



# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

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October 2019



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# SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO HOST AUSTRALIA DAY 2020 IN THE ROCK

Australia Day 2020 will be celebrated throughout Australia on  
Sunday, 26 January 2020



Celebrations for 2020 will be held at The Rock and local community organisations are invited to nominate to organise this most important event.

The successful organisation will be provided with financial support from Council to assist with the arrangements and it provides the host organisation with the opportunity to raise additional funds for its own use.

Expressions of interest from host organisations will be received by Council until 4pm on Monday, 4 November 2019.

For enquiries please contact Leonie Arnold on 6920 5305.



AUSTRALIA DAY  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES



THE ROCK RED CROSS

## Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 5th  
November 2019

For more information contact:  
Ann Taylor on 6920 2085

BROOKDALE RED CROSS

## Melbourne Cup with Bling

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2019

BROOKDALE HALL FROM 1PM

\$15 PER PERSON

GLITTERY AFTERNOON TEA, SWEEPS, RAFFLES,  
FASHIONS ON THE FIELD, BIG SCREEN

Everyone Welcome

## Mayor's Report

Hello everyone.

This time of year is very, very busy for everyone, not least of which for Council. Firstly, the GM and I have just returned from Sydney for the second time in a week. Our first visit was to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference held over three days at Warwick Farm Racecourse which is certainly an impressive facility. At the conference we discuss and implement local government policy going forward for the next twelve months. Our second visit, the GM, myself and Gordon Hinds of Better Energy Technology met with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Energy to enhance the chances for funding or help with our Renewable Energy Project in Lockhart. That meeting was arranged by our Local Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr.



Also, we recently attended a meeting to be better informed of the help and support that drought affected rural communities may be able to access. A website which may answer some of your questions is "<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub>".

Last Saturday morning at The Rock an announcement was made by Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon David Elliott, of a grant of some \$860,000 towards a total spend of approximately \$1,000,000 to complete Stage 2 of flood mitigation works within The Rock Township. These works include drainage and culvert upgrades to get water to the creek faster. Work is already progressing well on Stage 2 of flood mitigation works in Lockhart to turn water south before it enters town from the east. Work has also started on the widening of MR59 Lockhart to Urana, a major project with a cost in excess of \$3.5 million.

Council has been approached and a presentation given to Council by a company wanting to establish a lettuce producing facility using renewable energy and hydroponics. This would be situated in the Lockhart Industrial Park and would employ up to 40 people. This project is estimated to cost \$40 million. Progress although slow is also being made in establishing The Rock Regional Observatory, a facility not only attracting tourism, but providing an educational tool for local students. It is also good to see activity progressing with the bakery in Lockhart hopefully, coming closer to fruition.

The Lockhart Spirit of the Land Festival was again held on the second weekend in October and it was bigger than ever. It is now well established as a go-to festival and the whole committee and everyone involved should be given a huge round of applause for their efforts. On 26 October Stage 2 of The Rock Swimming Pool refurbishment was officially opened. What a fantastic project this has been and what an asset for The Rock this will prove to be. Council is very proud to have both pool projects in The Rock and Lockhart completed on time and on budget.

That's about all for this month, I'm sure I've missed stuff, but as I said we have had a lot on.

Cheers Rodg.

# Council Snippets 21 October 2019

## **ENGINEERING REPORT**

### Works Report:

Grader crews are undertaking maintenance grading and gravel re-sheets in accordance with the new 12-month programme. Work has commenced on the Urana Lockhart Road widening project and is progressing as planned. Western Road widening is scheduled to commence in November 2019. Traffic delays should be expected on all the construction jobs once commenced.

The concrete crew is continuing with the last stage of the Higher Mass Limit (HML) bridges project being the triple culvert system on Henty Pleasant Hills Road. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of October 2019. Once completed the crew will then undertake culvert works as part of the Flood Detour Road upgrade. This will then be followed by causeway replacement on the Lockhart-The Rock Road and Bullenbung Road, then major culvert replacement on Grubben Road. All culverts have been ordered and due to be delivered to site in the coming months.

### Road Safety Officer:

The Road Safety Officer is continuing with the safety audit of all 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.

### Fleet:

Orders have been placed for all the plant replacement in accordance with the adopted 2019/20 budget. The first of the new vehicles has been delivered along with the new water tanker. The remaining vehicles and truck body modifications are due to be delivered in the next few months and the heavy plant in early 2020.

