

LOCKHART SHIRE



NEWSLETTER November 2017

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This month's cover contributor - Dee Wolter



As this is the last issue of the Monthly Newsletter for 2017 Councillors and staff wish all members of Lockhart Shire Community a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year



Councillor Profile

A special hello to the Lockhart Shire Community,

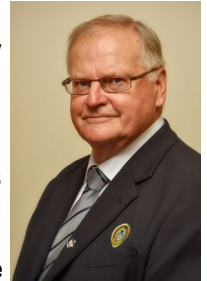
This is my second term as a Councillor and I currently hold the position of Deputy Mayor. I am also Council's representative on Riverina Water County Council where I was recently re-elected Chairman.

I was born and raised in The Rock and attended the local Central School and later in Wagga Wagga. I returned to The Rock in 2005 as this was the area that we always wanted to retire in. My wife Marie is from Wagga, so family connections played a big part in our decision to return. Our 3 daughters are all close by, as are our 2 beautiful grandsons. I retired from full-time work in 2012 and currently do some part-time property consultancy. I love my local footy team the Magpies and enjoy my bowls. I am also a Collingwood tragic.

Having survived the Fit for the Future process, Council has got on with the job of improving the amenity of the Shire to ensure it remains an attractive place to live. We are fortunate to have strong representation from all parts of the Shire on Council, and along with my fellow councillors under the strong leadership of Mayor Rodg, believe there are some exciting times ahead for the Shire. I will always continue to promote the benefits of Lockhart Shire and I am happy to assist constituents wherever I can.

On behalf of Marie and my family I would like to wish all residents a Happy and Joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Regards
Greg Verdon



Australia Day 2018 Celebrations

will be hosted by the

Osborne Recreation Ground Management Committee

at the Osborne Recreation Ground

Australia DAY

Activities planned:

- Jumping castle & Face painting
- Old Time Fun – three-legged race, sack race, egg & spoon race
- Lolly scramble
- Fun "Oz" competitions with prizes
- Sporting games
- Water Fun – Silo bag slide, tube slide and commando course with water.

BYO sun cream, hats, swimmers and towels.

Be sun safe!



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Mayoral Annual Report

Hello everybody.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to report to you on what has been a challenging and productive year and a year of change.

A new four year term of Council was ushered in following an ordinary election held on 10 September 2016. Our former Mayor, Peter Yates, did not seek re-election after 17 years as a councillor and eight years as Mayor. I would like to place on record again, as I did at the time, our thanks to Peter for his commitment to the Shire over a long period of time, ably supported by his wife Elayne. I also extend my appreciation to retiring councillors Jim Morgan and Rodney McDonnell for their valuable contribution over a period of four years and eight years respectively.



With the election we welcomed four new councillors, Ian Marston, Andrew Rockliff, Peter Sharp and James Walker who joined returning councillors Max Day, Derek Douglas, Gail Driscoll, Greg Verdon and myself. I have appreciated the way in which all councillors have embraced their role and obligations to the community and for their support in my first term as Mayor.

Our General Manager Mr Rod Shaw retired in January 2017 and we welcomed new General Manager Peter Veneris. Rod successfully steered this Shire through some challenging times, in particular the Fit for the Future process, and can be truly proud of his achievements, especially keeping Lockhart Shire as a stand-alone Council.

The new Council hit the ground running with a series of community consultations meetings across the Shire to engage, inform and consult residents about our plans going forward. The consultations resulted in a revised 10 year Community Strategic Plan (2017-2027) and a new four year Delivery Program (2017-2021) for the term of the current Council.

Whilst consulting the community on our plans going forward Council also delivered a very significant works program in 2016/17 based on its existing Operational Plan and Budget. Major projects included:-

- Widening of Reid Street Lockhart;
- Completion of cycle/walking track to The Rock Hill;
- Continued widening the Osborne/Yerong Creek Road and The Rock/Mangoplah Road;
- Restoration of flood affected roads;
- Construction of a five lot residential subdivision at Carson Road The Rock and the sale of all five lots;
- Completion of the Community Recycling Centre at the Lockhart landfill;
- Upgrade of Grubbin Road;
- Installation of major culvert on the Urana to Lockhart Road;
- Reconstruction of tertiary treatment ponds at The Rock Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Other preliminary planning and design work undertaken in 2016/17, including applications to secure government funding, will see a continuation of Council's significant works program in 2017/18, particularly with respect to the extension of the sewerage scheme at The Rock, flood mitigation works at Lockhart and The Rock, the construction of stage two of the residential

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subdivision at Carson Road, The Rock as well as Council's continued participation in the Voluntary Purchase Scheme for flood affected properties.

Detailed planning and design work was also undertaken in relation to planned upgrades of the swimming pools at Lockhart and The Rock. Steering committees with community representation were established to inform the design phase and to provide guidance with the project.

The complete refurbishment of the two swimming pools was premised on Council's application for a special rate variation above the State Government's rate pegging limit. Council's application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) however was unsuccessful. Therefore Council's Draft Budget placed on public exhibition in May/June 2016/17 included Swimming Pools Capital Works totalling \$2 million in 2018/19 and 2019/20 to carry out essential repairs to the Lockhart and The Rock swimming pools. However Council has also flagged its intention to make representations to Government and pursue grant opportunities which, if successful, will enable the full refurbishment of the swimming pools at an estimated cost of \$4.2million. These efforts will continue in 2017/18.

Much of what is achieved in the Lockhart Shire community would not be possible without the many dedicated volunteers who participate in section 355 committees, sporting clubs, service clubs, progress associations and the wide variety of other community groups present in the Shire.

We once again had the opportunity to acknowledge some of those volunteers at the Australia Day celebrations hosted by the Yerong Creek Organising Committee. Congratulations to Citizen of the Year Mandy Strong, and Australia Day Award recipients Ian McLeod, Narelle McRorie and Kevin Driscoll. There are many others of course who also work tirelessly for their communities and to all of them we say thank you. A Thank You Barbecue was held at Walter Day Park in May 2017 as part of Volunteer Week.

