



LOCKHART SHIRE

NEWSLETTER November 2018

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Photo by Sarah Jones at the opening of the new Lockhart Swimming Pool



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Australia Day 2019 Celebrations

Will be hosted by the

Lockhart Football Netball Club

At the Lockhart Swimming Pool Complex

- Free entry
- Free BBQ breakfast
- Free morning tea following the official ceremony
- Lunch available for purchase
- Music for all ages with live musicians and DJ planned for the afternoon
- BYO sun cream, hats, swimmers and towels. Be sun safe!

Australia DAY



Council's Administration Office
will close for the Christmas break at
4pm, Monday 24th December 2018
and will re-open
at 8.30am, Wednesday, 2nd January 2019
For all emergencies, please call: 6920 5305

**Lockhart Shire
Councillors & staff
wish all members of
Lockhart Shire Community
A Merry Christmas &
Safe & Happy New Year**



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Mayoral Annual Report

Hello everyone.

It is indeed a pleasure to report to you as Mayor of Lockhart on what has been an exciting year for the Lockhart Shire. With many infrastructure projects either completed in 2017-18 or under construction and continuing into 2018-19, I feel proud of what we have been able to achieve together, with the support of the community.

Significant capital works completed in 2017-18 included; -

- Stage 1 of the Lockhart Flood Mitigation Project (Government Dam levee);
- The Rock sewer extension;
- Lockhart-Collingullie Road Brookdale Hill intersection realignment and upgrade;
- The Rock Collingullie Road shoulder widening
- Osborne Yerong Creek Road shoulder widening
- Western Road shoulder widening
- Yerong Creek Mangoplah Road shoulder widening
- New playground equipment installed at the Wal Alexander Park.

Work commenced in 2017-18 on the new and refurbished swimming pools at Lockhart and the swimming pool amenities building at The Rock. This is a very exciting project and the new complexes, once completed, will provide Shire residents of all ages and abilities new, modern and safe swimming facilities.

Other projects commenced in 2017-18 and continuing into 2018-19 include: -

- The Rock flood mitigation project (Stevens Street drain);
- Upgrading of nine bridges and culverts throughout the Shire to facilitate higher mass limit vehicles that will facilitate the more efficient transporting of product to market;
- Construction of Stage 2 Carson Road, The Rock residential subdivision comprising eight additional lots;
- Expansion of the Doris Golder Museum and Visitor Information Centre at Lockhart into the adjoining building previously acquired for the purposes of providing more exhibition space.

Many of the capital works listed above have been made possible with grant funding from Federal and State Government and Council continues to enjoy success with its funding applications. At the conclusion of 2017-18 Council was working towards securing funding for a number of other projects that it hopes to be able to deliver in 2018-19 and 2019-20 including:-

- Various sporting and community infrastructure improvements at the Lockhart, Osborne, The Rock and Yerong Creek Recreation Grounds;
- The Rock Regional Observatory;
- The Lockhart Showground Publican's Booth;
- Upgrading of the Lockhart to Urana Road; and
- Stage 2 flood mitigation works at Lockhart.

In this regard it is worth reporting that during 2017-18 the State Government passed legislation enabling councils to form Joint organisations (JOs) for the purposes of setting regional priorities and advocating for those priorities. Lockhart Shire Council resolved to join a JO with the councils which are currently members of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC). The Riverina JO was proclaimed in May 2018 with the first JO Board meeting scheduled to take place in 2018-19. Membership



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of the JO should give Council a stronger voice on regional issues whilst allowing us to retain our individual voice on local issues.

Council continues to invest in tourism initiatives that aim to attract visitors to the Shire and generate economic activity for our local businesses. During 2017-18 progress was made towards establishing a mural on the Lockhart Water Tower and the establishment of a "Walk of Fame" in Lockhart with a view to officially launching these projects in 2019-20.

The Water Tower Mural Project has been made possible with the support of Riverina Water, the Water Tower's owner, and the support of other local organisations including the Lockhart and District Community Bank - Bendigo Bank and the Lockhart Progress Association. Lockhart's "Walk of Fame" is being installed in Walter Day Park and recognises people born in, or with their success developed or originating in the Lockhart Shire, who have gained national and/or international recognition in their chosen field.

The Rock Regional Observatory for which government funding has been secured also promises to be a significant educational facility as well as a tourist attraction not only for The Rock but also for Lockhart Shire and the wider region.

A new fire-pit has been constructed and can now be used at the end of the camp kitchen in the Lockhart Caravan Park. A television and free Wi-fi has also been installed at the Park.

In addition to the tourism product being developed Council has also undertaken a number of other initiatives in 2017-18 to support our businesses. These included: -

- Council, in conjunction with the Rock Progress Association holding the "Business Excellence Awards" Dinner where businesses from throughout the Shire were recognised and acknowledged.
- Participating in the NSW Government's Easy to do Business program which provides a customer, who wishes to set up a café, restaurant or small bar, with a single point of contact within Service NSW who will help them navigate all the required approvals to operate the business across the three levels of government.
- Launching the Start Your Business Here initiative which uses a set of simple questions to determine what rules and regulations apply to a particular business. It provides a printed list of the rules and regulations and, wherever possible, the program links to a copy of the regulation or licence application.
- Updating the Business Directory which is a one-stop shop for contact details for businesses in Lockhart, The Rock and surrounding villages.