## **MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

### Swimming Pools Upgrade:

The Rock swimming pool upgrade works continue to progress very well. The works will be completed in time for the official opening on Saturday 26 October 2019.

### Demolition of Voluntary Purchase Properties:

Council has been successful with its grant application to continue the Voluntary Purchase of properties in Lockhart for the next three years, commencing 1 July 2019. Council has secured another property and have signed contracts for the purchase, with settlement occurring in October 2019. Demolition works will occur in early 2020.

### Flood Mitigation Construction-Lockhart:

Council has been successful with the grant application for Stage 2 flood mitigation works in Lockhart, being the drainage system east of the Industrial Park. Council has engaged Mitchell Constructions (NSW) P/L to undertake the project, who have now completed the main drain component of the project. The new culverts have been delivered to the Albury Road site and installation has commenced. A side-track has been put in place and some traffic delays are expected. Once these works are completed the contractor will be moving to the Lockhart-The Rock Road site to commence the installation of the new culverts. Staff are continuing to work with John Holland Rail regarding finalising the approval for the culverts under the branch line, along with the culverts as part of the Flood Detour Road upgrade.

### Flood Mitigation Construction-The Rock:

Council has been successful with its grant application for Stage 2 flood mitigation works at The Rock, being the drainage works along Nicholas, Yerong and Urana Streets. The announcement was made by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on Saturday 19 October 2019 at The Rock. Council is now awaiting details of the funding agreement which will need to be finalised before the project can proceed.

# Council Snippets 21 October 2019

## Playground – The Rock Recreation Ground:

Council has been successful in gaining \$75,000 from the NSW Government's 'Everyone Can Play' grant, with Council also contributing \$75,000 to the project. The playspace has been designed and approved for the grant funding body. The location is set to be near the netball courts at the current entrance to the Recreation Ground, with a new entrance to be constructed to the east as part of the swimming pool upgrade works along Wilson Street. Works are expected to commence in November 2019 and completed in February 2020.

Council has also been successful in gaining a further \$25,000 funding for the project from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant programme. The funding agreement has been finalised and signed by Council.

## Lockhart Renewable Energy Project:

Council has also been successful in gaining \$1M funding from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant programme to undertake Stage 1 of the project. Stage 1 entails the detailed design, financial modelling, DA applications, and connection agreements with Essential Energy.

## **WEEDS**

### Property Inspections

Inspections were carried out on both rural and residential properties, which were selected due to a change of ownership, or to assess the implementation of control measures.

The weeds most commonly found were Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), Privet (*Ligustrum* sp.), Asparagus weed (*Asparagus* sp.), Sweet briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*), Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), Wild radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*), Prickly pear (*Opuntia* sp.) and Giant reed (*Arundo donax*).

### Control Program

Priority has been given to the control of Spiny burrgrass (*Cenchrus spinifex*), St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), Wild radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*), Bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*), and Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) on roadside reserves.

No. 1 <sup>st</sup> Insp.	No. Re-insp. required	No.2 <sup>nd</sup> Insp.	No. Biosecurity Undertakings Accepted	No. Biosecurity Directions	No.3 <sup>rd</sup> Insp.	No.4 <sup>th</sup> Insp.
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## Riverina LLS Regional Weeds Committee Meeting

Council's Environmental Officer attended the Riverina Local Lands Service (LLS) Regional Weeds Committee Meeting, held on 3 September, in Narrandera.

A representative from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) attended as a guest speaker, discussing the roles and responsibilities of weed control under the Biosecurity Act, and improvements in correspondence between RMS and local control authorities regarding the control of priority weeds and traffic control.

The development of the next Weeds Action Program for 2020-2025 was also discussed in detail, however the guidelines have not been finalised by the NSW Department of Primary Industries to enable local control authorities to initiate planning.

# Council Snippets 21 October 2019

The discovery of Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) within two neighbouring shires is also of great concern, being found in both the Wagga Wagga City Council and the Junee Shire Council.

## drumMUSTER

Two successful collection events occurred in the Shire. St Joseph's School managed the collection event held on 10 September at Lockhart, inspecting 4,816 drums, resulting in a fundraising total of \$1324.40. The Rock collection event, held on 12 September, was managed by The Rock Men's Shed. These volunteers inspected 3,291 drums, raising \$822.75 for The Rock Men's Shed. The next collection will occur in March 2020.

## Henty Machinery Field Days

Council's Environmental Officer represented Riverina WAP (Weeds Action Program) at the Henty Machinery Field Days.

