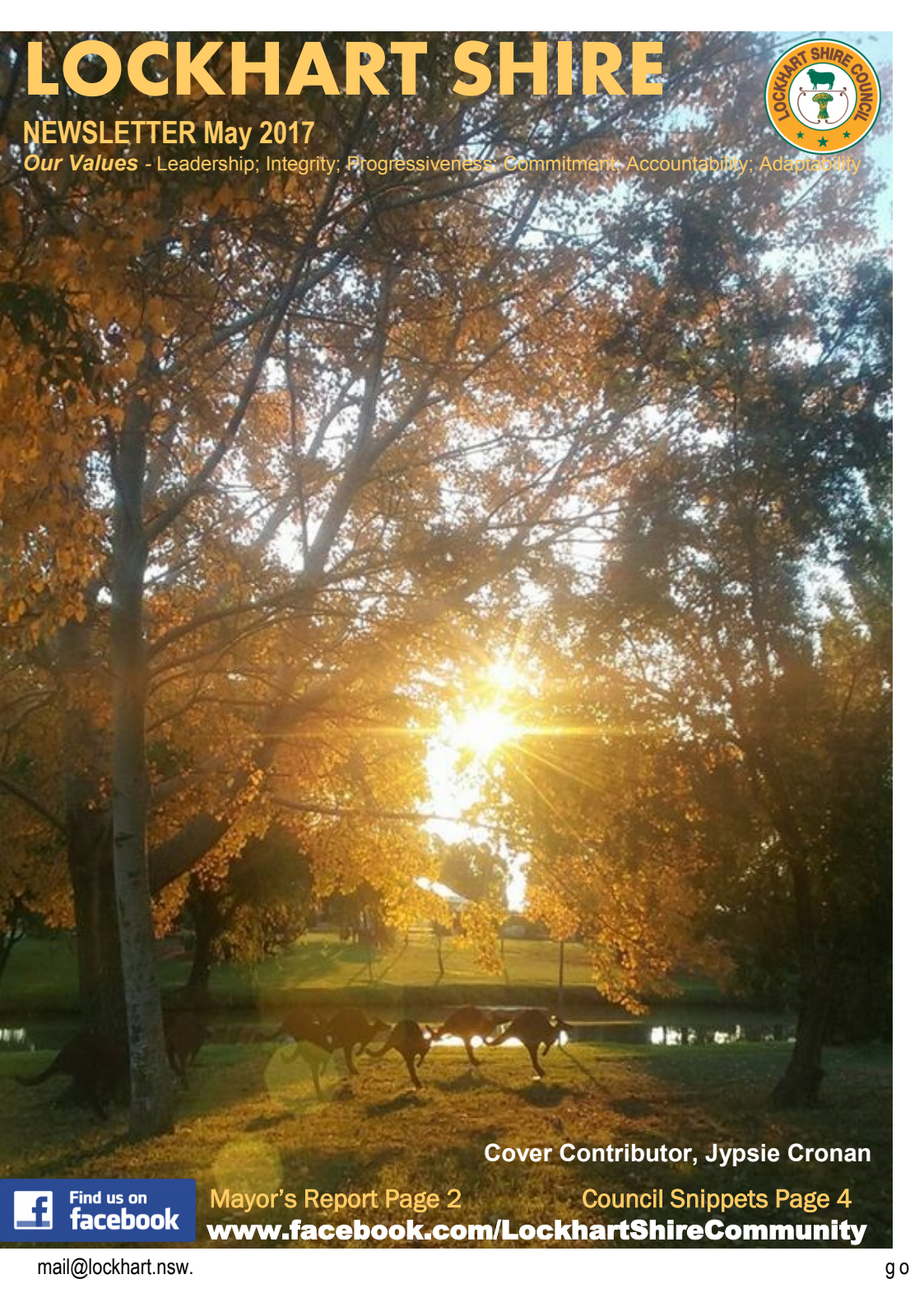


# LOCKHART SHIRE



NEWSLETTER May 2017

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# Mayor's Report

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Hello everyone. Firstly I'll give you the news I really was hoping I wouldn't have to.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has announced that Council's application for a Special Rate Variation has not been approved. The application was for a 4.6% per annum cumulative increase for seven years to enable Council to increase its own source revenue and fund community infrastructure including swimming pool refurbishments, flood mitigation works and road restoration.



IPART's decision is disappointing considering the extensive community consultation undertaken by Council and the support for the proposal received from the community during the Fit For The Future consultations and the more recent consultations focusing specifically on the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Plan and the Special Rate Variation proposal.

What is particular upsetting however is IPART's finding that in its community consultations the Council did not effectively communicate the cumulative size of the rate increase. IPART concluded that the consultation materials focused on the annual percentage increase of 4.6% and did not provide adequate information on the cumulative percentage increase of 37%.

Council takes great pride in the lengths to which it goes to consult with its community and the extensive consultation that was undertaken during both the Fit for the Future process and the more recent consultations focusing specifically on the Council's Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Plan and special rate variation proposal.

With respect to explaining the full impact of the rate increase to ratepayers the Council's consultation materials, including its website fact sheet, newsletter article and powerpoint presentation at the community forums, did include a rates table outlining the cumulative dollar increase in rates between the first and last year of the special rate variation, as well as the annual average dollar increase in rates for the various categories of rateable land.