Evidence is now beginning to emerge that Council's initiatives in providing and upgrading infrastructure, improving community amenity, developing tourism attractions and supporting local businesses is having a positive effect.

After experiencing population decline over recent decades the 2016 census signalled a reversal of the trend with the Shire recording a 4.04% increase over the five year period since the 2011 census, an average annual population growth of 0.81%.

Subsequent reports released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) indicate that this trend is continuing. According to the ABS, the Estimated Resident Population of Lockhart was 3,245 as at 30 June 2017, an annual increase of 2%, one of the highest annual increases in regional NSW.

One of the things that makes me appreciate being Mayor of Lockhart Shire is the way in which members of the community support each other and the resilience of our community generally. Lockhart Shire

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Council, for its part, hosted two Riverina Bluebell meetings in 2017-18 which addressed the very serious issue of depression in our community. The meetings were well attended which indicates the level of concern in the community and the need to remain ever vigilant ensuring that friends and neighbours are not suffering in silence.

May I once again (because you can never do it enough) take the opportunity to thank all our volunteers who do such a tremendous job supporting our Shire. Whether it be through membership of a Section 355 management committee looking after one of our halls or recreation reserves, or whether it be through involvement in a sporting club, service club, progress association or one of the many other community based organisations active in the Shire, please know and understand that your work is very much appreciated. In respect of Section 355 committees of Council I note that in 2017-18 a Procedures Manual was developed by Council and distributed to the management committees which I trust will provide guidance and assistance to the committees in fulfilling their roles.

We once again had the opportunity to acknowledge some of these volunteers at the Australia Day celebrations hosted by the Osborne recreation Ground Management Committee. Congratulations to our 2018 Citizen of the Year, Kelly Forrest, and to the other Australia Day Award recipients Peter Angel and Petrina O'Connor. Congratulations also to our Sportsperson of the Year, Luke Mazzocchi.

I would like to conclude by thanking my fellow councillors for their team oriented approach to the role and the manner in which they hold the community's interest. Thank you also to our dedicated staff who continue to deliver the many and varied projects referred to throughout this report.

It continues to be both an honour and a pleasure to serve the Shire as Mayor at this exciting time.

Cr Rodger Schirmer
Mayor



VACANCY @ YOUTH FLATS

Drummond Street
LOCKHART

Are you looking for:

- INDEPENDENCE:** *In an Air-conditioned, self-contained 1BR flat*
- LOW COST LIVING:** *Just \$80 pw plus electricity*
- LOW MAINTENANCE:** *Grounds maintained by Council*
- AMENITIES INCLUDED:** *Carport, stove, clothes line, plus use of Council owned fridge & washing machine if needed*

To find out more please call Tracy Hounsell at
Lockhart Shire Council Phone: 0269 205 305

* **Conditions Apply:** *"The primary purpose for occupancy in youth flats is to Accommodate youth who are commencing a Traineeship/Apprenticeship/Employment"*



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Financial Summary

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:
\$755K (2017 – \$7.047M Surplus).

Operating Revenues (excl. capital grants & contributions)

Decreased 32.4% to \$11.7M

In 2016-17 Council received \$5.1M in Financial Assistance Grant paid in advance, Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity funding and Emergency Damage funding from RMS, not received in 2017-18.

Operating Expenses

Decreased 3.5% to \$9.87M

Cash and Investments

Increased 49.8% to \$11.503M (2017 - \$7.677 million).

Due to Council borrowing \$3.2M from TCorp, \$2.2M to fund swimming pool upgrades and \$1M for sewer system works.

Revenue from Rates and Annual Charges

Increased 1.8% to \$3.203M

This represents 27.4% of Council's total Income from Continuing Operations.

User Charges and Fees

Decreased 14.1% to \$340,000

Interest on Investments

Decreased 10.8% to \$173,000

Loans

\$3.985M balance of loans

Land Development

\$456,000 spent on developing Council's real estate holdings.

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Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$3.07M spent on Roads, Culverts & Footpaths.

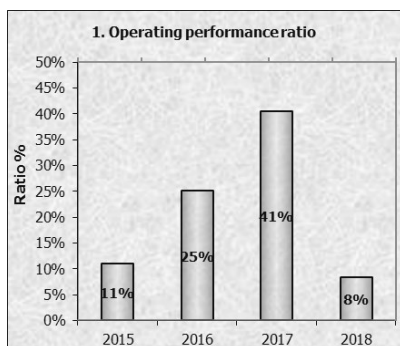
\$1.20M spent on Plant & Equipment.

The Audited Financial Statements. Refer to pages 77 to 84, NSW Audit Office Report on the Conduct of the Audit are available at:

Council Offices, 65 Green St, Lockhart

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

Operating Performance Ratio



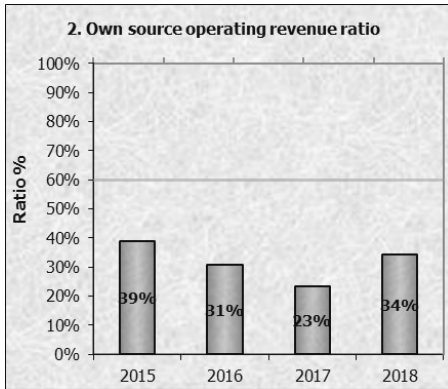
This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

After last year's impact of the advance Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) payments, Council's Operating Performance is within the average range over past 5 years.



