

LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

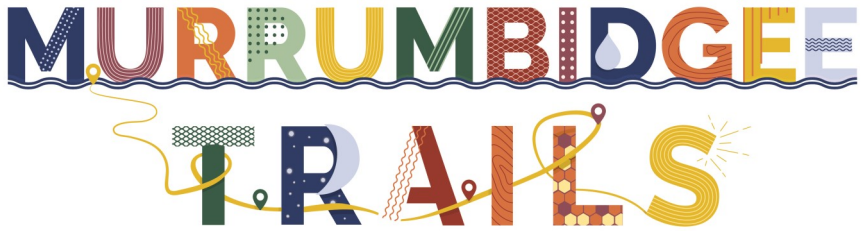
November 2020



Merry Christmas



Photo courtesy Madeline Lane



Murrumbidgee Trails officially launched

After twelve months of hard work behind the scenes the Riverina's newest tourism marketing collective Murrumbidgee Trails was officially launched at Whitton Malt House on Wednesday 18 November.

The Murrumbidgee Trails marketing collective consisting of Leeton Shire, Lockhart Shire, Narrandera Shire and Murrumbidgee Councils was established in November last year, tasked with a destination marketing project to develop a new collaborative marketing campaign to reach a broad range of visitors. The campaign would comprise a visitor guide to replace individual guides for each Council, a website and social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook).

Lockhart Shire Council Mayor Roger Schirmer said that Lockhart Shire has the potential to attract large visitor numbers from Albury-Wodonga and the regional Victoria market on the back of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic into the Murrumbidgee Trails region.

“Lockhart Shire Council is thrilled to be working with like-minded Councils as part of this marketing collective to deliver a project that has a very clear regional focus. This is the first visitor guide we have had that showcases Lockhart in quite a few years and we are really pleased that it has such a strong focus on the drive tourism market.”

To get your very own copy of the Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide please visit your local Visitor Information Centre or to explore Murrumbidgee Trails online please visit www.murrumbidgeetrails.com.au - Facebook: Murrumbidgee Trails - Instagram: [@murrumbidgeetrailsnsw](https://www.instagram.com/murrumbidgeetrailsnsw)

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The opportunity to report to you on the Council's activities for the 2019/20 financial year is also an opportunity to reflect on a 12 month period that ended in very different circumstances to what we would have envisaged at the beginning of the financial year in July 2019. Instead of reporting on what would have been the final year of the Council's four year term which commenced in September 2016, as we all now know the Minister for Local Government has decided to extend by one year the term of the current Councillors and hold elections for Council in September 2021. This is one of many changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The 12 month extension will give continuity to local government in these challenging times.



The restrictions on gatherings and movements and the border controls imposed through Public Health Orders in response to the pandemic have impacted on all aspects of our daily lives. The Public Health Orders also resulted in the closure of a number of facilities including museums and visitor information centre, caravan parks and camping grounds as well as playgrounds.

Financially, I believe the Council has weathered the storm with the pandemic having only a limited impact on Council's finances. This is largely because the Council does not rely on income from the facilities that were closed to the public as they are predominantly managed by volunteer based management committees. However the closures will have robbed these committees of an income source and fundraising opportunities and Council has sought to address this in the 2020/21 Budget.

COVID-19 has also prompted an unprecedented amount of grant funding being made available by Federal and State Governments to help overcome the economic impacts of the pandemic. Grant funding programmes announced in the latter half of 2019/20 from which Lockhart Shire will benefit include the Drought Communities Programme, the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Programme and the Showground Stimulus Funding Programme. Whilst announced in 2019/20 many of the projects to be funded by these programmes will not materialise until 2020/21 and will include a wide range of projects including upgrades to our recreation grounds, public hall improvements, youth programs, water supply extensions, footpath construction and development of tourist attractions.

Whilst the final months of 2019-20 were dominated by the pandemic, the financial year overall was a productive one with a number of high profile projects completed amongst a number of other achievements.

The new swimming pool complex at The Rock was officially opened in October 2019 in time for the 2019/20 swimming season. The new complex was the venue for a very successful Australia Day celebration on 26 January 2020 hosted by The Rock Recreation Ground Management Committee where we once again had the opportunity to acknowledge those who have made a significant contribution to the Committee with the presentation of Australia Day Citizen Awards. Following on the official opening of the new Lockhart swimming pool complex in October 2018, both facilities have been well received by the community as evidenced by the increased patronage since their refurbishment.

The installation of a new all abilities playground at The Rock Recreation Ground adjacent to the new swimming pool has also helped make this a very appealing recreational area for the town.

Our efforts to mitigate the risk of flooding in our two major towns also took another significant step forward in 2019/20 with the completion of stage 2 of the Lockhart flood mitigation project. Council has a grant

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application pending for stage 2 of The Rock flood mitigation project following the completion of Stage 1 in June 2019.

We cannot forget that the Lockhart Shire is predominantly an agricultural area and Council continues to pursue projects that support our farming businesses. In 2019/20 these included the following projects which were over and above our recurring road maintenance programs:-

- The widening of 22km of the Lockhart to Urana Road which will provide much safer passage of traffic from Lockhart to Urana. Work commenced in 2019/20 and is due to be completed in the first half of 2020/21.
- The trimming of trees beside roads throughout the Shire allowing for easier passage by high, wide loads on our roads.
- Work on the Flood Bypass Road at Lockhart will allow heavy vehicles to travel around the town.
- Upgrading of a number of bridges and culverts across the Shire to facilitate higher mass limit vehicles which commenced in 2019/20 and will be completed in 2020/21 in time for the much anticipated harvest.

I'm also proud to say that Lockhart Shire Council received a Local Government NSW Excellence in the Environment Award for its recycling initiative involving the use of crushed glass in its road base. Our pug mill, a large piece of equipment which mixes the gravel and glass at the rate of 6 to 1 has proved invaluable as you can also add water at the time of mixing thus speeding up the compaction process on the widened road edges.

The latest addition to the Shire's public art trail, the Milbrulong Water Tower mural, has been completed and has generated much attention on social media. Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you to Riverina Water whose permission and financial support made the project possible. Planning is well underway for the Yerong Creek Water Tower mural which when completed will link with the Lockhart and Milbrulong Water Tower murals for a public art trail through the Shire.

Some significant steps were taken in 2019/20 towards the Lockhart Renewable Energy Project with funding secured to enable Better Energy Technology to undertake Stage 1 of the project which included, amongst other things, the granting of development approval for the project. This has been a complex and time consuming process and will continue to progress in 2020/21.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their support throughout the year and the collegiate approach they take in carrying out their role in the best interests of the Shire. I also express my appreciation to the many volunteers on whom Council relies on so much to manage a variety of public facilities, and to the Council's hardworking and loyal staff.

The 2019/20 financial year commenced with the Shire and the broader region continuing to be drought affected. Our resilience was further tested with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. However I am pleased to be able to say that as 2019/20 drew to a close, conditions were vastly improved for farmers to be able to have one of the best sowing starts experienced for years as we look forward to a more promising 2020/21.

Lockhart Shire Council Annual Report 2019/2020

Audited Financial Statements

Council's Auditors, Auditor-General, Audit Office of New South Wales, have completed the audit of Council's Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2020. The Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report were presented at the Council meeting held on 16 November 2020.

The Council achieved a surplus in net operating result from continuing operations (including capital contributions) of \$4.22M (2019: \$2.53M) for the year ended 30 June 2020. The net operating surplus for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes is \$157K (2019: \$427K).

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 (2.7% in 2019/2020) for rates and annual charges increase being a combination of CPI and operating costs.

Employee costs have increased in line with the Local Government State Award.

Council has undertaken an extensive capital works program which has involved \$9.34M of new and upgrades to Council's infrastructure, property, plant & equipment, buildings and sewer assets.]

Council's Audited Financial Statements can be viewed at:

Council's office: 65 Green Street Lockhart NSW 2656

Council's website: www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au

A summary of the Financial Statements is set out below.

Summary of Financial Results

Operating surplus before capital grants and contributions:

\$157K (2019 – \$427K).

Operating Revenues (excl. capital grants & contributions)

▲ 0.7% to \$11.35M

Operating Expenses

▲ 3.2% to \$11.2M

Cash and Investments

▼ 8.4% to \$7.6M (2019 - \$8.3M).

Revenue from Rates and Annual Charges

▲ 2.9% to \$3.5M

This represents 22.5% of Council's total Income from Continuing Operations.

User Charges and Fees

▼ 24.1% to \$528,000

Interest on Investments

▼ 49.7% to \$114,000

Loans

\$3.7M balance of loans

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Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment

\$5.876M spent on Roads, Bridges & Culverts.

