

LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

December 2023/January 2024



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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

Mayoral Report

Happy New Year to all our residents and visitors, I hope your Christmas season was joyous and restful. To those who were sick or lost loved ones I hope 2024 brings better times. Our weather patterns continue to surprise us especially as we were supposed to be in El Nino, mind you I don't miss the 40 degree days however I am sure they are not far away.



This year brings us many new challenges, not only is it an election year, but we also have to find a replacement for our highly esteemed General Manager. Peter will be finishing in July so the process has begun to find his replacement. To this end Council has engaged Local Government Services Group to undertake the recruitment process. This is the same group who got Peter for us.

I must say I was pleased with the responses Council received in relation to the proposed Community Centre at The Rock. The great majority of them were positive with some good ideas. Some suggested the need for full kitchen and separate toilets, the reason it is attached to the existing building is to negate the need for a separate kitchen and toilets which would make the project unaffordable. The Project group will be meeting shortly to discuss the feedback. The Lockhart gymnasium group has agreed on a new logo and progress is continuing on completing this project.

Council has been frustrated by the delay of the Office of Local Government (OLG) to sign off on our list of projects under Local Government Recovery Grants Program, which includes Emily Street The Rock, Cole Street Yerong Creek and works at Lockhart. We have sought the assistance of our Local Member to try and expedite the process.

Council has also been successful in obtaining funding along with Wagga regarding the Regional Drought Resilience Program which aims to build capability and empower regional communities to better prepare and respond to drought risks.

Australia Day this year will be at The Rock Recreation Ground commencing at 8.00am. A free breakfast will be provided by the local RFS and free admittance to the swimming pool will be available after the official ceremony. Our Ambassador this year is Mr. Craig Goozee OAM; he is an ultra-marathon runner who has raised millions of dollars for children's cancer foundations. I look forward to meeting and listening to his story. I hope as many residents as possible will attend the ceremony to support Australia Day and Community Awards recipients.

Just a reminder that Covid 19 is still around and is impacting our health services, businesses and the elderly. I would recommend that you keep up to date with the vaccination program to ensure we reduce the seriousness of the virus. I know some people are skeptical of vaccinations but I would just say how many diseases smallpox, polio etc. have been eliminated thanks to vaccines.

Finally, I hope 2024 is a year in which we as a nation and Shire continue to prosper.

Cheers

Greg

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2022/23 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Council's 2022/23 Audited Financial Statements were presented to the Council meeting held on 18 December 2023. The Council achieved a surplus in net operating result from continuing operations (including capital contributions) of \$3.86M for the year ended 30 June 2023. The net operating surplus for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes is \$2.1M.

A summary of the 2022/23 Financial Statements against the performance measures and performance benchmarks set by the Office of Local Government (OLG) is set out below. Consistent with previous years, Council's financial results are above the industry benchmark for all performance measures with the exception of own source revenue.

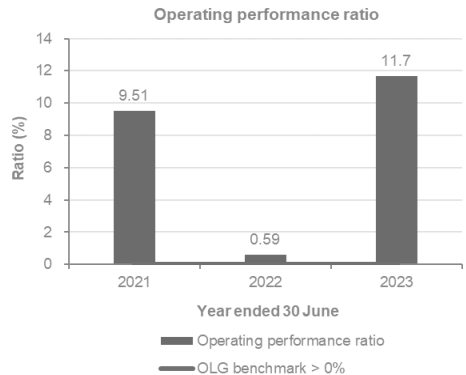
Council received, for the second year, a qualified opinion and this was with specific regard to Council resolving to not recognise the Rural Fire Service (RFS) red fleet assets on Council's Balance Sheet. Refer to pages 75-76 of the Annual Financial Statements for more detail on the basis for the qualified opinion.

Operating performance ratio

The 'operating performance ratio' measures how well council contained operating expenditure within operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, fair value adjustments, and reversal of revaluation decrements). The benchmark set by OLG is greater than zero percent.

The Council exceeded the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

The operating performance ratio increased to 11.70 percent (2022: 0.59 percent) due to the increase in operating grants received.

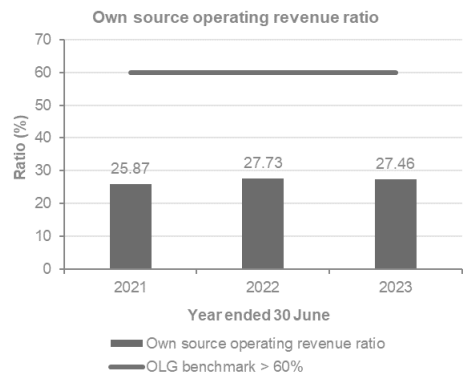


Own Source operating revenue ratio.