In February 2017 the Council, in conjunction with Lockhart Rotary, held the inaugural "Business Excellence Awards" Dinner where entrants from throughout the Shire were recognised and acknowledged. Due to the success of the Awards evening it is hoped to make it an annual event with plans for a 2018 Business Excellence Awards dinner to be held at The Rock. To help inspire small to medium businesses in the Shire, Council also participated in a back to Business Week event with guest speaker Tom O'Toole, who shared his story on how a simple baker revived a struggling bakery and built it into a \$16 million business, namely the Beechworth Bakery. Council also continued the practice of carrying out a survey of all businesses in the Shire and an Investment Attraction Incentives Policy was developed, publicly exhibited and adopted by Council in 2016/17.

I believe much has been achieved in 2016/17 and I look forward to another productive year in 2017/18 with numerous projects in the pipeline. I would like to conclude by once again thanking my fellow councillors, our dedicated staff and our community minded volunteers for all your support throughout 2016/17. It is both an honour and a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve the Shire as Mayor.

Cr Rodger Schirmer
Mayor

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Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2017

Budget ¹			Actual	Actual
2017	\$ '000	Notes	2017	2016
Income from continuing operations				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
3,191	Rates and annual charges	3a	3,145	3,056
297	User charges and fees	3b	396	308
240	Interest and investment revenue	3c	194	238
178	Other revenues	3d	290	238
6,723	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	3e,f	13,184	8,602
1,035	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	3e,f	41	-
<i>Other income:</i>				
-	Net gains from the disposal of assets	5	69	137
-	Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	19	-	18
11,664	Total income from continuing operations		17,319	12,597
Expenses from continuing operations				
2,589	Employee benefits and on-costs	4a	2,818	3,287
65	Borrowing costs	4b	65	67
2,270	Materials and contracts	4c	3,168	1,835
2,848	Depreciation and amortisation	4d	2,912	2,917
-	Impairment	4d	-	-
1,110	Other expenses	4e	1,264	1,240
	Interest and investment losses	3c	-	-
	Net losses from the disposal of assets	5	-	-
-	Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	19	4	-
8,882	Total expenses from continuing operations		10,231	9,346
2,782	Operating result from continuing operations		7,088	3,251
Discontinued operations				
-	Net profit/(loss) from discontinued operations	24	-	-
2,782	Net operating result for the year		7,088	3,251
2,782	Net operating result attributable to Council		7,088	3,251
-	Net operating result attributable to non-controlling interests		-	-

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2017

\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2017	Actual 2016
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6a	7,677	7,715
Investments	6b	-	-
Receivables	7	2,609	239
Inventories	8	1,823	1,833
Other	8	9	6
Non-current assets classified as 'held for sale'	22	-	-
Total current assets		12,118	9,793
Non-current assets			
Investments	6b	-	-
Receivables	7	42	81
Inventories	8	355	472
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	9	218,620	215,652
Investments accounted for using the equity method	19	139	143
Investment property	14	-	-
Intangible assets	25	-	-
Non-current assets classified as 'held for sale'	22	-	-
Other	8	-	-
Total non-current assets		219,156	216,348
TOTAL ASSETS		231,274	226,141
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	10	767	417
Income received in advance	10	13	13
Borrowings	10	36	34
Provisions	10	871	805
Liabilities associated with assets classified as 'held for sale'	22	-	-
Total current liabilities		1,687	1,269
Non-current liabilities			
Payables	10	2	-
Income received in advance	10	-	-
Borrowings	10	785	821
Provisions	10	55	117
Investments accounted for using the equity method	19	-	-
Liabilities associated with assets classified as 'held for sale'	22	-	-
Total non-current liabilities		842	938
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,529	2,207
Net assets		228,745	223,934
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	20	205,995	198,907
Revaluation reserves	20	22,750	25,027
Other reserves	20	-	-
Council equity interest		228,745	223,934
Non-controlling equity interests		-	-
Total equity		228,745	223,934

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The Audited Financial Statements present the actual financial position and performance of Council for the 2016/17 financial year. Council's Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board,
- the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations and
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (the Code).

Council's Financial Statements are independently audited, reported to Council, placed on public exhibition and lodged with the Office of Local Government each year.

Summary

Operating surplus before capital grants and contributions:
\$7.047M Surplus (2016 – \$3.25M Surplus).

Operating Revenues (excl. capital grants & contributions)

▲ 37.2% to \$17.28M

Operating Expenses

▲ 9.5% to \$10.23M

Cash and Investments

▼ 0.5% to \$7.677M (2016 - \$7.715 million).

Revenue from Rates and Annual Charges

▲ 2.9% to \$3.145M

This represents 18.2% of Council's total Income from Continuing Operations.

User Charges and Fees

▲ 28.6% to \$396,000

Interest on Investments

▼ 18.5% to \$194,000

Loans

\$821,000 balance of loan

Land Development

\$219,000 spent on developing Council's real estate holdings.

Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$6.33M spent on Roads, Culverts & Footpaths.

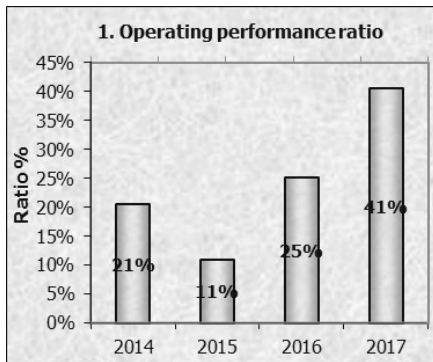
\$1.02M spent on Plant & Equipment.