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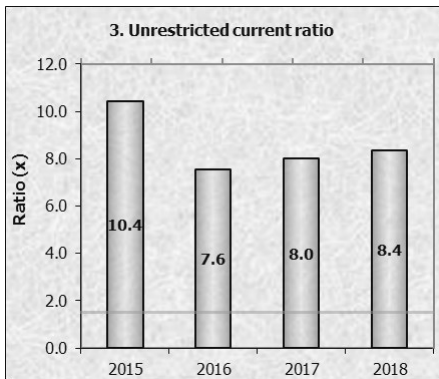
Own Source Operation Revenue Ratio



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

As grant income was closer to "normal" for the 2017-18 year, ratio has increased back to within the range of the average over last 4 years.

Unrestricted Current Ratio

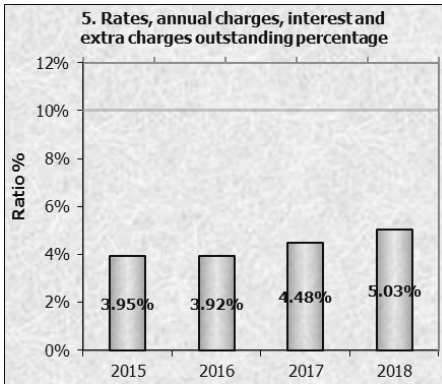


To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

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

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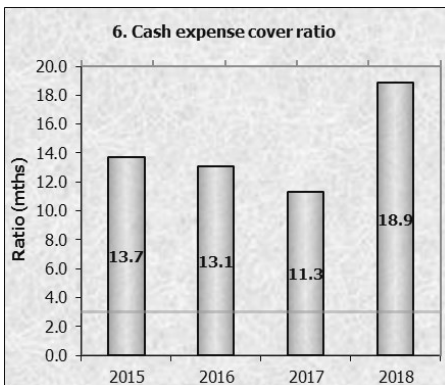
Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage



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

Council is well under the benchmark for a rural council. This is a reflection of Council's robust debt collection procedures.

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. This ratio is also well above the industry benchmark.

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ENGINEERING REPORT

Works Report:

Two grader crews have commenced gravel re-sheets as well as continuing with maintenance grading in accordance with the updated programme. Other construction projects are due to commence in late November 2018 with shoulder widening of The Rock Mangoplah Road to occur first.

Concrete crew is undertaking the Higher Mass Limit (HML) bridges project, being the repair and upgrade of 9 bridge structures throughout the Shire, with both Egans Creek and Moreys Bridges almost complete. The next bridge upgrade will be Brookong Creek in Lockhart. The first of the culverts to upgrade on the crossing on Green Street have been delivered. These works are not scheduled to commence until the New Year with traffic generally having access via one lane.

External pool upgrade works have been completed at the Lockhart Pool, with the concrete crew then concentrating on The Rock Pool so that it was ready for its opening on 16 November 2018.

Council has been advised that it has been successful with its grant application under the Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Program (HVSP) for replacement of a further 4 structures as well as Flood Detour Road upgrade. It is expected that these projects will commence in mid-2019. Design works are being undertaken for Flood Detour Road, with the road to be designed to accommodate B-Doubles, as well as improve drainage in the area.

Council has submitted a full business case grant application for the upgrade of Urana Lockhart Road, which would be the widening and heavy patching works on 22.5km of MR59. It is hoped that Council will hear determination on the application by early 2019.

In addition, Council has recently submitted a grant application under the Drought Relief Heavy Vehicles Access program for the trimming of trees and vegetation to allow 4.6m high access across the Shire. Council approved 4.6m access in May 2017, as well as recently granting Class 3 Drought Assistance

Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 to assist farmers, allowing more efficient movement of hay and livestock by use of the higher and wider loads. The trimming of trees will not only assist with higher vehicles but also modern agricultural equipment. Council has received numerous complaints in recent times regarding overhanging branches however to date has not had the resources to deal with the matter on a large scale across the Shire. It is hoped Council will hear an outcome on the application in early December 2018.

Traffic Committee:

The Traffic Committee has endorsed the report to extend the 50 km/hr zone on the west side of Lockhart to incorporate Flood Detour Road in the urban zone. This has been undertaken as part of the design process to upgrade and seal the road. Council is now waiting on Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) speed zone unit sign off on the extended speed zone.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2018

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

(a) Swimming Pools Upgrade: (i) *Lockhart* pool was opened on 27 October 2018, with 381 people in attendance. Everyone agreed the new facility is amazing. Patronage for the first week was fantastic, with 1156 people through the gates! It is hoped that this continues. Large school groups from Wagga have booked their end of year reward day at the pool. (ii) *The Rock* new amenities are now complete and look fantastic, with the External works well advanced. The Rock amenities opened on Friday 16 November 2018.

The Rock pool works itself is planned to be undertaken in 2019 between swimming seasons.

(b) Flood Mitigation Construction-Lockhart: Council has submitted a grant application for Stage 2 flood mitigation works in Lockhart, being the drainage system east of the Industrial

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Park. It is hoped that an outcome on this grant application will be heard shortly.

(c) Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock:

The Rock Strevens Street drainage project is 75% complete. The main drain, Mangoplah Road culvert, railway and private culvert crossings are all complete. The Contractor has advised verbally that he wishes to withdraw from the remainder of the Contract, being the Olympic Highway culverts upgrade. Council is working with the Contractor and an alternate solution to allow the project to be completed. It is now anticipated that the project will be completed in April/May 2019.

PARKS AND GARDENS REPORT

Lockhart Swimming Pool

Parks and Urban Maintenance (P&UM) was highly involved in the final weeks of preparation for the grand opening of the new swimming pool complex at Lockhart. Turf was laid after the installation of the new irrigation system, trees planted, existing gardens were given a face lift and new gardens were planted and mulched, softfall was spread after the installation of the playground equipment and the new BBQ installed.

A great team effort by all sections of Council and contractors alike has seen the completion of a wonderful complex that is already bringing family and friends together and will continue to do so for future generations. Early attendance figures have been excellent and are sure to continue with such an excellent facility and a long hot summer in front of us.

CWA Park

Following the painting of the water tower which involved parking a very large crane on the lawn, a corer was hired and then the lawn was top dressed. The gardens were also tidied up prior to the grand opening of the tower.

Council took advantage of the daily hire rate and also cored and top dressed a number of other areas. The coring appears to have been quite successful. The corer will be hired again in the future to renovate some larger lawn areas.

Walter Day Park

Corten steel edging has been installed around the garden beds in Walter Day Park, continuing the edging used in the landscape work around the new toilet block last year. The edging will define the gardens and assist with lawn maintenance. The lawns are being top dressed along the edging and the gardens freshen up with new mulch.

The granite path will also be extended from 'The 9 Martyrs' to the Halliday Street side of the rose garden to encourage visitors to explore the park further.

SEWERAGE SERVICES – LOCKHART SHIRE

Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding under the Safe and Secure Program to undertake the Scoping Study for the replacement of Lockhart Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP). On successful completion of the Scoping Study Council can then apply for grant funding for the full business case and design of the new plant. NSW Public Works Advisory will undertake the scoping study as they are specialists in this field and have the well-developed relationships with other NSW Departments such as Environment Protection Authority and Department of Industry. It is anticipated that the scoping study will take approximately 7-9 months to complete. Ultimately funding would be used to upgrade the treatment works to meet contemporary standards, and regulatory requirements. Lockhart Sewerage Treatment Plant is 50 years old and uses outdated technology (Trickling Filter). It is manually operated and requires attendance 7-days per week.

Upgrading the Lockhart Treatment Works to IDEA treatment process which is better technology, will provide for more advanced treatment and allow for automation of systems. This provides opportunities to invest in renewable technologies for plant, reducing operational costs, as well as provision to introduce tertiary treatment to the plant allowing expansion on Council's ability to provide recycled water.

Lockhart Health Advisory Council Monthly Message

DIABETES CONCERNS EVERY FAMILY

Could you spot the diabetes warning signs in your family? World Diabetes Day this year (Wednesday 14 November) was all about the family.

Half of people living with diabetes don't know they have it and many people with diabetes are not adequately screened for complications.

In Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) in 2017, 13.5 per cent of people aged 16 and over had diabetes or high blood glucose, up from 9.7 per cent in 2016. "Early diagnosis and treatment is key to helping prevent or delay life-threatening complications," said Credentialed Diabetes Educator Mark Taylor.

Diabetes is a leading cause of heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure and lower limb amputation.

Warning signs and symptoms include:

- going to the toilet more often, especially noticed at night
- dry mouth, feeling dehydrated
- being more thirsty than usual
- feeling tired, lethargic or irritable
- thrush or bladder infections

Mark Taylor said many cases of Type 2 diabetes can be prevented by adopting a healthy lifestyle and reducing your family's risk starts at home.

"When a family eats healthy meals and exercises together, all family members benefit and encourage behaviours that could help prevent Type 2 diabetes.

"If you have diabetes in your family, learn about the risks, the warning signs and what you can do to prevent diabetes and its complications," he said.

Credentialed Diabetes Educators (Registered Nurses) and dietitians are health care specialists who assist people in self-care management to understand their condition, keep up with changes in medication and develop management plans to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Check your risk of diabetes with your General Practitioner or at the Diabetes Australia NSW and ACT website: <http://diabetesnsw.com.au/>



2018 TIDY TOWNS SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES AWARDS
Winner - Population Category A

Schools Environmental
Achievement Award

THE ROCK
CENTRAL SCHOOL

Lockhart Shire



Looking for your help, please?

The local Red Cross branches are looking for any health aids, large or small, that people might have stored at home and no longer need.

There is an African charity run by a Wagga woman that will accept any and everything—crutches, walking frames and even wheelchairs.

Contact your local branch if you can help:

Lockhart: Mary Irons
Brookdale: Sue Sly
Milbrulong: Lorraine Hoffmann.

The Lockhart Women's Bowling Club

The Club held its Presentation Day on 5th November 2018

Major Singles winner; Jean Gooden, runner up; Betty Quee.

Minor Singles winner; Sally Mathew, runner up; Marlene Keat

Club Pairs winners; Barbara Doherty & Betty Quee, runners up; Julie French & Marlene Keat

Drawn Pairs winners; Julie French & Barbara Doherty, runners up; Marlene Keat & Kay Gibb

Consistency winner; Barbara Doherty, runner up; Carolyn Ryan

Point Score; Sally Mathews.

There was a special award sent down from Sydney W.B.A. These were given to Carolyn Ryan & Patricia Winnel for being a member for 10 years. Also one for Kay Gibb for 25 years membership.

