

LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

May 2021



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Mental Health ups and downs are a normal part of life.

No matter how you are feeling, there are a range of local services that can help.

Discuss your options any time with Murrumbidgee **Accessline**
1800 800 944



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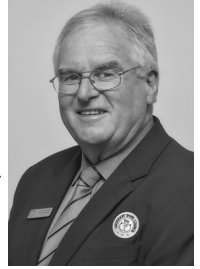
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Mayoral Report

Hello everyone.

Well we are now well into May. Isn't the year flying by with the first frosts of winter making their presence felt. ANZAC Day has come and gone for another year, and it seems that people across the Shire are no less keen to mark this day by their attendance at ceremonies across the Shire and vigils at dawn at the end of their driveways with candles. Across the Shire crowds I believe were as large as ever and it is wonderful to see the children in attendance remembering the sacrifice made by those who served to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today.



Council had a shorter business paper this month but the content was no less important. Firstly Council has a further opportunity to apply for grant funding of up to \$769,390 under the “Stronger Country Communities Fund” Programme to be spent within the Shire. One requirement is that 50% has to be spent to encourage female participation in sport. Council has decided after much discussion that it would hold a workshop prior to its June meeting to decide on the most suitable course to take in fulfilling this requirement.

Another decision taken on grant funding was the “Drought Communities Extension Grant“ where the improvement to our communities has involved the upgrading of footpaths in both The Rock and Lockhart to aid people’s ability to move throughout these towns both by foot and on their gophers. Of that grant \$61,732 remained unspent and it was decided that the footpath in front of the museum in Lockhart would be upgraded as this has been on Council’s plan going forward.

Work to remediate erosion on the main levy in Lockhart is also continuing. This was caused by the big rains in February and work is nearly complete to ensure that this won’t happen again. Work also continues on the sealing work on the “Wattles Road” bypass to the North of Lockhart which will aid traffic movement coming from the western areas of the Shire through to Wagga.

That’s about it for this month. Hope the rain arrives soon and the mice disappear sooner. Keep well and we will chat again next month.

Cheers Rodg.

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ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Works:

Urana Road (MR 59): Shoulder widening works are completed.

Albury Road: Project completed.

Western Road (R2R): Sealing of 1 km of Western Road is completed.

Urana Road and Narrandera Road Intersection: Project completed.

Wattles Road/Tinamba Lane: Culverts are installed, and stabilisation works completed. Currently preparing base layer. Final seal due by end of June subject to weather conditions.

Grading and minor gravelling of unsealed roads: Recently completed maintenance grading on Pat Gleasons Lane, Reads Lane, Rawson Park Road, Healys Lane, Osborne Pleasant Hills Road, Chambers Lane, Doigs Lane, Ryans Lane and Sid Matthews Lane.

Lockhart Caravan Park: Installation of the water lines for the fire hydrant and hose reels commenced in May 2021. Due to the extensive nature of the works, the caravan park will be closed from May to June subject to weather conditions.

Major Projects:

Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock: Excel Gray Bruni has been appointed to undertake the flood mitigation works at The Rock, being the drainage works along Nicholas, Yerong and Urana Streets. Construction is scheduled to commence in September 2021 subject to weather conditions.

Road Safety:

Council's Road Safety Officer undertook the following:

Preparing 2021/22 projects with Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

Urana Street bus stop signage – investigating for July Local Traffic Committee report.

Local Traffic Committee:

Two reports were considered and supported by the Lockhart Local Traffic Committee including loading bays at the The Rock post office and a disabled bay at The Rock bowling club.

Lockhart Local Emergency Management Committee:

The last meeting of the Lockhart LEMC was held on Friday 12 February 2021. The next LEMC meeting is scheduled for Friday 11 June 2021.

Fleet:

All vehicle and plant replacement in accordance with the adopted 2020-21 budget are completed.

Biosecurity and Environment:

Property Inspections

Inspections were carried out on residential, rural, and commercial properties, which were selected due to a change in ownership.

The weeds most found were Asparagus weeds (*Asparagus* sp.), Privet (*Ligustrum* sp.), Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*), Bathurst burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Galvanised burr (*Sclerolaena birchii*), Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), and Sweet briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*).

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Control Program

Priority has been given to the control of Feathertop Rhodes grass (*Chloris virgata*), Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), and Bathurst burrs (*Xanthium spinosum*) on roadside reserves.

drumMuster

The next drumMUSTER collection events have been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 14 September 2021 for Lockhart and Thursday, 16 September 2021 for The Rock.

Parks and Gardens:

CWA Park – Water Tower Landscaping

This small project had made a significant visual impact to the area at the base of the tower and include improved access and the addition of a picnic table has provided an inviting spot to sit for a meal or coffee break. Steel was used to define the border between the garden beds and the new granite surface. The granite provides a suitable surface for foot traffic and has also brightened up this mostly shaded area.

