

# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

September 2021



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# Save the date

## 2021 NSW Local Government elections

**Saturday  
4 December**

Voting is compulsory

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[elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21](https://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21)  
1300 135 736



# Mayoral Report

Hello everyone.

Well we are starting to get close to the end of this Council term with just two more meetings left for this current Council. Although we are nearing the end of the term, there is still a great deal going on.

The water tower mural at Yerong Creek and the Observatory at The Rock have both had landscaping work continuing to enhance the appearance of the sites. Both these projects I'm sure will have a positive benefit for both townships as they will both be features much talked about by locals and travellers alike.



Now that spring has sprung Council has been busy with gardens etc. throughout the Shire tending and fertilising so as to maximise the visual impact that these areas have on our communities. The caravan park upgrade has nearly been completed in Lockhart with the roads being sealed internally and the site for the all-abilities toilet/shower block being prepared. Lawn has been seeded on the bare areas throughout the park created by earthworks during the upgrade. The second oval at The Rock Recreation Ground has been seeded and watering systems installed and should be a fantastic addition to that area.

Council will embark on a “Energy Savings Action Plan“ which will look at ways we can save energy throughout all operations of Council in an effort to win savings across the board. Simple improvements in work practices can add up to substantial energy savings thus ensuring the rate payers dollar goes further. Talking of energy savings, a presentation was given by Better Energy Technology (BET) as an update on progress for our renewable power project in Lockhart. In a nutshell, once all agreements have been signed and finance is in place, construction may commence early 2022. Fingers crossed!

Another presentation was given to Council regarding the inland rail project which will pass through part of our shire (Yerong Creek / The Rock). Information was given on possible infrastructure that may be constructed during the upgrade phase of the inland rail. This is a major project that may produce benefits across our shire not only on the main rail line.

Lockhart Shire has been provided with the opportunity to participate in NSW Health's COVID-19 sewage testing program which has recently been rolled out to other Riverina communities. At this stage the testing will only involve the Sewerage Treatment Plant at Lockhart as NSW Health endeavours to include one town in each local government area based on available resources.

In closing please remember that keeping tall grass around your home mowed and short will aid in mitigating the threat of fire in our villages. I would also encourage farmers to look closely at firebreaks and bare areas around sheds, homes, and infrastructure to reduce the chance of the devastation caused by fire in recent times.

Local government elections are to be held on December 4th so look at your candidates or if you intend to stand for Council yourself, please nominate.

Till we chat again,

Cheers Rodg.

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## ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

### Works:

**Wattles Road/Tinamba Lane:** Final seal completed. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) approved final intersection designs. Construction to commence in late September subject to weather conditions.

**Prichard Place:** Extension of existing sealed section by 400 metres. Consultant appointed for design.

**Lockhart-Kywong Road (MR370) North:** The section starts at 1.25km North of Slocums Lane and ends short of Seberys Lane. Consultant appointed for design.

**Lockhart-Kywong Road (MR370) North:** The section starts at 170m North of Spanish Avenue and ends 520m South of Boree Creek Road. Consultant appointed for design.

**Grading and minor gravelling of unsealed roads:** Completed grading of Ashcroft Cemetery Road, John Alexander Road, Lieschke Lane East, Fenton Lane, Albert Smiths Road, Long Park Road, Jack Mitchells Lane, Coomera Wilson Lane, Boyds Road, Humprys Lane, McGeachies Lane, Tuttys Lane, and Hendersons Road.

**Lockhart Caravan Park:** Construction is mostly completed with only the disabled toilet and laundry to be constructed and some minor works to be completed. Modus advised that production of the new disabled toilet is delayed and may only be constructed at the end of September. The caravan park opened on Saturday 11 September. Council is in the process of procuring an on-line booking system for the caravan park.

**Winning and Crushing of Gravel:** Tenders have been invited for the winning and crushing of gravel within the Shire. The contract has been awarded to Milbrae Quarries Pty Ltd.

### Major Projects:

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

### Bush Fire Danger Period:

The Rural Fires Act 1997 provides for a statutory Bush Fire Danger period (BFDP) commencing 1 October and ending 31 March in the following year. During the BFDP, landowners and managers are required to obtain permits before lighting fires for land clearance or fire breaks. This declaration can be varied on either a temporary (seasonal) or permanent (recurring) basis and remains in force for the period specified unless it is revoked.