Congratulations to all winners and runners up. I would like to thank I.G.A. and Bendigo Bank for their sponsorship of our tournament which was held on 23rd October it was a great success we have had a lot of feed back about our meal which we served on that day. So than you to everyone who helped in any way.

President Kay Gibb

Message of Thanks

Please accept this as my personal thank you to you all.

The past 8 weeks have been the toughest I have ever had to face and I truly would not have made it without you all.

To my beautiful children and their partners – your love, strength and courage has been nothing but amazing. You have cared for me and put me first before any of your needs – I love you all more than you will ever know.

Thank you to my wonderful family (Edwards and Pertz) – just thank you for everything, not for a moment have I felt alone. My gorgeous sister Megan, I will never be able to repay you for all that you are doing – you are my rock.

To the Rescue, Ambulance, Doctors and nursing staffs who cared for me over the 5 weeks, I thank you for allowing me to be here – not only did you save me, you nursed my broken bones AND heart – you are all amazing people.

To the NSW Fire Brigade for your extended support and care- it is certainly wonderful to be a part of your 'family'.

My dear friends and community I thank you all for the – prayers, visits, phone calls, messages, texts, cards, chocolates, gifts, flowers, old photos and nostalgic songs, washing, food, cleaning, cooking, pedicure, mowing, gardening, caring for Jackson, ramps, gophers, new chook pen, cleaning out of the air conditioner, and anything else I have forgotten, but most of all your love.

Lastly, thank you to MY love for the most wonderful 37 years – I miss you every moment of every day.

Liz

Lockhart Remembrance Day 2018



Mayor Roger Schirmer spoke about the 100th Anniversary of Armistice which ended the First World War, and the importance of the occasion, and how it affected every family in the Shire. We then had a wreath laying ceremony, with wreaths from local clubs and service groups, Lockhart Central and St Joseph's Schools, and other residents. This was followed by a few words about the history of the minute of silence from Lockhart RSL President Stephen Goodwin. Rachel Westblade played the bugle for the Last Post, minute of silence and then Reveille.

The Lockhart RSL Sub Branch would like to thank the Lockhart Shire Council for their support in providing a morning tea for all that attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Lockhart Red Cross Branch catered for the morning tea which had many lovely country baked items, and Lockhart Angler's Club kindly loaned the marquees.

It was lovely to see a good turn out from the community.

School News

St Joseph's News

What a wonderful day we had for Mission Day in early November. The students did an amazing job and should be very proud of their efforts. It was also wonderful to have John Goonan, Director of Catholic Mission for our Diocese, visit us and speak to the students. The amazing total of \$1728.75 was raised by our students to help to purchase a school bus for the people of Hakha in Myanmar.

In November, Musica Viva entertained us with Taikoz, a dynamic, traditional Japanese music performance.

Congratulations to Hudson Smith who won a national rural art prize in a competition run by GrainGrowers attracting entries from throughout Australia. Hudson's drawing depicted how sowing grain looked in years gone by to how it happens today. He was presented with an iPad for his efforts in winning his age category.

Early in the month, our new Kinders for 2019 visited as part of their transition program. We had fifteen children join us and their visits will continue for the next four weeks.

This month, we visited Woodhaven for the final time for the year to entertain the residents there with some singing and dancing. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to make regular visits and the students have responded so well to all of these occasions.

Congratulations to Ella's MacKillop cricket team and their coach, Mr Forsyth, for making it to the final in last week's competition. They were undefeated until the final which was an amazing effort. Congratulations also to all of the Year 5 boys who participated in the Deanery cricket selection trials last Friday. All of them were successful in making it to the Diocesan trials later this month which is a fantastic effort.

Thank you to Maddi Marley who has been with us for the last three weeks in the K/1 classroom. It has been wonderful to have her on staff and we wish her all the best in her teaching career.



The Rock Central School Tours the Nations Capital

Students from The Rock Central School have recently returned from their educational excursion of the nation's capital, Canberra. While there, students had the opportunity to focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in minimising the cost of such an excursion, the Australian Government offers a Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) which The Rock Central School acknowledges and is thankful for as it reduced the cost for our families.

It was a very busy three days for all staff and students. We visited Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the High Court of Australia, the AIS and the National Capital Exhibition Centre as well as self-directed learning at the National Zoo and Aquarium, Questacon and the National Museum. The nights were also full of activities with a private tour of the Dinosaur Museum and Black Mountain Tower.

All students had a great time on the excursion and the behaviour of everyone was second-to-none. We received very favourable comments from the venues we visited, they all said how well behaved the students were.

A huge thank you to Mr Millman, Mrs Higginson, Miss Ubrihien & Mrs Adams for organising and supervising the students on this very memorable excursion.

Lockhart Central School



Chaplaincy Report – Boys Camp

Eight boys in Year 7-9 attended a program called 'Boys to Men' in the last half of term 3. The program was a space for discussions around issues that teenage boys face such as: body image, self-esteem, resilience, and anger management. Although the program is not meant to be a solution to all the issues they face, it does serve to provide a framework for the boys to think through how they might work through them. It also aimed to help the students begin to understand their own worldviews and how that might differ to other people around them.

To conclude the program we ran an overnight camp at Camp Kurrajong Scout camp in Oura. It was a fantastic and fruitful time of bonding, discussions, laughter, and activities. One of the key activities was making armour out of foam mats. Each student was provided with safety glasses, foam mats, gaffer tape, and paint to create their own usable armour. We then used them to have an epic Nerf battle. Mr King and Mr Donaldson amped up the competition when we joined in. We ended the afternoon with the warm sun setting across the bush backdrop and a group of very tired students, and teachers.

Another highlight was having a bonfire night where we sat around sharing stories. We then used the same fire pit to make damper in the morning. The damper was a bit rough, but it went down nicely with a slather of butter and jam.

Overall, it was a positive experience for the students and staff.

Student Leadership

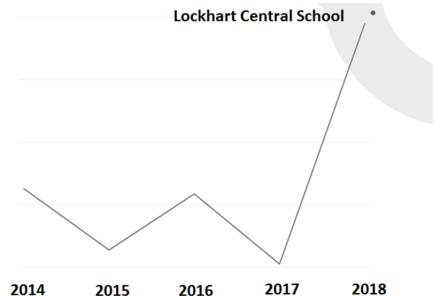
Congratulations to year 9 student, Sasha Davey on being shortlisted for the NSW Youth Advisory Council. Sasha continually displays fantastic leadership through her SRC & local Youth Advisory Committee roles



Celebrating Success in Learning

LCS NAPLAN 2018

What wonderful results we have had in our NAPLAN this year. I am pleased to report that 25% of students scored in the top 2 bands across primary and secondary. Amongst these results, we have also had 50% of students achieving above expected growth across all areas of spelling, reading, grammar and punctuation, numeracy and writing.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and staff for all the hard work they have been doing with literacy and numeracy, in every class at LCS. Congratulations everyone.

Ms Dunne, Principal

Local Church Services – December 2018


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 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

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

St Mary's Parish, The Rock

Sunday 10.00am - The Rock.
1st & 3rd Sunday, 8.30am - Mangoplach
2nd & 4th Sunday, 8.30am - Yerong Creek
Enquiries: Fr Damian Jellett 6920 2017

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTICE

Lockhart, Urana & Oaklands
Lockhart: 6:00pm 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays
8:00am 2nd & 4th Sundays
Urana: 6:00pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays
8:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Oaklands: 10:00am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

**For further information contact Father
Henry on 6920 5446**

Lockhart Uniting Church Services

DECEMBER

2nd 9am Lockhart, 9th 9am Lockhart
11am Woodhaven
Holy Communion

16th 9am Christmas Carols/Songs

All welcome

23rd 9am No service

Christmas Day 9am Lockhart, 30th No service

JANUARY 2019

6th 9am Lockhart

27th 9am Lockhart

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

Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6
Tune every day

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

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 10.00am

St Oswald's Boree Creek

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

Enquiries: Rev Nola Cox 0429 028 274

Diocesan website: www.anglicanriverina.com/

Christmas in The Rock Avenue

The Rock Progress Association
invites all community members to
join an informal gathering to
celebrate Christmas,
friendship and carols.



19th December at 6pm

Bring a chair, nibbles and drinks

Christmas Carols/Songs will be held on Sunday 16th
December at 9am at the Lockhart Uniting Church

CELEBRATE
Christmas

Everyone is welcome



Anglican Christmas Services
The Rock Parish
St Cuthberts Uranquinty
Sunday 23rd December 9 am

St Peters The Rock
Christmas Day Tuesday 9 am
Enquiries Rev. Jocelyn
Heazlewood 0427 198 513.

Anglican Christmas Services
Lockhart Parish
St Philip's Urana
Sunday 23rd December 10am

St Aidan's Lockhart
Monday 24th December 7pm
Tuesday 25th December 9am

Public Information

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

21 members attended the November meeting of the Lockhart Seniors. Minutes were read and passed. A barbeque will be held on 18th of November and the Seniors Christmas Party being held on 9th December at the Ex-Servicemen's Club will begin at 11.30am. Our last meeting will be held on 10th December and our first meeting for next year will be on 9th February 2019. All Seniors are welcome to come to meetings and activities.

Secretary

M Mildren



Brookong Nook

Craft Shop

Green Street

Lockhart



Stocking locally made wares for sale.

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

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

An array of gorgeous handcrafted knitted and sewn items.

Great place for that special gift at reasonable prices.

Orders taken if unavailable on the day.

"Kengal Krafters Inc"

The Rock Craft Shop

@ the CWA Rooms

128 Urana Street, The Rock—Open

Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 2pm

Selling a large variety of locally made items including:

Free range eggs, jams, relish, pickles, baked goods, hand painted gifts, baby wear, children's clothing, toys, quilting and patchwork, knitted and crochet items, kitchen and bathroom accessories, ladies bags, jewellery, scarves, aboriginal artwork.

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

Our association was formed to provide opportunities for crafters within the Riverina area to connect with others, grow their home based businesses and promote hand made local products.