I believe that demonstrating the cumulative dollar increase, and the actual impact of the special variation in dollar terms, was much more meaningful and transparent and for IPART to suggest otherwise is unfair.

Nevertheless IPART's decision means that Council can only increase its income from ordinary rates in 2017/18 by no more than the rate peg i.e. 1.5%. It also means the projects that were to be funded by the Special Rate Variation will need to be reviewed or re-scoped.

Council's Draft 2017/18 Operational Plan is currently on public exhibition and I would encourage you to look at the document. Any submissions received during the public exhibition period will be considered by Council at its next meeting to be held on 19 June 2017 at which time the 2017/18 Budget will be formally adopted.

While that report disappoints, we will move on and try every avenue to secure finance for our projects.

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Last Friday Council celebrated Volunteer Week by cooking a BBQ for any Volunteers who wished to come and join us to say thank you in some small way. Volunteers do so much in our community and we could not function without them.

I was talking to Bob Blake at the BBQ and he was telling me how successful the Men's shed at the Rock is and what good things they do. Any men who may want to become involved can do so by attending on a Wednesday morning. They would be made most welcome.

Grubben Rd is now finished, and what a great road asset to our Shire it is. Well done David Webb and his staff for a fantastic effort to finish this project in that time frame.

I have had a request to try and locate the old horse trough that was located at the end of the Lockhart main street. These troughs have an historical value related to the town's very beginnings and it would be great to locate this trough. If anyone has any info please contact myself or Trish Herford.



Also for those people interested in attending the Lockhart & District Progress Association AGM it will be held on the 13th June in Lockhart. This will be an important meeting as it will have a bearing on the continuation of this Association.

I won't take any more of your time this month but thanks for reading. In finishing I'll let you know that I intend to start Councillor Profiles in the coming months so you know a little about those who represent you. That's it!!!!

Cheers Rodg.

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## **Spray Program:**

Priority for spraying has been given to the control of Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*), Silverleaf Nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*), Spiny Burrgrass (*Cenchrus spinifex*), and Feathertop Rhodes Grass (*Chloris virgata*) on roadsides within the Shire.

## **Travelling Stock Reserves:**

Successful communication between Council and Local Lands Services has resulted in the controlling of noxious weeds on some TSRs within the shire, which is an encouraging progression.

## **Rabbits:**

RHDV1 K5 post-release spotlighting counts occurred in April. Unfortunately the release does not appear to have had any significant effect on the rabbit populations. Analysis of the results from the release sites over the national parks are in their early stages, but it would appear that the virus has had the most effect in coastal areas, and areas that receive high rainfall, possibly due to a higher number of vectors in these areas to transfer the virus from one rabbit to another.

## **Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022 Public Consultation:**

In April the NSW Department of Primary Industries released the ELearning training package to prepare Weed Officers for the implementation of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015. The training consists of eleven modules which need to be completed before the face to face training which will occur in Wagga Wagga in early June.

## **Galore Hill Scenic Reserve:**

The final stages of the Galore Hill Scenic Reserve Rehabilitation Project commenced in April. The designated site was slashed in preparation for the direct seeding to occur in May. Due to the large amount of Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*) seedlings present under the dead matter, chemical

application will also occur prior to direct seeding.

## **Works Report:**

Construction projects have been slightly held up due to recent rains and short weeks due to public holidays.

The Urana Lockhart Road Causeways Upgrade project is nearing completion with last run of culverts now installed. New pavement construction for 700m over the new culverts has commenced. It should be noted that the culverts are designed to take low to moderate creek flows. Any large creek will still over top the road however should be a minimal depth that will not cause a road closure. This project is scheduled for completion mid-May 2017

Grubben Road Upgrade involves reconstructing and sealing 12km of rural road. It is progressing well with 10km sealed. Earthworks and drainage is now complete with gravelling now also complete. Sealing of the final 2km is scheduled to occur shortly. This project is now not scheduled to be completed till mid-May 2017 with erection of warning signs.

Resealing programme for 2016/17 is also well advanced and is now likely to continue into May 2017 with only a couple of minor works to be completed. Some delays to traffic are expected whilst the sealing contractor undertakes this work.

At present one grader crew is undertaking construction projects with two on preparation works for gravel re-sheets. Two crews will continue on gravel re-sheets once construction projects are completed.

## **Traffic Committee:**

Traffic Committee has approved safety and warning signage for the newly sealed Grubben Road, as well as reported trouble spots on the intersection of Tinamba and Wattles Lanes, Yerong Creek Mangoplah Road near WWCC boundary and Bidgeemia Road near JR Smith Lane.

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## MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

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

a) Swimming Pools Upgrade: The architectural and structural drawings for the Lockhart swimming pool buildings have been completed. The architectural and structural drawings for The Rock pool buildings have commenced and are expected to be completed by early June 2017.

b) The Rock Sewer Extension: The final survey and design works documents have been completed. The Review of Environmental Factors is nearly completed. Expect to go to tender shortly once approvals from authorities (ARTC and RMS) are given.

c) The Rock STP Tertiary Ponds Upgrade: The first new pond has been completed and is fully operational. Cleaning out of the old pond has been completed and earthworks have commenced.

d) Demolition of Voluntary Purchase Properties: Demolition work of the Day Street house at The Rock is expected to start on 22 May 2017.

e) Flood Mitigation Construction: It is expected that staff will call for tenders for the construction works for the Lockhart Levee mid-year. There is some administration works required regarding an Aboriginal Land Claim on the Commons that needs to be completed before construction works can commence. Consultants have completed the necessary environmental assessments. The Rock Streven Street drainage works remain on the reserve list for funding from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

### Green Street, Lockhart

The start of work on the section of nature strip from The Rio to the walk bridge has been delayed due to wet weather and short weeks detaining contractor, work has been rescheduled for mid-May. Lawn will be

removed between the footpath and kerb and replaced with granite and mulch; the mulch sections will include the planting of ground covers and low shrubs to tie it in with the Museum side of the street. Steps will also be constructed to highlight the location of the Lovelocks arch and garden. Crepe Myrtles will be replaced where necessary and it is hoped the mulch will assist their establishment as it has on the opposite side of the street.

