

LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

November 2023



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Merry
Christmas

and a safe and happy New Year

From councillors and staff at Lockhart Shire Council

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Australia Day 2024

Nominations Now Open

Categories include:

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

Nominations close 5.00pm, Friday, 1 December 2023

Go to www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au for more information,

or call into Council's office at
65 Green Street, Lockhart.



Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Mayoral Report

Hello again, well summer is almost upon us. The harvest is well underway with headers and trucks being kept busy. Speaking of which the number of trucks especially semis and B Doubles has increased significantly especially on back roads so it is important to be more vigilant when we are driving around. The weather has been kind and some good yields and quality grains have been reported which all goes well for our local communities.



This month I attended the Local Government Conference in Rosehill along with Crs Day and Sharp. This is where all the major issues confronting local government are discussed and motions put forward to better improve governance. At the conference I met with Andrew Cotterill the Regional NBN Manager who advised of some significant improvements for NBN in the Shire. Along with new towers at Pleasant Hills and Yerong Creek, there will be enhancements to The Rock and a possible tower on Galore Hill which should significantly increase coverage, which is good news.

On a sadder note our General Manager Peter has submitted his resignation which is effective in July 2024. Peter and Leanne have indicated a desire to return to Albury and whilst our community will be the poorer we respect their decision. The process will now begin to select a new GM early in the new year so that a replacement can be in place prior to his departure.

Our Police and Community Consultation Group met this month at Pleasant Hills. Representatives from various towns attend and report on issues impacting their communities. Sgt Davies indicated that the command is at full strength and has been pretty quiet with no major incidents reported. I think this is a reflection of the great work our police do by being visible in and working closely with the community. Again if residents have any issues they should contact their local station or ring Crimestoppers.

An interesting outcome of Council's last meeting was the decision to trial a voucher system in place of the annual kerbside pickup. The issue was strongly debated and Council voted to initiate the trial. It will be interesting to see what residents think.

The first meeting of The Rock Flood Review Committee took place at The Rock where consultants WMA Water outlined the process going forward especially as it relates to engaging with the community such as information sessions, questionnaires and public exhibitions. The consultants will be keen to hear from anyone with videos, photos etc. There will be more information in the weeks ahead.

Also the first meeting to review concept plans for the new community centre at The Rock was held on 21 November. The plans and concept photos will be on display in various locations in The Rock including the Post Office, Club, Café and Foodworks. Please take this opportunity to review and forward any comments to Council by 15 December 2023.

As the school year draws to a close there will be many presentation nights and I wish all schools a successful end to the year. Also a big thanks to all teachers and support staff for the great job they do.

As this will be the last newsletter before Christmas I hope the holiday season gives everyone a chance to unwind and enjoy the company of family and friends.

I wish you all a safe, happy and blessed Christmas and hope the New Year is good to you.

Merry Christmas

Greg

Council Snippets 20 November 2023

DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The following documents are currently on public exhibition:

- Draft Brookong Creek Master Plan
- Draft Policy 1.29 CCTV Policy
- The Rock Community Centre concept plans

Further information regarding the above documents can be found on Council's website at www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au.

The documents are also available for inspection at Council's office at 65 Green Street Lockhart.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

There is now less than 12 months before the next Local Government Elections which are scheduled for 14 September 2024.

The Lockhart Shire Council elections will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) which has a dedicated website at elections.nsw.gov.au that will be continually updated with information regarding the 2024 elections. The NSWEC will also be providing a series of webinars with information about each upcoming webinar to be published on its website. Each webinar will be recorded and published on the website for viewing at any time.

Election updates will also be provided through the Council Newsletter. The key dates for the Council election are set out below.

