

# LOCKHART SHIRE NEWSLETTER

February 2024



## Lockhart Shire Council - Australia Day 2024

Lockhart Shire Council's 2024 Australia Day celebrations were held at The Rock Recreation Ground and swimming pool and commenced with a community breakfast hosted by The Rock Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Lockhart Shire Council General Manager, Peter Veneris said that the Council is very pleased to be able to participate in the Australia Day Council's Ambassador Program.

The Council has always been fortunate in having some great ambassadors and this year was no exception with ultra marathoner and motivational speaker, Craig Goozee OAM, inspiring the community with his address.

The Mayor, Cr Greg Verdon, presented the 2024 Australia Day Awards to the following recipients:

Citizen of the Year - Lorraine Hoffmann, Sportsperson of the Year—Majella Day & Australia Day Award—Natasha Gowland

Pictured above, left to right are: Lockhart Shire Australia Day Ambassador, Craig Goozee OAM, Sportsperson of the Year, Majella Day, Australia Day Award, Natasha Gowland, Citizen of the Year Lorraine Hoffmann & Lockhart Shire Mayor, Greg Verdon - Images courtesy of Matt Beaver

# ALL WELCOME

## at the Urangeline

### *Peace Hall*

#### HISTORICAL DISPLAY

Let's get together to see and talk  
of history past

**Sunday 17th March 2024**  
**from 1pm**

An old fashioned afternoon tea will be provided.

Adults \$10 each, children free.

All proceeds to go to maintaining the Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day



**ALL ENQUIRIES**  
**6920 7715**

SAVE THE DATE

**BROOKDALE**  
*Black Tie Ball*

**16TH MARCH 2024**

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

# Mayoral Report

Hello again and welcome to my February column. It is hard to believe we are 2 months into 2024 and it looks like we will have a late summer as the temperature has demonstrated.

Special thanks to Cr Ian Marston and his committee for a wonderful Australia Day celebration at The Rock. Also a big thankyou to the RFS for cooking the breakfast and Matt Holt and Sarah Jones from Council for their assistance. Congratulations to Lorraine Hoffmann on being named Citizen of the Year, Tash Gowland on her Citizen Award and Majella Day for the Sports Award. Our Ambassador Craig had an amazing story to tell and proved very popular.



Advertising will shortly begin for the General Manager's position which will hopefully attract a strong field. We have had a number of vacancies especially in outdoor staff which has placed a lot of pressure on the works program, these are gradually being filled and we should be back up to full strength shortly. To those new employees that have joined us we welcome you and hope your stay will be beneficial. Congratulations also to Jesse Rapley on being elevated to the new Director Planning and Environment position. Speaking of new arrivals, I would also like to welcome Fr Justin Darlow as the new parish priest at The Rock.

As previously mentioned, this year is an election year and Council is looking to assist anyone who may be interested in nominating for Council by running some seminars on what's involved. Details are included in the newsletter. Council will also be seeking expressions of interest from section 355 committee members on a grant writing course.

Our works program is ratcheting up with significant rehabilitation works being undertaken on The Rock /Mangoplah Rd and Western Road. Solar panels have been installed at Lockhart and The Rock pools and soon at The Rock Sewerage works to help reduce electricity costs. The Flood Study consultant at The Rock is preparing material to go out to the community.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Council in conjunction with Rotary will commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lockhart being proclaimed a Peace Town. There are more than 60 peace counties, cities and towns in 20 countries around the world, Lockhart was declared a Rotary Peace Town on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1999.

In other good news the long running dispute between the Regional Library and Wagga City has been resolved with both parties agreeing on a settlement figure. In other news Council made donations to the Yerong Creek Public Hall Committee and The Rock Meals on Wheels.

Until next time

Regards

Greg

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The next Local Government Elections will be held on 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](https://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.

Council is considering engaging Local Government NSW (LGNSW) to conduct either online or in-person candidate briefings in 2024 to ensure that candidates for the upcoming elections are fully aware of the role and responsibilities of elected members. The aim of these Candidate briefings is to ensure that candidates are aware of:

- The role and responsibilities of councillors and the role of the governing body of a council under the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- The framework in which councils operate.
- The operational role of the General Manager and the strategic role of the mayor and councillors.
- The time commitment required of a councillor in terms of their participation in council meetings and other council activities, and more.

If you are interested in participating in such a briefing please advise Council on 6920 5305 or [mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au) as this will allow Council to determine whether there is sufficient interest to engage LGNSW and the preferred mode of delivery (online or in person).