ANZAC Day

Maintenance of public areas visited during ANZAC Day activities were well presented.

Parks and Gardens

The iris and mini agapanthus recently removed from Lockhart cemetery are settling in well in their new locations in Green Street and Walter Day Park. Blooming roses are still a welcome sight along with the beautiful autumn colours that are on show around the shire. Deadheading of roses will continue until winter pruning takes place to keep them looking at their best for as long as possible. Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, pruning, deadheading and mulching. Weed control in urban areas is ongoing.

Mowing and Slashing

The autumn program has continued. Most non-irrigated areas were mowed or slashed at least once including the Lockhart airstrip, Munderwaddy cemetery and Osborne Recreation Ground. The fortnightly mowing and edging schedule for irrigated areas will be wound back as growth slows during the cooler months.

Trees

Seasonal maintenance of street trees has commenced and will continue throughout the cooler months. Maintenance will also include residential trees obstructing urban lanes or nature strips. Watering of trees will be reduced as temperatures cool, and many enter dormancy.

Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program (II Program)

Council has over a period of years advocated for the upgrade of The Rock to Boree Creek rail line to the same standard (axle loading) as the main Sydney to Melbourne rail line. The branch line is currently described as 'light rail' meaning that wagons cannot be loaded to their maximum axle weight.

Council submitted a proposal for the upgrade of the rail line under the Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program (II Program) which aims to assist in the development of project ideas that have the potential to boost the benefits that flow from the Inland Rail project.

The proposal has been assessed as eligible for the II Program. The proposal has been included in a list of 15 project proposals announced by the Australian Government to receive support under the II Program.

The Department has allocated Council's proposal to a specialist business case advisor who will work with Council to further develop the proposal.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2021-2022 Draft Budget

Council, at its meeting held on 17 May 2021 endorsed a Draft 2017-2021 Delivery Plan and 2021-2022 Operational Plan and Budget for the purposes of public exhibition. The Draft documents can be viewed online at www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au or at Council's office 65 Green Street Lockhart.

Submissions will be received in relation to the Draft Budget up until 16 June 2021 Any submissions received, will be tabled for Council's consideration at the June Council meeting when the Draft 2017-2021 Delivery Plan and 2021-2022 Operational Plan and Budget will be presented for adoption.

The following table provides a summary of General Fund expenditure for 2021-2022.

Total Operating Expenditure (excl. Depreciation)	6,323,850
Total Depreciation	3,141,400
Total Capital Expenditure	5,360,007
Total Expenditure	14,825,257

The Draft 2021-2022 Budget estimates for the General Fund provide for a budget with a surplus of \$5,687.00. Some key features of the Draft Budget are outlined below.

Subsidies to Section 355 committees – The draft budget for 2021-22 has been prepared maintaining the “one-off” increase provided for in the 2020-21 budget due to the limitations Covid-19 put on our communities S355 committees in generating revenue.

Fixed Term Project Officer – Provision has been made for the recruitment of a Part-Time Project Officer for a fixed term to assist in co-ordinating the unprecedented number of grant funded projects, noting that a fourth round of Stronger Country Communities Fund grants has also been recently announced.

Emergency Services Levy (ESL) rebate from the NSW Government – last year the RFS component of Council's ESL increased by \$88,000 with the cost of the increase covered by a one-off rebate from the NSW Government. Council has received advice of its RFS contribution for 2021-2022 which is similar to the net amount paid by Council in 2020-2021 after receipt of the rebate i.e. there is no significant increase in the RFS contribution impacting on Council's 2021-2022 budget.

Rate Peg - The rate peg, as it is commonly known, is the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general rate income for the year. The rate peg applies to general rate income in total, and not to individual ratepayers' rates. The rate peg does not apply to sewerage charges or waste management charges.

The rate peg for the 2021-2022 rating year has been set at 2.0%. The Draft Budget has been prepared on the basis of a 2.0% increase in Council's general rate income in accordance with the rate peg.

Interest on overdue rates and recovery of outstanding rates – The Office of Local Government (OLG) has advised that the maximum amount of interest that can be charged on overdue rates during the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 is 6.0%.

Fees & Charges – the majority of fees and charges have been left unchanged from 2020-2021. Waste management service charges have increases ranging from 2% to 2.5%. Sewer charges increases have been restricted to under 1.2%.

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Major Programs and Capital Works – Major expenditure items incorporated into the 2021-2022 Budget include:

- Roads - \$4,039,863 (\$1,334,250 maintenance and \$2,705,613 capital expenses)
- Stage 2 flood mitigation works at The Rock - \$1,901,394
- Development of residential land at Prichard Place, Lockhart (\$200,000)
- Asset purchases (plant and equipment) - \$868,000

Sewer Fund Report

The following table provides a of Sewer Fund expenditure for 2021-2022.