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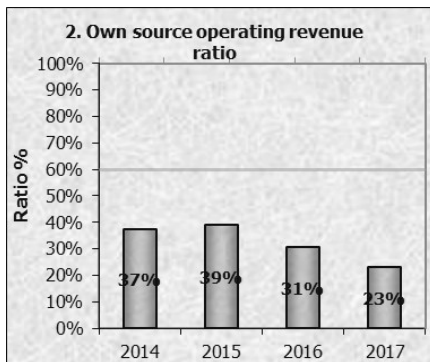
Operating Performance Ratio



This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

The increase in operating performance is due mainly to an advance payment in FAGs of \$1.9M and other one-off grants totalling \$4.5M being recognised as income.

Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio



This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants & contributions.

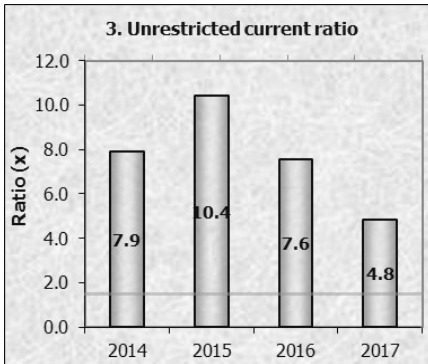
One-off grants of \$4.5M has impacted on Council's own Source Revenue ratio.

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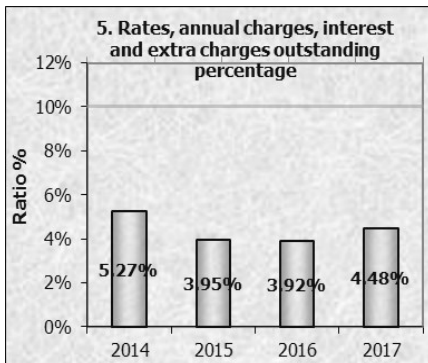
Unrestricted Current Ratio



To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

Council is well above the industry benchmark. Council is in a strong financial position to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage

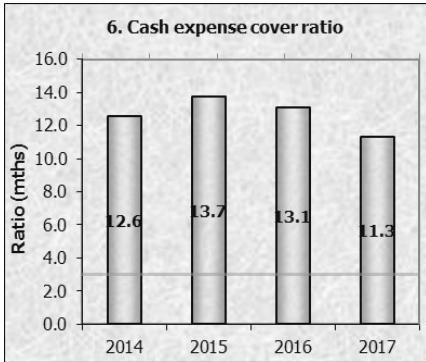


To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

Council is well within the benchmark for a rural Council. This is a reflection of Council's strong debt collection procedures.

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Cash Expense Cover Ratio



This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

Council continues to have a good liquidity ratio which is well above the benchmark.

The Council achieved a surplus in net operating result from continuing operations (including capital contributions) of \$7.09M (2016: \$3.25M) for the year ended 30 June 2017. The net operating surplus for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes is \$7.05M (2016: \$3.25M).

The size of Council's operations has remained relatively consistent over the past three years with increases in rates and annual charges being attributable to the annual permissible increase (1.8% in 2016/2017) for rates and annual charges increase being a combination of CPI and operating costs.

User fees and charges have increased from prior year, due mainly to NSW State Government reimbursements for work performed to establish and implement the Fire & Emergency Services Levy (FESL), although the State Government ended up not implementing the FESL and maintaining the status quo. Also scrap metal sales resulted in additional revenue of \$31,000.

Operating grants and contributions have increased due to one-off grants for Roads & Maritime Services for storm damage of \$1.67M and Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Programme as well as Fixing Country Roads funding of \$2.3M for roads works to Grubben Rd and the causeway on the Lockhart/Urana Rd. In addition, Roads to Recovery (R2R) for 2017 was more than double the usual annual allocation.

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Council received two capital grants for the 2017 financial year. The Lockhart Show Ground received \$24,000 for a poultry shed and the Milbrulong Hall received \$17,000 for capital improvements.

Employee costs have increased due to the wage increase in line with the Local Government Award, plus additional resources required for additional grant funded road projects.

Asset Management has been a focus area for the Council over the last three financial years. This resulted in a slight increase in depreciation expense in 2016, and depreciation for 2017 was consistent with prior year and industry benchmarks.

Council's Audited Financial Statements can be viewed at:

Council Offices, 65 Green St, Lockhart

Council's website <http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au>

A detailed analysis of Council's Financial Statements can be found in the Audited Financial Statements.



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10TH *of* MARCH 2018
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For information contact Adam Lane on 0429 204 256 or brookdaleball@hotmail.com
Further details to come

Council Snippets 20 November 2017

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BIOSECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Common White Snail

In response to the increase in rainfall that the Lockhart Shire Council area has received recently, snail baiting occurred on both Fairview Lane at Boree Creek and the lane running parallel to Reid and Osborne Streets in Lockhart, between Day and O'Connell Streets. Baiting occurred on 25 October 2017. The fencing at Fairview Lane has been re-erected at both ends to restrict movement within the infested area, and new signage has been ordered to replace signs that were burnt during a previous vegetation reduction. Fairview Lane received herbicide application on 31 October 2017 to eliminate any established food source. Council staff have been liaising with Local Land Services (LLS) and adjoining neighbours regarding the control of the snail. Council will continue to liaise with LLS in the future in developing a strategy to apply some form of residual herbicide, with consideration to the restrictions of chemical use imposed on councils, use of chemicals on a public road, and protection of the nearby watercourse and consequences should runoff occur.