The 'own source operating revenue ratio' measures council's fiscal flexibility and the degree to which it relies on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 60 percent.

Council did not meet the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period. This indicates that the Council is more reliant on external funding sources, such as grants and contributions.

The own source operating revenue ratio has decreased in 2023, due to the overall increase in grants and contributions revenue of \$1.9 million.



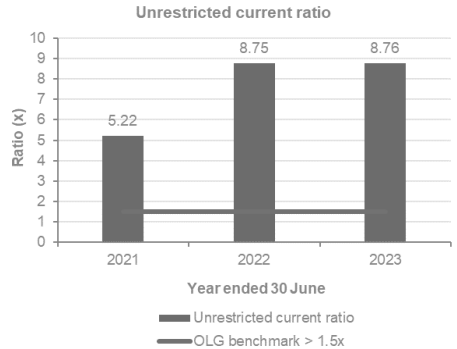
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Unrestricted current ratio

The 'unrestricted current ratio' is specific to local government and represents the Council's ability to meet its short-term obligations as they fall due. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than 1.5 times.

The Council exceeded the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period.

Council's unrestricted current ratio has remained consistent from 2021-22 to 2022-23.

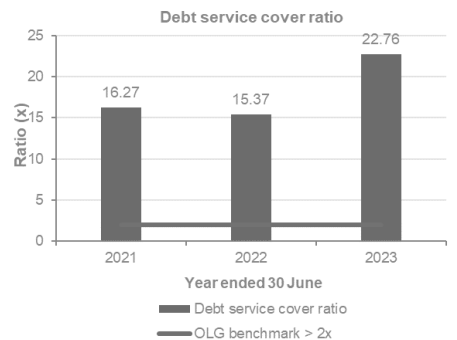


Debt service cover ratio

The 'debt service cover ratio' measures the operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than two times.

The Council exceeded the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period. This indicates that the Council has sufficient operating revenue to service its debts.

Council's debt service cover ratio has improved, due to the increase in operating grants and contributions revenue.

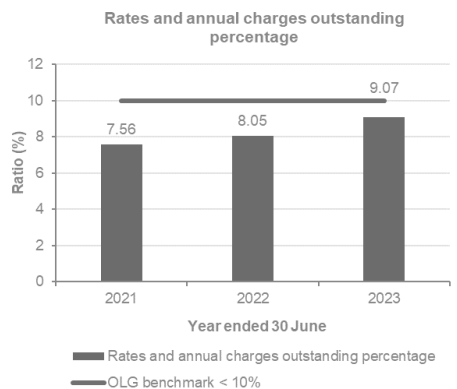


Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage

The 'rates and annual charges outstanding percentage' assesses the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on council's liquidity and the adequacy of debt recovery efforts. The benchmark set by OLG is less than 10 percent for regional and rural councils.

The Council met the OLG benchmark for the current reporting period which is a reflection of sound debt recovery procedures at the Council.

The rates and annual charges outstanding percentage has increased from the previous year, but still remains below the OLG benchmark.



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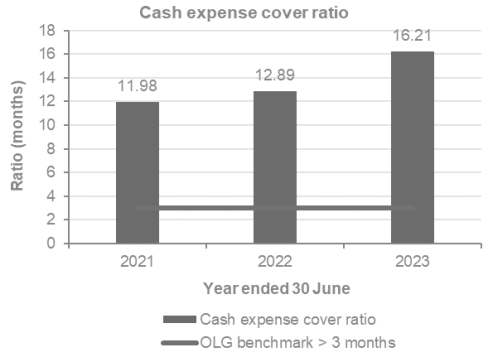
Cash expense cover ratio

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months the council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow. The benchmark set by OLG is greater than three months.

The Council's cash expense cover ratio was 16.21 months, which is above the industry benchmark of greater than 3 months. This indicates that Council had the capacity to cover 16.21 months of operating cash expenditure without additional cash inflows at 30 June 2023.

The cash expense cover ratio has increased due to increase in cash and cash equivalent and investment by \$4.8 million.

The complete set of Audited Financial Statements can be viewed at www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au.



WORKS REPORT

Local Sealed Roads.

Heavy patching has continued on Western Rd, Bidgeemia-Urana Rd and The Rock-Mangoplah Rd.

Rehabilitation works have commenced on Western Rd and The Rock-Mangoplah Rd.

Shoulder grading on Boree Creek-Kywong has been completed.

Drainage improvements and shoulder widening on the Yerong Creek-Mangoplah Rd has commenced.

Roadside slashing has been completed on Bidgeemia-Urana Rd and Rand-Bidgeemia Rd.

Unsealed Roads:

Unsealed Road Maintenance of Shire gravel roads has been conducted on: Scheetz Ln, Munyabla-Munyaplah Rd, Zwecks Ln and Ryan Stock Route, Munyabla Boundary Rd and Spurrells Rd.

Maintenance Crews:

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

Maintenance crews have been assisting with the heavy patching, Roadside slashing and sign installation.

PARKS & GARDENS

Mowing of park entrances and open areas continue as normal, weeding is being carried out both physically and chemically when the weather allows.

Watering of street trees and gardens continues during the hot weather.

Paving began in the week commencing 18 December 2023 at 109 Green Street Lockhart.

Contractors have been sought for slabs to be poured at the Lone Pine and cenotaph at The Rock for installation of Anzac remembrance seating.

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Mowing and weeding of Yerong Creek continues as the weather allows.

Mowing of the townships of Pleasant Hills and Milbrulong will be taking place shortly when machine and transport availability is organised.

There have been staff shortages at The Rock over the Christmas period however we will continue to do our best with the staff we have on.

WEEDS

Property Inspections

Inspections were carried out on residential and rural properties. The majority of properties were selected due to a change in ownership.

The most commonly found weeds were Green cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*) and Privet (*Ligustrum sp.*) respectively.

Control Program

Priority has been given to the control of Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) and St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) on roadside reserves and council managed land.

The following roads were inspected for weeds and herbicide application was administered where appropriate: The Rock Mangoplah Road, Jaegers Lane, Klimpschs Lane, Bulloc Hill Lane, Jarricks Lane, Weillys Lane, Old Trunk Road, The Rock Collingullie Road, Humphrys Lane, McGeachies Lane, Leitch Lane, Lagettie Lane, Bullenbong The Rock Road, Moores Bus Route, Hendersons Road, Boyds Road, Braithwaites Lane, Coman Street, Yerong Street, Semmens Road, Lodge Road, Nicholas Street, Olympic Highway, Rods Road, McRories Lane, Osborne Yerong Creek Road, Noskes Lane, Seeligers Lane, Finlayson Lane, Neuhaus Lane, Broughtons Lane, Janetskes Lane, Schultz Lane, Geddes Lane, Woodend Fiveways Road, Semmlers Road, Schneiders Lane, County Boundary Road, Figtree Road, Osborne Pleasant Hills Road, Wallace Brownes Road, Alf Freemans Lane, Wrathall School Lane, Grubben Road, Eulensteins Road, Vincents Road, Yerong Creek Mangoplah Road, Shaws Lane, Adams Lane, Plums Lane, Montagues Lane, Willis Lane, Mittagong Yerong Creek Road, Tootool Mittagong Road, Tuttys Lane, Old French Park Bullenbong Road, Lockhart The Rock Road, Curries Lane, Wetmores Lane, Iletts Lane, Terlich Lane, Benders Lane, Bahrs Lane, French Park Bullenbung Road, Mortons Lane, Slys Lane, Vennells Lane, Henty Pleasant Hills Road, Edgehill School Lane, Browns Lane, Alma Park Road, and Spurrells Road.

Control of St. John's wort continued through December to all other roads within the Shire.

Lockhart Brookong Nook Craft Shop

With regret we announce the closure of the craft shop as of 31st December 2023. All members are asked to collect their craft items. Items not collected by 30 January 2024 will be given to charity. We would like to thank the community for their loyal support over the last 25 years. Unfortunately, due to lack of sales we can no longer continue.

New laws for food businesses under Standard 3.2.2A

Changes to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code introduced new requirements for businesses that prepare and serve food in NSW.

Standard 3.2.2A introduces 3 tools for businesses handling and serving unpackaged, ready-to-eat food requiring temperature control, depending on their activities:

- have a qualified Food Safety Supervisor
- ensure all food handlers are trained
- be able to demonstrate safe food practices

The Standard applies to most businesses from 8 December 2023. School canteens, children's services providing food, supermarkets, greengrocers, delis, coffee vendors selling food, boarding schools and correctional centres have until 8 December 2024.

It does not apply to businesses licensed with the NSW Food Authority, businesses that only manufacture or wholesale food with no direct sale to consumers, or the handling of food for fundraising.

For information and business resources visit the NSW Food Authority website: foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools

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.



SCAM WORKSHOP

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

In 2022, Australians lost more than 3.1 billion dollars to scams, according to the ACCC. Learn how to protect yourself in this educational workshop. Morning tea will be served.