5 August	Electoral rolls close at 6.00pm. Nominations open.
14 August	Nominations close at 12 noon.
15 August	Ballot paper draw.
19 August	Postal pack distribution commences.
2 September	Pre-poll voting commences.
6 September	Registration of electoral material (how to vote cards etc.) closes.
9 September	Telephone assisted voting registration and voting commences. Postal vote applications close at 5.00pm.
13 September	Pre-poll voting closes. Telephone assisted voting registration ends.
14 September	Election day

INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS

Council has allocated grant funds received under Round 5 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the installation of CCTV cameras in the main street of Lockhart and The Rock as well as the main recreation grounds.

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The CCTV system is aimed at the detection and conviction of offenders. Council recognises that the presence of CCTV can have a deterrent effect on crime and antisocial behaviour, whilst contributing to a greater sense of safety in the community. Accordingly it is intended that the images captured by the CCTV cameras once installed will be made available to assist NSW Police.

It is important that appropriate policies and procedures are in place for the management of the audio visual records having regard to the NSW Government Policy Statement and Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of CCTV in Public Places, the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. With this in mind a draft CCTV policy has been developed and is currently on public exhibition.

Further information regarding the draft Policy can be found on Council's website at www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au. The document is also available for inspection at Council's office at 65 Green Street Lockhart.

Submissions regarding the Draft Policy are invited and should be received by 18 December 2023

ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

As part of Council's on-going commitment to sustainability, a program of solar system installation has commenced on Council-owned buildings. The first site has been completed at The Rock swimming pool with the installation of a 15kW system which will significantly reduce Council's electricity bills associated with running pumps etc at the pool.

Council was successful in obtaining a NSW Government Get Active Grant for new footpaths in Lockhart. Three-quarters of the work in Hayes Street and O'Connell Street has been completed in accordance with the adopted footpath masterplan.

Works

Heavy Patching Program

Regional Roads: Work has been completed on Lockhart Collingullie Rd, The Rock Collingullie Rd, Urana Lockhart Rd - a total of 36,019 m².

Local Sealed Roads: The Rock Lockhart Rd is now complete along with The Rock Mangoplah Rd, County Boundary Rd, Urana Boree Creek Rd, Yuluma Rd, Lockhart Boree Creek Rd - a total of 68,742 m².

Local Sealed Roads: Shoulder grading on Henty Pleasant Hills Rd, and Urana Boree Creek Rd has been completed. Slashing roadside shoulders has been completed on Urana Boree Creek Rd and Yuluma Rd.

Unsealed Roads: Unsealed Road Maintenance of Shire gravel roads has been conducted on Seeligers Ln, Schirmers Ln, Curries Ln, Hogans Ln, Spurrells Rd, Wallendoon Access Rd, Bakes Ln, Clancys Ln, and Munyabla Boundary Rd.

Maintenance Crews

Bitumen crews have been kept busy with an increase of pavement failures due to the weather, routine maintenance has continued on our Local and Regional Roads.

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Maintenance crews have repaired the culverts on Urana Boree Creek Rd. Assisting with the heavy patching, roadside slashing and sign installation, backfill and remove spoils on Hayes Street footpath and attending to the back log of customer enquiries.

Parks & Gardens

The swimming pools at The Rock and Lockhart opened on 31 October with no problems reported.

A slab has been laid adjacent to the entrance of Lockhart Pool ready for installation of the motorbike sculpture donated by Ms Marie van Steyn.

The landscaping of 109 Green Street continues, with paving set to commence soon.

Mowing, watering of street trees and other general maintenance continues across the Shire's open spaces.

Spring Fox Baiting Program

Spring fox baiting commenced on 10 October with bait distribution occurring on the Galore Hill Scenic Reserve and Kincaids Reserve.

Flood Data Release

The Bureau of Meteorology released flood data confirming that southeastern Australia had the highest spring rainfall on record in 2022 including over 200 sites that have been recording for at least 100 years. Rain fell on catchments where water storages and river levels were high and soils were already wet after two years of above average rainfall. The three major climate drivers influencing this weather were La Nina, a negative Indian Ocean Dipole and a positive Southern Annular Mode.

Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCM)

In November 2018 and subsequent years, Council was successful in obtaining grant funding for a scoping study of Lockhart Sewerage Treatment Plant and an Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCM). The IWCM is Council's 30-year strategy for the provision of appropriate, affordable, cost-effective and sustainable water services that meet the community needs and protects public health and the environment.

As part of the IWCM an Issues Paper was developed which identified issues with Council's sewerage schemes. Following the completion of the Issues Paper, Council engaged Public Works Advisory (PWA) to undertake studies that evaluated and assessed options to address the issues.

After considering the PWA studies and various options Council has endorsed a Draft IWCM Strategy for public exhibition. The Draft IWCM Strategy considers issues including replacing the existing Lockhart Sewerage Treatment Plant (trickling filter) with a new oxidation pond with effluent reuse; and the sewerage of south Lockhart.

The Draft IWCM Strategy will shortly be placed on public exhibition at which time further information will be made available on Council's website at www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au.

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Monday, 4 December 2023

10 am to 4 pm

Adjacent to the post office, Urana Street

THE ROCK

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



Services
Australia

servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



Brookong Creek Draft Masterplan - Have your say

Lockhart Shire Council has partnered with Habitat Planning and Yonder Landscapes to design a Masterplan for a section of the Brookong Creek in Lockhart.

The purpose of the Masterplan is to:

- Facilitate community led design outcomes and develop a coherent vision to develop Brookong Creek over the next ten years.
- Form the basis for Council to sequence and prioritise the works within the Masterplan; and
- Consider future budgeting and funding options.

In March 2023 Council appointed the Tourism and Economic Development Steering Committee (TEDSC) to be the lead project team along with Council staff and Consultants.

So far, the group has consulted with stakeholder groups and community members throughout the development of the master plan, including.

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- Crown Lands,
- Wiradjuri representatives,
- Lockhart Progress Association
- Lockhart Lions Club
- Lockhart Red Cross
- Lockhart Central School Students
- St Joseph's Primary School Students
- Residents that live or own property close to the scoped area.

Their input has been gathered via face-to-face meetings as well as an online survey which received 115 responses. The feedback has helped to iteratively guide the development of the Draft Masterplan.

In November, the TEDSC recommended to Council to place the Draft Masterplan on Public Exhibition in which Council has decided to do for 8 weeks from the 21 November 2023 to 15 January 2024.

The Draft Masterplan can be viewed on Councils website or in person at Councils administration building at 65 Green Street Lockhart. Feedback can be provided via an online survey or by emailing mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au

Image: Matt Beaver

Fostering with the Department of Communities and Justice

Make a difference in a child's life – become an emergency or short term foster carer!

Children across the Murrumbidgee are urgently needing people who can offer them a loving and stable home environment, while their parent/s are working hard to achieve change, so they can safely return home and/or family care options can be found.

You can be single, a couple or with a family, be renting or own your home. We need people who can provide emergency care, short-term care (up to 12 weeks), care for children of different ages, siblings and children with a disability. All carers receive training, support and an allowance to cover the day-to-day costs of caring.

Do you have room in your home and heart for a child?

Visit: facs.nsw.gov.au/families/carers and click on 'enquire about fostering'

or email: FosteringWithDCJ@facs.nsw.gov.au to learn more.

Transport for NSW

Free child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used correctly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter. You can have your child car seats and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

Date: Thursday December 7 - 9am - 3pm

Location: 65 Green Street, Lockhart (NSW Service Centre)

Contact: Trish Suckling - Mobile: 0448 987 916



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Trisha.suckling@transport.nsw.gov.au

childcarseats.com.au

We're coming to your community



**Our Mobile Service Centre is coming to
Lockhart
Thursday, 7 December 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Bringing NSW Government services to you.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au
to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to
change at short notice, we strongly recommend
you check on the day.

 **Find us at:**

Lockhart Shire Council
65 Green Street





Lockhart Shire Council



TheRockOOSH

Before, After and Vacation Care

TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 NOW!!