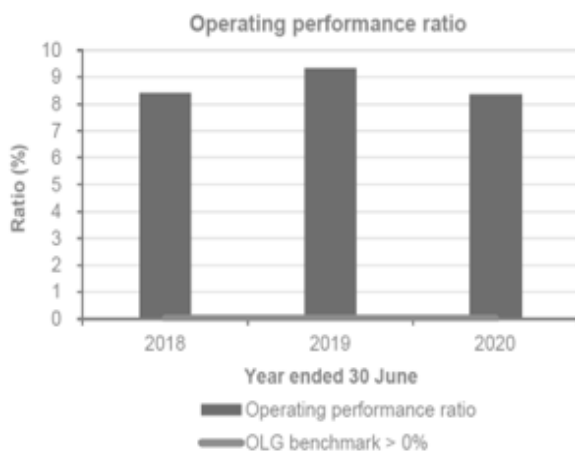
\$943K spent on Plant & Equipment.

Performance Measures

The following section provides an overview of the Council's performance against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG) within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

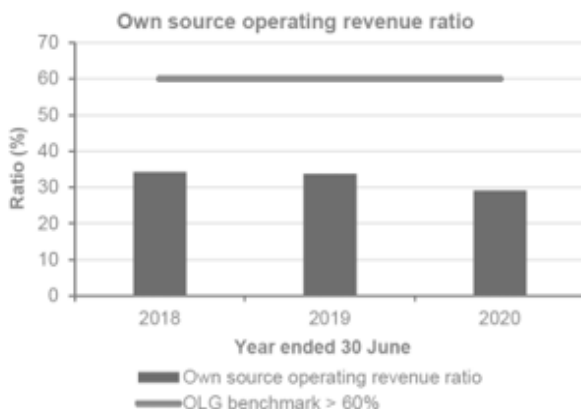
Operating performance ratio

- The 'operating performance ratio' measures how well Council contained operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, fair value adjustments, and reversal of revaluation decrements). The benchmark set by the former Office of Local Government (OLG) is greater than 0%.
- The Council's operating performance ratio of 8.37% is above the industry benchmark of greater than 0 per cent.
- The ratio has decreased due to the increase in operating expenses during the year.



Own source operating revenue ratio

- The 'own source operating revenue ratio' measures Council's fiscal flexibility and the degree to which it relies on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than 60 per cent.
- The Council's own source operating revenue ratio of 29.1% is below the industry benchmark of 60%.
- The own source operating revenue ratio has decreased due to the increase in grants and contributions revenue during the year.

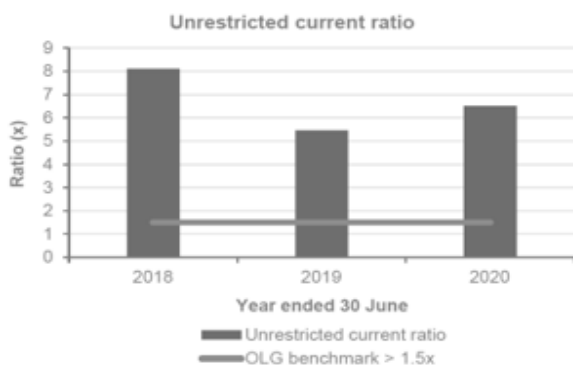


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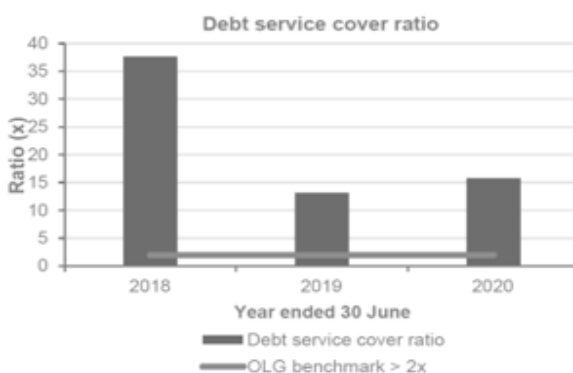
Unrestricted current ratio

- The 'unrestricted current ratio' is specific to local government and represents council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than 1.5 times.
- The Council's unrestricted current ratio of 6.51 times is greater than the industry benchmark minimum of greater than 1.5 times.
- The Council's unrestricted current ratio has slightly increased due to lower current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities.