The display of live plants was again present at the site, containing examples of priority weeds, environmental weeds, and biological control specimens. While the priority weed live species are always a valuable tool for identification, the inclusion of live environmental weeds was a great initiator of conversation and interaction with the general public, with large numbers of people stating that they have these plants present in their gardens.

A high volume of people visited the Riverina WAP and Murray WAP site this year. Other interactions with members of the public included: the identification of weed species, with many people bringing samples or photos; tips to distinguish between plant species that are similar, particularly native grasses, Serrated tussock, Chilean needle grass and Coolatai grass; appropriate weed control and management; and successful biological controls available for various weed species.

## **PESTS**

### Common White Snail Baiting Program

Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 19 September.

## **PARKS AND GARDENS REPORT**

### The Rock Swimming Pool Complex

The new playground equipment has been installed by suppliers; Council staff have spread bark soft-fall and are fitting edging to retain it. The new irrigation system has also been installed and turf laid.

### Inclusive Playground

\$75,000 has been granted to Council from the NSW Govt. Everyone Can Play initiative to partially fund a new playground for The Rock. Council's financial commitment to this project will be included in the 2019/20 budget. Council representatives met with community groups and interested parties recently to discuss location, equipment and creative ideas. The revised plan has been accepted by the focus group and grant administrators. Quotes have been sort and received to supply and install playground equipment. The successful company will then work with Council on the final design details.

The new playground will be installed at The Rock Recreation Ground and will follow the design principles to create a playspace for everyone, regardless of age, ability (both physical and mental) or cultural background.

### Trees

Watering of street trees planted in the last two years has recommenced.

### Mowing and Slashing

The spring mowing schedule focused on prominent areas for events in and around the Shire including; Henty Field Days, the Picolight Fly-in, Lockhart Show, Spirit of the Land Festival and Lockhart Picnic

# Council Snippets 21 October 2019

Races. Fortnightly mowing and edging will be scheduled for most irrigated areas during the growth season.

## Weed Control

Regular weed control is being conducted on Council property including hand spraying and weeding of gardens. Spraying lawns for broadleaf weeds especially clover is being conducted.

## Parks and Gardens

Irrigation systems are being checked and adjusted. Running times will be increased as weather warms up. Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, pruning and mulching.

## General Maintenance

Regular duties include inspections of parks and public facilities to remove litter, clean BBQ's, check for damage or vandalism, clear footpaths and empty public and roadside bins. Most areas undergo inspections twice per week, including Galore Hill, where crews also clean and check the toilet facilities. Contract cleaners attend to the public toilet facilities in Lockhart, The Rock and Yerong Creek. Playgrounds in the Shire are being inspected regularly as per Australian Standards, with any maintenance being noted and completed as necessary.



## Next Council Meeting Monday 18 November 2019



*Notice is given that Council's Meeting for November will be held in the Council Chambers, Green Street, Lockhart, commencing at 5.00pm. Members of the community are most welcome to attend.*

## Newsletter Deadline

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

**Friday 15th November 2019**

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Ph: (02) 6920 5305

Fax: (02) 6920 5247

or [mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

## Rates Information



If paying by instalments, your next instalment is due by:

**30th November 2019**

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.

# Spirit of the Land 2019

Thank you to the Lockhart Community for once again embracing the Spirit of the Land Festival. It is always heartening to see the community come together in the manner that it does to ensure a successful event.

The hard work paid off with an increased number of market stalls, increased farm art sculptures (including entries from South Australia and Tasmania), and from all accounts, increased visitors to the town.

I would like to particularly thank the members of the Spirit of the Land Committee who worked so hard to make the Festival a success and assisted in many different ways including advertising and promoting the Festival, co-ordinating the registration of sculptors, artists and stallholders; manning the entrances to the exhibition areas; setting up and packing up; providing trucks and equipment; hanging flower baskets and flags; transporting portable toilets and helping with the many other aspects of the Festival.

I would like to express appreciation to those who opened their gardens and co-ordinated the Farm Tour which diversifies the attractions and enhances the Festival. This year, thanks to the support of Eastern Riverina Arts and the IDEAS organisation (Information on Disability, Education and Awareness Services) we were also able to provide for a more inclusive event with facilities that catered for all ages and all abilities.

Thank you also to the many 'Friends of the Festival' who continue to support the Spirit of the Land each and every year.

