

# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER



October 2020

Photo by Cheryl Gowland



**Tough times can  
happen to anyone.**



**Call Accessline  
on 1800 800 944**

**Green's Gonyah Museum  
&  
The Doris Golder Art Gallery**

**The current operating hours are:**

Monday 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 10am - 2pm

Thursday 10am - 2pm

Friday 10am - 2pm

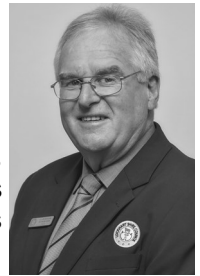
Saturday 10am - 2pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

## Mayor's Report

Hello everyone.

Well how good is this season looking! I went for a drive through parts of the Shire to look at the progress of projects that Council is undertaking and couldn't believe how good the crops and pastures are looking. Let's hope mother nature does the right thing and lets us get these crops off in a timely manner.



Work has commenced and is progressing on the Observatory at The Rock and when completed along with an upgrade to the car parking area, I'm sure it will prove to be a huge asset to the town. Within the townships in the Shire the Council is endeavouring to keep grass mown to a reasonable level but the growth this year is such that we are stretched and could use twice the number of mowers if we had them. If residents can mow around their homes or in fact a neighbour's home to keep grass short it may help not only with fire mitigation but also to keep snakes visible as there are many about this year.

Many people have asked about the planter boxes and streetlights destroyed in a vehicle accident being replaced in the Main Street of Lockhart. The replacement work is due to commence in November as we are waiting for replacement lights which have to be custom made and suitable bricks to arrive.

Work continues on the Lockhart Urana Road with 10.7 kms completed and further widening towards Lockhart underway. Also culvert installation work is nearly complete on the Rock-Bullenbung Road and The Rock-Milbrulong Road which should ensure a much smoother journey for vehicles on those roads.

As far as work funded by the federal government's drought communities grant is concerned, the water line extension from Bidgeemia is nearly completed. Work will then commence on the Vincents Road pipeline extension.

At our Council meeting held on 19th October we held a workshop to consider the allocation of a further \$650,726 made available under the "Local Roads and Community Infrastructure" grants program. Worthy projects across the Shire were considered and if approved will help to consolidate the projects being undertaken by Council as well as some new projects to benefit our Shire.

Nominations are currently being invited for the 2021 Australia Day Citizen Awards. I am sure that there are many potential nominees out there who are worthy of the recognition so if you know of someone that has made a significant contribution to their local community please consider nominating them. Nominations close on 30 November and nomination forms are available from the Council office or can be downloaded from Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au).

That's about it from me for this month so be good, stay safe and we will chat again next month.

Cheers Rodg.

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## ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

### **Works:**

*Lockhart-Urana Road (MR 59):* 10.7 kilometres of Urana Road shoulder widening works is completed.

*Western Road:* 3.7km of Western Road sealing is completed. Widening of an additional 1km of shoulders has commenced.

*Wattles Lane:* Council has engaged contractors to complete the survey and design for this project.

*HVSPP culvert upgrades:* Culverts are installed at Flood Detour Road, Grubben Road and The Rock-Bullenbong Road. Installation of culverts on Lockhart-The Rock Road has commenced (completion at end of October).

*Grading of unsealed roads:* Council is continuing grading in accordance its 12-month programme and recently completed grading on Gilmours Lane, Amerys Lane, Fletts Road, Frank Westblade Lane, Barracluffs Road, JR Smiths Lane, Jones Lane, Lieschke Lane, Farralls Lane and Soldier Settlement Road.

### **Road Safety:**

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

*Road Safety Strategy:* Drafting a Road Safety Strategy that will underpin the annual Road Safety Action Plan from 2021.

*Crash Data:* Analysing the latest available 5-year crash data to support future infrastructure and behavioural projects.

*Road Safety Projects:* Assessing crash data for Safer Roads grant submissions.

*The Rock – Lockhart Road and Albury Road intersection:* Undertook a road safety assessment at the intersection of The Rock – Lockhart Road and Albury Road.

### **Fleet:**

Obtaining quotes and issued tender for plant replacement in accordance with the adopted 2020/21 budget.