Total Operating Expenditure (excl. Depreciation)	393,023
Total Depreciation	185,000
Total Capital Expenditure	115,000
Total Expenditure	693,023

The Draft 2021-2022 Budget estimates for the Sewer Fund provide for a budget with a surplus of \$10,206.00.



Next Council Meeting Monday 21 June, 2021

NOTICE IS GIVEN

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

65 GREEN STREET, LOCKHART
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Placement of articles is subject to
suitability and available space.

Email articles for inclusion to:
mailelockhart.nsw.gov.au

**No later than 4pm
Friday 18 June, 2021**

Lockhart Health Advisory Committee

Murrumbidgee Local Health District aims to empower local people to be involved in decisions about the health care they receive. Communities are encouraged to improve understanding of local services, become involved in providing feedback on services and fund raising activities for priority equipment.

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.

If you are interested in advocating for your local community, providing support for Lockhart Health and getting involved in planning, priority setting and evaluation of health services, consider joining the Lockhart Health Advisory Committee.

Meetings are held on a monthly basis in the afternoon. Interested persons are invited to contact the Committee Chairperson, Fran Day on 0427 205 526 or franday@bigpond.com.

Lockhart Multipurpose Service (MPS) – 53-55 Hebden Street, Lockhart

Lockhart MPS available services incorporate aged care, community health, acute care and emergency services.

Services such as Radiology, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy and Speech Pathology are by appointment only with a referral from the GP.

Community Health Services are available through the Community Care Intake Service and referral from the GP.

If you have any concerns about health services in the Lockhart Shire please contact the Lockhart MPS on 69307100.

Lockhart MPS Staff Profile - Alizah Merkel

Why did I want to be a nurse: From a very young age I wanted to be a nurse. Whenever someone would ask me what I wanted to be as a little girl, my response always was “a nurse” and that never really differed. I have a soft and caring nature with a strong desire to help those in need. I also just remember when my grandmother was in a nursing home, which was quite some time ago. Seeing all the individuals (other residents) surrounded by her with dementia etc who were just so vulnerable, just really made me connect and empathise for the vulnerable and those struggling on a new level.

What I like about nursing: I love the diversity of nursing. Everyday is so unpredictable which can make things sometimes quite intense, but also so exciting. I love helping others and knowing that I can make a positive impact into others lives, is quite a rewarding feeling. I love the fact that there are endless career opportunities that come with being a nurse. This to me really meant that I was choosing a career of a lifetime where you can constantly venture.

My other likes: I have a strong desire to stay fit and healthy. I love attending the gym and lifting weights at least 4 times a week, I feel it really helps with not only the physical aspects of life but even more so mentally. Just putting music on, blocking the world out for a little while, doing your own thing is something I find so therapeutic. I also love yoga, my family, my dogs and hanging with good friends.

One thing I like working out in Lockhart: Is that it provides you with such a great range of experience. I can definitely agree with the saying of the “Jack of all trades” type of deal in smaller hospitals because it’s so true. Here you get a bit of aged care, there’s also acute, ED, palliative care and even sometimes you’re the cleaner, admin and all things in between that takes to run a hospital. You get to do a bit of everything, so nothing ever gets boring.

Local Government Elections

Election Day

The next Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021.

The 2021 Local Government elections will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC).

The NSWEC has established a 2021 Local Government elections event page which is now live on the NSWEC's website at <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/lge2021>

The NSWEC will progressively populate the event website with useful information for all participants in the election.

Candidate Information Sessions

A series of online candidate information sessions will be conducted by the NSWEC in the lead up to the 2021 NSW Local Government elections. The webinars will be held from April to August 2021 and will cover the following topics:

- Election overview
- Election funding and disclosure
- Registration of candidates, groups, and third-party campaigners
- Electoral material (also known as how-to-vote material)
- Nomination process
- Early voting and election day voting
- Candidate workers and scrutineers
- Counting and results

Video recordings of the first candidate webinars held in April and May can now be found on the NSWEC website at:

<https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Political-participants/Candidates-and-groups/Candidate-nominations-for-local-elections/Six-steps-to-being-a-candidate>

The next webinars will be held at 11am on Thursday 10 June 2021 and 6.00pm on Tuesday 15 June 2021.

Each webinar will be recorded and placed on the NSWEC website for viewing at a later date if you are unable to attend at the scheduled time.

Further Information

If you have any questions you can call the NSWEC's candidates team on **1300 022 011**.

Pleasant Hills History

To reflect on ANZAC Day, I thought I would do some research on a serviceman laid to rest in the Mundawaddy Cemetery.



The inscription reads; In loving memory of Cyril beloved husband of Clarice Johnson of Mildura. Died 20th May 1927. Late AIF 38th Btn.

He was born in Mildura abt. 1897.