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- Susceptible groups
- What to look out for
- Types of scams
- The financial impact of scams in Australia
- How to report scams
- How to protect yourself



Information & bookings :

Phone: 5925 5801

Email: enquiries@rrl.nsw.gov.au



**RRL MOBILE LIBRARY
GREEN ST, LOCKHART
TUESDAY 23 JANUARY**

10:00AM - 10:45AM

COST: FREE



Lockhart Playgroup

All Welcome

Monday 9am at the

Lockhart Preschool

Ages Birth – 5 years

Please bring morning tea to share

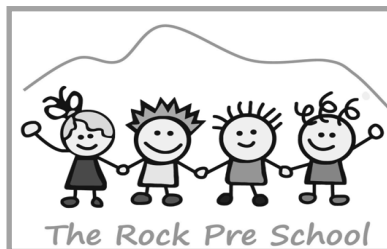
Tea/Coffee provided

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





Council's Draft Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy Is on public exhibition until 29 February 2024.

In order to plan for the future, the NSW Government encourages Councils to review their sewer operations every eight years. This process is called Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM).

The IWCM reviews the current situation, then applies longer term projects to accommodate for future development, population growth and system demand. Longer term infrastructure needs are considered and a long term financial model is developed.

The draft IWCM can be downloaded from Councils website and submissions received before 29 February 2024 will be considered.

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.

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

ENROL NOW

More Information
0269 202 132 

Facebook 

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



Valmar Support Services are currently looking for Volunteers for Community Transport Driving in the Lockhart area.

Whether you have 3 days per week or 1 hour a week, we would love to hear from you.

Requirements as follows:

- Driving Record from Services NSW
- Police Clearance
- Fitness to drive.

Please come into the office at 93 Green Street and pick up a volunteer package with all information required. Or ring on 02 69204162

AUSTRALIA DAY

Ambassador



Mr Craig Goozee OAM

Ultra Marathoner

Most people have problems getting their heads around running a 42.6km marathon. Australia's Craig Goozee has pushed beyond this and has now completed three ultra-marathons since 1998.

After his eldest daughter was diagnosed with cancer in 1997, Craig has been on a marathon mission to raise funds and awareness for children's cancer foundations.

In 1998, he completed a 16-day grueling ocean paddle from Avalon Beach in Sydney to Broadbeach in Queensland. Five-meter sharks, cyclones and constant head winds were just some of the elements he had to battle to complete the journey.

In 2000, Craig set off from Albany, Western Australia, to run, cycle and paddle across the continent. Covering over 5000km's, he completed the epic journey in 34 days. Part of the marathon was paddling against the current from South Australia to New South Wales on the Murray River.

In 2009, the ultimate challenge was completed with a 91-day ultra-marathon around Australia. Craig averaged 150km's each day to finish the journey, which is equivalent to doing a half iron man event every day.

Craig's achievements have not only raised millions of dollars, but he has been recognised for his dedication by the Australian people.

1998 – Parent of the Year, New South Wales Children's Week

2000 – Order of Australia Medal, Commonwealth of Australia

2000 – CCIA Benefactor, Children's Cancer Institute of Australia

2000 – Citizen of the Year, Pittwater Council

2000 – Rotary Community Service Award

1999-2009 – Australia Day Ambassador, Australia Day Council

2009 – Chairman's Benefactor Award, Children's Cancer Institute

AUSTRALIA DAY

Ambassador

Craig Goozee spent 23 years in the New South Wales Police Service and worked the last ten years as a plainclothes operative dealing with organised crime syndicates. He left the police in 2003 and has since completed his certificate 3 and 4 in fitness training. Craig is the published author of the non-fiction book, "For One For All". He has been recognised and utilised by the Australia Day Council for the past ten years as a motivational speaker. On the 14th October 2009 the Lithographic Institute of Australia wrote, "his presentation was one of the most touching and inspirational events the LIA Awards have ever witnessed."

Craig has appeared on Random Acts of Kindness, Today Program, A Current Affair, Wide World of Sports, News Programs, Who Magazine, Ultra-Fit Magazine, and multiple other media outlets. In 2009, he spoke on a regular basis as a guest with sports programs on 2GO, 2KY, Sky Sports, 2UE, 2SM and many ABC stations around the country.



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 19th February 2024

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



Rates 3rd Instalment

If paying by instalments, the 3rd instalment is now due by 28 February 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

February 2024

Lockhart

6th 13th & 20th & 27th

9am to 12.30pm

Milbrulong

7th & 21st

2.15pm to 3.15pm

Pleasant Hills

8th & 22nd

10.30am to 11.30am

Yerong Creek

14th & 28th

9.30am to 10.30am

The Rock

8th & 22nd

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.