CCS approved

Opening hours

Before School care

7am - 8:30pm

After school Care

3pm till 6pm

Vacation

7am-6pm

Contact

Erin Birch - 0436303080 or for an electronic
enrolment please email
therockoosh@lockhart.nsw.gov.au

School News

Pleasant Hills Public School News TERM 4 2023

The Year 3-6 students had a memorable experience in Melbourne. They travelled together with Boree Creek and Yerong Creek schools provided by Allen's Buses. All students and staff attending had an enjoyable time.

While the 3-6 students were away, the K-2 students went on a one day excursion to the Junee Licorice Factory. They had a great day and the highlight was making a GIANT freckle!!

On Melbourne Cup Day our students looked fantastic with their racing outfits.

School swimming lessons will start in Weeks 8 & 9 at the Lockhart Pool commencing at 1:00pm. Hopefully the water will be at a good temperature for swimming!!

Our school's presentation will be held at 10:00am on Thursday 7th December.

Thank you to Claire Lane for choosing PHPS to complete her placement. She has been a valued member of staff and is welcome back anytime! Her last day is Monday 13th November and she will be



sadly missed.



THE ROCK CENTRAL SCHOOL



KINDERGARTEN - YR 10 ENROL NOW FOR 2024



Play-based learning



Developmentally appropriate curriculum



Outdoor play

Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.

ENROL NOW

More Information
0269 202 132

Please contact us for information on the Transition Program for Kindergarten and learn more about the enrolment process.

Facebook

www.therock-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

Lockhart Hospital Auxiliary Report

The Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on Friday 10th November 2023 at the Lockhart MPS.

We have a few dates set for our annual Christmas Hamper ticket sales. We will be selling tickets in front of the Lockhart IGA on the mornings of Tuesday 28th November, Friday 1st December, Tuesday 5th December and Friday 12th December. There are also tickets available at the hospital. Local businesses have been extremely generous and donated some great gifts. We have gift vouchers to businesses, a photo session, car care package, covered kids sand pit and sand as well as perfume and a body lotion package. These are on top of the picnic basket packed full of goodies, gorgeous hand made quilts and lots of other gifts we have. There will be multiple prizes and tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please support us and the local hospital by buying some tickets from us. Raffle will be drawn at the hospital resident's Christmas party on 14th December.

The Hospital Auxiliary continues to support the Leisure & Lifestyle Co-Ordinator Kathy Sosnowski Bartolo by providing vouchers for local businesses to assist in resourcing activities for the residents e.g, cooking ingredients and gardening supplies.

We are also having another Bingo afternoon which will be held on Friday 15th December at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club commencing at 1pm. We hope you can all come and join us and have a bit of fun.

Correspondence received from our head office informed us that In the past 12 months, Auxiliaries throughout NSW raised a total of \$3,275,340.71 for their local hospitals. The Riverina district raised \$498,311.74 which is a huge effort. All moneys raised by the United Hospital Auxiliaries stay at their local areas to support their local hospitals.

Aqua Exercise Classes

Aqua Exercise classes are held at Lockhart Pool every Friday afternoon at 2pm until Friday 22nd December when there will be a break and the classes will resume on Friday 12th January. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

St Peter's Anglican Church Parish of The Rock.

9:30am Christmas Eve 24/12/2023

A carol service with a "No rehearsal Nativity Play"

All welcome Reverend Jocelyn Heazlewood



Lockhart Playgroup

All Welcome

Monday 9am at the

Lockhart Preschool

Ages Birth – 5 years

Please bring morning tea to share

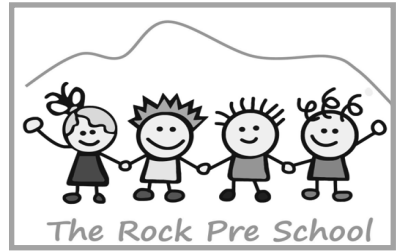
Tea/Coffee provided

Cost \$20/family/year

For more information

visit our Facebook Page:

Lockhart Playgroup!



Open Monday – Friday

8am-3:30pm

95 King Street The Rock

Phone 69202455 or

email therockps@gmail.com

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



Enrolments are now welcome!

Make a time to come and meet our Educators and have a tour of our beautiful Preschool

Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

8:00am-3:30pm

3-5yr olds

Phone Kristin on 6920 5156 or

Email:

director@lockhartpreschool.com.au

PLEASANT HILLS PRESCHOOL

Open Tuesday & Wednesday

8.30AM – 4.00PM

For children aged 3 – 5yrs

As little as \$10 per day

For more info contact 6929 6407

(During opening hours)

Email: phpreschool@gmail.com



New laws for local food businesses

Recent changes to the Food Standards Code have introduced new requirements for all businesses that prepare and serve food in NSW.

From 8 December 2023, businesses that handle unpackaged food requiring temperature control, and serve it ready-to-eat, must have a qualified Food Safety Supervisor and ensure all food handlers are trained in food safety and hygiene. Higher-risk enterprises must also be able to demonstrate their safe food handling practices.

While some businesses already require a Food Safety Supervisor in NSW, the requirement is new for school canteens, childcare services, charities and not-for-profits, correctional centres, delis and supermarkets, and some coffee vendors.

The NSW Food Authority has developed a range of resources to help businesses prepare for the new Standard, including free online food handler training. Businesses can also do a quick quiz to check if the requirements apply.

For more information visit foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools

Placing nappies and other contaminants in FOGO is a NO, NO

Some residents are still placing nappies and adult continence pads in BioBags and then in the Green Lidded Bin. This is a NO NO.

Please place all nappies and continence pads and other contaminants in the Red Lidded General Waste Bin.

Nappy management in general waste bins

Nappies must go in the general waste (red lidded) bin. Nearly all bins smell a bit and particularly bins containing nappies. Here are some ways to minimise odours:

- tip nappy contents into the toilet before you throw the nappy into the bin
- wrap nappy tightly into itself and use the tabs to secure
- tie nappy in a compostable bag, removing air
- store your rubbish bin in the shade
- make sure the lid can close properly
- add odour neutralisers such as bi-carb soda to your bin.

FOGO – Caddy Liner Bags

As part of the introduction of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) to Lockhart Shire Council's waste collection service in 2020 Council free caddy liner bags were available to residents during the three year transition period. This roll out was funded by a grant from the NSW Government.

Moving forward, to encourage the use of the FOGO service, and in line with our sustainability goals, Council will continue to provide, free of charge, **two** rolls of caddy liner bags per year to residents upon request from April 2023. A record of the bags distributed will be kept to assist in monitoring the supply.

To receive a roll of FOGO bags, please visit the Council office in Green Street, Lockhart. Or phone us on 69205305.

APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the following development applications were approved, with conditions for the month of October 2023

The below consents are available for public inspection at Council's Administration Office, 65 Green Street, Lockhart, between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays.

DA/CDC No.	Development	Site of Development	Value
DA03/24	12 Lot Subdivision	Harry Davies Drive, Lockhart	\$900,000
DA18/24	Two Lot into three Lot Subdivision	61 Drummond St, Lockhart	\$17,000
DA19/24	Installation of second hand manufactured home & ancillary metal garage	10-16 Osborne St, Lockhart	\$159,900
DA20/24	Construction of colorbond shed with shower and toilet	13A Railway St, The Rock	\$51,200
		Total	\$1,128,000

Peter Veneris,
General Manager

NSW Planning Portal

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

This is the process that Council recommends you follow:

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

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

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

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

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

LOCKHART MEMORIAL HALL

HALL HIRE

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

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:

Tables & Chairs

Please contact Lockhart Shire

Council Phone: (02) 6920 5305

Lockhart Seniors News

All meetings and gatherings are held at the Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 1.30pm, followed by bingo.