His obituary in the Sunraysia Daily, 23rd May 1927 pg 2;

Cyril Johnson died suddenly at Munnybla near Henty. Beloved husband of Clarice and father of Little Normi. Third son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Johnson. Loved brother of Mabel (Mrs Cambell), Arthur, Ernest, Norman, and Kathleen. Aged 29 years. At rest.

Through his service he saw action in France and spent time in Egypt. He was awarded 3 medals; the Star, the British War Medal and the Victory medal.

Cyril's military file lists his features as: 5' 6 ½", 150lbs, fair complexion, grey eyes and fair hair. Cyril enlisted 15-9-1915 and was discharged 22-6-1919.

Throughout his service Cyril suffered with "Quinsy" which is an infection of his tonsils. He was hospitalised quite a few times throughout his service.

In his probate records his profession is stated as Horticulturalist. So I did some more digging and found that his father, Henry, was listed as the same profession in the 1924 electoral roll for Mildura.

Henry Albert Johnson was born Hans Albert Cornelius Jorgensen. Henry left home at the age of 14 and went to sea. He deserted ship in Australia at the age of 18. He went back to sea for a while. A prominent family, the Chaffey's, sent for him when they established the Mildura region. Henry was in charge of Surveying and Construction of the irrigation scheme. Henry brought vine cuttings and Washington Navel orange trees from California. Henry and his wife Idith had 7 children. Idith died of TB in 1912 at the age of 41years. Cyril enlisted in the AIF, in 1915, at the age of 18 years.

Cyril married Clarice in Mildura in 1920.

I can find no further record of their son Normi.

It is said that Cyril met with an accident.

At Cyril's inquest, which was held at Munnybla, it was found that Cyril died of his own hand.

Lest we forget.

*Cyril may have been visiting his sister. She may have been a Mrs Cambell?

Sources: Ancestry, BDM NSW & VIC, Trove.

Written and researched by Fiona Beckett.

ANZAC DAY AT PLEASANT HILLS 2021

It was wonderful to again to commemorate ANZAC Day together as a community. Pleasant Hills didn't disappoint with about 80 in attendance at the Community Hall.

The service was officiated by Louise a representative of the Henty RSL Sub-branch, Peter Sharp, and our guest speaker Flight Sargent Stuart Myles.

The service was supported by Emily Lieschke who played the organ and Nikita Clancy who did a reading during the service.



During the service there were many wreaths laid in tribute to our servicemen and women.

As always the service was followed by a beautiful spread of food served in the glorious sunshine at the front of the Hall. Many people remained to have chat and a catch up.

Grief Support Group

Coffee & Chat

A get together for people who have experienced loss of a loved one.

Lockhart

Thursday 3rd June 2021

Bookings essential

Bookings close 27th May 2021

Phone Elizabeth on 0437 992 983 or email elizabeth.johnson@racr.org.au



This program is funded by the
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Lockhart Caravan Park Closure

Lockhart Shire Council wishes to advise that the Lockhart Caravan Park will be closed from the 1st May 2021 to 30th June 2021 inclusive*

This is due to commencing the \$250,000 planned upgrade of the entire park including;

- Installation of water lines for fire hydrant and safety upgrades
- New sealed roads and visitor parking
- New laundry facilities
- New amenities
- Expansion of lawn area to include new sites

Lockhart Shire Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

If you required accommodation in the Lockhart Shire please see the below alternative locations.

- Lockhart Showground - Lockhart
- The Rock Recreation Ground - The Rock
- Yerong Creek Recreation Ground - Yerong Creek

For all other alternatives please go to www.visitlockhartshire.com.au

We look forward to welcoming you back to Lockhart Caravan Park once all the new upgrades have been completed.

Kind regards

Lockhart Shire Council

*weather permitting

THE ROCK TOWN HALL & MUSEUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2021 AT 6.00PM

We welcome all new members to join our great little Committee and help save the history of our village. There have been great advances with help from the Lockhart Shire and community grants.

See you there, Nancy Smith, Secretary

Lockhart and District Senior Citizen's News

Monthly meetings on 2nd Monday of the month at 1.30pm followed by Bingo. Bingo also on the 4th Monday at 1.30pm. Cards on 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays of the month at 1.30pm. Seniors BBQ on the 3rd Sunday at 11.30am. All activities are held at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Betty Quee, Secretary

Lockhart Hospital Auxiliary

will be holding their next meeting

Friday 18th June at 2pm

Lockhart Multi-Purpose Service Centre

New members are always welcome.

Lockhart's Town Wide

Garage / Yard Sale

Sunday June 6 - 9am - 4pm

If you would like to participate

Phone: 0457 659 296 by June 2nd.



