in terms of importance were: -

1. Domestic garbage collection
2. Rural roads
3. Appearance and presentation of towns and villages
4. Provision and maintenance of local parks and gardens

The highest ranked services and facilities in terms of satisfaction were: -

1. Provision and maintenance of swimming pools
2. Domestic garbage collection
3. Provision and maintenance of local parks and gardens
4. Provision of library services

A full report of the 2019 survey results is available on Council's website at <https://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/residents-community/community-satisfaction-survey.aspx>



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

### May 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

19 members were welcomed by President Joy at our May Meeting. Minutes were read and the treasurers report given.

President Joy reminded members of our BBQ on Sunday 21 May, all Seniors welcome.

As there was no other business, meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Marg Mildren

Secretary

# Police and Community Consultation Group

The Council convenes a Police and Community Consultation Group for the purposes of providing a conduit between the Council, community and the Police. The Group provides a forum for Police to gain information about anti-social behaviour in the community and other Police matters. Conversely it also provides Council and the community an opportunity to raise matters of concern that may be resolved by Police attention.

At a recent meeting of the Group, attention was drawn to new drink driving laws coming into effect whereby low range drink driving offences will result in a three month suspension of drivers licence as well as a fine. Mid range and high range drink driving offences will continue to be dealt with by the courts.

The Police also reinforced the importance of gun owners ensuring that their guns are licensed and that the licences are renewed on time and their details are kept current and up to date. Guns are also required to be properly stored and secured in accordance with the regulations.



## Holiday Kids Club

All students in school years K to 6 welcome

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

St Aidan's Anglican Church Hall  
Drummond Street Lockhart

Games, Cooking, Craft, Singing

Come along and have some fun while we learn about how extreme Jesus is by what he said.

Gold coin donation each day towards costs.

**Registration and more information:** Reverend Nola Cox  
Phone or SMS 0429028274 OR email [nola.p.cox@gmail.com](mailto:nola.p.cox@gmail.com)

An Activity of The Combined Lockhart Urana Christian Board Inc.

# COLOURS

Colours can make you look TERRIFIC or TERRIBLE



FREE Colour therapy seminar at Lockhart Ex-services Club – what to wear and how to look fantastic – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June

10 a.m. – ladies morning tea – a plate would be appreciated.

For more information ph Sylvia Mulholland on 0427 205135





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 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)

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





# 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**.

**Easy to do  
Business** is  
now live in  
**Lockhart  
Shire**



**Service  
NSW**  
Easy to do Business



# **Lockhart Shire Council**

## **Community Consultation**

### **Shire and Town Entrance Signs**

Lockhart Shire Council has been successful in securing funding under Round 2 of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund to upgrade the Shire and town entrance signs.

Community consultation will be an important part of the entrance signs project. Accordingly Council is seeking some initial community feedback on the preliminary designs.

The preliminary designs are not final with indicative images and captions being suggested themes only. The feedback received from the community will be taken into account before progressing the project to the next stage.

Further information including the preliminary designs can be viewed at the Lockhart Shire Council Administration Building, 65 Green Street, Lockhart, The Rock, Pleasant Hills and Yerong Creek Post Offices as well as on Council's website at <https://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/>

### **Lockhart Shire Council**

#### **Draft Revised Delivery Program 2017-2021 and**

#### **Operational Plan 2019-2020**

Council has prepared a draft revised Delivery Program 2017-2021 and a draft Operational Plan 2019-2020 incorporating an Income and Expenditure Budget and Revenue Policy including a schedule of Fees and Charges.

The documents will be on public exhibition from Tuesday 21 May to Monday 17 June 2019 inclusive and can be viewed at: -

- Lockhart Shire Council Administration Building, 65 Green Street Lockhart;
- The Rock, Pleasant Hills and Yerong Creek Post Offices
- Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions can be made in relation to the draft documents and will be received up until 5.00pm on Monday 17 June 2019. Submissions should be forwarded to: -

General Manager  
Lockhart Shire Council  
65 Green Street (PO Box 21)  
Lockhart NSW 2656

Peter Veneris  
General Manager

# HEALTH TALK

## LOCKHART LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE



### SUMMARY OF LHAC MEETING:

Murrumbidgee Local Health District aims to empower local people to be involved in decisions about the health care they receive. The Lockhart Health Advisory Committee is a means by which local people can get involved as it provides a central connection between the local community and Lockhart health care services.