The co-operation and assistance received from Lockhart Shire Council staff with respect to road closures, traffic management, waste management, parks and gardens maintenance, advertising and promotion and the like is also greatly appreciated.

With the support and co-operation of Lockhart Shire Council the 2019 National Farm Art Sculpture Award winner, "*Cod and Carp*", will be displayed in a public place for the next 12 months. Thanks to the Lockhart and District Community Bank – Bendigo Bank another sculpture, "*Click go the Shears*", will remain permanently in the town and form part of the wider collection and Sculpture Trail.



# Spirit of the Land 2019

We are pleased to be able to say that last year's winner, the popular "*Bunyip of Burra Creek*", will also remain in the town after Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. negotiated to acquire the sculpture using its own funds, contributions received from "Friends of the Festival" and a contribution from the Lockhart and District Community Bank – Bendigo Bank to help clinch the purchase.

We were also pleased to receive a surprise visit from a previous winner of the Fine Arts Indigenous Award category, Tyrone Hoeler, who donated his winning piece to the local community. The Council also continued its long standing practice of purchasing paintings from the exhibition and all these pieces now proudly hang in the recently opened Spirit of the Land Gallery in the Billabong Showroom of the Greens Gunyah Museum.

The Festival of course would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and in this regard I would like to acknowledge: -

Lockhart Shire Council, Lockhart and District Community Bank – Bendigo Bank, Riverina Water, Lockhart Anglers Club, Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club, Lockhart IGA, Delta Agribusiness, Friedlieb Fox McLeod Solicitors, Lockhart Lions Club, Burkinshaw Transport, Coates Hire, John Bance and Son Funeral Directors, Bush and Campbell Accountants, Tasco Petroleum, Grain Corp, MWS Fabrications and Verandah Town Electrical

Once again thank you to everyone involved and I look forward to another successful Festival next year.

Peter Veneris

President

Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc.





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A Companion Card is for people with significant and permanent disability that need a carer with them at all times to participate in community events and recreational activities.

The program promotes fair ticketing for people who require an attendant carer and removes one of the barriers to their participation in activities and events – the expense of purchasing an additional ticket for their companion.

Currently there are more than 1700 Companion Card affiliated businesses in NSW that are benefitting from access to an extensive and often untapped market of people with disability. The program also provides these businesses with the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to social inclusion, present a positive image within their community, and meet some obligations under anti-discrimination laws.

Further information about the program is available by contacting us directly on **1800 893 044** or via email on [info.companioncard@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info.companioncard@facs.nsw.gov.au)

SAVE *the* DATE

14.03

Brookdale  
Charity  
Ball

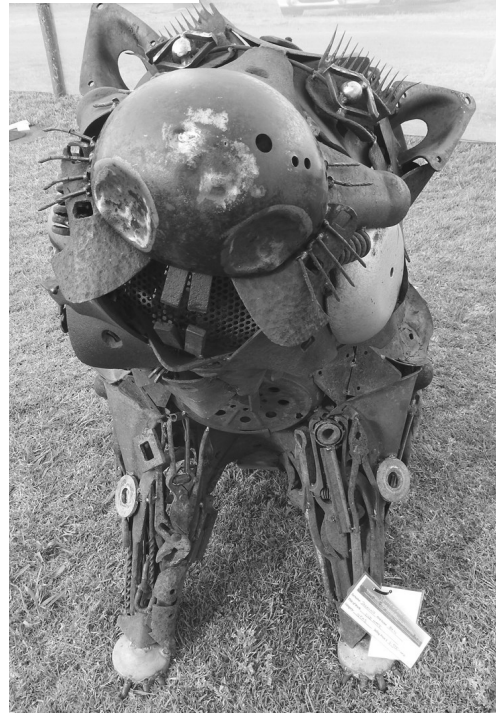
2020

at the BROOKDALE HALL • dress BLACK TIE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ADAM [brookdaleball@hotmail.com](mailto:brookdaleball@hotmail.com)



Spirit of the Land 2019



# 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

### November

#### 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**

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

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

## Lockhart Senior Citizen's

### November Events

All activities and meeting 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, s

Afternoon tea supplied

## Lockhart Senior's News

21 Members attended the October meeting of the Seniors. Apologies, birthdays and minutes were read. Vice president Betty reminded all members of the October B.B.Q. on the 20th October commencing at 11.30. Steve Goodwin thanked all members for our donation to Can Assist. Meeting finished and Bingo was played and a lovely afternoon tea was served with thanks to the Lockhart School pupils and the Ex-Servicemen's Club

Marg Mildren, Secretary

## The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

### Kindergarten

for 2020

Do you have a child,  
or someone you know has a child,  
turning 5  
before 31st July, 2020

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



### CLAIMING THE DATE

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

### THE WAGGA CITY RUGBY MALE CHOIR

ON SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019  
AT 6PM

The Rock Progress Committee

## The Rock Community Gym

Open between 5:00am to 10:00pm

Various Machines & Equipment, PT Classes are available

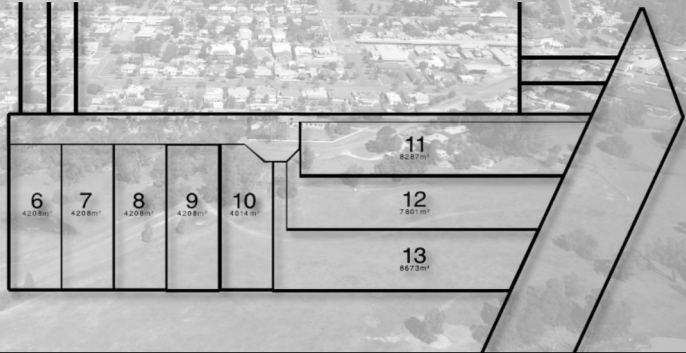
[therockgym6@gmail.com](mailto:therockgym6@gmail.com) - Petrina - 0408 264 729

# BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

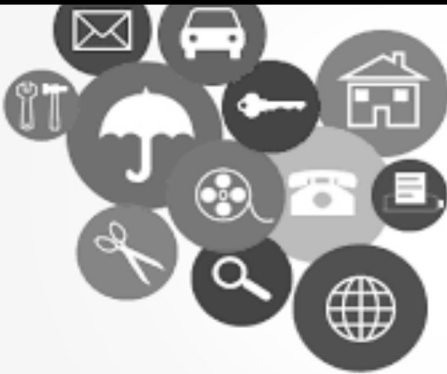
## TOWN AND LIFESTYLE BLOCKS FOR SALE IN LOCKHART & THE ROCK

### 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](http://lockhartshirebusinessdirectory.com.au)

# CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE (CC)

Your Construction Certificate (CC) can be obtained from your council or an accredited certifier which should include your detailed building plans/engineering details and specifications. The plans will most likely contain a lot more information than your approved DA plans, to allow your builder to work directly from them. The building must be consistent with them and the development consent.

Any plan changes that are inconsistent with the DA plans would need to be assessed as to whether an application to modify the development consent is required.

In order to obtain the CC you may be required to first provide additional reports and pay refundable bonds or development contributions (Sec 94A) to the council. These details are covered in the conditions of your development consent.

## Which certifier?

You have the choice as to whom issues your Construction Certificate – the certifying authority can either be your council or an accredited certifier. The NSW Building Professionals Board (BPB) accredits all certifiers that are not employed by your council, and provides the information you need on the NSW Building Professionals Board (BPB) website.

## The role of the Principal Certifying Authority (PCA)

The PCA must be appointed by the 'person having the benefit of the development consent' – this means you as the owner and not your builder. It would probably be the same person or firm that issued your CC, but does not have to be – as with your CC, it can be an accredited certifier or your council as PCA.

The PCA's job is to work with you through the construction process and issue you with an Occupation Certificate (OC) when the work is completed. To make this decision, the PCA inspects the development at various points in the build and ultimately ensures that the building is safe and fit to occupy and in accordance with the development consent and CC.

## During construction

As owner your role is to work with the PCA and the builder, keeping an eye on the work (and the terms of your development consent), managing the site and organising inspections. The PCA will brief the builder and you about the process. You have a role in ensuring that your team follows the procedures required for organising inspections – missing an inspection can lead to delays. Inspections required generally include:

- Piers.
- Slab.
- Frame.
- Stormwater.
- Wet area.
- Final.

You should also keep your neighbours informed and report any complaints to the builder and the PCA. Keeping a close eye on the work and being sure it is consistent with the development consent and any conditions attached is very important. Orders can be issued by council to stop work and fix any errors. This can cost time and money or even lead to penalties. The Environmental Planning & Assessment Act (EP&A Act) specifies enforcement measures that can be applied if a development is not built in accordance with its consent.