ELDERLY or DISABLED INDEPENDENT LIVING

VACANCY at MAGNOLIA LODGE Green Street, Lockhart



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

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

For enquiries, or to arrange an inspection

Please call Council on 02 6920 5305





Lockhart Playgroup

All Welcome

Every Tuesday

9am Start

Lockhart Preschool

Birth – 5 years

Please bring morning tea to share

Tea/Coffee provided

\$20per family per year

For mor information, follow our

Facebook Group:

Lockhart Playgroup!



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

June 2021

Lockhart

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

9am - 12.30pm

Milbrulong

10th & 24th

9am - 10am

Pleasant Hills

7th & 21st

1.15pm - 2.30pm

Yerong Creek

9th & 23rd

3pm - 4pm

The Rock

10th & 24th

10.30am - 12.00pm

www.rrl.nsw.gov.au

Rates Information



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

31 May 2021

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

Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN JUNE (13th & 27th)
Lockhart		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
The Rock		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Yerong Creek	1.30pm - 3.30pm		
Pleasant Hills	10am - 12pm		



Lockhart Lions Club Recycling

Location: Next to Uncle Toby's Shed on the northern side of railway line.
Entry from Brookong Street.

Opening Times: Daylight Hours, Seven days a week

Items Received: Paper/Magazines, Books (including. phone books), Cardboard, Aluminium cans, Plastic bottles (rinsed) and any type of motor vehicle batteries (truck, car, tractor etc).

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT PLASTIC WRAP OR PLASTIC BAGS

Unacceptable Items:

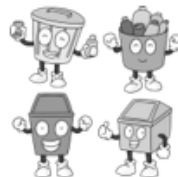
Wax-coated cartons, Polystyrene, Light bulbs, Fluorescent tubes, Window glass, Heat-treated glass, Steel cans or drums and plastic bags or wrap.

To make our job easier , please use receptacles provided.

Thank you for supporting the Lions Club



Lockhart Lions Club Volunteers Required



The Lions Club of Lockhart is in need of volunteers
to assist with its main fundraising activity and community service
involving the recycling of cardboard, paper and containers.

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

Planning & Building Services

APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the following development applications were approved, with conditions, from 1 April 2021 to 30 April 2021. The below consents are available for public inspection at Council's Administration Office, 65 Green Street, Lockhart, between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays.

DA No	Development	Site of Development
DA37/21	Large scale mural	Riverina Water tower, 4 Finlayson St, Yerong Creek.
DA39/21	New colorbond shed	3 Bond St, Lockhart
DA44/21	Demolition of dwelling	75 Urana St, Lockhart
DA45/21	New dwelling	4562 Olympic Hwy, The Rock
DA48/21	Detached garage	559 The Rock Mangoplah Rd, The Rock
CDC53/21	Inground swimming pool	24 Carson Rd, The Rock

Peter Veneris,
General Manager

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

PRE-LODGE MENT APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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



PLANNING MATTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Council is now able to notify the community of local planning matters online, to ensure the public receives the most accurate and up-to-date information during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the 'Building and Development' page of Council's website to view development applications and other planning matters that are currently under exhibition:

<https://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/development/building-development.aspx>



INSTALLATION OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Recently a number of questions have been asked about the installation of shipping containers, and whether or not a Council consent is required for them. The NSW Land and Environment Court has confirmed that a shipping container is a 'building' and requires a development approval and a construction certificate.

Concerns have been raised about the location and visual appearance of these structures and the potential adverse impact on the residential amenity, scenic quality and character of an area.

Containers may only be installed with the prior consent of Council. This is a simple and effective method of ensuring that all relevant planning considerations are addressed, and appropriate decisions made.

Please contact the planning team at Council on 6920 5305 if you require further information.

Get the scoop on dog poop

As a dog owner, under the Companion Animals Act 1998, you are required to pick up after your dog immediately when out walking or playing, and dispose of dog faeces appropriately. If you are caught not picking up after your dog you may receive an on the spot fine of \$275.00

Seeing dog poo on the pavement, in the park, or on your front lawn is not pleasant or aesthetically pleasing. It could also cause a health hazard so please consider your community and pick up after your dog.

How to clean up after your dog

You can use plastic bags, pouches, or pooper scoopers. There are products available from your local pet store that attach to your dog's leash to store plastic bags for use during walks. If using the plastic bag method, simply put your hand inside the bag, pick up the dog poo, turn the bag inside out and then seal. You can tie the bag to your leash or carry it until you get to a waste bin. Keep your plastic bags, pouches, or pooper scooper products with your leash, as a reminder to take them with you.



Important Update

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



Planning Portal

Online Development Application



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

New South Wales Planning Portal

Development, Construction Certificate and Section 68 Application Lodgements Changes!

E Planning and Electronic Application Lodgement

The NSW State Government has introduced changes that now require all Development, Construction Certificate and Section 68 Applications (e.g. transportable dwellings & septic systems) to be lodged via the NSW Governments Planning Portal.