At a recent meeting of the Committee the following persons were elected to the respective positions: -

1. Ros Nimmo Chairperson
2. Peter Veneris Communications Officer
3. Fran Day Secretary

Chair of the Lockhart Health Advisory Committee, Ros Nimmo, said *“Our primary focus at the moment is ensuring our community has access to information regarding the health services that are available.*

*“We are also considering ways to seek feedback from the community on any gaps in local health services”* Chair Ros Nimmo said.

Amongst the projects the Committee will be giving consideration to in the coming months are:-

- Development of a service directory of important phone numbers that is magnetised;
- Undertaking a community survey about local health services and any service gaps;
- Establishing a “men’s pit stop” to be held at the Spirit of the Land Festival

If you’d like to provide feedback to the LHAC, please contact LHAC Chair Ros Nimmo on [rosnimmo@hotmail.com](mailto:rosnimmo@hotmail.com).

### LOCKHART RED CROSS OP-SHOP May 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.

60 people attended the Zone 21/22&25 Conference which was held at the Narrandera Racecourse Facility. These facilities were provided free of charge by the Narrandera Race Club.

Judy Slatyer Australian Red Cross Chief Executive Officer spoke on the similarity of Indigenous Culture of the region and the work of the Red Cross.

Jen Cameron, Community Programs Officer spoke about the successful Driver Licensing Access Program which helps disadvantaged people obtain a driver license who would otherwise be excluded from this basic right. Through Australian Red Cross regional office these people are assisted to gain their Lerner permit and with assistance of Red Cross volunteers are taken through the process and hours required to gain their provisional license.

This is only one of the 35 community service programs provided by Red Cross in NSW/ACT and one of several humanitarian programs provide from Regional office Wagga, volunteers are always welcome to assist and help maintain the continuity of these programs.

Attendees voted the day a huge success enjoying fellowship and morning and afternoon tea proved by various branches and the luncheon provided by the Narrandera Race Club Ladies Committee.

Branches from the 3 zones presented brief reports on their branch activities for the past 12 months which made for interesting listening, hearing the different ideas of coming together in the name of Red Cross.

We also invite those interested, to save the date for our Red Cross Fashion Parade, to be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at The Lockhart Football Netball Club rooms. More information will be available in the coming months.



**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**

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 HALL HIRE**

<b>FULL DAY</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>HALF DAY</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>NIGHT</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

**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, 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. 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**

to enrol

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

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*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

**June**

**Lockhart**

4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

**9am - 12.30pm**

**Milbrulong**

13th & 27th

**9am - 10am**

**Pleasant Hills**

24th

**1.15pm - 2.30pm**

**Yerong Creek**

12th & 26th

**3pm - 4pm**

**The Rock**

13th & 27th

**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

**June 2019**

**2nd - 9am**, Lockhart

**9th - 9am**, Lockhart

11am Woodaven Holy Communion

11am Mittagong

**16th - 9am**, No service, join with Anglicans

**23rd - 9am**, Lockhart—Baptism

Holy Communion

**30th - 9am**, No Service, join with Anglicans

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

## 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 - 9am

Lay Reading with Sunday School

4th Sunday - 9am 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



**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.**

# School News

## St Joseph's News

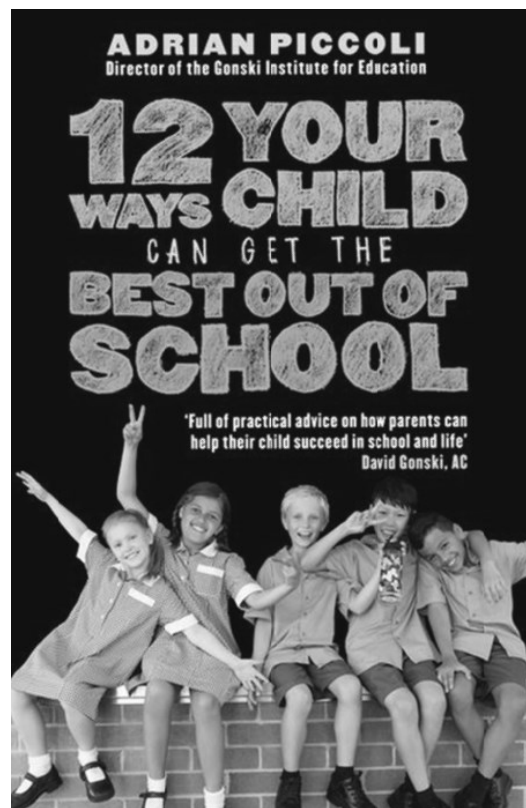
On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, fifteen of our students represented our school at the Diocesan Cross Country in Holbrook. Well done to all of them on their efforts.