Best Management Practice of Roadside Reserve Corridors Project

Lockhart Shire Council in conjunction with Wagga Wagga City Council have been successful in applying to the Local Government NSW Council Roadside Reserves Environmental Grants Program for \$88 000 in grant funding. The grant program aims to help Councils work towards best practice roadside environmental management, and will allow the participating Councils to: engage a consultant to undertake a rapid assessment of the current roadside vegetation condition, and provide a mapping layer to illustrate this information; revise Council's Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, and have this adopted by Council; establish signs for areas of significant vegetation; develop templates and procedures for staff and contractors to use when working in

significant vegetation areas; and provide training to staff that work within this space.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

The NSW Government is launching a Container Deposit Scheme to commence on 1 December 2017. TOMRA-Cleanaway has been engaged as the Network Operator for implementing and managing the collection of containers across the whole State. Lockhart township is required to have a manual handling receipt point due to its recent population data. The receipt point is to collect the containers, count the applicable ones that are eligible for 10 cent rebates and hand out the cash to the person who bought the containers in. Then the containers are to be stacked and stored until collected. The containers cannot be crushed or damaged in anyway. TOMRA-Cleanaway extended an offer to REROC member councils to participate in the Scheme. However whilst supporting the concept of a Container Deposit Scheme, REROC councils have all agreed to decline the 3.5 cents offer as it currently stands as it would result in ratepayers having to subsidise the Scheme. At this stage Council staff are unsure how the whole scheme will be implemented and operated in our Shire.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Works Report: One grader crew is undertaking Stage 2 of Council's subdivision in The Rock. Second crew is undertaking shoulder widening on Yerong Creek Mangoplah Road, with third undertaking maintenance grading. Grader crews will continue with construction and maintenance programmes, with Brookdale Hill works now scheduled to commence after the New Year. We remind residents that the summer period is Council's main construction period and although we will try to avoid impact on harvest it is not always possible. Your patience with construction crews is appreciated.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

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

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a) *Swimming Pools Upgrade*: Development Approval (DA) has been granted for the amenities upgrade at Lockhart pool as well as The Rock pool new amenities building. Council recently submitted grant application under the NSW Government's Regional Growth Fund – Stronger Country Communities.

b) *The Rock Sewer Extension*: Construction work has been progressing well with the main pipeline nearly completed. Agreement has been reached and a lease has been signed for the installation of the sewer line to run under the Sydney to Melbourne rail line. Installation of on property works has commenced. There have been 49 confirmed properties agreeing to connect to the scheme.

c) *Demolition of Voluntary Purchase Properties*: Current grant funding allows for one more property to be purchased at each of Lockhart and The Rock in 2017/18. An agreement with property owner in The Rock has been reached with funding confirmed. Contracts have been exchanged and a contractor will be engaged shortly to begin demolition work. Negotiations with a property owner in Lockhart is occurring including discussions with OEH regarding funding confirmation.

d) *Flood Mitigation Construction*: There was a pre-tender meeting held on site for the Lockhart Government Dam Levee construction project on 17 October with 5 contractors attending. Tenders have closed and a report was included in Closed Committee, where a preferred tenderer has been selected subject to approval from OEH. It is hoped construction works will commence early in the New Year.

e) The Rock Strevens Street drainage works funding from OEH has been received. Due to changes in the design of the drain on the eastern end of the levee resulting in changes to the drainage easement, as well as not being able to access the railway corridor yet, tenders for the works will now not be called until late January 2018.

PARKS AND GARDENS REPORT

Pools

Both pools are up and running for another season and were handed over to this year's contractors, Tammy Lenon and Sally Hunter for opening Monday, 13 November. The contractors will conduct lifeguard duties, regular vacuuming and water testing, attend to the amenities buildings, gardens and lawns until mid-March. Council staff will continue to assist the contractors where necessary.

Round-a-bout Street Lamp

Elegance Stained Glass was consulted about replacing a broken glass panel in the lamp. The glass in the panel has been identified as a texture called Pyramid which is old and rare. Council was advised to try building recyclers in the hope that they may have a fanlight containing this glass that could be cut to size. If a suitable piece cannot be sourced suitable replacement glass will need to be chosen.

FEES FOR MICROCHIPPING

Council has introduced a new fee for listing in the 2017-18 Operational Plan, for the delivery of in-house microchipping of companion animals. The fee for delivering the in-house microchipping service is \$35 – a saving of \$70 from the same service offered by Council through a veterinarian. The proposed fee covers the cost of the microchip, scanning, medical equipment for installation, staff time and administration expenses.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING – THE ROCK

Council staff have been advised that the community recycling currently located behind the IGA in The Rock will cease operations prior to Xmas this year. As this is a valuable service for the local community Council is interested in hearing from any community groups in The Rock who may like to provide this service. For further information or any queries please contact Council's Director Engineering & Environmental Services, David Webb, on 0269205305.

LEASE OF 34 & 38 DAY STREET, THE ROCK

Lockhart Shire Council invites expression of interest for the lease of the above property for a period of three (3) years commencing 1 March 2018 for grazing purposes.

The land, located on the western side of Day Street, has an area of approximately 2,900 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" up to 4pm on Friday, 22 December 2017.

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Director of Engineering & Environmental Services, David Webb, on 6920 5305.

The highest or any offer is not necessarily accepted.

Peter Veneris
GENERAL MANAGER

PO Box 21
LOCKHART NSW 2656

Red Cross News


See yourself as a volunteer? Why not join Red Cross, Lockhart Red Cross branch is one of four Branches in the Lockhart Shire.

Lockhart Red Cross Branch meets, 4th Friday of each month at the Branch run shop, 124 Green St. The shop is open Monday to Friday from 9-30am to 2pm, selling clothing, home wares, Bric-a-brac, glassware, China and kitchenware etc, with new stock arriving daily.

Going to a special theme Christmas party why not call in to the shop and see what's on offer and a volunteer will be only too happy to help you with your outfit.

Red Cross not only raises money for Global Humanitarian Programs but also provides Humanitarian programs in local communities.



 Red Cross acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, their ancestors and Elders, past and present.

**Christmas Carols in
Walter Day Park**

Sunday 17th December

BBQ tea at 6pm
Carols start at 6.30

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

St Aidan Lockhart

Sunday 24th 7pm

Family Service

Monday 25th 9am

Holy Communion

St Philip Urana

Sunday 24th 10am

Family Service

November Museum News

The museum has had a busy and productive year with visitor numbers both in the museum and the VIC at record level. Thanks to the hard work of Council, the word seems to be getting out there. Visitors are enjoying our museum, caravan park, sculptures and our beautiful town, but if we want our town to continue to attract visitors and become a must-see-tourism destination we need to all work hard to offer the visitor what they expect ie a beautiful town, good food outlets and amazing attractions.