Lockhart Shire Council will commence its BFDP on 1 November 2021.

### Biosecurity and Environment:

#### **Property Inspections**

Inspections were carried out on agricultural properties and council managed land. Due to NSW COVID lockdown, inspections were carried out on vacant property only. As such, twenty-four inspections were postponed, to avoid contact with property owners.

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The weeds most found were Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Wild radish (*Raphanus*

## **Control Program**

Priority has been given to the control of Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) and Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) on roadside reserves and council managed land.

## **Common White Snail Baiting Program**

Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 19 August. Herbicide application also occurred on Fairview Lane to eliminate any vegetation, to abolish any forage or habitat opportunities for the snails.

## **Parks and Gardens:**

### **The Rock Observatory**

Landscaping of the observatory surrounds was completed including installation of steel edging and placement of additional soil to raise the beds. A mix of exotics and natives were chosen for their hardiness and low water requirements. Mulch and drip irrigation were installed to assist establishment and ongoing water requirements. The 'Fairy Tree' sculpture by local artist Raeleen Pfeiffer was donated by The Rock Progress Association and was installed in the gardens at the front of the observatory

### **Yerong Creek Water Tower**

The land around the tower finally dried out enough to be cleared and levelled. Parks and Gardens staff are now bringing the landscape design provided by Yerong Creek Progress Association to life. The landscaping will include gravel and contrasting blue metal paths and raised garden beds. The bulk of the block will be left for future development subject to funding. Mulch will be laid for aesthetics and to assist with weed control.

### **Parks and Gardens**

Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, pruning, deadheading, and mulching. Weed control by mechanical and chemical methods are undertaken regularly in urban areas. Pesticides commonly used are Glyphosate and Dicamba. Signage will be placed at property entrance when spraying is in progress.

### **Mowing and Slashing**

The Spring mowing schedule is underway after recent rain and warmer temperatures have accelerated growth rates. Access to some urban road reserves is still difficult due to the recent wet weather. These areas will be attended to once they dry out. Irrigated lawns are maintained as required but will soon return to a fortnightly maintenance schedule.

### **Trees**

Seasonal tree maintenance is mostly complete. Some trees were planted. Watering of any trees planted in the last two years will be conducted as temperatures increase.

Lockhart Shire's Street Tree Policy 2.44 states; 'Council is responsible for the planting and maintenance of street trees, including the selection of species, regular health and safety checks, pruning, and removal and replanting requirements. Issues presented to residents regarding street trees, including species selection, maintenance and/or

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removal should be made in writing and addressed to the General Manager. Such issues will be resolved based on financial and time restraints.

## **Service Station Development at The Rock**

It was requested at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 June 2021 that Councillors be updated on the progress of the service station at The Rock on a regular basis. The service station is still under assessment with additional information provided by the applicant on 7 July 2021 referred to Transport for NSW for consideration.

## **2021/22 RATE NOTICES**

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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

### **Election Date**

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

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

The Commission has established a 2021 Local Government elections event page which is now live on the Commission's website at <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/lge2020>

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

### **LOCAL ELECTION WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

Expressions of interest are now open to work at the local government elections in December. Working at an election is a great way for members of the community to earn money, learn new skills and deliver democracy by helping people to have their say.

There are positions available during the election period and on election day itself. More information, including position descriptions, pay rates, and the link to apply, can be found on the Electoral Commission's

<https://eoi.elections.nsw.gov.au/EOI/?EEID=LG2101>

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## **WARD BOUNDARIES**

The Lockhart Shire is divided into three Wards with three councillors to be elected in each Ward.

A map showing the ward boundaries for the Shire can be found on Council's website at <https://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au/ward-boundaries-2021-election.aspx>

An interactive map of the Ward boundaries can also be found on the Electoral Commission's website at <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Find-my-electorate/Councils/Lockhart>

## **COVID-19 SEWERAGE TESTING**

Council has been provided with the opportunity to participate in NSW Health's COVID-19 sewerage testing program which has recently been extended to other Riverina communities.