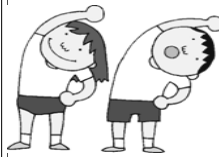
Thank you for supporting the Lions Club

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

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 munch 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.

SAVE THE DATE

BROOKDALE

Black Tie Ball

16TH MARCH 2024

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

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

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



drumMUSTER

FUNDRAISER

Together with Lockhart Shire Council, **drumMUSTER** events will be held by successful community organisations or groups on the following days/locations:

- **Lockhart Waste Facility** on Tuesday 12th March 2024
- **The Rock Waste Facility** on Thursday 14th March 2024

What will be accepted;

- Clean drums, rinsed to the Agsafe standard
- Drums larger than 1 litre and up to 205 litre;
- Drums that have been used for agricultural and livestock production, pest and weed control;
- Drums that are not hazardous substances, used in agricultural production
 - All pesticides
 - Seed dressings
 - Drenches
 - Wetters/Stickers/Adjuvants
 - Foam markers

Previously not accepted

What will not be accepted

- Drums with any residue (including lid and neck)
- Drums containing more than 100mL of rinsate

Drums that packaged the following;

- Liquid chlorine
- Household disinfectants
- Petroleum products

Triple rinsing

1. Empty the contents of the container into the spray tank and allow the container to drain for an extra 30 seconds after the flow reduces to drops.
2. Fill the container with clean water to about 20% of its capacity and replace the cap securely.
3. Shake, rotate, roll or invert the container vigorously for at least 30 seconds, so that the rinse water reaches all inside surfaces.
4. Pour the rinsate (the rinsing water from step 3) into the spray tank. Let it drain for an extra 30 seconds after the flow reduces to drops.
5. Repeat until the container has been rinsed three times.

- Containers should have caps **removed** for easy access by inspectors.
- No container will be accepted if they are crushed because it makes them difficult to inspect.
- Steel drums **must be punctured**.
- Please do not puncture plastics as some are reused
- All persons delivering drums to the **drumMUSTER** must sign a Container Cleanliness Declaration, noting the exact number of drums for delivery to **drumMUSTER**.

To ensure the **DrumMUSTER** operates efficiently and without time delay, drums will only be accepted at the facility by appointment. You may book a time to dispose of your properly cleaned chemical containers by calling Lockhart Shire Council on 02 6920 5305. **Please count your drums** and let Council know how many you have so the time allocated to you will be sufficient for inspecting.

Austin Morris
Director of Engineering & Environmental Services

Always ensure that the rinsed containers are drained and allowed to dry. Wash outside of container, cap and neck (both necks if twin neck).

Council Waste Disposal Centres Opening Hours

	Each TUESDAY	Each WEDNESDAY	Sundays in February 4th & 18th
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 Council's Waste Facilities are closed on Public Holidays

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.

YABBY TRAP ROUND-UP



Swap your opera house yabby traps for an Oar-Gee Plow lure!



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WAGGA WAGGA LIFESTYLE & LEISURE EXPO FEBRUARY 2024

The Yabby Trap Round-Up is collecting all old and unwanted yabby traps to protect the future of fishing and the health of our waterways. The traps collected will be recycled into useful products for fishers, with the proceeds being used to support habitat restoration. As a thank you, we'll give you a new Oar-Gee lure.

Riverina Water Restrictions in Lockhart Shire

During daylight savings each year, Stage 1 water restrictions come into effect.

Stage 1 is to remind you to be mindful of your water usage as the weather warms up.

Gardens and Lawns :

Domestic and Commercial Restrictions: Watering from 10am to 5pm is not allowed, unless you are using a handheld hose.

You must wait until after 5pm before using any other watering methods eg sprinklers, irrigation systems.

Outside of daylight savings, there are no water restrictions imposed unless otherwise specified. From time to time, certain areas may have temporary water restrictions due to emergencies eg bushfire or infrastructure issues.

Paved Areas:

Domestic restrictions: You cannot hose down paved areas between 10am and 5pm unless required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

Our water restrictions are triggered based on supply and usage. For full details, please see Riverina Water Water Restrictions Policy.

LOCKHART SHIRE

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY
THE ROCK RECREATION GROUND

AMBASSADOR – CRAIG GOOZEE OAM



FREE BREAKFAST

FROM 8.00AM TO 9.30AM

OFFICIAL CEREMONY

10AM



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.