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

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

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

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

For information on how to register for a Planning Portal account , Quick reference Guides, fact sheets and other resources visit planningportal.nsw.gov.au/support/applicant-resource.

For assistance in account creation, lodgement and other enquiries relating to the Planning Portal, contact Service NSW by email - info@service.nsw.gov.au or by phone - 1300 305 695.

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

THE ROCK COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASSES!

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

The proven benefits of gentle exercise for all people include
- Increased balance - Increased strength - Increased flexibility - Increased fitness

These classes are for all ages and very affordable.

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG WHENEVER POSSIBLE.



Contact: Nancy Smith
on 0427 692 020 or 6920 2034 or
Jeanie on 0438 202 468



Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8am – 3.30pm

Expressions of interest now open

Phone Kerri 69 205 156 or email

director@lockhartpreschool.com.au

The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

Kindergarten

for 2021

Do you have a child,
or someone you know has a child,
turning 5

before 31st July, 2021

please contact

The Rock Central School

on

Ph: 69 202132

or

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

to enrol

Local Church Services 2021

Lockhart Uniting Church Services

June 2021

6th, 9am, Lockhart

13th, 9am, Lockhart

20th, 9am, No service, join with the Anglicans

27th, 9am Lockhart

Holy Communion

If there are any pastoral concerns, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051, or Dorothy Creek on 0427207233.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Riverina Parish of Lockhart

St Aidan's Lockhart

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets
Lockhart

Worship: Friday 10am &
Sunday Worship in May 2021 at
9.00am

As from Sunday 6th June 2021

Worship time will change to
10am

Diocesan website:
www.anglicanriverina.com/

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

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
9:30am

St Cuthbert's Uranquinty
2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
9am.

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

St Mary's Parish
The Rock

Mass Times

Sunday - 8am & 10am

Monday - 7am

Tuesday - 6pm

Wednesday - 8.30am

Thursday - 7am

Friday - 6pm

Saturday - 8.30am

For more information contact:
Fr Murray 0459 069 520

Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6 Tune every day

THE ROCK & DISTRICT MENS SHED

Ford Street THE ROCK 2655

THE ROCK & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY

FROM 8.30AM TO APPROX 3PM

\$6 INCLUDES MORNING TEA & LUNCH

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND IDEAS

OR JUST JOIN IN THE CONVERSATIONS

COME AND JOIN US

CONTACT NUMBERS

Bob President 0428 695 913

Chris Secretary 0404 914088



Open Monday – Friday 8am-3:30pm

95 King Street The Rock

Phone 69202455 or

email therockps@gmail.com

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

LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL HALL HIRE

FULL DAY \$200.00

HALF DAY \$115.00

NIGHT \$200.00

**ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:
Tables & Chairs**

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

THE ROCK TOWN HALL & MUSEUM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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

FULL DAY \$200.00

HALF DAY \$100.00

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

For information contact:

Nancy Smith (Secretary) 0427692020

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



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

PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL

Open Tuesday & Wednesday

8.30AM – 4.00PM

For children aged 3 – 5yrs

As little as \$10 per day

For more info contact Megan 6929 6407 or

(M) 0407 492 062

Email: phpreschool@gmail.com



Kengal Krafters Inc

The Rock Craft Shop

CWA Rooms, 128 Urana St, The Rock

Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 2pm

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

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

Brookong Nook CRAFT SHOP

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



The Lockhart Street Library is regularly changing its books. The library is located at the Lockhart Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Hebden and Matthews Streets. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.



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:

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

We also offer a Weekly Bus Service to Wagga each Wednesday.

Social bus Trips each Friday .

Contact 02 6920 4162



**The Rock & District
Meals on Wheels
Association Inc.**

Help support your local Meals on Wheels Service

Everyone can assist us, just by having a conversation with a neighbour living alone, parents or grandparents or with the person with time on their hands. We offer freshly cooked hot meals daily, an extensive frozen meal menu, prepared locally in Wagga, centre based meals twice a week as well as outings, entertainment and various activities to people over 65.

Social club operates every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am till 3pm at the Rock Memorial Bowling Club
For further details please contact

Vicky

6920 2500

Tai Chi

Classes are held every Monday morning at 9am at the Lockhart Uniting Church Hall. There are several different courses of Tai Chi that are practiced. For enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 0427204051.

Health & Associated Services



Do you need a Community Health Service?

You can now access Community Health Services such as:

- Community Nurse
- Child and Family Health Nurse
- Generalist Counsellor
- Occupational Therapist
- Dietitian
- Physiotherapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Palliative Care Nurse
- Diabetes Educator
- Chronic Care

By calling one number the health professional on the end of the line will help you access the service you need.