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LOCKHART PEACE TOWN DECLARATION

Lockhart was declared a Peace Town on 23 February 1999 as part of a broader Rotary International initiative.

The concept of Rotary District D9700 Community Peace Cities/Towns was conceived in Wagga Wagga by Rotarian Tony Quinlivan. The City became the first Peace Community on 23 February 1993. There are now more than 60 peace counties, cities and towns in 20 different countries around the world.

Lockhart was declared a Rotary Peace town on February 23, 1999. The declaration of Lockhart as a Peace Town was commemorated by the unveiling of a plaque at Hodgson Park.

An event is being held at Hodgson Park on Friday 23 February 2024 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration. Representatives of Rotary Clubs in the region, specifically Wagga where this international movement was initiated, have been invited along with local parliamentarians and other guests.

## ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Staff shortages have affected operational tasks particularly in parks and gardens and works. Recruitment is under way to fill vacancies.

Line marking of give way and stop lines has been undertaken at The Rock and Lockhart.

Council's Jetpatcher is back on-line after a short breakdown.

New footpath has been completed in O'Connell and Hayes Street, Lockhart under state government Get Active NSW funding.

Solar panels have been installed on The Rock and Lockhart Swimming pools which will reduce Councils electricity bills. Further installation to occur at The Rock Sewerage Treatment Plant.

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A replacement program for sewer assets is being prepared on a criticality basis for future budgets. Similarly, a program for Council's pools is also being prepared and costed.

The consultant for The Rock Flood Study is preparing consultation material to go out to the community. Flood model has been updated with latest rainfall and runoff data and incorporating flood works undertaken by Council. Floodplain management committee will meet following consultation period.

After dealing with the relevant insurance matters and sourcing quotes, a contractor has been engaged to repair and reinstall the Drummond Memorial at the corner of Green and Matthews Streets, Lockhart.

## **WORKS**

### Local Sealed Roads

Western Rd and The Rock Mangoplah Rd shoulder widening are now complete. Boree Creek Kywong Rd shoulder widening has commenced.

Drainage improvements and shoulder widening on the Yerong Creek Mangoplah Rd is now complete.

Culvert widening on the Mittagong Yerong Creek Rd is well under way, with the northern culvert completed.

### Unsealed Roads

Maintenance of Shire gravel roads has been conducted on: Carns Lane, Dan Gleasons Lane, McLellands Lane, McKintys Lane, Osborne Pleasant Hills Road, Thomas Lane, Jim McDonnells Lane, Pat Gleasons Lane, Pietchs Lane, Ferndale Road, Jack Blights Lane and Schneiders Lane.

### Maintenance Crews

Bitumen crew have been kept busy with routine maintenance on our Local and Regional Roads.

Maintenance crews have been assisting with the shoulder widening on the Western Rd and The Rock Mangoplah Rd.

## **PARKS & GARDENS**

### Lockhart

Paving of 109 Green Street has been completed. Access has been opened and bollards at rear have been installed. Mowing of parks and entrances have been affected by staff shortages, watering activities for street trees and gardens maintained over the break.

### The Rock

Staff shortages have also affected work at The Rock, watering and mowing undertaken with available staff. Concrete slab has been poured at the Avenue of Honour.

## **Biosecurity**

### WEEDS

#### *Control Program*

Priority has been given to the control of St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) on roadside reserves and council managed land. Due to continued rainfall events, multiple germinations of St. John's wort have occurred.

The following roads were inspected for St. John's wort and herbicide application was administered where appropriate: Albury Road, Bakes Lane, Bankvale Lane, Bidgeemia Road, Clancys Lane, Clontarf Lane, County Boundary Road, Edgehill Stock Route, Fargunyah Lane, Fletts Lane, Forcks Lane, French Park Bullenbong Road, Henty Pleasant Hills Road, Henty Ryan Road, Edgehill Lane, Hollies Road, Jaegers

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Lane, Klemkes Road, Krauses Lane, Lallarook Lane, Lockhart Kywong Road, Lockhart The Rock Road, Munyabla Road, Munyabla Munyaplah Road, Munyaplah Boundary Road, Ryan Stock Route, Scheetz Lane, Schneiders Lane, Scotts Lane, Seberrys Lane, Slocums Lane, Soldier Settlement Road, Tinamba Lane, Urana Lockhart Road, Wallendoon Access Road, Western Road, Wolters Lane, and Zwecks Lane.

Priority has also been given to the control of Silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*) on roadside reserves and council-managed land. Also due to continued rainfall events, infestations have increased in density, area and population. Silverleaf nightshade was controlled on Albury Road, Barracluffs Road, Bidgeemia Road, French Park Bullenbong Road, Hendersons Lane, Lockhart Kywong Road, Old French Park Bullenbong Road, Urana Lockhart Road and Western Road.

Bathurst burr (*Xanthium spinosum*) was controlled on Farrells Lane, French Park Bullenbong Road, McRaes Lane, and Soldier Settlement Road.

Clockweed (*Oenothera curtiflora*) was controlled on Urana Lockhart Road.

Feathertop Rhodes grass (*Chloris virgata*) was controlled on Albury Road, Lockhart Collingullie Road, Lockhart The Rock Road, and Urana Lockhart Road.

Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) was controlled on Albury Road, French Park Bullenbong Road, Lallarook Lane, Lockhart The Rock Road, Schneiders Lane and Soldier Settlement Road.

Spiny burrgrass (*Cenchrus spinifex*) red guidepost sites were sprayed on County Boundary Road.

St. Barnaby's thistle (*Centaurea colstitialis*) was controlled on Jaegars Lane, Klimpschs Lane, and Yuluma Road.

Yellow-flowered devil's claw (*Ibicella lutea*) was controlled on Soldier Settlement Road.

## Railway Corridor Weed Infestations

In November, Council's Environmental Officer contacted ARTC to discuss the weed infestations present on the main branch railway line within Lockhart Shire, from the shire boundary northeast of The Rock to the shire boundary north of Henty. Positive correspondence has occurred and control of priority weeds, as well as environmental weeds, has been established.

Also in November, Council's Environmental Officer contacted UGL Regional Linx Pty Ltd to discuss the weed infestations present on the regional branch railway line within the Lockhart Shire from The Rock to the shire boundary, southeast of Boree Creek. Council's Environmental Officer was informed that UGL Regional Linx Pty. Ltd. only spray weeds that are state priority weeds and regional priority weeds.

St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) is prevalent on this railway corridor, which is a local priority weed within Lockhart Shire. Landholders that are adjacent to this regional railway corridor were invited by Council's Environmental Officer to provide written correspondence, detailing the location and weed species of greatest concern, to be forwarded to UGL Regional Linx Pty. Ltd. Council's Environmental Officer will continue to seek advice on this matter, and continue communication with UGL Regional Linx Pty. Ltd. and Transport for NSW to resolve this matter.

## Khaki Weed Control by Community Effort

With Khaki weed (*Alternanthera pungens*) being widespread in townships, Lockhart Shire Council encourages residents to be vigilant in its control. Bearing in mind that Khaki weed is not considered a priority weed in the Shire, Council does not have the resources to attend to all infestations with the townships of the Shire before the plant produces seed. If residents are attentive to their own property, as

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well as the adjacent nature strip and back lanes, greater control can be achieved. On rural properties, regularly check directly under your mailbox and around electricity meters.

## Weed of Concern – Bristly Ox-Tongue

Following the discovery of Bristly ox-tongue (*Helminthotheca echinoides*) on private property within the Shire, this species was chosen as the weed of the month in the December 2022 – January 2023 Council newsletter. Roadside inspections in spring of 2023 and summer of 2024 have shown that this species is quite widespread within the Shire, with small patches being present on many roads. It has the ability to remain undetected by looking similar to many other common weeds. To prevent this weed becoming a major problem within the Shire, locations will be monitored, and control methods will be investigated.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

### *Bird Sightings at Tootool Wetlands and Milbrulong Forest*

Council's Environmental Officer would like to extend her appreciation to The Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists for providing a copy of their December 2023 newsletter, "The Murrumbidgee Naturalist". During December 2023, members with expertise in bird identification, visited the Tootool Wetlands and Milbrulong Forest. The newsletter contains a list of species sighted at these locations.

At Tootool Wetlands, sightings included: Australian king parrot (*Alisterus scapularis*), Southern boobook (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*), Brown treecreeper (*Climacteris picumnus*), Fan-tailed cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*), Yellow-billed spoonbill (*Platalea flavipes*) including a pair displaying synchronization behaviour, and over fifty sightings of Fairy Martin (*Petrochelidon ariel*), which were displaying behaviour suggesting nest building.

At Milbrulong Forest, sightings included: Brown treecreeper (*Climacteris picumnus*), Eastern yellow robin (*Eopsaltria australis*) and Jacky Winter (*Microeca fascians*), one of which was an adult on a nest.

This is greatly appreciated information, which is essential in establishing the habitat health of these natural areas, as well as extending the native species list.

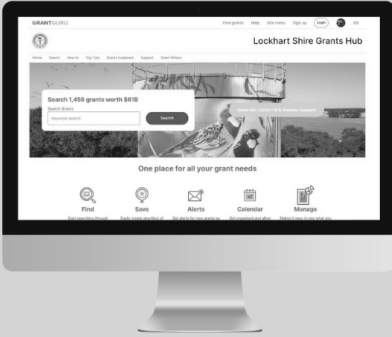
## **LEP Review Update**

A draft Planning Proposal for the proposed changes to residential components of the Lockhart LEP was sent to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and relevant agencies late last year for preliminary comments. Comments have since been received and several areas are required to be addressed prior to the submission of a Planning Proposal. Flooding and biodiversity at The Rock are the main areas of concern that need further investigation and reporting prior to the submission of a Planning Proposal.

With the review of The Rock Flood Study due to be completed later this year, this will address the additional information that is required for flooding. A draft Planning Proposal for the proposed LEP residential changes at The Rock will be resubmitted once the Flood Study Review has been completed. This will also give time for the biodiversity concerns that were raised to be addressed also.

In the meantime, a draft planning proposal will be completed and sent to the Department and relevant agencies for the proposed residential amendments for Lockhart. This is due to the flooding and biodiversity concerns being minimal for the proposed Lockhart residential amendments. This draft Planning Proposal will be presented to a council meeting in the coming months, prior to it being placed on public exhibition.

# LOCKHART SHIRE GRANTS HUB



## ONE PLACE FOR ALL YOUR GRANT NEEDS

Lockhart Shire Council is excited to provide the 'Lockhart Shire Grants Hub' to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals.

This site provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you. Our free service means you will never miss a grant opportunity again.

## WHAT IS GRANT GURU?

The free, custom search tool hand-picks grants and funding opportunities for all local businesses, community groups, non-for-profits and individuals in the Lockhart Shire, simplifying what can otherwise be a complicated and difficult process.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

☎ (02) 6920 5305

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



GRANT  
GURU



# Tourism & Economic Development

The year has started off to a flying start with meetings with both NBN and Telstra regarding upgrades to infrastructure and new towers across Lockhart Shire. Council has developed a strategy with both providers with the aim to increase connectivity, workshops/education forums on various topics, and how new technology can help Council operations. Since our Community Connectivity Survey back in 2022, we have had upgrades to both Lockhart and The Rock Mobile Towers, 4G Base Station installed at Yerong Creek, 5G towers to be installed at Yerong Creek and Pleasant Hills. 5G Towers to also be installed at Henty and Urana, which will feed into Lockhart Shire as well. Currently the Telstra infrastructure at Galore Hill Scenic Reserve is receiving an upgrade and will go from 13<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March. Residents and Business may be affected. Other projects include:

## **MURRUMBIDGEE TRAILS**

Murrumbidgee Trails Tourism Partner Prospectus is out with Council encouraging local Tourism Businesses to partner with Council to increase visitors to Lockhart Shire and the Region. (see more below).

Put your business on the map: Become a Murrumbidgee Trails tourism partner

The new year offers exciting possibilities for the region's tourism businesses and events with the release of a new Tourism Partner Prospectus for the Murrumbidgee Trails region.

The prospectus unveils three distinct partner tiers, offering promotion for partner businesses across print and online marketing channels.

The tourism brand was first launched in November 2020 as a collaboration between Leeton Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Murrumbidgee Council, and Narrandera Shire Council.

Over the past three years, significant progress has been made to grow awareness and encourage visitation with 25,000 copies of the printed visitor guide distributed and 3.5 million impressions on the destination's growing social media accounts.

Businesses are encouraged to become a Murrumbidgee Trails tourism partner to increase their reach and visibility in visitor markets. Bookings close Friday 1 March.

Information on the collaboration and partner opportunity is available at [murrumbidgeetrails.com.au/partner](http://murrumbidgeetrails.com.au/partner).

## **Brookong Creek Draft Masterplan**

Brookong Creek Draft Masterplan went on public exhibition over the Nov/Dec/Jan, thank you to all those who provided feedback. All feedback was presented to the Tourism Economic Development Steering Committee (TEDSC) for consideration in February. The TEDSC recommended several changes to Council, in which Council resolved to make. The final plan will be presented to Council at the March Meeting.

## **Regional Drought Resilience Planning Project**

Lockhart Shire Council together with Wagga Wagga City Council have been successful in securing funding of \$450,000 under The Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program which is co-funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the NSW Government

The funding deed has been signed, with work started on the procurement process for a consultant and creating a project group that will steer the project. Members of the project group will include Council Staff, Members of the Department of Regional NSW and two community representatives.

The aim of the program is to bring regional organisations, local government, communities and industry together to prepare for drought risks by planning.

## CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

**Lockhart Local Health Advisory Committee has invited expressions of interest to join the LHAC in 2024.**



2023 was the first year following the COVID-19 pandemic where Local Health Advisory Committees in the Murrumbidgee region were able to operate free from the restrictions of the pandemic.

Lockhart LHAC has always punched above their weight with numerous projects and advocacy initiatives on the go.

In 2023 Lockhart LHAC members identified a number of key priority areas which they worked steadily on throughout the year including:

1. Drug & Alcohol (Lifestyle and education)
2. Mental Health (Suicide prevention and general awareness)
3. Socio – Economic factors (impacting on food security)

Lockhart LHAC's highlight for the year was being shortlisted as a finalist at the MLHD Excellence Awards.

Other key achievements included input into 'Growing Our Own' with potentially four school trainees starting in the next two years, supporting and engaging with schools to support initiatives and discuss health issues facing younger people.

"We are an enthusiastic team of volunteers and want to make a difference to help shape health services and achieving better health service outcomes in the Lockhart Shire," Lockhart LHAC Chair Fran Day OAM said.

"Of our many achievements, I am particularly proud of Lockhart LHAC's input into 'Growing Our Own' with potentially four school trainees starting in the next two years and we are looking forward to seeing this program come to life next year with Montana Aylett starting her training and what the next twelve months will bring," she said.

Applications are now open for new members. To find out more visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/nsw-health/mlhd/get-involved/local-health-advisory-committees>

Or apply online here: <https://msnswlhd.snapforms.com.au/form/lhac-membership-application>

The next Lockhart LHAC meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 1.30pm at Lockhart MPS. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers.

## HEALTH TALK

Local Health Advisory Committees are a valued part of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District team and provide a central connection between the local community and health care services.



The Lockhart Local Health Advisory Committee is pleased to note the following initiatives being introduced at the Lockhart MPS:

1. Access to the Needle Syringe Program (Safe Injecting Box) will be provided outside the building near the Emergency Department. This means it will no longer be necessary to enter the building for this purpose.
2. An outpatient pathology service will be established, operating on Mondays and Fridays from 8.00am to 10.00am (noting that the Lockhart Medical Practice provides pathology services on Wednesdays). Whilst this will provide a more streamlined service, urgent cases will still be able to be attended to outside of these hours when required.

### CONNECT WITH US:

For more information contact: call 0429 205 526

Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lockhart.LHAC/>

### Residents urged to be aware of amoebic meningitis as water temperatures rise

With warmer air and water temperatures, the Murrumbidgee Local Health District is urging residents to take simple precautions around untreated or poorly treated water to protect themselves and their loved ones from a very rare but serious infection.

Amoebic meningoencephalitis is an extremely rare brain infection caused by an amoeba which lives in warm, fresh water and soil. While many people can have contact with the amoebas, only a small number develop serious illness.

According to MLHD people shouldn't be alarmed by primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, but in summer months it did present a risk that can be avoided with some easy precautions.

At particular risk are people in rural areas who have their own tank, dam or bore water supply, such as those living on farms, and people with poorly maintained swimming pools. Shallow wading pools are particularly at risk if they have been left in the sun for a long time.

More information about amoebic meningitis can be found at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/naegleria.aspx>

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Naegleria-fowleri.aspx>

**Lockhart Hospital Auxiliary** will hold its first meeting of 2024 at Lockhart MPS on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. New members are always welcome. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

**The Aqua Exercise Classes** will resume on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am. Try some gentle exercise and some fun together at Lockhart Pool. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