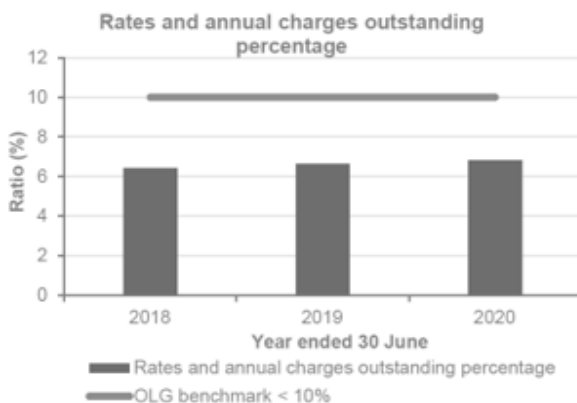
Debt service cover ratio

- The 'debt service cover ratio' measures the operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than two times.
- The Council's debt service cover ratio of 15.84 times is greater than the industry benchmark of greater than 2 times.
- The Council's debt service cover ratio remained relatively constant from 2019 to 2020.



Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

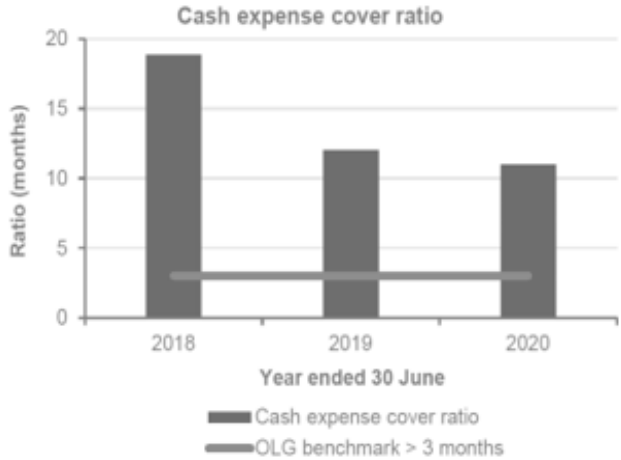
- The 'rates and annual charges outstanding percentage' assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts. The benchmark set by the former OLG is less than 10 per cent for regional and rural councils.
- The Council's rates and annual charges outstanding ratio of 6.83% is within the industry benchmark of less than 10% for regional and rural councils.
- The rates and annual charges ratio has remained relatively consistent in 2019 and 2020.



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Cash expense cover ratio

- This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months the council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow. The benchmark set by the former OLG is greater than three months.
- The Council's cash expense cover ratio was 11.02 months, which is above the industry benchmark of greater than 3 months.
- The Council's cash expense ratio has slightly decreased as there was less cash and cash equivalents during the year.



Public Access Defibrillators

Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) play an essential part in trying to save the life of someone in cardiac arrest.

AED's are available for public use, 24 hours per day, in the following locations:

- **Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club**, 83 Green Street, Lockhart—outside the front entrance.
- **Emily Gardens Aged Care**, Emily Street, The Rock—located just inside the front door. (During COVID-19 restrictions please ring the bell for access.)
- **Yerong Creek Bowling Club**, 33 Cole Street, Yerong Creek—near the western entry, at hip height, adjacent to the bowling greens.



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Works:

Urana Road (MR 59): Approximately 10.7 km of Urana road shoulder widening works has been completed to date. Another 3.2km of primer seal has been completed with a further 2.2km gravelled.

Western Road (R2R): 3.7km of Western Road sealing has been completed. Widening of an additional 1km of shoulders is programmed for 2020-21.

Wattles Lane: Council has engaged a contractor to complete the survey and design for this project and the culverts have been ordered.

HVSPP culvert upgrades: Culverts are installed at Flood Detour Road, Grubben Road, Lockhart-The Rock Road and The Rock-Bullenbong Road. Sealing of culvert sections of Lockhart-The Rock Road and The Rock-Bullenbong Road to be completed in November.

Grading of unsealed roads: Council is continuing grading in accordance with its 12-month programme and recently completed grading on Wetmores Lane, Stoney Park Road, Bahrs Lane, Long Park Road, Chaplin Lane, Montagues Back Lane and Broughtons Lane.

Major Projects:

Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock: Council submitted a revised grant application for Stage 2 flood mitigation works at The Rock, being the drainage works along Nicholas, Yerong and Urana Streets.