## 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)



## 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

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

# DRIVER TESTING

The next Service NSW driver testing at Council's Administration office is 7th November 2019.

In order to make a booking for your driving test please call 13 77 88.



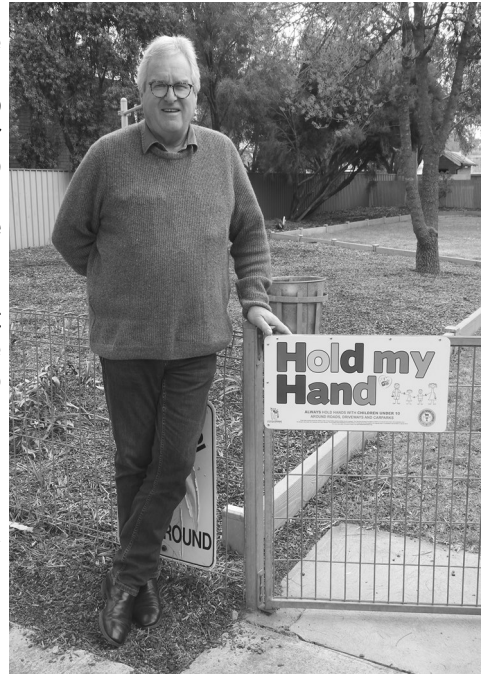


## Little Blue Dinosaur

Lockhart Shire Council has partnered with the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation for its 'Hold My Hand' campaign, which aims to encourage parents and carers to hold their child's hand when they are close to roadways. The colourful signage has been taken up by numerous councils across the State.

Our Mayor, Cr Rodger Schirmer said that Council was pleased to be working with the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation to help keep children safe.

The Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation was established in memory of four year old Tom McLaughlin who tragically passed away in a pedestrian road crash while on a Central Coast family vacation in 2014. Foundation Founder and CEO Michelle McLaughlin said she was delighted Lockhart Shire Council would be erecting the signs around playgrounds and parks in the area.



The signs have now been erected at our Shire's recreation grounds and playgrounds.

## St Aidan's Anglican Church Hall

HALL HIRE RATES	PRICE
Hire of the Hall for half a day	\$50
Hire of the Hall for full day	\$75
HIRE OF ITEMS USED AWAY FROM THE HALL	PRICE
Hire of trestles	\$10 ea
Hire of steel chairs	\$2 ea
Hire of 12 steel chairs	\$20
Hire of crockery	\$20
Hire of cutlery	\$20

Contact Jan Pietsch

Ph: 0447 296 494

Email: janrylah40@gmail.com

## Claiming the Date

The Rock Progress

Deb Ball 2020

Friday 27th March, 2020

The Ball will be held at

The Rock Memorial

Bowling Club 7pm.

Tickets \$40.00pp

# School News

## Lockhart Central School

Six students and two staff members from Lockhart Central School travelled to Melbourne Royal Show to exhibit two young steers, which had been donated by the Henwood family, Yamatree Family Trust.

Lockhart Central School is a small school located in the South West Riverina that has a student population of 90 students, ranging from Kindergarten to Year Twelve. Many students from this school would not have been able to experience this trip without the generous support that we have had from Henwood Family and the CopRice Coleambally Stock Feed supplying the Green Acres grain free mix.

The steers came onto the school during the holidays in July and put onto hay. They were started on the Green Acres grain free mix from Coleambally on the 1st of August. The steers were initially 300kg and gained about 80kg by 20th September.

On their trip down to Melbourne the steers lost some weight in transit and their official weights at the show were 365kg and 369kg, which placed them in the middle of the 300 to 400kg light domestic class.

Because Angus cattle were the feature breed for the show, the steers were entered in the Angus steer competition and in which they placed first and third in their class.

This experience has been a great boost for these students at Lockhart who are living in a community that has been effected by drought. They have learnt so much about the cattle industry and have developed valuable social skills along the way. To see them on the day following their return with beaming smiles and a new confidence has been a terrific morale booster for staff and students.

We would like to acknowledge:

- the Henwood Family of the Yamatree Family Trust for their steers.
- CopRice for their donation of grain free mix from Coleambally.
- Wagga Wagga Christian College for their assistance, encouragement and friendship at the show. Our students have made some lasting connections.
- Hamish Maclure of Keajura Park Show team for his time and services in clipping the steers. **Mr Talbot**



# School News

## The Rock Central School Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final

On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019, three of our students represented the school at the regional final of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Students from all around the region, some as far away as Young, gathered at Turvey Park Public School to compete in order to unearth the district's elite spellers. Our Stage 2 representatives, Ebony and Jesse, were the first to compete in the Juniors event, and both performed admirably.