Bingo is also held on the 4th Monday of the month at 1.30pm.

Cards are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month at 1.30pm.

Seniors BBQ is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.30am.

New members always welcome.

Marg Mildren, Secretary

Lockhart Recreation Ground Booking Officer

Tracy Hounsell - Email: thounsell@lockhart.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 6920 5305



MateKeeper



ROC

RURAL OUTREACH COUNSELLING

Rural Outreach Counselling Inc. (ROC) is a community-minded mental health charity working out of the Riverina region of New South Wales servicing the Riverina, Hume, Snowy Valley and beyond.

ROC Services:

- FREE Suicide trainings and workshops (QPR)
- Counselling
- MateKeeper program



Contact our MateKeeper Coordinators for further information on
0418 762 255 or matekeeper@ruraloutreach.com.au



Next Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday 18 December 2023

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



Rates 2nd Instalment

If paying by instalments, the 2nd instalment is now due by 12 January 2024

Lockhart Shire Council accepts payments for Rates Assessments by the following options:

- eNotices - Your eNotices reference number is on the bottom of page 1 of your rates notice.
- B-PAY – Your BPAY details are listed on your Instalment Notice
- By Mail - Cheque Payments Only
- In Person at Lockhart Shire Office
- Australia Post – Pay at your local Post Office or Online

If you need any assistance, please Contact Council at rates@lockhart.nsw.gov.au



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

December 2023

Lockhart

5th 12th & 19th

9am to 12.30pm

Milbrulong

13th

2.15pm to 3.15pm

Pleasant Hills

14th

10.30am to 11.30am

Yerong Creek

6th & 20th

9.30am to 10.30am

The Rock

14th

12.45pm to 2.15pm

www.rrl.nsw.gov.au



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

The following services Valmar Support Services offer are:

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

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

Social bus Trips each Friday .

Contact 02 6920 4162



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

Help support your local Meals on Wheels Service

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

Social club operates every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am till 2pm at the Rock Memorial Bowling Club

For further details please contact Vicky 6920 2500

Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes will run up until 18th December 2023 and then take a break and resume on Monday 22nd January. Advanced classes are held at 9am on Monday mornings and a Beginners Class at 9.30am in the Uniting Church Hall. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

Health & Associated Services



Do you need a Community Health Service?

You can now access Community Health Services such as:

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

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

Call 1800 654 324
(1800 MLHD CH)



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District

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.

Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology (DHM) have opened a pathology collection centre within Lockhart Medical Practice. We are collecting from all patients on a Wednesday morning between 9am to 12noon. This Centre establishes DHM's presence in the Lockhart community and marks our long-term commitment to provide the premium pathology service which it deserves. We can collect most tests locally that previously you would have had to travel to Wagga plus almost all blood tests requested by your GP or specialist. We also accept all request forms. If you have any questions regarding any tests, please feel free to talk to us at our collection centre within the medical centre or phone us on 6932 6700.



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)
- 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 (please remove from boxes), 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.

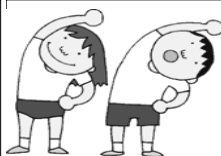
Thank you for supporting the Lions Club

The Rock Op-Shop

Hours: Sat/Sun 10am - 2pm,

Tues-Friday 11.30am - 3.30pm

Contact Lynly Boyle 0414 759 311



Attention!!! Attention!!! Attention!!! 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 - Increased flexibility - Increased fitness

Helps with Mental Health - Improves breathing - Friendship

These classes are for all ages and very affordable.

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND MEET NEW FRIENDS WHILE DOING GENTLE EXERCISES.

Contact: Nancy Smith on 0427 692 020 or 6920 2034

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

THE ROCK & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY Ford Street THE ROCK 2655 FROM 8.30AM TO APPROX 3PM
\$8 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

Rod - Secretary 920 2154 or 0402 216 198



Lockhart Red Cross Op Shop

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday – 9.30am until 2pm

Saturday – 10am until 3pm

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 Street, The Rock

Open Thursday to Sunday

10am to 2pm

Selling a large variety of locally made items. Including jams, relishes, baked goods, handmade items, babywear, quilts, cards, knitted & crocheted rugs, jumpers, ladies bags, patchwork, jewellery, scarves and much more.