Road Safety:

Road Safety Audits: Continuing with the safety audit of roads within the Shire. The audit will form the basis of Council's Strategic Road Safety Plan and will be used for grant applications in the future.

National Road Safety Week: Under the NSW Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP), Lockhart Shire Council's Road Safety Officer has included National Road Safety Week (NRSW) 2020 as an approved project for the 2020/21 financial year. The NRSW initiative was previously scheduled for May 2020, however due to COVID-19 the event was postponed to the new date of 15 to 22 November 2020. Nationally the week is promoted by putting large yellow ribbons on some sculptures in Lockhart and BBQs.

Fixing Local Roads: Currently preparing application for Pritchard Place Lockhart as per Council's resolution.

Look Out Before You Step Out: Decals have been delivered and will replace faded decals.

Biosecurity and Environment:

Control Program: Priority has been given to the control of all vegetation on roadside shoulders for fire hazard reduction purposes throughout October, with particular focus on resistant ryegrass.

Common White Snail Baiting Program: Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 19 October.

Spring Fox Baiting Program: Spring fox baiting occurred in October on the Galore Hill Scenic Reserve and Kincaids Reserve.

Parks and Gardens:

Parks and Gardens: Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, and mulching. Regular checks and maintenance to irrigation systems will continue throughout summer.

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Mowing and Slashing: The Spring mowing schedule continues to be in full swing after frequent rain events and warmer temperatures. As growth rates increase, irrigated lawn mowing will be scheduled fortnightly. Some areas, including The Rock and Lockhart recreation grounds, have been requiring weekly maintenance.

Weed Control: Regular spraying and weeding in urban areas has continued. Spraying lawns for broadleaf weeds, especially clover, has also continued.

Pools: Swim season has commenced. Council's HR/WHS Coordinator ensured that the operation of the pools is consistent with COVID-19 safety guidelines and that users of the pools are aware of the restrictions associated with COVID-19. Parks and Facilities teams have ensured the grounds and gardens of both pools were immaculate before the opening of the pools on Saturday 17 October. The pools contractor is back for the 2020-21 season and will coordinate lifeguard duties, conduct regular vacuuming and water testing, and attend to the amenities buildings, gardens and lawns for both pools until March 2021.

Compliance:

Council's Compliance Officer focussed on properties with overgrown vegetation with letters to 62 property owners of which 34 completed vegetation reduction. Council will follow up the outstanding 28 not completed to date.

APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the following development applications were approved by Council from 1 to 31 October 2020. The below consents are available for public inspection at Council's Administration Office, 65 Green Street, Lockhart, between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays.

Peter Veneris,

General Manager

DA No	Development	Site of Development
56/20	Subdivision	127 The Rock Collingullie Rd, The Rock
12/21	New Colorbond Shed	17 Scott St, The Rock
20/21	New Dwelling	4092 Olympic Hwy, The Rock
22/21	New Dwelling & Detached Shed	52 Nicholas St, The Rock
CDC23/21	Inground Swimming Pool	10 Ferrier St, Lockhart

Police and Community Consultation Group

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

At a recent meeting of the Group, Police reinforced the importance of reporting incidents at the time they are occurring or being observed.



Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non emergencies.



Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information.



Lockhart Police (69 205 205)
59 Green Street, Lockhart NSW 2656
LOCAL POLICE



The Rock Police (69 202 044)
Corner of Emily & Nicholas Street, The Rock NSW 2655
LOCAL POLICE



Lockhart and The Rock Police Stations are not 24 hour Stations.
In the event that this Station is not manned, please use the available **EAGLE PHONE** which will connect you with the Wagga Wagga Police Station, or contact Police via the Police Assistance Line 131 444. For emergencies call triple zero '000'

INFORMATION

Members of the public can also report things online using the 'Community Portal' at <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/>

Residents are also reminded of their obligations in terms of noise emanating from residential premises. More information regarding neighbourhood noise laws can be found on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/questions/times-residential-noise-restrictions>.

Youth Officer

Digital Events – Youth Photo Competition

We are super excited to announce that we will be running a photo competition very soon on the Lockhart Youth Advisory Committee Facebook Page!

The competition will run every two months and the photo with the most likes will win! There will be themes announced at the start of every second month for you to style your photos around and all you have to do is send through your best shot to our page! We will post it for you so make sure you get all your friends and family to follow the page and react to it!