### **Biosecurity and Environment:**

*Control Program:* Priority has been given to the control of Wild radish (*Raphanus rapanistrum*) on roadside reserves and Council managed lands in

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early September. Commencement of roadside shoulder spraying began on 8 September for fire hazard reduction.

*Riverina LLS Regional Weeds Committee Meeting:* Council's Environmental Officer attended the Riverina LLS Regional Weeds Committee Meeting, held on 29 September, over the web via Microsoft Teams.

Weeds officers from all other shires discussed the massive infestation of Paterson's curse that Lockhart Shire Council is also experiencing this spring. The biological controls for Paterson's curse are present and need to grow in population numbers to combat the amount of weed vegetation that is available. These biological controls have been so successful in the past that they have almost eliminated their food source. As such, the biological control populations have diminished with little food available. Paterson's curse has taken advantage of the continuing rainfall experience in winter and now spring and germinated from the seed bank. Over time the biological control populations will grow and provide adequate control until they overpopulate their food source, and so the boom and bust cycle of biological controls continues.

Like Lockhart Shire Council, other shires also expressed the notable increased presence of Wild Radish (*Raphanus rapanistrum*) on roadside reserves. The presence of Tillage Radish (Crop Radish) is also showing up on Lockhart's roadside reserves.

Feathertop Rhodes Grass (*Chloris virgata*) was placed on the agenda, with discussion as to whether to include this weed on the regional priority weeds list. Many weeds officers expressed their concerns that the weed was becoming a problem, and one weeds officer said that Feathertop Rhodes Grass was so out of control that it would probably be classed as a common weed, and estimated that control would cost \$75,000 this financial year. Council's Environmental Officer advised that Feathertop Rhodes Grass was added to the Lockhart local priority weeds list shortly after discovery of its presence within the Shire.

Feathertop Rhodes Grass infestations are controlled with SprayTop within the Lockhart Shire, and followed up with burning of the seedbank in the following autumn. Being surrounded by shires which are not controlling the weed, having large amounts of fodder transported over the country, and being highly transportable in wind, new infestations are readily occurring across the Shire, particularly at railway crossings, sharp corners in roads, and intersections, possibly associated with the use of truck air brakes at these locations. Lockhart Shire Council has the advantage over other shires in foreseeing the potential of Feathertop Rhodes Grass, and initiating control early.

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*drumMUSTER:* The drumMUSTER inspection rates for community groups has increased from \$0.25 per drum to \$0.28 per drum. The September drumMUSTER collection event occurred at Lockhart on Tuesday, 15 September. 5,971 drums were inspected, raising \$1,839.07 for St. Joseph's School. The Rock collection event occurred on Thursday, 17 September. During this event 1,781 drums were inspected, raising \$498.68 for The Rock Men's Shed. drumMUSTER collection events have been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 16 March 2021 for Lockhart and Thursday, 18 September 2021 for The Rock.

*Common White Snail Baiting Program:* Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 14 September.

*Spring Fox Baiting Program:* Fox baiting is scheduled to commence on 13 October on the Galore Hill Scenic Reserve and Kincaids Reserve, for four weeks or until replacement baits are depleted.

## **Parks and Gardens:**

*Parks and Gardens:* Irrigation systems are being checked and set to the spring watering schedule. Regular checks and maintenance will continue throughout irrigation season. Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, pruning and mulching.

*Mowing and Slashing:* The Spring mowing schedule is in full swing after recent rain and warmer temperatures. As growth rates increase irrigated lawn mowing is being scheduled fortnightly. A few areas including The Rock and Lockhart recreation grounds are requiring weekly maintenance.

*Weed Control:* Regular spraying and weeding will continue in urban areas. Spraying lawns for broadleaf weeds especially clover is being undertaken.

*Trees:* The watering of street trees planted last season will soon commence. Several large old peppercorns have been removed at Pleasant Hills due to some major limb failures in recent years and their general poor condition. Some smaller, lower risk peppercorns that are also in very poor condition and are not ascetically pleasing will also be removed to make way for a suitable substitute to be planted in Autumn.

## **CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

### **Rates:**

Ratepayers are reminded that the second instalment of 2020/21 rates and charges is due on 30 November 2020.