This year, Kirby Yabsley coordinated a Mother's Day stall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Students were able to purchase a gift for a significant female in their lives and the students were very excited to be able to take something special home for them.

On Tuesday, the Eaton Gorge Theatre Company presented 'The RRRR Pirates Island Escape' to the students. In this performance, students learnt about the 4 R's of rubbish reduction – Recycle, Re-use, Re-think and Re-purpose. Thanks to the Lockhart Shire Council for making this possible.

It was wonderful to get our Bluearth program underway this term with all students. Bluearth delivers activities that incorporate movement and mindfulness to build and support children's physical, social and emotional wellbeing. This will continue for the remainder of the year.

We were certainly blessed with the weather for our Athletics Carnival in Week 3. Well done to all of the students for their participation and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Hanrahan (Gold House) on being eventual winners on the day and to our champions: Rohan Day, Halle Brown, Tom Hunt, Majella Day and Bridie Nimmo, Darcy Fox, Macey Mathews, Liam Gleeson and Claire McLaurin.



**Lockhart Central School P&C**

**along with**

**St. Joseph's Catholic**

**Primary School Council**

**are very pleased to host an evening  
with Author and Director of the Gonski  
Institute for Education,**

**Professor Adrian Piccoli.**

**When:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.**

**Where:**

**Lockhart Ex-Serviceman's Club**

**Auditorium**

A light supper will be provided following Prof. Piccoli's presentation.

The Panda Restaurant will be open for meals with bookings recommended (ph. 69205191).





## **A COLOURFUL END TO YOUTH WEEK 2019**

Another amazing youth week done and dusted and what a colourful one it was! The Rock Central School had a fabulous time out on the Golf Course running through an abundance of colour at their Colour Run. They first smashed out their cross country run, then filled up on fruit and a sausage sizzle and went off again to celebrate themselves and their friends for having another amazing year. Seeing their white T-Shirts rainbow by the end of the day and the drops of colour falling from the sky made the end of Youth Week 2019 perfect! We couldn't have had a better day to hold an event like this and we couldn't have been happier with the colourful looks on the faces of the youth.

Thank you to The Rock Central School Teachers for helping us out with the event and The Rock Golf Club for allowing us to sprinkle a little colour on your green.

## **SPORTSABILITY DAY**

On the 27 May we are very lucky to be able to work with Intereach Ability Links to bring to Lockhart an all Ability Sports Day.

Lockhart Central School, The Rock Central School and St Josephs are very excited to participate in the SportsAbility Day held at the Lockhart Sports Ground. This partnership has provided the students of all abilities with the opportunity to participate in many different sports that perhaps they haven't had the opportunity to try.

The sports that the participants will be able to try out include Netball, Soccer, Cricket, Wheelchair Tennis, NRL, and Blind Cricket. All these sports will be supervised and ran by professionals so plenty of opportunities for learning and playing experience for the students on the day – some future athletes might even be created! This day is designed to allow for the possibility for everyone to have a go at every sport in the most enjoyable way possible while learning something new and being coached by some of the best in their sports.

We hope the students will enjoy the day and discover and develop a love for sports and being active regardless of ability.

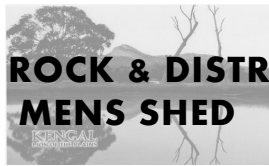
## **RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY – HELP WITH GETTING YOUR LICENSE**

Starting to prepare for getting your license? Well the Riverina Regional Library website can help with that! On there you can find access to the Road Users handbook, practice tests for your Learner Knowledge test and even your Hazard Perception.

It even provided you with a link to website that the Roads and Maritime Services NSW (RMS) have developed just for you – 'GEARED'. This website has all the up to date information for anyone on their learners or P Plates – including driving test tips and explanations for all road rules.

Make sure you check it out!

## 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

04/11/15 9:08:17

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.

## **PLANNING IN A BUSH FIRE AREA**

New developments on 'bush fire prone' land must comply with the provisions of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006*. The assessment of development on bushfire prone land is governed by the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and the *Rural Fire Act 1997*.

Whether you are planning to build a new house, or extension, or to subdivide land, you must find out if your property is on bush fire prone land. To do this, you may view the bush fire prone land maps held at the Council office, or search the NSW planning portal website: [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/)

### **Building DA**

The approval pathway for a development application (DA) seeks to establish the suitability of a development proposal to a specific parcel of land.