At this stage the testing will only be carried out at the Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) at Lockhart as NSW Health endeavours to include one town in each Local Government Area based on their available resources.

This program aims to generate reliable results of sewage testing for fragments of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that can be integrated with health data for COVID-19 to support NSW Health's response to this and future pandemics.

By being part of this initiative Lockhart Shire Council is helping build a critical tool to inform the current national COVID-19 response and build preparedness for future disease outbreaks.

### **LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL HALL HIRE**

<b>FULL DAY</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>HALF DAY</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>NIGHT</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

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

**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*

<b>FULL DAY</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>HALF DAY</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

*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/)**



## Pleasant Hills Public School

Well done to all our competitors at the SRPSSA Athletics Carnival which was held on the 28th July. Thank you to all parents for helping the students attend on an extremely cold day!! Special mention to Jesse Cheney in the 11 years discus, where he was placed second, with a throw of 17.48m!

Great work also to our relay team, Caitlin, Charlotte, Jesse and Milly who came Third in the PP6 Norm & Elizabeth Austen Relay.

All students have enjoyed their first 2 sessions of Bluearth.

- Students program activities included
- Everybody's it/memory tag/memory ball
- Tennis ball coordination

Aeroplane Pose – focus on being really aware of self and noticing what we are doing to help with our balance e.g. looking at something still, being quiet, blocking distractions.

Thank you to the P&C for organising a Pie Drive. We appreciate everyone who has supported this very successful fundraiser.



## St Joseph's News

Four weeks of remote learning certainly presented its challenges but thanks to our amazing staff and families at home, we were able to maintain consistency and efficiency with our learning. It is wonderful to have everyone back at school and we hope that this continues.

This year, we participated in the 'Jump Rope for Heart' program which presented our students the opportunity to become more active as well as contributing towards educating people and funding research to better prevent and manage heart disease. We raised the amazing amount of \$6703 and improved our skipping skills enormously.

Despite learning from home restrictions, we were able to hold our Book Week dress up day where our students wore the costumes of their favourite book character and shared these via zoom meetings. They also sent in photos for our online newsletter.

Well done to the Year 6 class for their first edition of the 'Year 6 Weekly'. This will be a regular part of our newsletter until the end of the year and the quality of their work was outstanding.

On September 3, we were lucky enough to have a zoom meeting with Harry Perryman, an ex-student of St Joseph's, who was playing for GWS in the second semi-final in Perth that night. Everyone joined in from home and it was wonderful to listen to what he had to tell us and answer lots of our questions.





## The Rock Central School

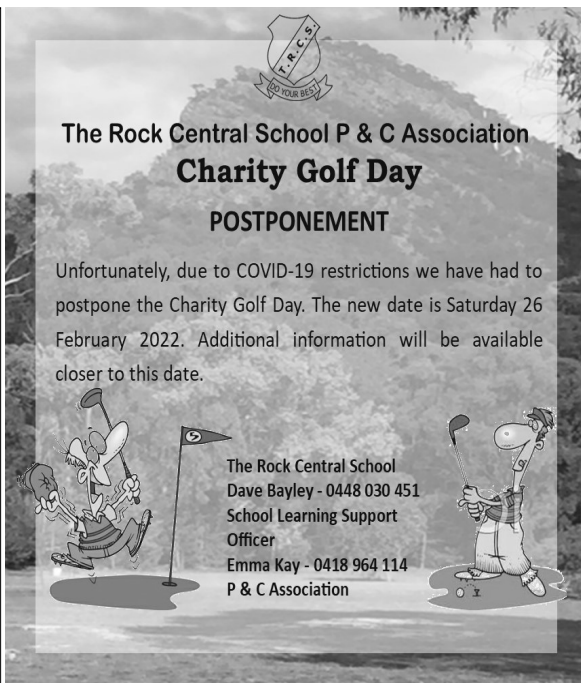
**Free Golf Clinic** The Rock Golf Club is promoting golf as an alternative sport for junior players. They will be running FREE Golf Clinics on Wednesday nights, starting from 6 October 2021.

This clinic is available to all school age students accompanied by a parent and will run from 6:00-7:30pm.