If you would like to become a member, applications are available from the Craft Shop

All Welcome

Call Joy Schultz – President on:

0428 566 902

Shirley Taylor – Secretary on:

0427 061 047

Wendy Flory – Treasurer on:

0429 637 313

The Street Library is still open to all and can be accessed at any time. For more information, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

Green's Gonyah Museum Report

Volunteering is the life blood of the community and the Greens Gonyah Museum is very much a volunteer organisation. There are lots of different ways people volunteer at your local museum.

People can join the Lockhart & District Historical Society which operates the Greens Gonyah Museum. They meet every second month on the last Thursday of the month at 7-30pm.

Every day a volunteer is needed to open the museum at 10am and close up again at 2pm. They welcome tourists seeking tourist information and collect payment for those wishing to look through the museum. Most volunteers do this once or twice a month.

All items donated to the museum are catalogued which involves recording information about the item and giving it a unique number. This is usually done in the room set aside for this purpose and often done with 2 or 3 others who assist anyone new to learn the process.

Hardly a month goes by when there is not a coach visiting the museum that requests a Tour Guide to go on the coach for a half hour town tour.

In the last year the kitchen in the Showroom has had a major upgrade to be able to meet catering requests from coach and other groups. Our Catering Team baked 400 scones for the Spirit of the Land Devonshire Teas. Being a part of the Catering Team is on an as needed basis.

The museum regularly receives requests for information about families or historical events or places. Research can be very rewarding for people with patience and an enquiring mind. Over the last 50 years the museum has acquired a lot of documents, maps, books and photos from the local area so we have a lot of information to access.

On the first Sunday of every month at 2pm a working bee is held to maintain the property and make planned changes to the exhibits.

Some volunteers undertake several of these tasks but most concentrate on one. Some tasks are dealing with the public while others are behind the scenes. The museum has a good number of volunteers that enable it to operate 7 days per week but as the older members find it difficult to continue it provides an opportunity for others to become involved in an area of interest to them. Drop into the museum one day or talk to Heather or Paul and discuss how you could help.

Heather Trevaskis

Paul Creek

President

Secretary

0427 295264

0429 207252

The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Riverina

Parish of The Rock

Service date and times

St Peters The Rock

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 9:30am

St Cuthbert's Uranquinty

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month 9am.

For more information contact:

Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

ST AIDAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Lockhart

Cnr Day & Drummond Streets Lockhart

Holy Communion service times have been changed.

Rev Scot Mudd will be coming from Narrandera, on

the second Sunday of the month at 11am

Morning prayer is still at 10am on the other
Sundays

Contact the Church Warden on 0447 296 494 for
further information.

St Mary's Parish - The Rock

Mass Times

Sunday - 8am & 10am

Monday - 7am

Tuesday - 6pm

Wednesday - 7am

Thursday - 7am

Friday - 6pm

Saturday - 8.30am

For more information contact:

Fr Ledinich 6920 2017

St Mary's Catholic Church, Lockhart

Mass Times

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month:

Saturday; 6:00pm at Lockhart; Sunday; 8:00am at
Urana; 10:am at Oaklands.

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month:

Sunday; 7:45am at Lockhart; Saturday; 6:00pm at
Urana; Sunday; 10:15am at Oaklands.

For more information contact 6920 5446

The Rock Uniting Church

Ford Street, The Rock

2nd Sunday of the Month

At 9.30am

All welcome to attend

Morning Tea served after service contact:

Ann Taylor Chairperson – 0407 554 880

Joy Schultz – Secretary – 0428 566 902

Lockhart Uniting Church Services

December 2023

3rd, 9am - Lockhart

10th, 9am - Lockhart

17th, 9am - Lockhart, Carol Service, everyone is
welcome

24th, No Service

25th, 9am - Christmas Day, Everyone is welcome

31st, No Service

Any pastoral concerns, please contact Dorothy
Creek on 0427207233

or Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or
0427204051.