Section 4.14 of the EP&A Act requires that a council does not approve any development in a bush fire prone land areas unless the DA complies with Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006 requirements. Your DA must be accompanied by a Bush Fire Assessment Report (BFAR) within the statement of environmental effects.

The bush fire attack level (BAL) determines the level of construction required on your building and is based on a calculation of the radiant heat which may affect your property – the higher the level of radiant heat, the more protection you need. The term 'bush fire attack level', or BAL, is used to quantify this, with a BAL of Low (lowest risk) to a BAL Flame Zone (extreme risk).

Your BAL is affected by the area you live, the vegetation, the distance from the vegetation to your home, and the slope of the land. As part of the development application process, you will need to confirm your BAL in a written report.

You may engage a consultant to complete a report, (accredited Bush Fire Consultant at [www.fpaa.com.au.](http://www.fpaa.com.au/)), or you can complete a BAL assessment yourself using the RFS website Guidelines for Single Dwelling Applicant Kit.

### **Subdivision DA**

A subdivision is the division of land into two or more parts where the purpose is to create separate occupancy or use.

DAs for subdivision of bushfire prone land are integrated development under the EP&A Act and therefore Council must refer your DA to the RFS for their consideration. The intention is for the RFS to issue a bush fire safety authority (BFSA), thereby ensuring a suitable level of protection is provided to your property. The *Rural Fires Act* requires that, when submitting your DA to Council, you include all information as prescribed in the Section 44 of the *Rural Fires Regulation 2013*. Contact the NSW RFS or Council if you require assistance with accessing this information.

## **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/>

# Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN JUNE (2ND, 16TH & 30TH)
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 20 May 2019

## **GRAIN HARVEST MANAGEMENT SCHEME 2019/20**

Council previously resolved to trial the Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) for the 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 harvest seasons from 1 November to 31 January. It appears that the scheme has been working well for the local farmers and industry. Furthermore, the NSW Government has indicated in several forums to tie the GHMS with the Livestock Loading Scheme which allows load increase of up to 7.5% or Higher Mass Limits (HML), allowing four-deck sheep transport for example. The transport of livestock across the Shire is not as significant as grain movement and at present Lockhart Shire does not participate in the Livestock Loading Scheme (LLS). As the manager of the roads asset it is also difficult to support any scheme where the safety of users of the assets is potentially compromised unless suitable funding is provided by the Government. Fortunately, Council has been successful in gaining grant funding to improve the Shire's road network. With the impending completion of the upgrading of nine bridges and culverts, along with the recently announced grant funding to upgrade a further three structures as well as Urana Lockhart Road and the trimming of trees to 4.6m, Council is in a position to gazette Lockhart Shire into the GHMS and well as the LLS. Council at its meeting 20 May 2019 resolved that Council:

- a) Gazettes consent to participate in the Grain Harvest Management Scheme, from 1 November to 31 January, each year; and
- b) Gazettes consent to participate in the Livestock Loading Scheme.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Council's Environmental Officer has been working with Wagga City Council staff to develop two main documents specific to roadside environmental management – the Lockhart Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, and the Roadside Vegetation Management Policy.

### *Lockhart Roadside Vegetation Management Plan*

Consultants CTENVIRONMENTAL undertook roadside vegetation assessment of approximately 1,415 kilometres of roadside reserves in the Lockhart LGA, during December 2017 and February 2018. From this assessment, the Lockhart Roadside Vegetation Management Plan was created.

The Roadside Vegetation Management Plan acts as an easy-to-use resource which identifies values, issues and recommendations for managing roadside reserves at both a community and operational level, and was endorsed by Council in February 2019.

### *Roadside Vegetation Management Policy*

To preserve the natural resources within Lockhart local government area, and to comply with legislative obligations, the Roadside Vegetation Management Policy was presented to Council in February 2019.

The policy acts as the driving force for implementing the Lockhart Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, thereby ensuring that all levels of Council reference the Plan during project planning and general activities in roadside reserves.

The weight of the policy lies within the documents it references, including the Lockhart Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, so the policy is therefore brief in content.

Following consideration by Council in February 2019, the Policy was placed on public exhibition, and no submissions or comments were received. As such, the Policy (as originally drafted and without amendment) was adopted by Council at its 20 May 2019 meeting.

# Council Snippets 20 May 2019

## **ENGINEERING REPORT**

### *Works Report:*

One grader crew is continuing with the heavy patching works on MR59 Urana Lockhart Road. The second crew is continuing with gravel re-sheets and maintenance grading in accordance with updated programme. Council has a crew undertaking works on behalf of Greater Hume Shire Council with the heavy patching on the Culcairn Walbundrie Road. These works are scheduled to be completed by end of May 2019.

Concrete crew is continuing with the HML bridges project. All the bridges have been completed. The culverts upgrade on Green Street is now complete. The Urangeline Creek culverts on Western Road have commenced. The triple culvert system on Henty Pleasant Hills Road will be the last set of culverts to be undertaken.

The Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Program (HVSP) replacement of a further 4 structures as well as Flood Detour Road upgrade is expected to commence mid-2019. Design works have been undertaken for Flood Detour Road, with the road to be designed to accommodate B-Doubles, as well as improving the drainage in the area.

Council has also been successful with its grant application under the Growing Local Economies grant program for the upgrade of Urana Lockhart Road, which is the widening and heavy patching works on 22.5km of MR59. It is expected that Council will continue with its works on the road with the project expected to take 12-18 months to complete.

Council's project under the Drought Relief Heavy Vehicles Access program for the trimming of trees and vegetation to allow 4.6m high access across the Shire is progressing well with the crew completing the Regional Roads and now working its way through roads on the east side of the Shire. It is expected the works will take four months to complete.

*Road Safety Officer* - The Road Safety Officer has commenced undertaking safety audit of all roads within the Shire. The audit will form the basis of Council's Strategic Road Safety Plan and will be used for grant applications in the future.

*New Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle Notice* - The new class 1 agricultural vehicle notice commenced on 30 April 2019. This means Council can no longer issue permits for the movement of agricultural equipment on Shire roads. All permit requests must go through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). As Council has approved the new Notice, if the equipment complies with the dimensions and standards set out in the Notice, no permit is necessary. Standard signage and escorts will still be required. If you have any queries or unsure if you require a permit, it is recommended you contact the NHVR to seek clarification.

## **MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE – MAY 2019**

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 progressing well with the 25m pool concrete pour complete. Council staff have commenced ordering materials for the playground and BBQ's. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by mid-October 2019, with opening date set for Saturday 26 October 2019.

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(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 has called for tenders which closed 29 April 2019.

(d) *Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock*: The Rock Strevens Street drainage project is now fully complete. 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.

(e) *Playground – The Rock Recreation Ground*: Council has been successful in gaining \$75,000 from the NSW Government's 'Everyone Can Play' grant, with Council also contributing \$75,000 to the project. Staff have met with the Focus Group recently to discuss the finer detail of location and design of the playspace. This is currently being drafted for final agreement before the ordering of the equipment. The location is set to be near the netball courts at the current entrance to the Recreation Ground, with a new entrance to be constructed to the east as part of the swimming pool upgrade works along Wilson Street. Council has also been successful in gaining a further \$25,000 funding for the project from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant programme.

(f) *Lockhart Renewable Energy Project*: Council has also been successful in gaining \$1M funding from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant programme to undertake Stage 1 of the project. Stage 1 entails the detail design, financial modelling, DA applications, and connection agreements with Essential Energy.

## **PARKS AND GARDENS REPORT**

### **Lockhart Cenotaph**

Council has assisted the Ex-servicemen's Club with some in kind work toward the refurbishment of the Cenotaph. The old cement slab around the memorial had to be removed and the area levelled before contractors laid blue stone pavers, chosen to compliment the memorial. The lawn was then top dressed once the works were completed.

Council has also installed steel edging to define the garden from the parking area. The pebbles were removed and replaced with a crushed granite finish.

All works were completed before ANZAC day.

### **Easter and ANZAC Day**

Efforts were concentrated around the main streets, cenotaphs and cemeteries in the lead up to these significant holidays, with tasks including mowing, pruning trees, trimming hedges and sweeping of gutters.

## **DRAFT POLICY 2.56 FOR MOBILE FOOD VANS**

Current trends in the food service industry include mobile food vending machines, such as those in conjunction with a festival or community event, or as a recurring business opportunity in a village or town.



# Council Snippets 20 May 2019

In conjunction with the NSW Food Authority, Council staff have been facilitating the progression of mobile food vending machines into the Riverina, and with positive economic consequences.

Lockhart Shire Council supports the operation of mobile food vans to encourage diversity in takeaway food options, and therefore seek to provide a consistent framework for the operation of mobile food vans in the Lockhart Local Government Area. A draft policy, which was presented to Council in February 2019 and was approved for public exhibition, sets out the relevant legislative requirements for safe food handling and preparation, safe operation of food vans and trucks within Council's road reserves, car parks, parks and public land.