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## **Grant Opportunities**

The following grant opportunities are currently open. Community organisations should check the relevant websites for program guidelines and eligibility criteria.

### **TransGrid Community Partnerships Program**

<https://transgrid.com.au/being-responsible/community-partnership-program/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Inland Rail Community Sponsorships and Donations**

<https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/sponsorships>

## **AUSTRALIA DAY**

Australia Day 2021 will be celebrated on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Correspondence has been received from the Australia Day Council of NSW acknowledging the current circumstances and extraordinary times for planning events and advising that, where possible, councils are encouraged to progress planning their Australia Day events based on a variety of scenarios.

The Australia Day Council further advised that following the recent establishment of a NSW Ministerial Taskforce for major public events, further guidance on the planning of public events, including Australia Day, will be forthcoming.

In the meantime nominations are being invited for the following of Australia Day Award categories by the closing date of 30 November 2020: -

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sports person of the Year
- Australia Day Award.

Nomination forms are available from the Lockhart Shire Council Administration Building 65 Green Street Lockhart, Council's website [www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au), and local councillors.

## Riverina Water - Stage 1 water restrictions



Longer, warmer days mean we all need to do the right thing when it comes to water. From 4 October 2020 to 4 April 2021, new Stage 1 water restrictions will be in place. There are two easy-to-follow watering rules in place from 10am to 5pm each day:

- No sprinklers, irrigation systems etc. If you need to water the lawn or garden during this time, you may use a handheld hose

Don't hose down paved areas unless required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency

Riverina Water Chairperson Clr Greg Verdon said that while there will always be wet years and dry years, water is a precious resource that we should not take for granted.

"Residents in our supply area are fortunate to have reliable water sources, and we have not increased water charges in two years," he said.

"However, we need to value our water and remember to use it wisely.

"In summer, half of water used is keeping lawns and gardens green. These restrictions are a common sense approach – avoid watering during the heat of the day and don't hose down concrete or paved areas unnecessarily.

"By following these simple rules, we will all continue to enjoy access to safe and reliable water."

To find out more about water restrictions as well as online tools and advice on how to save water, visit [www.rwcc.nsw.gov.au/savewater](http://www.rwcc.nsw.gov.au/savewater).



## Lockhart Local Health Advisory Committee

Lockhart Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC) is made up of a group of volunteers who continue to work with health services to ensure community needs around health are advocated for.

We represent community needs and provide feedback to health providers. We keep the community informed, promote health and wellbeing.

The Committee welcomes new members. Anyone who is interested in joining the Committee is invited to contact the Chair of the Committee, Fran Day, at [franday@bigpond.com](mailto:franday@bigpond.com) or on 0427 205 526. Meet one of the existing Committee members below.

### LHAC Member Profile – Tanya Gleeson

My name is Tanya Gleeson, I have been a member of LHAC for 2 years and am currently vice chair.

I have worked as a Registered Nurse for over 20 years with much of my skills and knowledge in managing complex chronic diseases. At present I work for Murrumbidgee Local Health District as a clinical educator, for collaboration, guiding and mentoring colleagues I highly value.

I joined LHAC to broaden my understanding of the barriers my community face to obtain, access, develop and sustain health services.

LHAC representatives look to put community issues, thoughts and recommendations to Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network to help facilitate communication and understanding of our needs.

Please consider a role on our team if you are passionate to improve health equality for rural people.

### Loss and Grief:

A course to help anyone deal with this subject and learn some skills and coping strategies is being run at Lockhart Uniting Church Hall on Tuesdays beginning on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. For more information and to register please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.



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



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

These classes are for all ages and very affordable.

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

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

## Notice of Lockhart Annual Branch Meeting 2pm Tuesday 17th October 2020 at Uniting Church Hall (Cnr Hebden & Matthews Sts)

### Agenda:

- Presentation of annual financial report.
- All positions of the executive committee will be vacated, and if all positions are unable to be filled, a resolution will be voted on for the future of the Lockhart Branch.

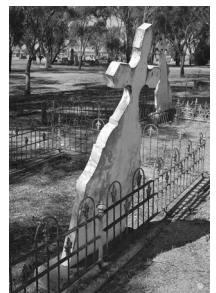
Note: All of the current executive will not be nominating for re-election. This may result in closure or merging of our branch.