Handmade



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

- 1st Monday, 1.30pm - Cards, Afternoon tea supplied
- 2nd Monday, 1.30pm - Meeting & Bingo, a plate please
- 3rd Sunday, 11.30am - BBQ, a salad please
- 3rd Monday 1.30pm - Cards. Afternoon tea supplied
- 4th Monday 1.30pm - Bingo, Afternoon tea supplied

Public Information



PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL

Open Tuesday & Wednesday

8.30AM – 4.00PM

For children aged 3 – 5yrs

As little as \$10 per day

For more info contact Megan 6929 6407 or (M) 0407 492 062

Email: phpreschool@gmail.com



The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

Kindergarten

for 2019

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

please contact

The Rock Central School
on

Ph: 6920 2132

or

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

to enrol

R U OK? MEN'S BBQ'S 2018

Get Some Men Together

Free
sausage
sizzle
lunch



Thursday, 20th December

From 12.30pm

Venue

Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club

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/>
Facebook

LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL HALL HIRE

FULL DAY \$200.00

HALF DAY \$115.00

NIGHT \$200.00

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:
Tables & Chairs

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

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.**



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

December/January

Lockhart

4th & 11th, 8th /15th, 22nd & 29th

9am - 12.30pm

Milbrulong

13th / 10th & 24th

9am - 10am

Pleasant Hills

10th / 7th & 21st

1.15pm - 2.30pm

Yerong Creek

12th / 9th & 23rd

3pm - 4pm

The Rock

13th / 10th & 24th

10.30am - 12.00pm

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

www.rrl.nsw.gov.au



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.**

NOW SELLING

RESIDENTIAL & LIFESTYLE BLOCKS NEW RELEASE INDUSTRIAL LAND

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



Service NSW

Driver Testing

The next 2 Service NSW driver testing visits to Council will take place on the 6th of December 2018 and 10th of January 2019

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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

Friday 14 December 2018

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Ph: (02) 6920 5305

Fax: (02) 6920 5247
or mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au

Next Council Meeting

Monday 17th December 2018

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

Members of the community are most welcome to attend.



Health & Associated Services



Do you need a Community Health Service?

You can now access Community Health Services such as:

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

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

Call 1800 654 324
(1800 MLHD CH)



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District

0011596/08/17

**CLAIMING THE DATE
URANGELINE PEACE HALL
CENTENARY
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2019**

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

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

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

X-RAY SERVICE

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

OPTOMETRIST

Russell and Chalker Eyecare Plus visit Lockhart regularly for comprehensive consultations including glaucoma testing, cataract assessments, macular degeneration. Adults and children's assessments, and Veteran's Affairs patients welcome. Spectacle frames available.

For Appointments Phone:
(02) 6921 8833.

Tai Chi Classes

Each Monday morning at the Lockhart Uniting Church Hall at 9am for the Advanced Class and 9.45 for beginners New comers are always welcome.

Any enquiries please ring Lorraine Hoffmann on 0427204051.



THE ROCK & DISTRICT MENS SHED

Ford Street THE ROCK 2655

THE ROCK & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY

FROM 8.30AM TO APPROX 3PM

\$6 INCLUDES MORNING TEA & LUNCH

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND IDEAS

OR JUST JOIN IN THE CONVERSATIONS

COME AND JOIN US

CONTACT NUMBERS

Bob President 0428 695 913

Chris Secretary 0404 914088



The Rock & District Playgroup

Meets every Friday during the school term

10am - 12pm

The Rock Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall

Corner of Urana & Mixner Street, The
Rock

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

**Join us for morning tea & a play in a
beautiful space.**

For more information contact Playgroup
NSW on 1800 171 882 or join our
Facebook group—The Rock Playgroup, to
be put in touch with one of our committee
members.

THE ROCK COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASSES!!!!



CLASSES ARE ONLY ON MONDAY NOW.
WE HOPE TO BE BACK TO 2 DAYS IN THE
WARMER MONTHS

MONDAY ARVO AT 3PM AT EMILY GARDENS

The proven benefits of gentle exercise for all
people include:

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

These classes are for all ages and very
affordable.

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Contact: Nancy Smith
0427 692 020
6920 2034

OR Jeanie 0438 202 468



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

Mon/Tues \$5 a bag days

Contact Lynly Boyle

6920 1522



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 RED CROSS OP-SHOP

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

Red Cross opened the Op-Shop on Sunday 11th November which is the same day as the auction in the Harper Trevaskis Building. This was a very successful day & we will continue to do this on auction days.

Our Trauma Teddies are very popular, so thank you to all the ladies who knit them.

Christmas party 12th December. Details at the shop. Please have names in the week before please.

Red Cross provided morning tea at the Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Service on the 11th November. It was a lovely service, with a good crowd in attendance.

Our Christmas raffle dates are: Saturday 1st December & Friday 7th December. Any Red Cross members who can help out, please leave your name at the shop.

The shop has been given a range of NEW ladies clothing and bras. This happens periodically during the year and is sold very quickly. Great bargains.

Learn through Play



Lockhart Preschool
Kindergarten Inc.

Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8am – 3.30pm

Expressions of interest now open for 2019 and 2020

Phone Kerri 69 205 156 or email

director@lockhartpreschool.com.au

Rates information

If paying by instalments, your next instalment will be due by 30 November 2018

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

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

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

Environmental Services

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 2018 to 31st October 2018 by Lockhart Shire Council

DA No	Development	Site of Development
27/19	New detached carport	9 Queen St, Yerong Creek
28/19	New dwelling with attached garage	6 King St, The Rock
CDC29/19	New inground swimming pool	33 Mittagong Yerong Creek Rd, Yerong Creek
30/19	New attached carport	7 Galore St, Lockhart
32/19	Erection of second hand, detached colorbond shed	18 Manson St, Pleasant Hills
CDC33/19	New inground swimming pool	943 Vincents Rd, 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.

NSW PLANNING PORTAL

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

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

Visit the NSW Planning Portal

at- <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>



PRE-LODGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

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

Pre-lodgement appointments are a great way to go through your application with Council's staff, and can speed up the application process by ensuring that all supporting information is supplied together at the time of lodgement. To book a pre-lodgement meeting, contact Council's Environmental Services team during normal business hours on (02) 6920 5305.