They were eliminated in rounds two and three respectively, where some highly challenging words are presented. Our Stage Three representative, Sid, managed to make it through to the fourth round of a fiercely contested Seniors competition, which meant that he was in the top 15 spellers in a regional zone that contains 60 schools. Congratulations to all three competitors, and I am sure that the flame has been lit in each of them to continue to develop their spelling skills in order to improve on this year's performance in next year's competition. **Mr Brad Montgomery**



## St Joseph's News

### Sport

Well done to Majella Day on her win in the Diocesan AFL side. This was the first AFLW U12s Diocesan side and Majella was also captain of the team who led them to victory!

### ASPA

Well done to our students who participated so enthusiastically in the ASPA concert at Junee in Week 9. It is wonderful to be able to provide this artistic opportunity for them and give them an experience outside of our school community. Congratulations to Clover.

### Lockhart Show

Many samples of the students' work were on display in both the School and Art and Craft sections in the Lockhart Show. They put a lot of work into these and what a wonderful opportunity to showcase their work to a wider audience.

### Life Education Van

Healthy Harold visited our school in the last week of term and all classes enjoyed their visits to learn more about taking positive action to protect and promote their health, safety and wellbeing.



# 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



## 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

### 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/>



# Local Church Services

## 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

November

3rd, 9am Lockhart  
11am Mittagong

10<sup>th</sup> 9am Lockhart,

17<sup>th</sup> No service, join with the Anglicans

24<sup>th</sup> 9am Lockhart  
Holy Communion

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

## St John's Presbyterian Church

Cnr Hebden & Day St, Lockhart

1st and 3rd Sundays - 6pm

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays - 8.45am

Rev Craig Nicholas 6929 3129

[www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au](http://www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au)

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Milbrulong



2nd Sunday of the month - 9am

Lay Reading with Sunday School

4th Sunday - 9am with Pastor Stuart Kleinig

Holy Communion & Morning Tea

Phone 02-69206226 with enquiries

## 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.anglicanriverina.com/)*

## St Peters Anglican Church The Rock

Communion 1st Sunday

each month at 9.30am

Enquiries:

Rev Jocelyn Heazlewood 0427 198 513

Mrs M Vennell 6920 1067

## St Mary's Parish, The Rock

Sunday 10.00am - The Rock.

1st & 3rd Sunday, 8.30am - Mangoplah

2nd & 4th Sunday, 8.30am - Yerong Creek

Enquiries: Fr Damian Jellett 6920 2017

## The Rock Uniting Church

Ford Street, The Rock

2ND SUNDAY – 9.30AM

All Welcome

CONTACT: Barbara Weily

(02) 6920 2024

Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6

Tune every day



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

◆ <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>

offer are:

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 Classes are held each Monday morning at Lockhart Uniting Church Hall at 9am. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to find out more about Tai Chi for Memory 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

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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.

**Lockhart Hospital Auxiliary** is looking for new members and will be holding its November meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at the MPS at 2pm.

This year we will again be combining with the MPS Staff to run a large Christmas Hamper Raffle and we look forward to your support.

# 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 COMMUNITY EXERCISE CLASSES!!!!

### 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



## The Rock & District Playgroup

Meets every Friday during the school term  
10am - 12pm

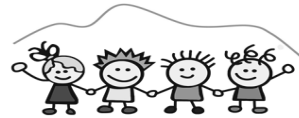
## The Rock Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall

### 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 Pre School*

## 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.

## 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





### **The Combined Lockhart Urana Christian Board Incorporated (ClubC)**

The above board is pleased to announce that Mrs Amie Nicholas, wife of Henty / Lockhart Presbyterian minister, Reverend Craig Nicholas, has commenced teaching Special Religious Education in the Secondary Department of Lockhart Central School. Amie, who has volunteered for this position, attends the school on a fortnightly basis.

ClubC was originally formed in 2008 to ensure the continued work of teaching the gospel message through word and deed to young people and their families in the area. Thanks to the efforts of members from churches of different denominations in surrounding towns such as The Rock and Urana, as well as community support, that work continues. Despite not having been successful in employing a trained secondary SRE teacher for the past couple of years, the ministry of SRE has continued in the Primary School, with faithful volunteer teachers attending Lockhart Central School weekly for this purpose. This year we have been delighted by the offer of Amie to teach voluntarily each fortnight in the secondary department of the school. Perseverance in prayer as well as occasional advertising throughout this region, especially in the churches, has borne fruit at last!