Part of the reason our overall numbers are up for this year has been ability to open seven days a week. Unfortunately, the volunteer who was able to work a couple of days each the week has left town, a big thankyou to Jenny for a job well done. At the last management meeting it was resolved we try and continue operating seven days a week, to do this we need your help!!

If you are honest, reliable, polite and well-presented we can use your help. The volunteer hours can be for as little as three and a half hours a month!! We have expectations that volunteers will uphold the standard required for the Visitor Information brand and comply with our guidelines, but we have training, there is support by the executive and the job is not hard. One of our volunteers recently commented "volunteering gets me out of the house and into the community, it's great to know you're helping the town by meeting people from all over Australia" If you would like to give it a go please contact Heather on 0427295264 or 69204758 or pop into the museum and speak to a volunteer.

Many may be wondering what is happening next door? We are waiting on the outcome of two grant applications and if successful the management committee will be able to start work on the Billabong building clean-up and renovations to meet Government regulations for public buildings. The extra display space gained will be amazing and enable us to display our machinery much better, there will also provide space for some interesting new displays. It just takes time and money.

Thanks to the dedicated Spirit of the Land committee we once again experienced a fantastic festival. The museum had 642 visitors in the two days of the festival which is one of our better results. It certainly was a pity about the weather on Sunday, but we were very pleased with our numbers and we have no control over the weather. As a volunteer organisation the boost to our funds is essential as all funds raised go towards our yearly loan repayment (for Billabong building), operating expenses and improvements to the museum.

This year we were pleased to welcome the boys from the Lockhart Rugby Football Reunion on the Saturday morning of the festival. We thank Graham Gooden and his helpers for the donation of records and hope the visitors enjoyed their morning with us.

I wish you all a joyful festive season and remember if you have visitors over the Christmas break bring them down for a visit but we will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day to give volunteers family time.

Thank you

Heather Trevaskis



Help celebrate the
"Christmas Season with Carols"
At the Lockhart Uniting Church
On Sunday 17th December at 9am
All Welcome

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Next Council Meeting
Monday 18 December 2017
Notice is given that Council's Meeting for December 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 5 January 2018

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

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

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JOHN MOONEY REAL ESTATE - AGENT FOR COUNCIL
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Date to Remember

Lockhart Red Cross Branch

Red Cross Calling

Special Morning Tea @ the Red Cross shop

Saturday 3rd March 2018 (during the Truck Show)

More details later

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Community Sponsorship Program

With every product or service Lockhart & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch offers, money goes back into the community. We are seeking local organisations who are looking to partner with our local **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Drop into our Lockhart Branch at 98 Green Street, Lockhart or phone 6920 4244 to discuss your local organisation's sponsorship application. Applications now open and close 9 February 2018.

'Supporting our local community.'



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SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM

Lockhart Swimming Pool 8th to 18th January

- Life skill
- Fun
- Water awareness
- Safe

The Office of Sport delivers Royal Life Saving Society's national Swim and Survive program in regional areas of NSW where limited learn to swim opportunities exist.

Lessons cater for children aged 18 months to 12 years and provide everything from water awareness through to developing strokes and endurance. Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for nine consecutive week days.

Prices for nine lessons are \$72 for school aged children and \$51 for pre-schoolers (prices exclude pool entry).



More information

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive | 13 13 02

[fb.com/OOSswimandsurvive](https://www.facebook.com/OOSswimandsurvive)



Youth News

Youth Advisory Committee – Fun Activity Day to be held at The Rock Pool

The Lockhart Shire's Youth Advisory Committee have been busy organising a day of fun for students at The Rock on Tuesday 12 December. The day will be held at The Rock Pool and will include Wally Wipeout, Totem Tennis, Horse Shoe Tossing plus loads of other fun activities. This is a great way to end a really successful year for the newly established Lockhart Shire Youth Committee. The committee was established in early 2017 after three intensive workshops with Teen Coach/Guru Nathan Hull. The committee now meets on a monthly basis with their primary roles being to:

- To advocate for the needs of young people and provide a mechanism for their participation and involvement on community issues
- To assist young people in developing skills in various areas.
- To assist in planning programs for youth as well as annual youth week events.

For more information contact Susan Kane, Library and Youth Services Development Officer Phone: 0417212069 or Email: skane@geaterhume.nsw.gov.au

Career Information?

Your Riverina Regional Library membership provides you with access to all our libraries. Go to <http://rri.nsw.gov.au/youth/living-it/career-help/> then follow the links to see the vast range of resources available on Resumes, Job Hunting, and Job Interviews.

Visit your library or make a reservation online for \$1. Learn how <http://rri.nsw.gov.au/riverina-regional-library/member-services/>

Career Match

Career Match - What happens after school graduation and the doors of opportunity stretch before you? Do you want to learn how to write a great resume and discover careers that match your personality? Career Match is an online career and resume service free to members of the public libraries. If you are a member of any of the Riverina Regional Library branches, you'll need your membership number to access this service. (http://www.mcmlibrary.com.au/start_profile.htm)

Cybersafety

Today, the Internet is a part of every sphere of life. We use it to access a wide range of information and it has made communicating with each other easy. Social networking and blogging websites and online discussion forums have proved popular platforms of expression.

Making sure you and your kids are safe online and continue enjoying the Internet and all its benefits has become an important issue. The Riverina Regional Library hopes the following resources will help you stay safe.

eSmart Libraries - <https://www.esmart.org.au/esmart-libraries/>

eSmart Libraries is in 75% of public libraries across the country. eSmart Libraries is a free purpose-built system designed to equip libraries and connect library users with the skills they need for smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

Office of the eSafety Commissioner -<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Young & eSafe -Empowering young people to take control of their online experiences.