A free sausage sizzle will also be provided at the first clinic.

You will need: a hat, a water bottle, sunscreen, insect repellent and runners. If you have your own clubs please bring them along however, spare sets are available at the golf club.

If your child is interested in attending the Golf Clinic please phone to reserve a place and allow for catering: - John Jarrick - President 0429337480 or Dave Bayley - Junior Co-ordinator 0429 337 480



**The Rock Central School P & C Association  
Charity Golf Day  
POSTPONEMENT**

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions we have had to postpone the Charity Golf Day. The new date is Saturday 26 February 2022. Additional information will be available closer to this date.

The Rock Central School  
Dave Bayley - 0448 030 451  
School Learning Support  
Officer  
Emma Kay - 0418 964 114  
P & C Association

## Lockhart Central School Principal's Report

Happy end of Term 3 to everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you happy and well. Currently at school we are working under level 3 restrictions. Message was sent home regarding expectations at school. Thank you to everyone for all the help and support you have given to your children while learning from home.

I am not alone when I say that this year has been truly unusual. As we look forward to the holidays next week I hope you all have a restful and safe two weeks. Currently we are expecting to be back to school under the same Level 3 Restrictions as this week. If anything changes we will let you all know via mobile text and/or our school Facebook page. School resumes Tuesday 5th October.

I would personally like to thank local businesses for coming together to support all. A special mention to the Lockhart IGA and their donations towards our Food Program run by our school chaplain Lucas King. A big shout out to Bec Mathews for helping Lucas collect, organise and deliver these packs. This means a great deal for not only us as a school but the whole community.

Stay safe and take care! Janine Dunne – Principal

### Year 12 2021 – Not the End Yet.

In what we used to call normal, Year 12 would be finishing school today. Due to the topsy-turvy world that we live in now Year 12 will be returning onsite for further support Term 4. At least we don't need to say goodbye just yet.



# Building & Planning Services

## NSW PLANNING PORTAL

Lockhart Shire Council uses electronic lodgement of Development Applications (DA), Construction Certificates (CC), Complying Development Applications (CDC) & Section 68 through the [NSW Planning Portal](#). Applicants will need to establish their own account and then lodge their DA's, CC's and CDC's. For further information or for assistance please contact our Planning & Building team.

This is the process that Council recommends you follow:

- Contact our Planning Team on 02 6920 5305 to discuss your application or to arrange a pre lodgement meeting if required.

Visit the [NSW Planning Portal](#) to [Register](#) for a NSW Planning Portal account to start your application. This will enable you to access your dashboard, view, manage, track and progress applications, pay state agency fees and submit documents. You will also receive email notifications at key stages of the application process.

[Log in](#) to complete the online application form.

- For DA's and CC's you will need to submit a State of Environmental Effects, owner's consent, cost estimate report as well as all supporting plans and documents.
- For CDC's you will need to submit a certificate of title, site plan, design plans, structural plans and building specifications.
- Once we receive your application, Council will do a preliminary assessment and contact you to arrange payment of fees or request additional information.

Once Council is satisfied with the information provided and fees are paid, your application can be lodged.

Council encourages all applicants to arrange a pre lodgement meeting with the Planning & Building team to ensure all required paperwork is ready before lodgement.

## **APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the following development applications were approved, with conditions, from 1 August to 31 August 2021. The below consents are available for public inspection at Council's Administration Office, 65 Green Street, Lockhart, between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays.

<b>DA/CDC No</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Site of Development</b>
DA47/21	New Dwelling	4 Macconochie St, Yerong Creek
DA05/22	Shed	2 Carson Rd, The Rock
DA08/22	Shed	3 Ferrier St, Lockhart
DA10/22	Patio	350 Bulloc Hill Rd, The Rock

Peter Veneris,  
General Manager

# Swimming Pools and Spas

## Owners of properties with swimming pools must at all times:

- ensure that pools are surrounded with a child-resistant safety barrier that separates the swimming pool(s) from any residential building and any place adjoining the property.
- keep the doors and gates that provide access to the swimming pool securely closed when they are not in actual use.
- ensure that fences surrounding pools are designed, constructed, installed and maintained to comply with the relevant Australian Standards.