### Walter Day Park

Landscaping of the new public toilet site will be scheduled with the contractor once the Green Street nature strip is completed. The site will include a permanent site for 'At the Dance', gravel paths to it and 'Nine Martyrs' and the extension/refurbishment of garden beds.

### Parks and Gardens

The Shire's roses are being deadheaded regularly to encourage autumn blooms. Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, pruning, replacement planting and mulching. Irrigation systems are being turned down or off. Irrigation contractors were employed to resolve some ongoing issues; quotes have been accepted and work scheduled early May to extend the irrigation system at Hodgson Park and upgrade the aging system at Lockhart Cemetery.

### Bridge Assessment Reports:

Council staff have recently undertaken bridge assessments for nine (9) of its major bridge structures. The bridges/culverts assessed include:

- Urana Lockhart Road (MR59) bridge over Brookong Creek at Lockhart
- Green Street causeway over Brookong Creek
- The Rock Collingullie Road (MR543) bridge over Burkes Creek
- Yerong Creek Mangopliah Road bridge over Yerong Creek
- Henty Pleasant Hills Road, east of Woodend Fiveways Road – 9, 12, and 18 cell culvert systems

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- Bidgeemia Road bridge over Urangeline Creek
- Western Road bridge over Urangeline Creek.

All of these structures have been assessed as unable to carry Higher Mass Limits (HML) loadings and some are struggling to be satisfactory to carry single-axel trucks. The consultant who undertook the assessments has provided Council with remedial works design to allow staff to cost and undertake the repairs.

Council staff will, in the interim, most likely place either speed restrictions and/or load limits, (i.e. one heavy vehicle at a time) on the structures. Total cost is unknown at this stage; however it is expected that works to upgrade/repair the 9 bridges is in the order of \$600,000 to \$900,000. A programme of repair works to upgrade the structures to HML is to be put in place, subject to funding applications.

## **Livestock Loading Scheme:**

The NSW Government implemented a livestock loading scheme (LLS) to enhance productivity and increase efficiency in the NSW meat and livestock industry in 2012. The scheme provides increased mass limits for livestock loads. Most of the common truck types used in Lockhart Shire are eligible to participate in the scheme.

There is an industry and NSW Government push to have the State's network of roads opened to the LLS. To-date Council has not received any applications to participate in the scheme.

The main concern Council staff have with the LLS is that it allows Higher Mass Limit (HML) vehicles on the road network. This is an issue for Council because recent bridge assessments have shown many of Council's road drainage structures are not suitable for HML loadings. The inclusion or participation in the LLS will automatically allow these vehicles to travel at HML on Council roads.

One area where Council can assist is to allow vehicles to travel up to 4.6m high. Currently Lockhart Shire roads are approved to 4.3m and anything over this height requires a permit.

Increasing height limits up to 4.6m at General Mass Limits (GML) will allow the newer livestock trailers to be used, as well as other general freight such as hay. At a recent industry presentation, it was explained that allowing up to 4.6m would greatly assist freight movement. Council staff do not see any issues on the road network with allowing this request.

Council at its May 2017 meeting resolved to:

- (a) not participate in the Livestock Loading Scheme and continue to assess permit applications on merit as requested; and
- b) Undertakes gazettal of all Lockhart Shire Council roads for up to 4.6m high vehicles to General Mass Limits (GML) only.

## **SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM**

The Lockhart Shire Swimming Pool Inspection Program, adopted by Council in March 2014, is relevant to all swimming pools regulated under the Swimming Pools Act 1992 in the Lockhart Shire.

The inspection program is designed to provide measures to identify non-compliant swimming pools, ensure upgrade works are carried out and in the process, raise swimming pool safety awareness.

In NSW, and under the Act, landholders are required to register their pool on the NSW Swimming Pool Register, which can then be monitored by Council staff. Currently, there are 115 pools registered in the Shire, and since January this year, Council staff have been inspecting three pools per week, in conjunction with other commitments. The response by landholders has been relatively well received, with a general understanding of the responsibilities of pool owners, and the overriding issue that is swimming pool safety.

Alarmingly though almost 70% of pools have been deemed non-compliant at the first inspection. Non-compliance issues relate to several items, but most specifically, the pool gate not closing and/or latching shut from any position, or items located in the non-climbable zone (NCZ). Any pools deemed non-compliant must be followed up through re-inspection, after repairs/adjustments have been made to

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ensure compliance. Some pool owners could make repairs at the time of inspection, negating the need for a re-inspection.

Education is the most effective tool to creating awareness of pool safety, and so Council staff work to provide educational materials and self-assessment checklists, while also engaging the landholder during inspections to identify and explain non-compliance issues and how they can be rectified.