Keep a look out on the Facebook page for more details

Youth Advisory Committee

We are looking for some new members for our two Youth Advisory Committees which are based at Lockhart Central and The Rock Central Schools.

The Youth Advisory Committee or YAC plays an important role in assisting Council to develop initiatives and projects for young people living in the Lockhart Local Government area. The YAC meets regularly to discuss issues, express views and contribute to the development of the local Lockhart Shire community.

The Committee –

- Has the opportunity to influence decisions made by council that affect young people;
- Organises and participates in youth activities and events such as youth week;
- Contributes to important community development projects affecting young people; and
- Informs council on issues that are important to young people

If you think the Youth Advisory Committee would be for you please inform the teachers at your school.

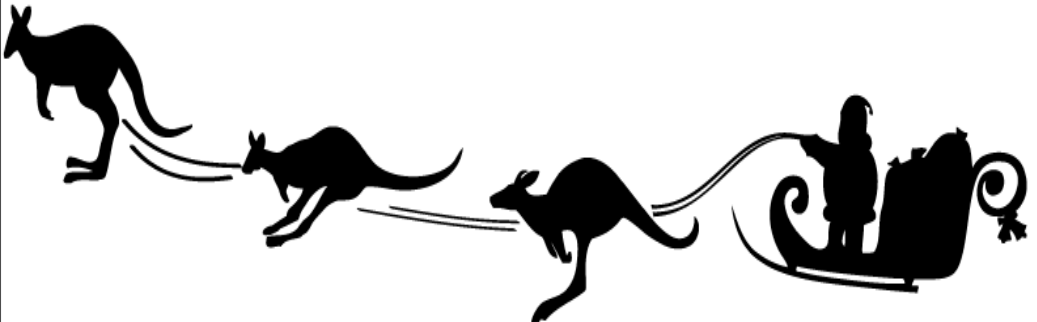
Riverina Regional Library App

The Riverina Regional Library have launched their new Library App to make accessing your account and Library information easier! You can manage your account, find and reserve library items, scan a books barcode to see if it is available at your Library and so much more. Search for Riverina Regional Library in your app store to download now.

YERONG CREEK WATER TOWER CONCEPTS DISPLAY AND CONSULTATION



Consultation was conducted with the Yerong Creek Community resulting in feedback from over 50 residents. This feedback will be passed onto the artists to further develop the design. For more information contact Lockhart Shire Council's Tourism Economic Development Officer, Matt Holt. Email tourism@lockhart.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 6920 5305





FOR RENT—YOUTH FLAT

Exclusive to our community's youth*, the Council owned and maintained flats in Drummond Street LOCKHART tick all the boxes for tenants:



- ✓ **INDEPENDENCE:** One bedroom self-contained flats with reverse cycle air-conditioning
- ✓ **LOW COST LIVING:** Only \$90 per week or even less for Apprentices, Trainees or those who qualify for Rental Assistance
- ✓ **LOW MAINTENANCE:** Lawns & gardens maintained by Council
- ✓ **AMENITIES INCLUDE:** A carport & clothes line per flat, Council provides each tenant with a refrigerator & washing machine where required.

*Flats are available for youth gaining employment in Lockhart Shire
For enquiries, or to arrange inspection please call Council on 0269 205 305



Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8am – 3.30pm

Expressions of interest now open

Phone Kerri 69 205 156 or email

director@lockhartpreschool.com.au

The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

Kindergarten

for 2021

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

turning 5

before 31st July, 2021

please contact

The Rock Central School

on

Ph: 69 202132

or

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

to enrol

Local Church Services 2020

Lockhart Uniting Church Services

Services are not resuming at this stage.

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

The address for the Riverina Presbytery website is <https://riverina.unitingchurch.org.au> There are several options for Sunday worship and some of them can be accessed at any time.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Riverina Parish of Lockhart

St Aidan's Lockhart

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets
Lockhart

Worship: Friday 10am &
Sunday 9.00am

Diocesan website:
www.anglicanriverina.com/

Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6 Tune every day

The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Riverina

Parish of The Rock

Service date and times

St Peters The Rock

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

9:30am

St Cuthbert's Uranquinty

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

9am.

Inquiries Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Riverina

Parish of The Rock

Christmas Service times.

St Peters The Rock Christmas Eve

24th December 2020 6:30pm

St Cuthbert's Uranquinty Christmas

Day 25th December 2020 9am

Enquires Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

THE ROCK & DISTRICT MENS SHED

Ford Street THE ROCK 2655

THE ROCK & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY

FROM 8.30AM TO APPROX 3PM

\$6 INCLUDES MORNING TEA & LUNCH

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND IDEAS

OR JUST JOIN IN THE CONVERSATIONS

COME AND JOIN US

CONTACT NUMBERS

Bob President 0428 695 913

Chris Secretary 0404 914088



Open Monday – Friday 8am-3:30pm

95 King Street The Rock

Phone 69202455 or

email therockps@gmail.com

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

LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL HALL HIRE

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

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

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

THE ROCK TOWN HALL & MUSEUM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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

FULL DAY	\$200.00
HALF DAY	\$100.00

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

For information contact:

Nancy Smith (Secretary) 0427692020

[https://www.facebook.com/
TheRockHallMuseum/](https://www.facebook.com/TheRockHallMuseum/)



**The Rock Op-Shop has Re-Opened 7 Days a week
Contact Lynly Boyle 6920 1522**

Lockhart Caravan Park



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.

Important COVID information

There are a few rules to be followed

You must call the manager before setting up .

You must sign a form with 3 simple questions (this is set under guidelines from NSW GOV)

You will be given a booklet with all information you need and what is required in the park

Booking is the best option at the moment due to COVID limits.

Amenities are open, bbq area is limited to 4 in there at any one time

**Contact the Manager on
0458 205 303**

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

December 2020

Lockhart

1st, 18th & 15th

9am - 12.30pm

Milbrulong

10th

9am - 10am

Pleasant Hills

7th

1.15pm - 2.30pm

Yerong Creek

9th

3pm - 4pm

The Rock

10th

10.30am - 12.00pm

www.rrl.nsw.gov.au

PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL

Open Tuesday & Wednesday

8.30AM – 4.00PM

For children aged 3 – 5yrs

As little as \$10 per day

For more info contact Megan 6929 6407 or

(M) 0407 492 062

Email: phpreschool@gmail.com



Kengal Krafters Inc

The Rock Craft Shop

CWA Rooms, 128 Urana St, The Rock

Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 2pm

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

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

Brookong Nook CRAFT SHOP

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



The Street Library Although lots of things are not operating or only for reduced hours, the Street Library is operating very successfully with good turn over of reading material for all ages. Have you visited it recently and did you discover a new author. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

Newsletter Deadline

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

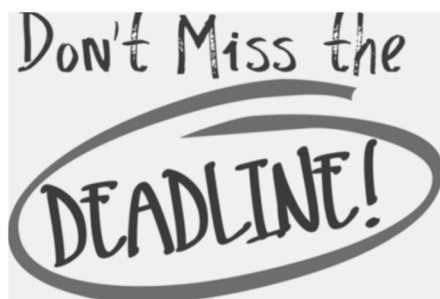
Friday 8 January, 2021

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Ph: (02) 6920 5305

Fax: (02) 6920 5247

or mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au



Lockhart Senior Citizens

The Christmas party for the Seniors will be held on 13th December. Any senior wishing to attend may contact Yvonne Kurrle, Marg Mildren or Lil Golder. Numbers are to be in by 7th December, also money. The last meeting of the Seniors is on Monday 14th December.

Marg Mildren

Secretary



THE ROCK COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASSES!
Classes have started again on Monday afternoon at
3.00PM at The Rock Town Hall & Museum

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

These classes are for all ages and very affordable.

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

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



Next Council Meeting

Monday 21 December 2020



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

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

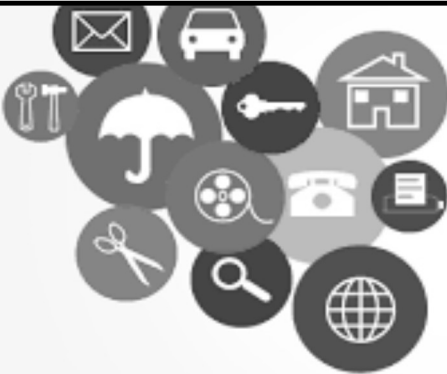
TOWN AND LIFESTYLE BLOCKS FOR SALE IN LOCKHART & THE ROCK

AVAILABLE SERVICES

ELECTRICITY
WATER
PHONE
SEWER



CALL JOHN MOONEY REAL ESTATE - 02 69 211255



ONLINE Business Directory

Find information on local businesses in and around Lockhart, The Rock, Pleasant Hills and Yerong Creek quickly and easily at

lockhartshirebusinessdirectory.com.au

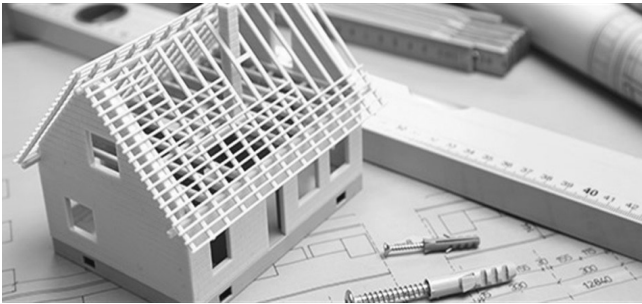
Planning & Building Services

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PRE-LODGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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



PLANNING MATTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

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



**WESTERN RIVERINA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Developing People – Developing Community

RSA and RCG FREE COURSES

Lockhart Central School, together with Western Riverina Community College are offering:

- RSA — Responsible Service of Alcohol and
 - RCG — Responsible Conduct of Gambling
- courses **FREE** to all Lockhart Shire residents (Not enrolled or attending school).

These two courses will be provided free if you have left school and is open to all ages.

DATES

RSA 11th December 9am till 4pm

RCG 12th December 9am till 4pm

RSA 14th December 9am—4pm

RCG 15th December 9am till 4pm



Please ring Bec Mathews on 69205209 to book in and collect an enrolment form.

Venue to be confirmed.



LEASE OF The Rock Public Watering Place (Res 15045) and The Rock Stock Pound (Res 52957)

Lockhart Shire Council invites expression of interest for the lease of the above reserve for a period of three (3) years commencing 7 December 2020 for grazing purposes.

The Reserves, bounded by Nicholas, Mixner and Yerong Streets at The Rock, has an area of approximately 9.3ha. Offers are required to provide an annual lease amount which will be subject to annual CPI increases. A copy of the draft lease agreement is available on application.

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

Offers will be received in a sealed envelope marked "Lease Reserves 15045 and 52957" or by email to tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au up until the close of business on the 2 December 2020.

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Finance Officer on 6920 5305.

The highest or any offer may not necessarily accepted.

Peter Veneris
GENERAL MANAGER

PO Box 21
LOCKHART NSW 2656



LEASE OF 24 Island Bend Lane The Rock

Lockhart Shire Council invites expression of interest for the lease of the above reserve for a period of three (3) years commencing 7 December 2020 for grazing purposes.

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

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

Offers will be received in a sealed envelope marked "Lease of 24 Island Bent Lane The Rock" or by email to tenders@lockhart.nsw.gov.au up until the close of business on the 2 December 2020.

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Our Services delivery areas encompass the Lockhart & Federation Shires. For further classification of service provision in what areas and for any queries please contact Lockhart on **02 6920 4162**

The following services Valmar Support Services offer are:

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

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

Social bus Trips each Friday .

Contact 02 6920 4162



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

Help support your local Meals on Wheels Service

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

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

***Vicky
6920 2500***

The Tai Chi classes have returned to Lockhart Uniting Church Hall for November each Monday morning at 9am. New members are always welcome. Why not come along and try a different form of exercise?

Any enquiries please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 0427204051.

Health & Associated Services



Do you need a Community Health Service?

You can now access Community Health Services such as:

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

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

Call 1800 654 324
(1800 MLHD CH)



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District

06/17 08/17

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

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

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

X-RAY SERVICE

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

OPTOMETRIST

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

Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

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



Lockhart Lions Club Recycling

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

Opening Times: Daylight Hours, Seven days a week

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

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

Unacceptable Items:

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

To make our job easier, please use receptacles provided.

Thank you for supporting the Lions Club

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>



**The Rock Progress Association
Christmas Lights Competition**

Yes- its back again for 2020!

**Get the tinsel, lights, Santa and all your
decorations out.**

Judging Friday 19th December 2020

Businesses and households encouraged to
brighten the town during the festive season.

Prizes:

1st-\$100 voucher to The Rock Bowling Club

2nd- \$50 voucher to The Rock Butchery

3rd-\$20 voucher to Foodworks The Rock

Contact: Traci Driscoll 0428756223



Lockhart Shire Councillors &
staff

wish all members of

Lockhart Shire Community

A Merry Christmas

&

Safe & Happy New Year