This meeting will be held in a covid safe manner.

### **STABILISING WORK TO HISTORIC MONUMENTS AT LOCKHART CEMETERY**

As part of the Council's heritage program, some historic burial monuments at Council's Lockhart Cemetery will be stabilised during the November to May period. An inspection by Council's heritage adviser revealed that emergency work is needed for several over 100 year-old monuments that are under threat. Only monuments that are in immediate threat of collapse or disintegration are being stabilised.

Any local descendants who wish to inquire about how they can stabilise their family's monuments, or who would like to volunteer help to the project are welcome to call, text or email Council's heritage adviser Peter Kabaila on 0403 727 805, [peterkabaila1@gmail.com](mailto:peterkabaila1@gmail.com)).



# Lockhart Caravan Park



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

There are 21 sites, three unpowered and eighteen powered sites.

Three Cabins, which can accommodate up to 8 people, are also available.

A modern camp kitchen is available as well as showers, toilets and a peaceful location.

## **Important COVID information**

There are a few rules to be followed

You must call the manager before setting up .

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

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

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

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

**Contact the Manager on  
0458 205 303**



## **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

**November 2020**

**Lockhart**

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

**9am - 12.30pm**

**Milbrulong**

12th & 26th

**9am - 10am**

**Pleasant Hills**

9th & 23rd

**1.15pm - 2.30pm**

**Yerong Creek**

11th & 25th

**3pm - 4pm**

**The Rock**

12th & 26th

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

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



# FOR RENT—YOUTH FLAT

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



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

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



Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8am – 3.30pm

Expressions of interest now open

Phone Kerri 69 205 156 or email

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

## The Rock Central School

is now taking enrolments for

### Kindergarten

for 2021

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

turning 5

before 31st July, 2021

please contact

The Rock Central School

on

Ph: 69 202132

or

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

to enrol

# Local Church Services 2020

## **Lockhart Uniting Church Services**

Services are not resuming at this stage.

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

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

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

Diocese of Riverina Parish of Lockhart

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

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets  
Lockhart

Worship: Friday 10am &  
Sunday 9.00am

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

## Christian Radio in Lockhart 87.6 Tune every day

The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Riverina

Parish of The Rock

Service date and times

St Peters The Rock

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.

Inquiries Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Riverina

Parish of The Rock

### **Christmas Service times.**

St Peters The Rock Christmas Eve

24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 6:30pm

St Cuthbert's Uranquinty Christmas

Day 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020 9am

Enquires Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

**LOCKHART AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC (LASCI) 2020/21**

*Sun = Swim = Fun = Learn = Friendship = Personal Best = LASCI*

We invite you to come & join your local Swim club LASCI commencing from 27th October 2020. LASCI aims to promote swimming in an enjoyable environment.

Tuesdays: **Junior Swim Club 4** to 4.30pm

**Lap Swimmers** 4.30 to 5.30pm (Point Score)

Thursday: **Lap Swimmers** 5 to 6pm (Training)

Sunday - **Lap Swimmers** 11am -12 (Laps)



Junior Swim Club (3+ years) - water confidence building, games & stroke development. (Prior swimming lessons a prerequisite).

Lap Swimmers (all ages) - improving strokes, techniques and personal best times.

Come & trial the first 3 sessions (27th/29th October & 1st November).

Registration details to come. For more information contact Penny Lane 0407753431, Morgaine Wilesmith 0423188660 or Mandy Bowyer 0427205529.

**LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL  
HALL HIRE**

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

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

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

**THE ROCK TOWN HALL & MUSEUM  
AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

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

FULL DAY	\$200.00
HALF DAY	\$100.00

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

For information contact:

Nancy Smith (Secretary) 0427692020

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



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

# "No Show" Garden Show

LOCKHART SHOW SOCIETY



## 2 categories

Lockhart residents - view from the street      Entry \$5

First Prize - voucher to be spent in Lockhart

Lockhart District residents - photo of your favourite view  
of your garden. Photo posted on Facebook      No charge

Winners announced on Facebook

*Judged on Sunday 1st November*

Entry forms available at Lockhart IGA, Intuition,

[facebook.com/LockhartShow](https://facebook.com/LockhartShow)

or email [lockhartshow@gmail.com](mailto:lockhartshow@gmail.com)

*Entries close on Friday 30th October - completed forms and \$5 in envelope  
to be placed in box at IGA*

**Enter yourself or do it in a neighbour or friend!**

## **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.

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



## National Road Safety Week



National Road Safety Week has been re-scheduled and will occur from 15th to 22nd November 2020.