Tourism and Economic Development

Business Incentives

Investing in Lockhart Shire makes good business sense. With a vibrant economy across many sectors, excellent and accessible transport linkages, strong growth opportunities and an enjoyable lifestyle, there are endless reasons to consider doing business in this region. Lockhart Shire Council recently released an Investment Attraction Incentives Scheme, designed to attract investment and to stimulate significant and sustainable economic growth, diversify our industry base and value add to our regional economy. Details of the Investment Attraction Incentives Scheme are available on available on www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/business-investment.aspx.

Business Survey

Lockhart Shire Council recently conducted the 2017 Lockhart Shire Business Survey to better understand the state of business in the Shire and the needs of the business community. This year's survey includes expanded questions on access and quality of internet and mobile phone services. There was a very strong response to the confidential survey, with 79 surveys completed. The response rate from the agricultural sector was once again very high, with replies received from all areas across the Shire. The results of the survey analysis are available on www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au.

Lockhart Shire Business Excellence Awards

Planning is in progress for the 2018 Lockhart Shire Business Excellence Awards. The purpose of these Awards is to provide local businesses the opportunity to celebrate and be recognised for their achievements including outstanding results through initiatives that demonstrate leadership and commitment to service excellence. The 2018 Business Awards will open in February 2018, with an Awards Presentation evening to be hosted in The Rock by The Rock Progress Association with the support of Lockhart Shire Council, Rotary and the Lockhart Progress Association.



Lockhart Christmas Lights

Best Decorated House & Garden

First Prize:

\$100 Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club Voucher
Sponsored by Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club

Runner Up:

\$50 Town Voucher

Sponsored by Lockhart Lions Club

Best Decorated Shop Window

\$50 Town Voucher sponsored by
Lockhart Progress Association

* No entry needed, judging in December!

Ex  SC





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

Pleasant Hills Community Pub is turning

100 years old in 2018

Celebrating it on

Saturday 24th March 2018 from
1.30pm

Kids Activities, Games, Catch up ,
Band and Meal in the Evening

Wobbly Boot performing

Further Details

Suzanne Forck 0428293047

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

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



CLASSES HAVE COMMENCED AGAIN
AFTER A SHORT BREAK:

Times are now:

MONDAY ARVO AT 3PM AT EMILY GARDENS

WEDNESDAY ARVO AT 3PM AT EMILY GARDENS

The proven benefits of gentle exercise for all people include:

- ◆ Increased balance
- ◆ Increased strength
- ◆ Increased flexibility
- ◆ Increased fitness

These classes are for all ages and very affordable.

**ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG
WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**

Contact: Nancy Smith
0427692020
69202034

OR Jeanie .0438202468



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 Progress Association Inc.
wish to thank members of the
community who helped produce the
**'Green Street Pavers Golden
Memories'** book.

It is now some years ago since this project was initiated. It has come to our attention that there are no longer any books in available for purchase. If you or any member of your family has a book which is no longer wanted, please drop the book off to the Lockhart Museum so that it can be available for resale or for research.

The Lockhart Hospital Auxiliary and the staff of Lockhart Multi-Purpose Service are holding a combined Christmas Hamper Raffle which will be drawn on Friday 22nd December.

We want to thank the local community for their continuing support which enable us to make sure our local facility is very well equipped. Thank you, Lorraine Hoffmann

**St Mary's Parish
Debutant Ball
Friday 2nd May 2018
For Enquires please call:
Janet Schirmer 0427 292 219**

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

December/January 2017

Lockhart

Dec, 5th & 12th, Jan, 2nd, 9th, 16th
& 23rd

9am - 12.30pm

Milbrulong

Dec, 14th, Jan, 11th & 25th

9am - 10am

Pleasant Hills

Dec, 11, Jan, 8th & 22nd

1.15pm - 2.30pm

Yerong Creek

Dec 13th, Jan, 1th & 24th

3pm - 4pm

The Rock

Dec, 14th, Jan, 11th & 25th

10.30am - 12.00pm

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



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.

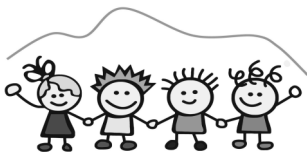
Situated in Green Street, the caravan park is just 100 metres from the shopping area and within easy walking distance to all facilities.

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.**



The Rock Pre School

Taking Enrolments For 2018

Monday - Thursday

8am - 3:30pm

95 King St, The Rock

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 & 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.



Rates information

If paying by instalments, your next
instalment will

be due by **30 November 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 7.5% pa.

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

St Peters Anglican Church

Will celebrate 100 years on
21/08/2019, of service to our
community.

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

Please contact :

Rev Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

or Mrs M Vennell

69201067

Local Church Services – December 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/

Lockhart Uniting Church Services

December, 3rd, 9am - Lockhart
Rev. Paul Cozier (from Wagga)
10th, 9am - Lockhart, Family Service
17th, 9am - Lockhart, Carol Service
24th, Christmas Eve, No Service
25th, 9am Christmas Day, Everyone welcome
31st, 9am No Service
Jan, 7th, 9am-Lockhart, A break until
28th 9am Lockhart, Holy Communion
If there are any pastoral concerns, please
contact Lorraine Hoffman on 6920 6233

St John's Presbyterian Church Cnr Hebdon & Day St, Lockhart

1st and 3rd Sundays - 6pm
2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays - 8.45am
Rev Craig Nicholas 6929 3129
www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTICES

Lockhart, Urangeline, Urana & Oaklands

1ST, 3RD, 5TH Weekend of the Month

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6.00 pm at Lockhart

SUNDAY: 8.00 am Urana

10.00 am Oaklands

2ND & 4TH Weekend of the Month

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6.00 pm at Urana

SUNDAY: 8.00 am Lockhart

10.00 am Urangeline

FOR EMERGENCY MINISTRY you are invited
to contact St. Michael's Cathedral Presbytery,
Wagga Wagga on 6921-2164, or the Diocesan
Offices at McAlroy House on 6937-0003.