Call 1800 654 324
(1800 MLHD CH)



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District

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Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network provides a counselling service on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Lockhart Hospital. Referrals are required, please call Lockhart Medical Practice to arrange your referral. 69205249

Australian Unity Home Care Service **HCP Packages** **NDIS Service**

- Domestic Assistance
 - Personal Care
 - Respite Service
 - Social Support
 - Brokered Service
- Call 1300 296 835

X-RAY SERVICE

X-ray services are available every second Friday at Lockhart & District Hospital. A referral from the doctor is required. For appointments phone 6930 7100

OPTOMETRIST

Russell and Chalker Eyecare Plus visit Lockhart regularly for comprehensive consultations including glaucoma testing, cataract assessments, macular degeneration. Adults and children's assessments, and Veteran's Affairs patients welcome. Spectacle frames available. For Appointments Phone: (02) 6921 8833.

Local School News

The Rock Central School

Callum Gardiner has represented himself and The Rock Central School admirably at the State Swimming Carnival.

He competed in the:

100 Breaststroke 800 Freestyle

100 Butterfly 400 Ind Medley

400 Freestyle 200 Ind Medley

Callum felt his strongest performance was in the breaststroke.

We congratulate him on these great efforts and achievements.



Lockhart Central School

Lockhart Central School had seven students represent our school at the Southern Riverina Cross Country in Lockhart. Congratulations to Seth, Jai, Will, Jasmine, Hailey, Joe and Drew. All of the students had a wonderful day. They tried their very best and represented the school with pride. Well done!

Love Bites Program: Year 10 - 12 students attended an all-day event program called Love Bites. Love Bites is a Respectful Relationships Education Program for young

people aged 15-17 years. It consists of two interactive workshops: one on Relationship Violence, and one on Sex and Relationships, followed by creative workshops. Love Bites aims to provide young people with a safe environment to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships.

Students at LCS had the opportunity to engage in safe conversations while creating some fantastic artwork that highlighted their understanding and support for consent within relationships.

The program was supervised and initiated by Louise Graham (LCS Family Referral Service) and Lucas King (LCS Chaplain and Student Welfare Officer).

A huge congratulations to all the students who received Term One attendance awards. Students who have attended for 90 percent and above received an award.

It is crucial to attend school every day.

If a child misses more than 28 days of school every year then, by the time they get to the end of Year 6, they will have missed a year of school in total.

If a student is absent, on average, one day of school a week, they will miss almost 18 months of schooling.



Local School News

Pleasant Hills Public School

SRPSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who participated in the SRPSSA Cross Country in Lockhart on May 3.

Special congratulations to Charlotte Heald who now heads to Gundagai on 10 June to represent Greater Kengal and Pleasant Hills School in the Riverina Cross Country. Well done and good luck Charlotte!



Greater Kengal Athletics Carnival

What a wonderful day of athletics at Lockhart. Congratulations to all students for their participation in events. Special congratulations to Samantha Terlich - Juvenile Girl Champion and Milly Quee - Junior Girl Champion.



Biggest Morning Tea

All community members are invited to a Biggest Morning Tea at school on Wednesday 23 June. This is a fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

Learning Celebration

A recent Learning celebration was held at school to acknowledge the achievements of those students who have received five achievement awards. The following students received a Merit Award:



Peter Cheney, Jesse Cheney, Nicholas Coghlan, Charlotte Heald, Milly Quee

NAPLAN

NAPLAN was held in May. Our students were assessed in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Most of these assessments were completed online except the Year 3 writing.



MyPlanConnect

Personal Care, Nursing Support & Domestic Assistance

Assistance with Self-Care Activities

Our friendly team can help you with your daily personal care so that you genuinely feel great about the way you look and present yourself and this will give you all the confidence in the world.

Regular self-care assistance such as showering and dressing or maybe taking regular medication will ensure you look great and feel ever better!

Disability Related Health Support

At My Plan Connect we make life easier by giving you access to nursing support in your own home. This not only gives you peace of mind that you have access to expert care when you need it. But, it also means your family and loved ones can rest easy knowing that you are taken care of in a respectful and dignified manner.

We want you to remain healthy and safe in your own home for as long as you want and need. This could look like caring for you 24/7 or daily care with medication or personal needs, we want to be able to assist you to continue to remain in control of your life in your home.



Assistance with household tasks

At my Plan Connect we can care for you in many different ways, and we want you to get the most out of life! It might be assisting you to change your bedding, or we could be vacuuming the floor, or even cleaning your loo, we will ensure that your home is clean and tidy so that you feel comfortable in your own home.

What does Support look like?

My Plan Connect wants you to be supported with all the things you love in life.

Our fun, skilled team members will assist you with grocery shopping, running errands, travelling to appointments and more.