St John's Presbyterian Church Lockhart

58 Hebden Street Lockhart.

Service times: 8:45am each Sunday

For information please contact Rec Craig Nicholas

on (02) 6929 3129 or 0412 058 444 or

email craig@hentylockhartpresy.org.au

or visit our website <http://>

www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au/

Christian Radio in Lockhart

87.6 Tune every day

Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	Sundays in December 10th & 31st & January 12th
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		

Council's Waste Disposal Centres do not accept Silo Bags

*Councils Waste Disposal
Centres are Closed on
Public Holidays*



ST BARNABYS THISTLE



Centaurea solstitialis

Other Common Names: Golden Star Thistle, Yellow Cockspur, Yellow Centaurea, Geeldissel, Yellow Star Thistle.

Distribution: St Barnaby's Thistle is native to southern Europe, North Africa and Western Asia. In its native Mediterranean habitat, the plant is generally kept in check by an assortment of natural enemies and other plants that have co-evolved with it. These native controls do not exist in Australia and the plant thrives, particularly on roadsides, neglected areas, in grain crops and range lands. St Barnaby's Thistle competes with desirable species in crops and pastures, through shading other species and competing for nutrients, as well as producing allelopathic compounds which inhibit the growth of other species.

Description: An annual perennial herb St Barnaby's Thistle prefers to grow in fertile soils in temperate regions. It likes full sun and is susceptible to frost when in flower. Its preferred place is in areas with an annual rainfall of around 600mm, but can survive in areas with much less rain.

Livestock: St Barnaby's Thistle is not palatable to stock unless the plant is very young. The spines on the plant can cause injury to stock, particularly to the eyes, mouth and feet, as well as restricting stock movement. The plant is toxic to horses and can lead to the fatal nervous disorder "chewing disease". The plant contains a poison that causes lesions on the brain.

Life cycle: Seeds germinate in autumn and seedlings develop into rosettes over winter. The

plant usually reaches about 30 centimetres in height by spring, when it produces woody branch stems. Flowering occurs from mid to late October, and continues through the summer.

Stems: This plant has several branching hairy stems that are greyish in colour. They can grow to a height of about one meter. The stems lack spines.

Leaves: St Barnaby's Thistle has juvenile and adult leaves. The juvenile leaves are clubbed shaped with toothed margins and together they grow forming a star shape on the ground. They have long hairs on the top side of the leaf.

The adult leaf that grows on rosettes and on the lower part of the stems, grow to about 20cm in size and are spear like in shape. The leaves on the upper part of the stems are smaller in size.

Flowers: The flowers are a typical thistle like in appearance. They are yellow with large spikes about 10-20mm in length coming out of the base of the flower. The thistle flowers from spring and into summer. One flower head can produce 35-80 seeds.

Seed: There are two types of seed produced on the St Barnaby's Thistle, an inner and an outer seed. The inner seeds have a circle of hairs that can easily be picked up by the wind. It is light fawn to grey in colour and small, 2-3mm in length. The outer seed is dark brown, 3-4mm in length and has little to no hair on them. These outer seeds are usually dropped around the base of the plant.

Priority weed: St Barnaby's Thistle 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 further information please contact Council's Environmental Officer on (02) 6920 5305 or visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds



Lions Club Lockhart
Christmas Lights
Competition

- **BEST HOUSE**
- **BEST FENCE DISPLAY**
- **BEST OVERALL DISPLAY**
- **BEST NATIVITY SCENE**
- **BEST GARDEN**
- **BEST SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY**

JUDGING 15 & 16 DECEMBER

All lights left on during judging dates
are eligible

Winners will receive a \$50 voucher to a
Lockhart business of their choice