Environmental Services

Safety around inflatable and portable swimming pools

While fun for small children, serious hazards are associated with pools, including inflatable and portable pools.



- Toddlers can drown silently in very shallow water (only 5cm deep);
- Children can become ill when pool water is left unsanitised for long periods of time;
- Always empty pool when not in use;
- Always store the pool away or upright so rain- or sprinkler water can't collect;
- Always supervise children from within arm's reach when they are in and around the water;
- According to the Swimming Pools Act 1992 (NSW), all pools that can be filled with more than 30cm of water must have a fence around them. Fences around pools must be designed, constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with the Australian Standard (AS 1926.1-2007: Swimming pool safety).

Making sure your pool fence is compliant

Fines apply if you do not have a compliant fence around any pool that can be filled with more than 30cm of water (the size of an average ruler).

- 1200mm - the minimum height of your pool fence. Boundary fence used as part of pool fence are to be 1800mm high.
- A minimum 900mm non-climbable zone (NCZ) measured in an arch shape from the top of outside of the pool fence arching to the ground (no chairs, BBQs, shrubs, planter boxes within this area)
- 100mm - the maximum distance between the bars
- 100mm the maximum distance between the bottom of the fence and the ground.

This summer the message is simple: Check your pool fences and never take your eyes off children around water.

General key water safety messages

- Actively supervise children in and around water. Teach water awareness
- Restrict access to backyard pools
- Ensure pool gates and latches are in working order and never prop open gates.
- Learn how to resuscitate. Effective CPR can often be the difference between life and death.
- keep pot plants, furniture and any objects away from the swimming pool fence so that they cannot be used to climb over the pool fence.

As of 29 October 2013 all swimming pools must be registered on the state wide pool register.

For more information please visit:

<https://kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/inflatable-and-portable-pools>

Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER (2ND, 16TH & 30TH)
Lockhart		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
The Rock		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Yerong Creek	1.30pm – 3.30pm		
Pleasant Hills	10.00 am – 12.00pm		



Lockhart Lions Club Recycling

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

Opening Times: Daylight Hours, seven days a week

Items Received:

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

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

Unacceptable Items:

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

***To make our job easier please use receptacles provided.
Thank you for supporting the Lions Club***

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



COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

Strapped for cash? Looking to tidy up your garage or shed?

There is a wide range of items that you can take to the Lockhart Community Recycling Centre (CRC) for free! Motor oil, paint, televisions and computers, batteries and old fire extinguishers & green waste are all accepted free of charge at the Lockhart CRC.

You can also drop off unwanted items that are too good to throw away, by delivering them to the Lockhart Re-use Shop, during normal tip opening hours.

For more information on waste and recycling in the Shire, visit our webpage at <http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au>

WEED OF THE MONTH - SILVERLEAF NIGHTSHADE



Solanum elaeagnifolium

Other common names: White horse nettle, Tomato weed, White nightshade, Bull-nettle, Prairie-berry, Stansbos, Silver-leaf Bitter-apple, Silver-leaf nettle, Trompillo, Silver nightshade, and Silver-leaved nightshade.

Description: A deep rooted summer-growing perennial plant from the tomato family Solanaceae, native of North and South America. It is an erect, perennial, bushy plant growing 30 to 100 cm high. Seedlings emerge at any time from late spring until autumn, depending on rainfall. Stems are erect, branched, densely covered in fine hairs and with numerous slender orange prickles.

Leaves: Silvery white underside due to dense cover of minute white hairs, alternate, 5-10cm long and 1-2cm wide. Leaf margins are often scalloped, and often with orange prickles on the veins.

Flowers: Usually purple to violet, occasionally white, 2.5-4cm wide, with five pointed petals, and five yellow anthers which are 7-9 mm long. Flowers from November to April.

Seed/Fruit: The fruit is a smooth globular berry about 6-12mm in diameter. Initially green with dark striations, changing to yellow and orange mottled and becoming wrinkled when ripe. Seed is spread by birds, water, and livestock, particularly sheep.

Root: Deep, much branched, vertical and horizontal roots, bearing buds which produce new aerial growth each year.

Toxicity: Stock poisoning from alkaloids contained in the silverleaf nightshade has occurred, but this is uncommon. Only moderately palatable to stock although it is toxic to eat. Ripe fruit are the most poisonous part of the plant. Symptoms include

profuse diarrhoea and profound nervous depression. There can be significant weight loss and eventually death, possibly due to heart failure, after 7 to 14 days of sickness.

Control: Silverleaf nightshade is very difficult to kill. Plants can spread by plant propagules, such as by root pieces, by seed or by suckering. It is best to try and treated isolated plants and smaller patches as they appear. Good ground cover and competitive pastures can be a key element in controlling the spread of the plant.

Silverleaf nightshade is also declared as a Weed of National Significance.

Silverleaf nightshade 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.

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

Just released: **Australian Best Practice Management Manual 2018**



HOME ALONE

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

LOCKHART SWIMMING POOL
FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2018

MOVIE STARTS AT SUNDOWN
BYO CHAIRS & BLANKETS



**\$3 EACH
OR FREE
WITH
SEASON
PASS**

**MOVIE
SANTA CLAUS
POOL SLIDE
SNACKS &
DRINKS**



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