National Road Safety Week is an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government.

The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

Council's Road Safety Officer will be placing big yellow bows on some of Lockharts' most visible sculptures to celebrate National Road Safety Week.

### Lockhart Senior Citizens

18 Members attended the October meeting of the Seniors at the Ex-Servicemen's Club. We are together again after 6 months and Bingo is played every Monday at 1.30pm.

Christmas is almost upon us and we are hoping to have a xmas get together but it is still in the planning stages.

All seniors are welcome to join our activities

### Newsletter Deadline

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

**Friday November 20, 2020**

Placement of articles is subject to available space.

Ph: (02) 6920 5305

Fax: (02) 6920 5247

or mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au



## Next Council Meeting Monday 16 November 2020



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

# BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

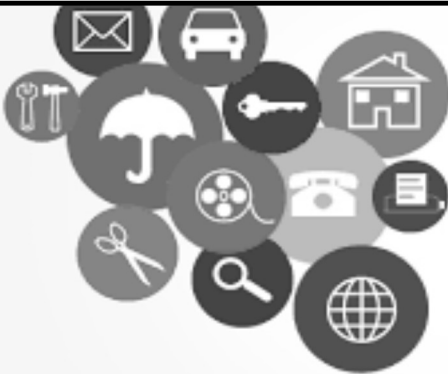
## TOWN AND LIFESTYLE BLOCKS FOR SALE IN LOCKHART & THE ROCK

### AVAILABLE SERVICES

ELECTRICITY  
WATER  
PHONE  
SEWER



CALL JOHN MOONEY REAL ESTATE - 02 69 211255



## ONLINE Business Directory

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

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

## **October School Holidays**

We are super excited to announce one of our events for this year... Fitness, Wellness and School Packs!

We are creating three different packs for you all so you can choose which one is going to benefit you the best. The fitness packs will include a yoga mat, drink bottle skipping rope, etc. to keep your fitness goals on track, the Wellness packs will have face masks, healthy treats and other goodies to help with your self-care and the school pack will be filled with everything you could need to smash your study and homework goals.

The packs will be coming around your schools soon, so make sure you keep an eye out!

## **Youth Advisory Committee**

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

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

The Committee –

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

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

## **Your Next Great Read**

Looking for your next great read but don't know which book to pick up? The Riverina Regional Library Website has you covered! With plenty of information about the latest books that have come out, book trailers and reviews and information on award winning novels, you are bound to find something amazing.

Bringing  
services  
to your  
community

October  
28th, 2020  
10:00am to  
3:00pm



We're bringing NSW Government services to communities  
with our Mobile Service Centres

Access frequently used services including:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Cost of Living service
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit [service.nsw.gov.au/msc](http://service.nsw.gov.au/msc) to find out when we're next near you.

**Next in town**



Wednesday 28th October 10:00am - 3:00pm, Lockhart Shire Council, 65 Green St, Lockhart





BEFORE YOU START, BE AWARE.

# ASBESTOS

lurks in more places  
than you'd think.



## **Asbestos Awareness Week 2020: Asbestos lurks in more places than you'd think.**

Do you know if your home was built before the 1990s there's a good chance it has some asbestos?

Do you know it's often found *under flooring, as part of kitchen splashbacks or even in the garden?*

National Asbestos Awareness Week 2020 reminds Australians to be asbestos aware before starting any work around the home - because it lurks in more places than you'd think.

### **Know the risks.**

Don't risk the possible health effects of asbestos exposure.

Asbestos becomes dangerous once the fibres are disturbed, become airborne and then inhaled. This can happen if you're sanding, drilling, cutting or sawing asbestos-containing materials.

Asbestos is a known carcinogen and inhaling asbestos fibres can cause a number of life-threatening diseases including pleural disease, asbestosis, mesothelioma and lung cancer.