## 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 months of December 2023 & January 2024

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
DA59/22	Subdivision of land creating 2 allotments	6 Hill St, The Rock
DA17/24	Continued use of existing transportable office building	18 Urana St, Lockhart
DA25/24	New 4 bedroom single dwelling with attached garage	7 Prichard Pl, Lockhart
DA27/24	Removal of existing shed & construction of new detached shed with attached awning	79 Ferrier St, Lockhart
DA30/24	Install a manufactured home	20 Carson Rd, The Rock
DA31/24	Construction of new single dwelling	6 Crown St, The Rock
DA32/24	Subdivision of One Lot into Three Lots	Ryan St, Pleasant Hills
DA34/24	Removal of existing shed & construction of new detached shed with attached awning	60 Ferrier St, Lockhart
DA35/24	New 4 bedroom single dwelling with attached garage and detached shed	Treasure St, Lockhart
DA37/24	Demolition of existing dwelling and installation of new manufactured home	179 Eulenstein Rd, Henty
CDC39/24	New inground swimming pool	329 Urana Lockhart Rd, Lockhart
DA41/24	New 9m x 9.5m Carport	1 Treasure St, Lockhart

Peter Veneris  
General Manager



Council is considering a proposal to relocate the bus stop from in front of the post office in Matthews Street.

Community and stakeholder feedback is being sought prior to any decision being made.

Feedback can be sent to [mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@lockhart.nsw.gov.au) or by post to:  
65 Green Street, Lockhart before 28 March 2024.

## **Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Enterprises Round 2**

Funding to purchase energy efficient equipment upgrades for small and medium businesses

### **What do you get?**

A grant of up to \$25,000, to cover up to 100% of eligible expenditure. There is a total of \$41.241 million available for this grant opportunity.

Grant funding will be distributed between states and territories based on the distribution of small and medium sized businesses nationally. Refer to Appendix A in the grant opportunity guidelines for a breakdown of funding in each jurisdiction.

We expect that there may be a high level of interest for this grant opportunity, and it may be oversubscribed. This is a demand driven grant opportunity. Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis until the funding is exhausted in each jurisdiction.

### **Who is this for?**

This grant opportunity is for small and medium sized businesses with an employee headcount of 1 to 199 employees.

For Grant opening dates and an overview and eligibility please visit the below webpage:

Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Enterprises Round 2 | [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au)

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLE DESTINATION CHARGING GRANTS**

An EV charger can get your business on the map. Literally.

More and more drivers are switching to electric vehicles (EVs) and they're planning their trips around EV charging locations.

The NSW Government are investing \$20 million to assist eligible regional NSW businesses and councils by co-funding the purchase and installation of EV chargers at your site. This funding is available through our Drive electric NSW EV destination charging grant.

Applications are now open. Join the growing number of businesses that are already plugged in. Businesses across regional NSW have already taken advantage of the grant. With up to 75% of their costs covered, they now have chargers in the ground and the stories to show for it. For more information go to: [Electric vehicle destination charging grants | NSW Climate and Energy](#)

[Action](#)

# 2024 SENIORS EXPO

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



I am pleased to announce

## The Rock & District Meals on Wheels

is holding a  
**Seniors Expo**  
at The Rock Memorial Bowling Club  
9am till 3pm

Open to all seniors, carers, family members and general public.

Come along and gain as much knowledge as needed  
to remain living independently  
within your own home

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

There will be morning tea, BBQ lunch  
and bar facilities  
will be available within the club.



**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**



**Meals on Wheels**  
The Rock & District

# CHARITY GOLF DAY



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

9am for a 9.30 start

9 holes 4-man Ambrose

\$25 per person

Includes game  
and Bbq lunch

Breakfast  
available for a  
small cost

Egg & Bacon  
Rolls

Raffles to be  
held on the day



Sponsorship

\$50 per hole

Playing sponsor

\$70

Includes 1  
player, lunch  
and a hole

For further information contact Vicky or Alida on 0269202500



**Meals on Wheels**  
The Rock & District

# SPONSOR A HOLE

**\$50.00**

**(OR \$70 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY)**

We are a Community Based Non-Profit Organisation

If you are interested, please contact our office on 0269202500

**Do you or someone you know need our services?**

**We Provide Nutritious Meals, Social Support and Wellness Checks**

## How we work

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Contact your Local Meals on Wheels NSW Service	Provide your My Aged Care or NDIS number	Your Local Meals on Wheels Service is here to help!

02 69 202500 - [tr-mow@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tr-mow@bigpond.net.au)

## **Inland Rail's Generosity Fuels Success for Lockhart Little Athletics**

The Lockhart Little Athletics Centre is thrilled to extend its deepest gratitude to Inland Rail for their generous sponsorship that has significantly enhanced our organization's capabilities. Inland Rail's commitment to supporting local communities will greatly assist in our Centre's continued success.

Lockhart Little Athletics has been a cornerstone of youth development in our community, fostering a love for sports and encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle among our young athletes. Inland Rail's sponsorship has had a profound impact on our organization, allowing us to acquire essential equipment that will benefit our athletes for years to come.

The sponsorship provided by Inland Rail has enabled Lockhart Little Athletics to purchase a state-of-the-art laptop, printer, program training, freezer, and cupboard. These valuable additions will streamline our administrative processes, enhance our facilities, and contribute to the overall efficiency of our operations.

The laptop and printer will facilitate smoother registration processes, improve communication with athletes and their families, and enable us to maintain accurate and up-to-date records. The freezer and cupboard will contribute to our ability to provide healthy snacks and refreshments for our young athletes, ensuring they have the necessary fuel for their activities.

"Having a Club laptop will be invaluable during registration time. Being able to have direct communication with LANSW will allow parents to complete their children's registrations whilst at the Centre," commented Janelle McLaurin, Centre Registrar. "In addition, the computer and printer will enable the Centre to conduct its athletics carnivals in a more efficient manner."

Inland Rail's commitment to investing in local communities aligns seamlessly with our mission at Lockhart Little Athletics. Their support not only enhances our immediate capabilities but also

contributes to the long-term sustainability and growth of our organization. We are truly grateful for Inland Rail's dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of young athletes in our community.

Lockhart Little Athletics looks forward to a continued partnership with Inland Rail, as we work together to create a nurturing environment for our athletes to thrive. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Inland Rail for their generosity, which is making a lasting difference in the lives of the young members of Lockhart Little Athletics. For more information, please contact: Shirley Morgan, Treasurer, Ph. 0457 644 772, [shirleymorgan975@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymorgan975@gmail.com)



## Lockhart Playgroup

All Welcome

Monday 9am at the

Lockhart Preschool

Ages Birth – 5 years

Please bring morning tea to share

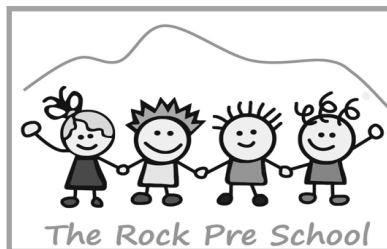
Tea/Coffee provided

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](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.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:phpreschool@gmail.com)**





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.

[www.therock-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.therock-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**ENROL NOW**

**More Information**

0269 202 132

Facebook



# HOW ARE ewe DOING?

Today I'm feeling...

positive or calm

stressed or overwhelmed

hopeless, angry or frustrated

When I feel stressed I'm...

still staying healthy and active

avoiding activities

not sleeping or drinking more than I should

Lately I've been...

talking to friends and family

irritated or frustrated with others

isolated or avoiding people



ewe are staying on track, well done!



ewe can talk to us for support



We can help ewe access the right support



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](mailto:therockoosh@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

### Farming Community Counselling

is free, local and friendly one-on-one professional support.

Contact Jenn Pegler on 0436 942 104

Or email: [Jennifer.pegler@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Jennifer.pegler@health.nsw.gov.au)



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1.30pm, followed by bingo.

Bingo is also held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 1.30pm.

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

Seniors BBQ is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:matekeeper@ruraloutreach.com.au)



## Next Ordinary Council Meeting

**Monday 18th March 2024**

Notice is given that Council's Meeting for March 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](mailto:rates@lockhart.nsw.gov.au)



## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

**March 2024**

**Lockhart**

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

**9am to 12.30pm**

**Milbrulong**

6th & 20th

**2.15pm to 3.15pm**

**Pleasant Hills**

7th & 21st

**10.30am to 11.30am**

**Yerong Creek**

13th & 27th

**9.30am to 10.30am**

**The Rock**

7th 7 21st

**12.45pm to 2.15pm**

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

## Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes will be held on Monday mornings from 4<sup>th</sup> March at Lockhart Uniting Church Hall at 9am for the Advanced Class and at 9.30am for Beginners. Any enquiries, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233



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



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**

# 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.*

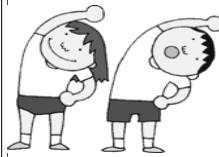
*Thank you for supporting the Lions Club*

## 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

## **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



### **Lockhart Red Cross Op Shop**

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday – 9.30am until 2pm

Saturday – 10am until 3pm

The Street Library at the side of the Uniting Church Hall is always open and can be accessed at any time. Why not have a look and find a new author to try. For more information, please contact Lorraine Hoffmann on 69206233 or 0427204051.