Another activity of the board for many years has been an after school Kid's Club and occasional Holiday Kid's Clubs. In the July school holidays this year volunteers, under the guidance of Reverend Craig, ran a successful Xtreme Holiday Kid's Club exploring Jesus' extreme claims. Children, and adult volunteers, enjoyed learning through craft, singing, games and food! The well- equipped Anglican hall at Lockhart made an ideal venue with its spacious grounds.

Equipment for Kid's Club meetings and events has been provided over the years by the generosity of local service clubs and individuals, as well as grants from St Paul's Turvey Park Anglican Trust and the Bendigo Bank at Lockhart. In addition, St Aidan's Lockhart Anglican hall and grounds has been the venue for an annual Kid's Club Fair that has raised considerable amounts of money ensuring a good source of funds for craft materials and other equipment.

Acknowledgement must go to Cheryl Potter, a former Lockhart girl, who instigated the idea of an annual fair as a fundraising project. Cheryl, with her grandsons Hayden and Jacob, has worked tirelessly each year investing time and money freely for the young people of Lockhart.

We are grateful for the continued co-operation of local churches of all denominations, local organisations, and individuals, without whom this work would not have been possible. The Board is currently interested to hear from potential members to help continue this work into the future. Enquiries regarding membership may be made by phoning the current Chair of the board, Reverend Craig Nicholas - 6929 3129, or the Secretary, Mrs Lorraine Hoffmann – 0427204051.

# Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER (3rd & 17th)
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*

**Council's Waste Disposal Centres are closed on all Public Holidays**

**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>

## ANCHORED WATER HYACINTH



*Eichhornia azurea*

**Other Common Names:** Rooted water hyacinth, Saw petal water hyacinth.

**Description:** An aquatic plant that grows rapidly and forms dense mats in and across the surface of water bodies, resulting in reduced sunlight penetration and depletion of oxygen availability to the aquatic community, leading to an uninhabitable body of water for other aquatic organisms. It can invade still or slow-moving bodies of fresh water such as wetlands, dams and irrigation channels, and mud along river and creek banks. Usually grows rooted in mud or clay beneath the water and, can reach the surface even when rooted at depths of up to 10 – 15 metres. Native to Mexico, Central America, South America and Jamaica.

Anchored water hyacinth can form a smothering mass of plant material in the water column and over the surface of a water body, having detrimental impacts on environmental, aesthetic and recreational values, and obstructing irrigation and navigation. The floating weed masses also harbour mosquitoes and can contribute to water loss through transpiration.

**Stems:** Submerged stems are smooth and branched. Flowering stems are erect and stand 8 – 12 cm above the water.

**Leaves:** Emergent leaves are variable in size, generally very rounded in shape and glossy, 5 – 16 cm long and 2 -16 cm wide. Leaves growing below the water or in heavily shaded areas become elongated, between 6 – 20 cm long and about 1 cm wide.

**Flowers:** Flowering occurs in summer to autumn. Flowers are in spikes with several flowers along a hairy stem. The flowers are funnel-shaped with six toothed petals, 1 – 3 cm long. The flowers are mostly white or

lavender blue with deep purple centres. The uppermost petal has a distinct yellow spot. Individual flowers open for one day only.

**Reproduction:** Can reproduce both vegetatively (when new daughter plants grow from the stems of the parent plant) and by seed. Infestations spread when daughter plants or pieces of stem break away and move downstream. Whole sections of an infestation can break off and move during floods and periods of high water flow.

**Seeds:** Are small and only 1 – 2 mm long. Seeds can be carried in water and mud, on vehicles and by birds. Seeds germinate in mud.

**Priority weed:** Anchored water hyacinth 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: Prohibited Matter:** A person who deals with prohibited matter or a carrier of prohibited matter is guilty of an offence. A person who becomes aware of or suspects the presence of prohibited matter must immediately notify the Department of Primary Industries.

For further information please contact Council's Environmental Officer on (02) 6920 5305 or visit <http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au>



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

Nominations for Lockhart Shire Council Citizenship Awards to be presented on 26 January 2020, Australia Day 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, Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au) or from Councillors themselves.

Nominations close 4.00pm, Friday, 29 November 2019 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