The Rock

St Peters Anglican Church

Communion 1st Sunday
each month at 9.30am

Enquiries:

Rev Jocelyn Heazlewood 0427 198 513
Mrs M Vennell 6920 1067

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Milbrulong

2nd Sunday of the month -

Lay Reading with Sunday School

4th Sunday with Pastor Stuart Kleinig

Holy Communion & Morning Tea

Phone 02-69206226 with enquiries



Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6
Tune every day

Public Information

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

LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL HALL HIRE

FULL DAY	\$200.00
HALF DAY	\$115.00
NIGHT	\$200.00

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:
Tables, Chairs, Crockery

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

Like us on  <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



XMAS FAIR

Market stalls
Face Painting
Christmas Carols
Craft activities and more....

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017 from 5 pm
@ THE ROCK CENTRAL SCHOOL

Stalls available for \$10 along with a donation for the raffle.
To book please call Emma 0428964114

Aqua gentle exercises starting again this Summer Lockhart Swimming Pool

Monday 3pm
Call Joy 6920 5349

Thursday 3pm
Call Simone 0447 812 319
Starting the week of 4th December

Public Information

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The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

Kindergarten

for 2018

Do you have a child,
or someone you know has a child,
turning 5 (or at the latest 6)
before 31st July, 2018?

please contact

The Rock Central School
on

Ph: 6920 2132

or

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

to enrol

Lockhart Senior Citizen December Events All activities are held at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club

Sun, 10th - 11:30am,

Christmas Party

Mon, 11th - 1:30pm,

Meeting and Bingo,

(a plate please)

Lockhart Seniors News

All meetings held at the

Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club

President Joy welcomed 25 members to our November Meeting, apologies were received and birthdays announced.

Minutes were read and Lil Golder gave the Treasurers report. Joy reminded all members about our BBQ on 19th November commencing at 11.30am. Our Christmas Party this year will be held on the 10th December commencing at 11.30am at the Ex-Servicemen's Club. Any wishing to attend to have their names in no later than 3rd December. All seniors welcome. Names to be given to Nola Webster.

Margaret Mildren

Health Advisory Council Monthly Message:

NSW Health Warning on Disease Risk from Bats:

People should not touch bats as there is always the possibility of being scratched or bitten. If bitten seek urgent medical advice.

Then the http: setting at the bottom of the page:

Antibiotics : Handle with Care:

The antibiotics resistance we are seeing now is due to overuse and inappropriate use of antibiotics.

When we are prescribed antibiotics, we should take the full dose, at the right time and for the prescribed length of time.

Do not dispose of unused or expired antibiotics in the garbage, or down the sink or the toilet. Instead take them to the local chemist for safe disposal.

It is disappointing that some people are removing paper from the Lions Club's Lockhart Recycle Centre. This action results in the reduction of funds available to support projects and charity organizations in our community. The Recycle Centre is the Lions Club's major fundraising avenue and relies on proceeds from the sale of paper, etc to assist those in need.



Health & Associated Services

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

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
will be held each
Monday morning
at 9am in the
Uniting Church
Hall until Monday 18th
December and will resume in
the new Year. Any enquiries,
please contact Lorraine
Hoffmann on 6920 6233 or
0427 204 051**



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



**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**

1st Tuesday of the Month

Depart Lockhart 8:00am
 Arrive at The Rock 8:30am
 Arrive at Yerong Creek 8:50am
 Arrive at Henty 9:15am
 Arrive at Albury 10.15am

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

These times are an estimated time.

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

\$10.00 RETURN TRIP

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

School News

St Joseph's School

On October 24, our K/1/2 students traveled to Wagga to be part of the 'Count Us In' music day. Students from all over the Diocese came together at the Wagga beach to celebrate music, singing and community. This performance was pre-recorded to be part of the Australia-wide livestream.



Earlier in the term, we welcomed six children to our school for our transition program which continued for five weeks to enable the step to school to be much smoother for 2018.

What an amazing day we had on Friday, November 3 for Mission Day. The drive and enthusiasm shown by the students with their fundraising stalls was a credit to them and they raised a new record amount of over two thousand dollars for Catholic Mission. We were very privileged to have John Goonan join us on this day as Director of Catholic Mission for the Diocese to speak to the students prior to the start of the day to share with them how important their fundraising is and how it will help so many who are in need.

Isabell McRae and Harrison Brown represented our school and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day commemoration at the cenotaph on Saturday, November 11.

In Week 6, all classes visited Woodhaven to entertain the residents there. Over the course of the year, the students from years 3-6 interviewed the residents and put together a book which will be presented to each of them.

Well done to our boys who attended the Diocesan cricket trials and congratulations to Matthew Chant who will now progress to the next level of this competition

Lockhart Central School

Last Friday students in Years 4/5/6 headed to Bright and Beechworth for a fun day of learning. We visited the Maze and played mini golf at Wandiligong near Bright. We then headed into Beechworth for lunch at the Beechworth Bakery.

After lunch we visited the Bourke Museum and the Ned Kelly's Vault. Then we went to the Honey shop and listened to some interesting facts on honey and saw a live beehive. Vienna found the queen bee first!!!!

Our last stop for the day was to the lolly shop. YUM!!!! Thanks to Mrs Driscoll for driving the bus. We had a great day.

Art Appropriations

Students in Year 7 and 8 Visual Arts having been studying 'appropriation' and experimenting with different mediums. Here is a photo of the class's work. They will be on display at the end of year presentation night. Come along and see them in real life. Well done class, they look awesome!

Mr Robertson

School News

The Rock Central School TRCS Places Second in the CWA Nepal Competition

In August students from Year 5/6 presented a PowerPoint session on Nepal to the The Rock CWA International Day Luncheon. This presentation went on to be judged second in Riverina Group Primary section. Well done to Aaron O'Connor, Isaiah Monteleone, Rylan Cheshire, Angus Walsh, Tahnia Debono and Tajah Louttit on receiving this recognition. The Rock CWA branch donated books on Nepal to the school. We thank them for this kind

gesture. Joe Merrills also won a prize for his colouring efforts. Congratulations

Joe!



Upper Primary Excursion to Melbourne

On Wednesday, 25th October, Years 4, 5 and 6 left The Rock for Melbourne on a three day excursion. We stayed at the Claremont Guesthouse in South Yarra.

When we arrived in Melbourne we toured the MCG with our guide. We learned about how it works before, after and during games. After the tour we went to The

National Sports Museum.

On Wednesday night, after dinner, we went to the fabulous Melbourne Star. We climbed into our 'cabin' and went up and around the city where we had an amazing view. The Melbourne Star is 40 storeys high and goes approximately 1 km per hour.

On Thursday, we visited the Old Melbourne Gaol which is where famous bushranger Ned Kelly was hanged. We learned about how the gaol operated and what happened to the prisoners and their punishments.

We also visited the Aquatic Centre where we went swimming. There was a waterslide that was pitch black inside.

We all enjoyed our visit to Scienceworks. Firstly, we went to the lightening room. There we learned how energy worked. Secondly, we did hands on sports activities. They included rock climbing, running, strength activities, cycling and many more.

On Friday, we went to the Aquarium. We saw heaps of different animals, including, penguins, sharks, turtles and crocodiles.

We enjoyed all the activities on the excursion so much that we did not want to leave. Thank you Mrs Driscoll, Mr Holloway, Miss Ubrihien and Ben, the bus driver, for taking us. By Victoria Li, Tajah Louttit and Tahnia Debono



**GATE PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO
LOCAL CHARITIES**

**THOMMOS EXPRESS
CHARITY PRO RODEO**

Saturday, 16 December, 3pm

The King's Own | Olympic Hwy | The Rock

Environmental Services

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

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 October 2017 to 31 October 2017 by Lockhart Shire Council

DA No	Development	Site of Development
30/17	New changerooms for The Rock pool.	Wilson St, The Rock
18/18	2 x Carport, rear & front	25 Brookong St, Lockhart
19/18	Hay shed 24m x 38m	5164 Pleasant Hills Rd, Pleasant Hills
24/18	New colorbond shed & carport	2 Queen St, Yerong Creek
25/18	Detached colorbond shed	Reid Street, Lockhart
26/18	New Shed	26 Green St, Lockhart
28/18	New manufactured home	9 Queen St, Yerong Creek

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 conservations 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.



Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN NOV & DEC Nov, 5th & 19th - Dec 3rd, 17th & 31st
Lockhart		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
The Rock		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Yerong Creek	1.30pm – 3.30pm		
Pleasant Hills	10.00 am – 12.00pm		

KERBSIDE RECYCLING — HOW TO GET IT RIGHT

- ✓ Know what you can recycle—check the container for the recycling logo
- ✓ Make sure recyclables are EMPTY, DRY and CLEAN
- ✓ Place items loosely in your recycling bin—DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN YOUR YELLOW LID BIN PLEASE



Think beyond the bin.....Did you know that your recyclables are hand-sorted?

- X Nappies, shoes, syringes, and food and garden waste are not accepted—thank you!



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

WEED OF THE MONTH - CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS



Nassella neesiana

Chilean needle grass is a **Weed of National Significance**. It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. It is extremely competitive. It has the ability to build up a large and persistent seed bank in the soil. It tolerates drought and a wide range of soil types and climatic conditions. Tolerates heavy grazing however most of the plant is not palatable to livestock. Displaces desirable pasture species, and contaminates meat and wool. Closely related to serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*).

Description: Chilean needle grass is a perennial tussock-forming grass up to 1.5m when in seed. It is very similar in appearance to native spear grass, tall fescue, and native wallaby grass. Native to South America. Grows in dense clumps and forms pure stands.

Leaves: Narrow, coarse leaves with distinct ribs running from base to tip. 20 – 30 cm in length with slightly serrated edges. Colouration varies from lime to mid-green, often with yellowish blotches.

Flowers: Chilean needle grass flowers mainly from September to December but is can potentially flower year round.

Seed: Sharp pointed panicle (aerial) seed is approximately 10mm in length. Covering each seed are 2 purple bracts (wings) which give it a characteristic purple colour of flowering. A corona

(raised ring) can be located between seed and tail. This ring can be many different colours including beige, bluish or purple to dark brown. Note: native spear grasses do not have a raised ring.

Seed is formed about one month after flowering and most seed has been dropped by February. Seeds mainly germinate in autumn and spring, but germination can occur at other times of the year given adequate moisture and suitable temperature. Depending on the availability of moisture, it can produce more than 20,000 seeds per square metre.

Roots: Dense fibrous root system.

Reproduction: Developing seeds after flowering as well as through cleistogene (hidden) seeds, found in the nodes (elbows) of flowering stems, including those at the base of the plant. These can be located by peeling the leaf sheaf back from the stem to reveal approximately 5 small seeds in a row.

Control: Chemical application alone will not control Chilean needle grass. For best results a combination of management options needs to be used, including chemical application, grazing, slashing, fire, and pasture enhancement.

Chilean Needle Grass is considered a priority weed in the Lockhart Shire.

For All of NSW: General Biosecurity Duty: All plants are regulated with a general biosecurity duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risk they may pose. Any person who deals with any plant, who knows (or ought to know) of any biosecurity risk, has a duty to ensure the risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised, so far as is reasonably practicable.

For All of NSW: Prohibition on dealings: Must not be imported into the State or sold.

Riverina Regional Recommended Measure: Land managers should mitigate the risk of new weeds being introduced to their land. The plant should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. Notify local control authority if found.

For further information please contact Council's Environmental Officer on (02) 6920 5305 or visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds

FREE CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

**BROOKONG LAGOON
LOCKHART**

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2017

STARTING AT 6PM

- * RIVERINA BLUEBELL BBQ
- * HOTDOGS AND POPCORN
- * SANTA ARRIVES - 6:30PM
- * SCREENING OF ELF - 7:15PM

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS, BLANKETS,
SNACKS AND NIBBLES.**



Enjoy a great
night with friends
and family before
taking a trip around
town to view the
Christmas Lights!



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