Asbestos-related diseases cause approximately 4,000 deaths a year – three times the annual road toll.

### **Be aware of where asbestos might be in your home.**

Asbestos was used in hundreds of building materials, commonly found in bathrooms, laundries, and kitchens as well as behind tiles and under flooring

Find out where asbestos might be here [www.asbestos.nsw.gov.au](http://www.asbestos.nsw.gov.au)

### **Call for some advice and help.**

Thinking about a summer renovation? Make sure you're aware of where asbestos might be found so you know how to stay safe.

Just like plumbing and electrical work, asbestos removal – or jobs around the home that might uncover asbestos - are jobs best left to the experts.

This Asbestos Awareness Week we are calling on Australians to know the health risk, be aware of where asbestos might be found before starting work and call a professional for advice and help.

# Building & Planning

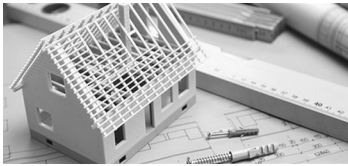
## **APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the following development applications were approved by Council from 1 to 30 September 2020. The below consents are available for public inspection at Council's Administration Office, 65 Green Street, Lockhart, between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays.

Peter Veneris,

General Manager

<b>DA No</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Site of Development</b>
16/21	Extension to existing dwelling	14 Norman St, The Rock
17/21	Conversion of existing storeroom to an ensuite & bedroom	56 Galore St, Lockhart
18/21	Prefabricated toilet/shower block	3409 Boree Creek Rd, Lockhart
19/21	Shipping container	6 Osborne St, Lockhart
21/21	Change of use - Tyre Retail Business	57 Urana St, Lockhart



### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PRE- LODGEMENT APPOINTMENTS**

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

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

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

### **PLANNING MATTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

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

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

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## Safety around inflatable and portable swimming pools

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

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



## Making sure your pool fence is compliant

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

- 1200mm - the minimum height of your pool fence. Boundary fence used as part of pool fence is to be 1800mm.
- 900mm the minimum width of the non-climbable zone (NCZ) measured in an arch shape from the top of outside of the pool fence arching to the ground (no chairs, BBQs, shrubs, planter boxes within this area)
- 100mm - the maximum distance between the bars
- 100mm the maximum distance between the bottom of the fence and the ground.
- This summer the message is simple: Check your pool fences and never take your eyes off children around water.

## General key water safety messages

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

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

For more information please visit:

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



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

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

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***

The Tai Chi classes for October are being held at the Netball courts to appreciate and experience the sunshine and fresh air. However, in November the classes will return to Lockhart Uniting Church Hall each Monday morning at 9am. New members are always welcome. Why not come along and try a different form of exercise?

Any enquiries please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 0427204051.



# Health & Associated Services



## Do you need a Community Health Service?

You can now access Community Health Services such as:

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

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

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



**Health**  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

08/17 06/17

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

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

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

### **X-RAY SERVICE**

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

### **OPTOMETRIST**

Russell and Chalker Eyecare Plus visit Lockhart regularly for comprehensive consultations including glaucoma testing, cataract assessments, macular degeneration.

Adults and children's assessments, and Veteran's Affairs patients welcome. Spectacle frames available.

For Appointments Phone:  
(02) 6921 8833.

# Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER (1st, 15th & 29th)
Lockhart		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
The Rock		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Yerong Creek	1.30pm - 3.30pm		
Pleasant Hills	10am - 12pm		



## Lockhart Lions Club Recycling

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

**Opening Times:** Daylight Hours, Seven days a week

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

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

### Unacceptable Items:

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

***To make our job easier, please use receptacles provided.***

***Thank you for supporting the Lions Club***

## COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

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

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

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

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

## CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS



*Nassella neesiana*

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

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

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

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

**Seed:** Sharp pointed panicle (aerial) seed is approximately 10mm in length. Covering each seed are 2 purple bracts (wings) which give it a

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

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

**Roots:** Dense fibrous root system.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For further information please contact Council's Environmental Officer on (02) 6920 5305 or visit [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds](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 Tuesday, 26 January 2021, 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, Monday, 30 November 2020 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