Under the draft policy, and to comply with the Local Government Act 1993, approval for operation of a mobile food van is required from Council. Other rules may also apply depending on whether the vehicle is located on private land, Council land, or a road reserve.

Council staff visited and spoke to the operators of known mobile food vehicles in the Shire to discuss potential implications and concerns. No submissions were received from the exhibition of the Policy and Council at its meeting held on 20 May 2019 resolved to adopt the Mobile Food Vans Policy. The policy will come into force from 1 July 2019. A fee of \$135, consistent with the current fixed food premises inspection fee, is proposed for each mobile food vehicle application, which will cover the cost of administration duties, regulation and compliance obligations

## **LOCKHART POOL CONTRACTOR**

Council at its meeting held on 20 May 2019 resolved to award Mrs Tammy Lenon the Lockhart swimming pool contract for the next five (5) seasons, being the 2019/20 to 2023/24 seasons (inclusive). Council looks forward to working with Mrs Lenon in managing our fantastic new pool facility.

## **LOCKHART CARAVAN PARK MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

Council at its meeting of 20 May 2019 also resolved to award Ms Tamara Bush the Lockhart caravan park management contract for the next 12 months. Council looks forward to working with Ms Bush in managing our fantastic caravan park. Council would also like to thank John and Naomi Fox for their wonderful contribution in managing the caravan park for the last two years.

**THE ROCK TOWN HALL & MUSEUM  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY 20th JUNE 2018 AT 6.00PM**



**We welcome all new members to join our great little  
committee & bring new ideas  
as we work to save the history of our village.**

**See you there,  
Nancy Smith, Secretary**

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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 **13th June 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 14 June 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 17 June 2019*



Notice is given that Council's Meeting for May 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 - ST BARNABY'S THISTLE



*Centaurea solstitialis*

**Other Common Names:** Golden Star Thistle, Yellow Cockspur, Yellow Centaurea, Geeldissel, Yellow Star Thistle.

**Distribution:** St Barnaby's Thistle is native to southern Europe, North Africa and Western Asia. In its native Mediterranean habitat, the plant is generally kept in check by an assortment of natural enemies and other plants that have co-evolved with it. These native controls do not exist in Australia and the plant thrives, particularly on roadsides, neglected areas, in grain crops and range lands. St Barnaby's Thistle competes with desirable species in crops and pastures, through shading other species and competing for nutrients, as well as producing allelopathic compounds which inhibit the growth of other species.

**Description:** An annual perennial herb St Barnaby's Thistle prefers to grow in fertile soils in temperate regions. It likes full sun and is susceptible to frost when in flower. Its preferred place is in areas with an annual rainfall of around 600mm, but can survive in areas with much less rain.

**Livestock:** St Barnaby's Thistle is not palatable to stock unless the plant is very young. The spines on the plant can cause injury to stock, particularly to the eyes, mouth and feet, as well as restricting stock movement. The plant is toxic to horses and can lead to the fatal nervous disorder "chewing disease". The plant contains a poison that causes lesions on the brain.

**Life cycle:** Seeds germinate in autumn and seedlings develop into rosettes over winter. The plant usually reaches about 30 centimetres in height by spring, when it produces woody branch stems. Flowering occurs from mid to late October, and continues through the summer.

**Stems:** This plant has several branching hairy stems that are greyish in colour. They can grow to a height of about one meter. The stems lack spines.

**Leaves:** St Barnaby's Thistle has juvenile and adult leaves. The juvenile leaves are clubbed shaped with toothed margins and together they grow forming a star shape on the ground. They have long hairs on the top side of the leaf.

The adult leaf that grows on rosettes and on the lower part of the stems, grow to about 20cm in size and are spear like in shape. The leaves on the upper part of the stems are smaller in size.

**Flowers:** The flowers are a typical thistle like in appearance. They are yellow with large spikes about 10-20mm in length coming out of the base of the flower. The thistle flowers from spring and into summer. One flower head can produce 35-80 seeds.

**Seed:** There are two types of seed produced on the St Barnaby's Thistle, an inner and an outer seed. The inner seeds have a circle of hairs that can easily be picked up by the wind. It is light fawn to grey in colour and small, 2-3mm in length. The outer seed is dark brown, 3-4mm in length and has little to no hair on them. These outer seeds are usually dropped around the base of the plant.

**Priority weed:** St Barnaby's Thistle 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 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



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

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**OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.**

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

**#TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY**



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