# **AGM**

## **Lockhart Progress Association**

**Monday 4th March 2024**

**Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club**

**7:30 pm**

*All members  
and general public welcome*

# **AGM**

## **Agricultural Pastoral and Show Society of Lockhart Inc.**

**Monday 11th March 2024**

**Lockhart Ex-Servicemen's Club**

**7pm**

*All members  
and general public welcome*

### **The Anglican Church of Australia**

Diocese of Riverina

#### **Parish of The Rock**

Service date and times

St Peters The Rock

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

St Cuthbert's Uranquinty

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month 9am.

For more information contact:

Rev. Jocelyn Heazlewood

0427 198 513

### **ST 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.

### **The Rock Catholic Parish**

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday Mass Times: 8am and 10am

Confessions: during the half hour before each Mass  
Weekday, Christmas and Easter Mass Times: see  
foyer noticeboard

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals by appointment  
Locals and visitors welcome

Parish Priest: Father Justin Darlow 69202017,  
0407734747

### **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**

#### **March**

3rd, 9am—Lockhart

10th, 9am—Lockhart

17th—No service in Lockhart but join with the  
Anglicans at 10am

1am—Mittagong, Holy Communion

24th, 9am—Lockhart, Palm Sunday

29th, 9am Lockhart, Good Friday

31st Easter Day 10am—Combined Church Service

at the Presbyterians, Everyone Welcome

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](mailto:craig@hentylockhartpresy.org.au)

or visit our website <http://>

[www.hentylockhartpresy.org.au/](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 March 3rd & 17th
Lockhart		8.30am - 10.30am	8.30am - 11.30am
The Rock		1.00pm - 3.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Yerong Creek	1.30pm - 3.30pm		
Pleasant Hills	10am - 12pm		

## **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.

# KHAKI WEED



*Alternanthera pungens*

**Other Common Names:** Creeping chaffweed, Khaki burr.

**Description:** A long-lived, low-growing plant that forms a dense mat over the ground surface. Its creeping stems are somewhat hairy and produce roots at their joints.

Predominantly found in and around towns. It is a weed of disturbed sites, bare areas, roadsides, parks, lawns, waste areas, watercourses, turfgrasses, orchards, and occasionally also native pastures and grasslands.

Native to South America, particularly Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador and Peru.

**Stem and Leaves:** The prostrate stems are produced from a tough and thickened central crown. They often have a reddish appearance and produce adventitious roots at their joints. These stems are covered with short, soft, hairs. Similar hairs are sometimes also present on the leaf stalks and leaf blades. The oppositely arranged leaves usually differ in size, with one leaf of the pairs being significantly larger than its partner. They are egg-shaped or oval with margins that are entire or slightly wavy. These relatively small leaves (8-60 mm long and 6-30 mm wide) have rounded tips and are borne on very short stalks.

**Flowers and Fruits:** The inconspicuous greenish-yellow or greenish-coloured flowers are grouped together in small globular clusters (8-12 mm long and 6-10 mm wide). These flower clusters are borne in the leaf forks and may become slightly elongated

as they mature. Flowering occurs from spring through to autumn. The tiny fruit is about 1 mm long and has a flattened top. It usually remains hidden inside the old, prickly, flower parts. Seeds are tiny, yellowish or orange in colour, and shiny in appearance.

**Reproduction and Dispersal:** Reproduces mainly by seed, though stem fragments may also take root after being dislodged from a plant. The seeds are contained inside a 'burr' which readily becomes attached to animals, clothing and tyres. Also dispersed by water movement and in contaminated fodder.

**Priority weed:** Khaki weed is NOT considered a priority weed in the Lockhart Shire.

**Community effort:** With Khaki weed being widespread in towns, Lockhart Shire Council encourages residents to be vigilant in its control. Bearing in mind that Khaki weed is not considered a priority weed in the Shire, Council does not have the resources to attend to all infestations within the townships of the Shire before the plant produces seed. If residents are attentive to their own property, as well as the adjacent nature strip and back lanes, greater control can be achieved. On rural properties, regularly check directly under your mailbox and around electricity meters.

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)



# We're coming to your community



**Our Mobile Service Centre is coming to  
Lockhart  
Thursday, March 21, 2024  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Bringing NSW Government services to you.**

Call **13 77 88** or visit [service.nsw.gov.au](https://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