It is important to note that every pool safety barrier is designed differently, influenced by the yard design and pool style. Various Australian Standards apply depending on the date of build, so each inspection requires thorough investigation.

The inspection program will be ongoing until all pools have been inspected deemed compliant. A compliance certificate, if issued in

accordance with the Act, remains valid for three years.

## **LOCKHART CARAVAN PARK MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

The Contract with the current Lockhart Caravan Park Manager expires on 30 June 2017. Council called for new EOI's which closed on Monday 8 May, 2017. A total of nine (9) submissions were received. Council at its May 2017 meeting resolved to engage John and Naomi Fox as manager of Lockhart Caravan Park from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 with option of two (2) 12 month extensions by mutual agreement. Council looks forward to working with John and Naomi in managing this important facility for the Shire. Also, Council wishes to thank outgoing manager Jayde Hounsell for her contribution over the last three years in managing the Park.

## **Lockhart & District Progress Association NEEDS YOU**

**Please come and attend our next meeting  
AGM to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm at the  
Ex-Servicemen's Club**

We are financial

We have goals for the future

We just need your input

### **Notice of motion**

That Lockhart & District Progress Association continue as following:

- To continue meeting as usual with quarterly meetings
- To go into recession for 12 months
- To disband

**THE ROCK COMMUNITY  
EXERCISE CLASSES!!!!**



**CLASSES HAVE NOW COMMENCED:**

**MONDAY ARVO AT 3.00PM AT EMILY GARDENS**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 10.00AM 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

0427692020

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OR Jeanie .0438202468



Health  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

The Lockhart & District Mining Taskforce committee, wish to advise the community that it has cancelled its registration of association with NSW Fair Trading.

The last exploration licence held by Standard Iron Pty Ltd expired on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015, and there has been no other known activity. The Committee worked hard to achieve the taskforce goal, which was- while any exploration or mining is proposed or occurring in the Lockhart district, to obtain the best possible outcome for our community and environment. The residual funds have been transferred to the Lockhart Ag Bureau, to be used in a similar situation. We are grateful for all the professional advice that was given in kind, and to all those in the community that care to stand up, get involved and have a go.





## 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

## Lockhart & District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch

### Expressions of Interest for Board Positions

Are you interested in giving back to your community and making a difference?

**Community Bank<sup>®</sup>** Branches provide communities with more than just quality banking services – they deliver employment opportunities for local people, keep capital in the community, provide a source of financial support for important community projects and are a local investment option for shareholders.

Do you support the concept of Community Banking? If so, we would like to hear from you with a view to joining the Board of the Lockhart and District **Community Bank<sup>®</sup>**.

As a **Community Bank<sup>®</sup>**, we have been active in supporting local projects and initiatives and are proud to have contributed \$850,000 to a range of not for profit community organisations and sporting clubs within the community in the years since commencing operation.

To express your interest and gain further information please contact:

Ken Hogan 0429 201 101, Marea Urquhart 0429 208 212

OR Branch Manager, Clare Hamson 0429 204 244

# Council News

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## Next Council Meeting

Monday 19th June 2017

Notice is given that Council's Meeting for June will be held in the Council Chambers, Green Street, Lockhart.

The meeting commences at 5.00pm

Members of the community are most welcome to attend.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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

**Friday 16 June 2017**

Council would appreciate articles in word or publisher format, jpg is also acceptable.

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)

# NOW SELLING

## RESIDENTIAL & LIFESTYLE BLOCKS

## NEW RELEASE INDUSTRIAL LAND

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



## 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

## PAINTING WORKSHOP

First Friday of the month (7 april)

At Sylvia's place,

209 Green St

Lockhart

At 10am

Paint and brushes available

BYO board or canvas for acrylic

Come and enjoy some

time painting

More information 0427 205135

## LOCKHART RED CROSS OP-SHOP

Open Monday to Friday, 9.30am til 2pm. We gratefully accept all clean resalable clothing or small items (china, glasses etc) unfortunately we can't accept electrical appliances. Stop by and grab a bargain.



### Brookong Nook Craft Shop Green Street Lockhart

Come in and browse our locally made wares.

Goods for sale:

All varieties of home made Jams, Pickles, Relishes, Lemon Butter, Local Honey, Free Range Eggs, Olive Oil, Goats Soap.

Cooking: Apple or Apricot Pies, Fruit Rolls, Various small tarts,

Handcrafts: knitted scarf's – all lengths & colours in latest fashion yarns, baby jackets & Children's jumpers, bibs & singlet's, knitted berets/hats, rugs, dressed dolls and new born baby necessities in a gift basket.

Many other assorted handcrafts and gifts  
Great place for that special gift at reasonable prices.

Orders taken if unavailable on the day.



### Lockhart Preschool Kindergarten Inc



Day Street, Lockhart  
Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

8:00am - 3:00pm

For children aged 3-6 years  
Please call Kerri 02 6920 5156  
or email

admin@lockhartpreschool.com.au

# Environmental Services

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## Dogs in the villages of the Lockhart Shire

The Companion Animals Act 1998 requires you to keep your dog under control at all times, whether on or off your premises. It also requires you to prevent your dog from straying. To help achieve this:

- secure your property to prevent your dog from escaping by erecting appropriate fencing and gates with dog-proof latches.
- ensure that your dog is controlled by a leash when in a public place (with the exception of council-designated leash-free areas)
- train and socialise your dog.
- secure your dog on the back of the ute while driving

You are also strongly encouraged to have your dog desexed. This will reduce the likelihood of your dog straying and reduce fighting, aggressive and other anti-social behaviour, such as spraying to mark territory.

If you cannot afford to have your dog desexed, talk to your vet or an approved animal welfare organisation, as they may be able to help.

Dogs in Lockhart and The Rock village have been let run freely which is against the law. If your dog is in a public place, it must be under the effective control of a competent person by means of a chain, cord or leash. If your dog is seized by a Council officer an impounding fine will incur in the amount of \$220.



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## EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the following development applications were approved, with conditions, from 1 April 2017 to 30 April 2017 by Lockhart Shire Council

DA No	Development	Site of Development
25/17	Change of use.	3725 Bidgeemia Rd, Urangeline
33/17	Verandah at rear of Dwelling.	28 Green St, Lockhart
35/17	Detached Steel Shed.	15 Hay St, Yerong Creek
36/17	New Detached Dwelling.	7 Matthews St, Lockhart

Applications may be viewed at the Lockhart Shire Council Office, 65 Green Street Lockhart, between 9am and 4pm weekdays (excluding public holidays). Submissions to the proposals may be made in writing prior to the expiry of the exhibition period.

## Planning to build or subdivide?

All applications are to be reviewed in a pre-lodgement meeting with the Environmental Services Department, prior to lodgement. **To make sure our planning staff will be able to assist you in preparing your application please phone to arrange an appointment.**



Most types of development which will normally need a development application include:

- New buildings
- Alterations and additions to existing buildings, including swimming pools
- Most types of change of use of existing buildings or premises
- Demolition of buildings, including heritage items or buildings in the heritage conservation area
- Alterations or additions to heritage items or buildings in the heritage conservation area
- Subdivision of land
- Advertising signs
- Earthworks, filling and clearing.

You may also require approval from Council for certain activities as required under Section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Some examples of such activities include:

- Installation of manufactured homes or moveable dwellings.
- Sewerage and stormwater drainage work.
- Install a domestic oil or soil fuel heating appliance.

Information and forms are available on Council's website under the heading **Development – Building & Development forms**.

All Development Applications should be submitted with a Statement of Environmental Effects, all relevant Plans and payment.

If unsure give our Planning team at Environmental Services a call on 69205305.

# Author George Ivanoff Visiting The Rock CS!



George Ivanoff has written over 100 books but is best known for bringing back the "Choose Your Own Adventure" genre with his "You Choose" series and his work with the Royal Flying Doctors with his "Remote Rescue" series. He will be visiting the Riverina and, thanks to Gateway Bookshop, he will be visiting our school on Thursday 25th May!

He will talk to the students and staff about his passion for writing and creating and what life is like for a busy author.

The visit is free to all students and George's books will be available for purchase before his visit with a 20% discount from Gateway Bookshop. Students will have the opportunity to have their books signed on the day of the talk.

## *Events Listing*

If you're holding a main event in Lockhart Shire, like a ball, a sporting event, an art open day, a musical, etc, send an email outlining all the details along with a copy of your poster/flyer and any promotional images to [mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au) requesting inclusion in the Shire events listing on our visitors webpage.

## **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

**June 2017**

**Lockhart**

6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

**9am - 12.30pm**

**Milbrulong**

1st, 15th & 29th

**9am - 10am**

**Pleasant Hills**

26th

**1.15pm - 2.30pm**

**Yerong Creek**

14th & 28th

**3pm - 4pm**

**The Rock**

1st, 15th & 29th

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

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

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



## **Lockhart Caravan Park**

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

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

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

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

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

**Contact the Manager on**

**0458 205 303**

**for bookings.**

## Rates information



If paying by instalments, your next instalment will  
be due by **31st May 2017**.

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 8% pa.

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

### The Rock & District Playgroup

Meets Fridays

10am - 12pm

### The Rock Preschool

King Street

The Rock

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

**Bring the kiddos for a play while you enjoy a coffee**

For more information contact Playgroup NSW on 1800 171 882 and they will put you in contact with one of The Rock playgroup members.



### The Rock Op-Shop

Open

**Sat/Sun 10am - 2pm**

**Mon/Tues 11.30am - 3.30pm**

**Wed - Fri, 10am - 4pm**

Adults clothes \$3, children \$2, babies 50c - \$1

### Donations Needed

Check us out on Facebook

Contact Lynly Boyle

6920 1522



## THE ROCK PRESCHOOL INC

For children aged 3-6 years Monday-Thursday 8.00am-3.30pm

- New building
- Amazing large outdoor play area.

Please call 02-69202455

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

A great place for children to laugh, learn and grow!