Visit the [pool safety checklists page](#) on the NSW Government's Swimming Pool Register for more information.

## Signage for pools under construction or renovation:

All pools under construction must display the mandatory sign which states: **"This swimming pool is not to be occupied or used"**. The sign can only be removed once a **certificate of compliance or occupation certificate** has been issued.



Occupation or use of a swimming pool without an occupation certificate is considered a breach of your development consent, and strict penalties apply for non-compliance.

## Safety

- The pool shall not be filled, or allowed to be filled, with water until the pool is enclosed by a child-resistant barrier (safety fence) installed in accordance with AS 1926.1 - 2007; Swimming Pool Safety - safety barriers for swimming pools.
- All doors and gates providing access to the swimming pool shall be adequately maintained and kept securely closed at all times when they are not in actual use.
- A sign shall be displayed and maintained in a prominent position in the immediate vicinity of the swimming pool that includes the words; "Young children should be actively supervised when using this swimming pool" "Pool gates must be kept closed at all times" "Keep articles, objects and structures clear of the pool fence at all times"  
The sign shall also contain a simple flow chart containing details of resuscitation techniques (set out in accordance with the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Guideline)

## Registration

Pool owners must register their pools online on the [NSW Swimming Pool Register](#). A certificate of registration will be issued to the pool owner.

<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/building-and-renovating/pools-and-pool-safety/swimming-pools-and-spas>

<https://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/>

# Long Service Levy

The new Levy portal - A better way to pay your Long Service Levy

As part of the ongoing commitment to improving our customer experience the Long Service Corporation has introduced a new online Building Levy portal, to make it easier to manage your long service levy payments and transactions.

You will be able to:

- Pay a levy
- Apply for a refund
- Request an exemption
- Request a top-up
- Request an instalment plan
- Get notifications
- Automated receipting

With more ways to pay:

- Credit Card \*Credit Card limit AU\$1M
- BPay
- PayID
- EFT \*EFT on application

<https://longservice.force.com/bci/s/login/>

The New South Wales Parliament applies a levy on building and construction work costing \$25,000 and above (inclusive of GST) in New South Wales. The levy is paid into a fund administered by the Long Service Corporation, and from this fund, the Corporation makes long service payments to building and construction workers.

The current levy rate is 0.35 % of the value of building and construction works costing \$25,000 or more (inclusive of GST), and can be paid along with your development application fees at the time of submission.

## Keep going Lockhart Shire!

Currently our vaccination stats for the eligible population aged 15 and over for Lockhart Shire is 80.3% 1st dose and 55.9% fully as of 19 September 2021.

## Let's do this – book your COVID-19 vaccination today

People across NSW are getting vaccinated in extraordinary numbers. Even during these challenging times, people are working together to protect themselves, their loved ones and our community. Each vaccination brings us closer to getting back to doing the things we love.

But our work is not yet done. We need many more people to step forward and get vaccinated now. COVID-19 vaccination with two doses reduces the chance of you spreading the virus to those around you and gives you around 90% protection against hospitalisation and death. It's also a way you can support our healthcare and essential workers who are caring and providing for those who need it most.

## How to book your vaccination

Everyone 12 and over can get a COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments are available at more than 2,000 GPs, pharmacies, Aboriginal Medical Services and NSW Health vaccination clinics across NSW. Speak to your local GP or pharmacist or visit [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) to make a booking. Appointments are also now available for who are National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants, have health conditions, identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or who live in a rural area. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and free.

## Don't delay

The risk of COVID-19 in the community is high. It can cause serious illness and death. You can't predict who will get very unwell.

For the latest information visit [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) or contact the National COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline on 1800 020 080, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For a free telephone interpreter, ring TIS National on 131 450 (24-hour helpline) and say the language you need. Ask the interpreter to connect you to the COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline.

The sooner we are protected, the sooner we can get visitors to our regions, travel, and get family back home and our state back to business. Let's do this, together.





## Go Green Go Electronic

Receive your rates notices  
via email

You can now have your rates notices emailed to your nominated  
email address.

The use of emailed bill delivery is quicker, cheaper and better for the  
environment.