Whether it's golf, heading out to the river to wet a line, bushwalking, bike riding, Lawn Bowls, Ten Pin Bowling, tennis, gym, movies, shopping, Arts & Crafts, woodwork, designing a website, starting a micro business. we are here to help.

We can also offer group activities such as BBQ's, Camping, social outings, dance classes, basketball skill days, swimming, yoga and cooking classes just to name a few.



Short Term Accommodation (respite)

A home away from home with an experience!

What makes our respite home that extra special? It has been designed with love. Having our own loved ones living with disabilities, we asked them what they would want from a respite home. So we have created just that for everyone to access.

We can arrange pick ups and drop offs from Griffith, Wagga and other surrounding towns.



1 Valencia Street, Leeton NSW 2705

- Comfy Queen Size Beds
- Twin Singles (Where Applicable)
- Large, modern Kitchen for all our cooking fun
- Modern Décor' so it doesn't feel like a hospital or hostel
- Large, secure backyard (including a yummy vegie patch and chickens)
- A TV with a Gaming console for those fun challenges & Movie Nights
- Board Games for those cold winter nights
- BBQ so we can all enjoy a snag in bread and a drink with friends
- Exercise equipment such as bikes, yoga mats and fun obstacle courses
- Personal Training
Incidental Exercise and Nutrition plans
(So much fun that you will forget about the exercise part)

"The My Plan Connect team work tirelessly to provide individual and tailored support to suit their client's needs. One of the strengths of My Plan Connect is that the team recognise that everyone's needs and disability are different and they offer an effective case management rather than a one size fits all approach. This includes outstanding service as part of the NDIS School Leaver Employment Support Program (SLES) and assistance with other essential life skills. Most importantly, the team care about their clients. They become family and will go above and beyond to provide support, care and friendship to all"

— Marni Milne, Leeton NSW

My Plan Connect is a dedicated group who are led by two understanding and empathetic leaders in Jodie and Michael. Their inclusive programs are tailored to the individual and their needs. All aspects of care are considered and their knowledge of the NDIS requirements are invaluable. I highly recommend MPC and their services"

— Maria Punturiero, Leeton NSW

Testimonials

0488 654 488
hello@myplanconnect.com.au
myplanconnect.com.au





LEASE OF 34-38 Day St The Rock

Lot 1 DP541703, Lot 1 DP507286, Lot 33 DP9769

Lockhart Shire Council invites expression of interest for the lease of the above property for a period of three (3) years commencing 7 June 2021 for grazing purposes. The Land, located at Day Street, has an area of approximately 2,909 square metres. Offers are required to provide an annual lease amount which will be subject to annual CPI increases. A copy of the draft lease agreement is available on application.

Offers will be received in a sealed envelope marked "Lease of 34-38 Day Street, The Rock" or by email to tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au up until the close of business 30th June 2021.

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

The highest or any offer is not necessarily accepted.

Peter Veneris
GENERAL MANAGER

PO Box 21
LOCKHART NSW 2656



LEASE OF 24 Island Bend Lane, The Rock

Lockhart Shire Council invites expression of interest for the lease of the above reserve for a period of three (3) years commencing 7 June 2021 for grazing purposes.

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

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

Offers will be received in a sealed envelope marked "Lease of 24 Island Bend Lane The Rock" or by email to tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au up until the close of business 30 June 2021.

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

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Peter Veneris
GENERAL MANAGER

PO Box 21
LOCKHART NSW 2656



Companion Animal Microchipping Day Friday 28th May 2021



Be a responsible pet owner, microchip and register your pets.

Lockhart Shire Council are offering a microchipping day for the residents of the Lockhart Shire at a reduced fee of \$20 per animal.

This service is available for companion animals - both dogs and cats.

Council staff will be available on the day to assist you with any registration questions and scanning of your animals.

This is also an opportunity for you to check if your pet's details are up to date on the NSW Companion Animal Register. If your dog or cat is lost, ensuring up to date contact details is the best way to help bring your pet home.

Please call the Shire Office on 6920 5305 to book a time on the day.

Lockhart:

When: Friday 28th May 2021 from 9.00am - 12.00pm

Where: CWA Park next to the Water Tower.

The Rock:

When: Friday 28th May 2021 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Where: Coronation Park.

To ensure the safety of others, please note all dogs must be on a leash and cats in carriers when you bring them to the event.

For further information on this event please contact Council's Compliance Officer, Chris Neaves on 02 6920 5305.



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

ATO drought assistance

Are you impacted by drought?

The ATO offers a range of assistance and support measures to drought-affected communities to help you manage your tax affairs.

Depending on your situation, the following assistance may be available to you:

- more time to pay or payment plans with interest-free periods
- waiving penalties or interest charges
- tax incentives for primary producers
- small business tax concessions.



To find out more about ATO drought assistance
visit ato.gov.au/drought

To discuss support for your situation, phone
the ATO on **1800 806 218**