# Local Church Services – June 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

## **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

## **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  
4th Sunday of the month 11.30am

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

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

*Enquiries: Rev Nola Cox 6920 5549*

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

## **Lockhart Uniting Church Services**

If there are any pastoral concerns, please  
contact Lorraine Hoffman on 6920 6233

## **The Rock St Peters Anglican Church**

Communion 1st Sunday  
each month at 9.30am

Enquiries:

Mrs J Heazlewood 0427 198 513  
Mrs M Vennell 6920 1067

## **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)

## **Lockhart, Urana & Oaklands Catholic Church**

Lockhart Parish

1st, 3rd & 5th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
SATURDAY (Vigil Mass) - 6pm Lockhart

SUNDAY 8am - Urana

10am - Oaklands

2nd & 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
SATURDAY (Vigil Mass) 6pm Urana

SUNDAY 8am Lockhart

10am Urangeline

For further information contact  
Father Tony Schipp on 6920 5446

## **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Milbrulong**

2nd Sunday of the month -

Lay Reading with morning tea

4th Sunday of the month

Lay Reading with Sunday School



Phone 02-69206226 with enquiries

## **Christian Radio in Lockhart**

87.6

Tune every day

# Public Information

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## **LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL 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, Crockery

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

## **THE ROCKTOWN HALL & MUSEUM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

<b>FULL DAY</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>
<b>HALF DAY</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>NIGHT</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>

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

**For information contact:**

**Leia Thiele (Sec) 0439 203 031**

**Laurie Thiele (Pres) 0488 996 186**

 **Like us on Facebook** [https://www.facebook.com/  
TheRockHallMuseum/](https://www.facebook.com/TheRockHallMuseum/)

## **"Kengal Krafters Inc"**

**The Rock Craft Shop @ the CWA rooms  
128 Urana St, 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, 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 make  
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 0428566902,  
Wendy Flory 0429637313 or Chris  
Makeham 0448570227**



## **PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL**

**Open Tuesday & Wednesday**

**8.30AM - 4.00PM**

**For children aged between 3 - 5yrs**

**For more info contact Megan 6929 6134**



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## The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

### Kindergarten

for 2017

Do you have a child,  
or someone you know has a child,  
**turning 5** (or at the latest 6)  
before 31st July, 2017?

**please contact**

The Rock Central School  
on

**Ph: 6920 2132**

or

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

to enrol

## Lockhart Senior Citizen

### June Events

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

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm, Cards,

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm – Monthly Meeting  
followed by Bingo &

Afternoon tea. a plate please.

Sun, 18<sup>th</sup> - 11:30pm, BBQ a salad please

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm, Cards,

Mon, 26<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm, Bingo, afternoon  
tea (no plate required)

*Claiming the date  
The Rock Red Cross  
Melbourne Cup  
Luncheon  
Tuesday 7th  
November  
2017*

## Lockhart Seniors News All meetings held at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club

President Joy Hooper welcomed 21 Members to our May Meeting. Treasurer Lil Golder gave the treasurers report and Social Secretary Nola Webster reminded members of activities for May.

It was discussed and passed at the meeting that a donation would be given to two deserving organizations in town. All members enjoyed Bingo and a lovely afternoon tea.

Margaret Mildren  
Secretary

# Health & Associated Services

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## **Australian Unity Home Care Service**

**Lockhart/The Rock/Coolamon**

Enquiries: 6920 5286

Co-ordinator - Robyn Pearse

We provide the following services:

- Domestic Assistance
- Personal Care
- Respite Services

**Call 1800 200 422**

**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.**

## **Lockhart Community Health Services**

Lockhart Community Health Nurses are available  
for self-referral

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, ph: 6930 7100

The Rock Community Health Nurses are available  
for self-referral Mon, Wed, Fri, ph: 6930 7100 or  
Mob: 0427 107 897

Early Childhood Clinics—Wed, Lockhart  
—Thurs, The Rock

Other services available include:

Physiotherapy—Wed, ph: 6930 7100

Women's Health—6930 7100



Tai Chi classes  
are held each  
Monday morning  
at Lockhart  
Uniting Church  
Hall with the  
Advanced class  
at 9am. There is

a men's class at 9.45am. Why not come  
along and try some gentle exercise? Any  
queries please contact Lorraine Hoffmann  
on 69206233 or 0427204051.

## **OPTOMETRIST**

Russell and Chalker EyecarePlus 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.

## **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**

**Interested in cycling?**  
**Bike riding group leaving every  
Saturday morning at 7am from  
Latte Da, Green St, Lockhart**  
**Ride from 10 – 30km All  
welcome**



**Contact Foxy for  
more info  
0447 239 216**



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



**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.**

# Youth News

## **Youth Opportunity Project – Operation, Connect, Engage, Implement.**

Are you interested being part of the Youth Opportunity – Operation, Connect, Engage, Implement project? Being part of this project will enable you to make a difference in your community by becoming a member of the newly established Lockhart Shire Youth Advisory Committee.

There is still time to submit your application form. Nathan Hull will be at the Lockhart Shire Office on Monday 19 June for Day 3 of the project – this will be the formation of the Lockhart Shire Youth Advisory Committee. For further details about the project contact Susan Kane – Youth Services Development Officer on 0417212069

## **The NSW Premiers Reading Challenge**

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is coordinated by the NSW Department of Education and Communities. It is available to all NSW students in Kindergarten–Year 9. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. To find out more about the NSW PRC visit their website.

Riverina Regional Library hopes to make your search for the resources from the PRC booklists as trouble free as possible.

Visit our catalogue <http://rrl.wagga.nsw.gov.au/libero/WebOpac.cls>

- Type premiers in the search box
- Select subjects from the Index drop box
- Click the green BROWSE INDEX button
- Make your selection for a list of resources held by all our libraries OR narrow the search to your closest library by clicking on the list on the right of your search screen

## **Talking Trash with Eastern Riverina Arts**

TALKING TRASH is a video competition for high-school students in the REROC region. Eastern Riverina Arts are looking for fantastic 15-30 second animations or clips that highlight positive and inspiring ideas about reducing waste, recycling or reusing.

Local high Schools are invited to contact Kate from Eastern Riverina Arts on 02 6921 6890 to register for the workshops that will be delivered in each of the REROC local government areas. Then, entrants will produce 15-30 second animations highlighting messages about reducing, recycling or reusing waste. These short clips will demonstrate the student's new knowledge not only in animation, but also in responsible waste reduction and reuse.

There will be one overall winner chosen by a panel including representatives from ERA, REROC and the local filmmaking community – the successful individual will win an iPad! A people's choice award will be awarded based on the most views and likes on the Facebook page. Any entry that meets the criteria for the project will be published on the Talking Trash Facebook page and website. Downloadable links for the films will be available to REROC councils.

How to enter

Download the entry form - <https://talkingtrash2016.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/entrypackagefinal.pdf>

**STEP 2. MAKE YOUR VIDEO, STEP.3 UPLOAD TO VIMEO, STEP 4. EMAIL YOUR ENTRY**

or

Post your entry form to  
Talking Trash Video Comp

c/o Eastern Riverina Arts

98 Fitzmaurice St

Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 Entries close on MAY 31ST 10PM

# School News

## Lockhart Central School

Students have returned eager to continue their learning. We welcome Miss Sarnia Sly to the staff teaching Kinder/Year 1 and thank Mrs Madden for all her hard work during her time with us at Lockhart Central.

We are so proud of the students who marched at the Anzac Commemorations. Although it was wet student proudly participated and represented the school in both the Lockhart and Boree Creek marches. A special thank you to all families who prioritised to attend this local event.

Learning continues this term for both students and staff. We have embedded professional learning for staff on a regular basis and primary are continuing with the L3, 'language', 'learning' and 'literacy'. Secondary staff will be focusing on professional learning around their new syllabus for each faculty for 2018.

NAPLAN is an important snapshot of a student's learning. It is an essential tool for our school to evaluate teaching and plan future learning programs and focus on individual student progress. I would like to emphasise the importance of a good night's sleep and healthy eating during this time.

**Janine Dunne, Principal**

## St Joseph's School News

Congratulations to all of our runners in last term's cross country. Blue and Gold House were both winners on the day, finishing on equal points. We then had a number of students who went on to participate in the Diocesan cross country in Holbrook.

A large number of our students were able to participate in the ANZAC Day march where our captains, Issy and Harry, lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on our behalf.

On May 3, a number of our Year 3 students received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at St Mary's Church as part of their sacramental journey.

We held our athletics carnival on May 4. We were blessed with a glorious day and everyone tried very hard in their events. Congratulations to Gold house – Hanrahan, who were the eventual winners on the day. Congratulations also to our age champions- Laura Wettenhall, Andrew Smith, Sophia Wettenhall, Josh Hunt, Halle Brown, Brydie Nimmo, Nick Bowyer, Sophie Pincott and Ben Hunt. We now have thirty-three athletes heading off to Wagga later in the month for the Deanery carnival.



# Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN JUNE (4TH & 18TH)
<b>Lockhart</b>		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
<b>The Rock</b>		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
<b>Yerong Creek</b>	1.30pm – 3.30pm		
<b>Pleasant Hills</b>	10.00 am – 12.00pm		

## ALL LANDFILLS ARE CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Items not accepted include mattresses, hazardous chemicals and tyres.

**Always segregate your waste, to make it easier for inspection and unloading at our sites.**

**Green waste, E-waste and problem household wastes are accepted free of charge to Shire residents.**

**Always cover your ute, trailer or truck, to minimise wind-blown litter in our communities.**

**Refer to the 'Waste & Recycling' page of Council's website for more information on recycling initiatives, or waste collection services.**



## Lockhart Lions Club Recycling

**Location:** Next to Uncle Toby's Shed, northern side of railway line.

Entry from Brookong Street.

**Opening Times:** Daylight Hours, seven days a week

### Items

Paper/Magazines, Books (incl. phone books) Cardboard, Glass bottles & Jars (rinsed)  
Aluminium cans -Scrap aluminium, Plastics of any kind incl. bottles (rinsed), bags and wrapping

### Unacceptable Items

Wax-coated cartons, Polystyrene, Light bulbs, Fluorescent tubes, Window glass, Heat-treated glass,

Steel cans or drums

### Items we definitely don't want

Soiled disposable nappies

Be a responsible recycler. *To make our job easier please use receptacles provided.*

*Thank you*



# Lockhart TOWN BAND

Lockhart and District Band meets on Wednesdays from 5.30pm-6.30pm, in the Band Room (at the front of the Lockhart Memorial Hall).

Have you ever had the desire to learn an instrument?...To be able read music?...To play music with others? Then come along and we can teach you in a welcoming, supportive environment! No experience necessary ☺

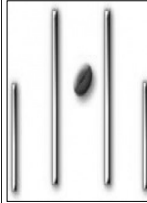
We have instruments available for use and would love to see any new members, young or old!!

For more information please contact:

Irene Schirmer: 6929 5259

Ann Madden: 6920 7247

## CLAIMING THE DATE



Football

**RAND**



Netball

### 34th AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL/NETBALL DEVELOPMENT ROUND ROBIN CARNIVAL 2017

**To be held at the**

RAND SPORTSGROUND AND  
RAND PUBLIC SCHOOL OVAL

**SUNDAY 6th August 2017**

**First Game Commences at 9.30am**

#### BOYS

8 & under ( 9 a side)  
10 & under ( 9 a side)  
12 & under ( 9a side)

#### GIRLS

10 & under  
12 & under  
14 & under  
16 & under  
(Age groups TBC)

#### CARNIVAL COORDINATORS

Carole/James

Rand Public School

RAND NSW 2642

Ph: 02 60295228 bh

Fax: 02 60295301

Email [rand-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rand-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



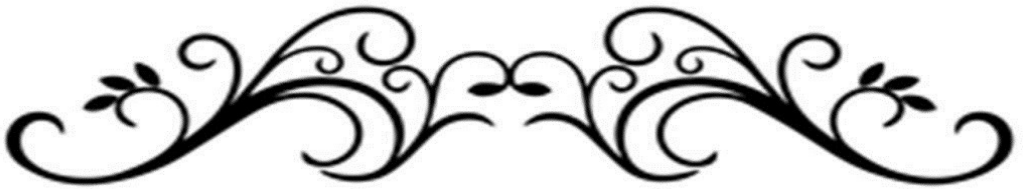
#### LGA Road Safety Programs

Business - Community - Individual

- Low Risk Driving Workshops
- Road User Toolbox Talks
- Learner Driver Workshops
- Alcohol Breath Testing
- Older Driver Workshops
- Mobility Scooter Workshops
- Safety Around Schools
- TfNSW Road Safety Campaigns  
*Fatigue, Speed, Distraction, Plan B, Motorcycles, Bikes, Child Restraints & more*

To book a FREE program contact  
Road Safety Officer 0427 224 764

[RoadSafety@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:RoadSafety@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)



*Claiming the Date!*  
*Brookdale Red Cross*  
*Melbourne Cup in Black & White*  
*7th November 2017*



*Claim the Date*

Saturday 8th July  
2017,  
St. Aidan's Church Hall  
Fair and Garage Sale

**Riverina Sand Green  
Championships  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Lockhart Golf Course  
"The 6<sup>th</sup> Major"  
Tee Off from 8.30am  
Enquiries  
Mick Madden, 0428 899 777**

*Claim the Date*  
*Urangeline Peace Hall*  
*Garden Walk*  
*Sunday 29th October 2017*

## WEED OF THE MONTH - GREEN CESTRUM



*Cestrum parqui*

**Other common names:** Chilean Cestrum, Green Poisonberry, Willow Jasmine, Willow Leaved Jessamine, Chilean Flowering Jessamine, Chilean Jessamine, Iodine Bush, Willow Jasmine.

**Origin:** Native to South America. Originally introduced into Australia as an ornamental shrub for gardens.

**Description:** Is a medium perennial shrub, straggly and woody, growing to 2 to 4 metres. Tends to form clumps and spread via suckers. Grows vigorously, outcompeting other vegetation.

**Leaves:** Dark green, on short stalks, lance-shaped and hairless. Up to 12 cm long and 2.5 cm wide, alternate, margins undulated; pungent smell when crushed.

**Flowers:** Yellow and trumpet-like in shape; growing in clusters at the ends of branches.

**Fruit:** Egg shaped berries up to 1 cm long. Shiny and black when ripe, containing several seeds. A food source for many bird species, providing dispersal of seed.

**Seed:** 3 to 4mm in length and irregular in shape. Producing more than 2000 seeds per plant. Seeds may remain dormant in the soil for many years, and are easily dispersed by water.

**Reproduction:** Its extensive, shallow root system can produce many new plants from suckers, particularly after root disturbance or injury.

Dispersal also occurs through cultivation transferring root pieces.

**Toxicity:** Toxic in both green and dead state. The roots, seeds, stems and leaves are highly toxic to humans and domestic animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, horses, pigs, poultry, dogs and cats. Its effect on native fauna is unknown. Signs of poisoning include diarrhoea, abdominal pain, depression, disorientation, staggers, weakness, fever, loss of appetite, increased thirst, and hallucinations; developing into kidney and liver damage, and eventually, paralysis, coma or terminal convulsions. Post-mortem examination of poisoned animals usually reveals extensive internal haemorrhaging. Time of death varies from mere hours to three days after consumption of the plant, and depends on the animal, time of year and amount of green cestrum eaten. Survivors of green cestrum poisoning experience elevated blood ammonia levels which then cause brain damage.

**Weed classification:** Declared Class 3 Noxious Weed in the Lockhart Shire. The plant must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.

**Control Methods:** Mechanical control can be achieved by cutting down, pulling out and burning, as long as all roots are removed. Chemical application is also effective. Remove livestock from the area after spraying, as dying plants become much more palatable, while remaining highly toxic. For further information please contact Council's Noxious Weeds Inspector 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)





# 2017 LOVE LOCKHART SHIRE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

*Shoot to Win  
Cash Prizes!*



**1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2017**  
FREE ENTRY | CASH PRIZES | OPEN TO ALL

**THEMES: PEOPLE & PLACES**

**OPEN & YOUTH CATEGORIES**

TO ENTER, SEND YOUR PHOTOS AND ENTRY FORM TO  
PO BOX 21, LOCKHART NSW 2656.



Full details on how to enter at  
[visitlockhartshire.com.au](http://visitlockhartshire.com.au)