**Convenient and easy – access anytime, anywhere**



Find the eNotices  
logo on your notice!

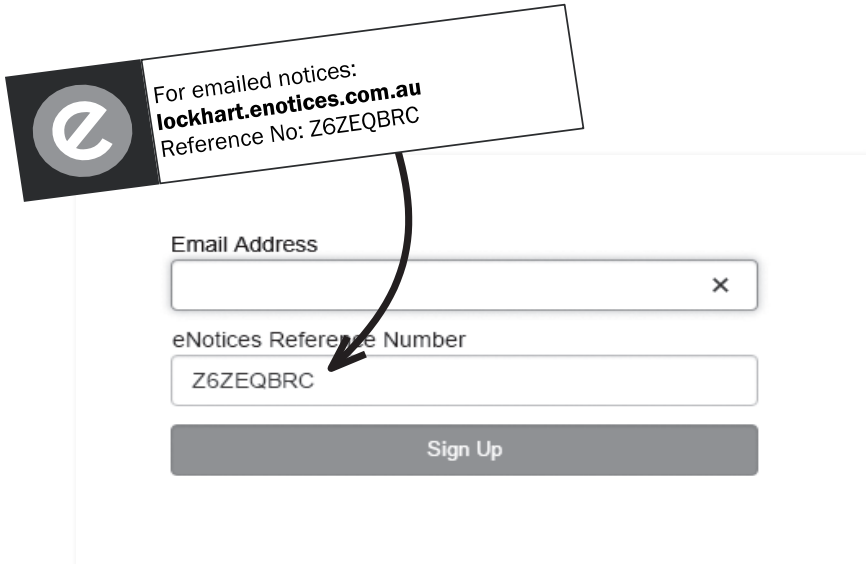
Visit **[lockhart.enotices.com.au](http://lockhart.enotices.com.au)** and follow the instructions on  
the following page



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

# Just 3 easy steps!

**Signing up will also let you log in to view your notices online at any time.**



The image shows a sign-up form with two input fields and a 'Sign Up' button. A callout box with a circular 'e' logo points to the 'eNotices Reference Number' field. The callout text reads: 'For emailed notices: lockhart.enotices.com.au Reference No: Z6ZEQBRC'. The form fields are: 'Email Address' (empty), 'eNotices Reference Number' (containing 'Z6ZEQBRC'), and a 'Sign Up' button.

## **Step 1**

Enter in your email address and eNotices Reference Number.

## **Step 2**

Check your email inbox and click the validation link.

## **Step 3**

Select a password and mobile number.

**That's it! You will now receive notices in your email inbox and can log in to view them online at any time.**

# THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF YOUR FOOD ORGANICS GARDEN ORGANICS GREEN LIDDED BIN



**Meat & Bones**



**Grains & Pasta**



**Fish & Shellfish**



**Dairy Products**



**Coffee Grounds & Tea Bags**



**Eggs & Shells**



**Plate Scrapings**



**Fruit & Veggies**



**Leaves**



**Unbagged Pet Litter**



**Yard Trimmings & Prunings**



**Lawn Clippings**



**NO Plastic Bags**



**NO Household waste**



**NO Nappies or wipes**



**NO Recyclables**

**PLEASE SEPARATE ALL WASTE FROM WRAPPERS BEFORE PLACING IN FOGO BIN**



# HOW TO WEAR A FACE MASK SAFELY

## Do's →



Wash your hands before touching the mask



Inspect the mask for tears or holes



Find the top side, where the metal piece or stiff edge is



Ensure the colored-side faces outwards



Place the metal piece or stiff edge over your nose



Cover your mouth, nose, and chin



Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides



Avoid touching the mask



Remove the mask from behind the ears or head



Keep the mask away from you and surfaces while removing it



Discard the mask immediately after use preferably into a closed bin



Wash your hands after discarding the mask

**Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 1.5 metres distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.**

[who.int/epi-win](https://www.who.int/epi-win)



World Health Organization

## Lockhart and District Senior Citizen's News

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there were no activities for the month of September. Proceedings will be reviewed at the beginning of October.

Betty Quee, Secretary

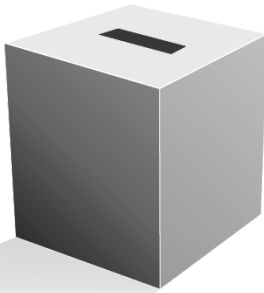
**Lockhart Hospital Auxiliary**  
Unfortunately cannot meet at this time

# Election workers wanted

## Apply to work at your local council election

Local council elections take place on 4 December 2021. We are looking for people to work at these elections.

Working at the election is a good way to earn some money, learn new skills and help your community have their say.



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## Next Council Meeting Monday 18 October, 2021

NOTICE IS GIVEN

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

65 GREEN STREET, LOCKHART  
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

# Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

Placement of articles is subject to  
suitability and available space.

Email articles for inclusion to:  
**[mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)**

**No later than 4pm  
Friday 16 October, 2021**



## Lockhart Playgroup

All Welcome

Every Tuesday

9am Start

Lockhart Preschool

Birth – 5 years

Please bring morning tea to share

Tea/Coffee provided

\$20per family per year

For mor information, follow our

Facebook Group:

**Lockhart Playgroup!**



## **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

**October 2021**

**Lockhart**

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

**9am - 12.30pm**

**Milbrulong**

14th & 28th

**9am - 10am**

**Pleasant Hills**

11th & 25th

**1.15pm - 2.30pm**

**Yerong Creek**

13th & 27th

**3pm - 4pm**

**The Rock**

14th & 28th

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

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

## **Lockhart Central School**



**LOCKHART CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**Taking Enrolments for 2022**

**Phone 69205209**

**Information Packages and School  
Tours available**

## 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](mailto: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.

COVID-19



> HELP US STOP THE SPREAD

COVID-19

Feeling the slightest of  
symptoms?



Get tested.

> HELP US STOP THE SPREAD



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

## PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL

Open Tuesday & Wednesday

8.30AM – 4.00PM

For children aged 3 – 5yrs

As little as \$10 per day

For more info contact Megan 6929 6407 or

(M) 0407 492 062

Email: [phpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:phpreschool@gmail.com)



## Kengal Krafters Inc

The Rock Craft Shop

CWA Rooms, 128 Urana St, The Rock

Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 2pm

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

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

## Brookong Nook CRAFT SHOP

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



## The Lockhart Street Library

The Street Library has been working well during lockdown. However, because of the size of the library it is restricted to adult books. If you want to get rid of some children's books they can go to the recycling centre.

If you have any questions, please ring Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.



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

The following services Valmar Support Services offer are:

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

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

Social bus Trips each Friday .

**Contact 02 6920 4162**



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

Help support your local Meals on Wheels Service

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

**Social club operates every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am till 3pm at the Rock Memorial Bowling Club**  
*For further details please contact Vicky 6920 2500*

## Tai Chi

Tai Chi Classes will begin again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. HURRAH!! The classes are held in the Lockhart Uniting Church Hall at 9am. New people are always welcome. Any enquiries to Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051

# Health & Associated Services



## Do you need a Community Health Service?

You can now access Community Health Services such as:

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

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

**Call 1800 654 324**  
(1800 MLHD CH)



**Health**  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

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

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

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

### **X-RAY SERVICE**

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

### **OPTOMETRIST**

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

## THE ROCK COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASSES!

Monday afternoon at 3.00PM at

The Rock Town Hall & Museum

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

These classes are for all ages and very affordable.

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

Contact: Nancy Smith

on 0427 692 020 or 6920 2034 or

Jeanie on 0438 202 468



Health  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District



Vinnies  
good works



**NEED HELP DURING COVID?**

Call 13 18 12

or email [vinnies@vinnies.org.au](mailto:vinnies@vinnies.org.au)

Learn through play



Lockhart Preschool  
Kindergarten Inc.

Expressions of Interest now open for  
enrolments in 2022.

Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8am – 3.30pm

Phone Kristin on 69 205 156 or

Email [director@lockhartpreschool.com.au](mailto:director@lockhartpreschool.com.au)

## The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

**Kindergarten**

for 2022



Do you have a child,  
or someone you know has a child,  
**turning 5**  
before 31st July, 2022

**please contact**

The Rock Central School

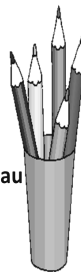
on

**Ph: 69 202132**

or

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

to enrol





# Local Church Services 2021

## Lockhart Uniting Church Services

**October 2021**

3rd, 9am, Lockhart

10th, 9am, Lockhart

17th, 10am, No service, join with the Anglicans at 10am

24th, 9am, Lockhart - Holy Communion

31st, 9am, No service, join with the Anglicans at 10am

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

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Riverina Parish of Lockhart

### **St Aidan's Lockhart**

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets  
Lockhart

Worship: Friday 10am &

**As from Sunday 6th June 2021**

**Worship time will change to 10am**

*Diocesan website:*

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month  
9:30am

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

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

### **St Mary's Parish**

#### **The Rock**

Mass Times

Sunday - 8am & 10am

Monday - 7am

Tuesday - 6pm

Wednesday - 8.30am

Thursday - 7am

Friday - 6pm

Saturday - 8.30am

For more information contact:  
Fr Murray 0459 069 520

Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6 Tune every day

# Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER (3rd, 17th & 31st)
Lockhart		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
The Rock		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Yerong Creek	1.30pm - 3.30pm		
Pleasant Hills	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***

## FOGO

### Food Organics Garden Organics

To help keep our product free from contamination, only put the items listed below into your FOGO bin.

- Food scraps including meats, dairy, citrus, onions, tea bags and animal waste
- Cooked meals
- Lawn clippings
- Garden prunings. Please do not place large, thick branches or prunings into the FOGO bin. Prunings should be no thicker than your finger.



Compostable

**Only use compostable caddy liner bags that display the above symbol**

(no plastic shopping bags)

This symbol can also be found printed on packaging, such as compostable coffee cups, cutlery and plates. Sometimes it may also say 'AS4736 compostable'.

# AFRICAN BOXTHORN



*Lycium ferocissimum*

## Weed of National Significance

### Must not be sold anywhere in NSW

**Description:** A spiny shrub from South Africa, introduced to Australia in the mid 1800's as a hedge plant. A perennial shrub up to 5 metres in height and with a deep and extensive branched root system that will sucker and produce new growth when broken.

African boxthorn is an aggressive invader of pastures, roadsides, reserves, remnant bushland and waterways. It forms an impenetrable, spiny thicket that inhibits the movement of vehicles, livestock and people. It has large thorns which can injure livestock, native animals and people.

It provides shelter and food for pest animals including foxes, rabbits and starlings. It is a host for pest insects including fruit fly, the common house fly and the tomato fly, which breed in the fruit of this weed.

**Leaves:** Bright green, rather succulent, 3cm long and 2cm wide. Rounded at the top and tapering to the base.

**Flowers:** White to pale mauve and fragrant with 5 petals. Approximately 12mm in diameter and hang from short stalks. Occur singly or in pairs in the forks of the leaves.

**Fruit:** Smooth, green and ripen to a bright orange to red colour. Berries are succulent, round, and 5 to 10 mm in diameter. Contain 20 to 70 seeds when ripe.

**Seed:** Numerous, light-brown to yellow, irregular or oval, flattened.

**Toxicity:** African boxthorn berries, leaves, stems and roots are toxic to humans.

**Control:** Successful weed control requires follow up after the initial efforts. Using a combination of control methods is usually more successful.

**Priority weed:** African boxthorn 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 certain dealings:** Must not be imported into the state, sold, bartered, exchanged or offered for sale.

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





# Hurry! Nominate for The NSW Local Citizen of the Year Awards

Nominations for Lockhart Shire Council Citizenship Awards to be presented on Australia Day, Wednesday, 26 January 2022, are now invited.

Recipient categories are as follows:

- *Citizen of the Year*
- *Young Citizen of the Year*
- *Sportsperson of the Year*
- *Australia Day Awards*



Award Criteria, Guidelines and Nomination forms are available from Council's Administration Office and Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

Nominations close 4.00pm, Monday, 1 November 2021 and must be submitted, on the forms provided, to:

The General Manager  
Lockhart Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
LOCKHART NSW 2656



**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES