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AUSTRALIA DAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Local wildlife carer Trish LeeHong has been named the 2025 Lockyer Valley Citizen of the Year.

Trish's dedication and passion for the Lockyer Valley's wildlife was recognised at the Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony, held at the Gatton Shire Hall.

The Murphy's Creek local has dedicated more than two decades to wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and education.

Mayor Tanya Milligan said Trish has made an extensive contribution to the community through her Wildlife Rescue Education and Rehabilitation Centre.

"Here, Trish provides a sanctuary for injured and orphaned animals, with facilities that educate local groups, including school students, about the importance of wildlife conservation.

"Not only does Trish volunteer for hours well beyond her regular duties, but she's also collaborated with other wildlife organisations and government bodies to rescue wildlife in challenging conditions," Mayor Milligan said.

Mayor Milligan described the Mayoral Award recipient, Katherine Raymont as a "true local".

"Katherine has made a huge contribution in sport, academically and so too as a community champion.

"She is the epitome of 'the show must go on' - she is selfless, humble, inspiring, driven, and she is worthy," she said.

Mayor Milligan said all award winners were to be congratulated.

"It is such an honour to pay tribute to our Australia Day award winners, and this year's recipients are nothing short of inspirational.

Winners received a framed certificate and handmade wooden pens, made by the Lockyer Woodcrafters in Forest Hill.

Mayor Milligan emphasised how critical nominations are to the longevity of the Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

"It was unfortunate to receive no nominations for the Young Citizen of the Year category this year.

"We really do have such outstanding young residents in our community who are doing great things and I certainly hope to see many nominations for next year's event," she said.



The full list of the 2025 Lockyer Valley Australia Day Award winners are:

Citizen of the Year: Trish LeeHong

Young Citizen of the Year: No entries

Senior Sportsperson of the Year:
Justeen Kruger

Junior Sportsperson of the
Year: Hayden D'Arcy

Event of the Year: Valley Fest

Community Group of the Year:
Helidon State School P&C
Association Events Inc

Mayoral Award: Katherine Raymont

**Nominations for 2026 are already live. Nominate now at:
www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/australia-day-awards**



COUNCIL TO HOST POP-UPS

Lockyer Valley Regional Councillors and Council Officers will be available for a series of community pop-up events throughout 2025.

Community Engagement Portfolio Councillor, Deputy Mayor Chris Wilson said Council was committed to meeting with community members and discussing the issues key to them.

“Community pop-ups, where Council staff and councillors are stationed at various community events, offer a casual setting for residents to chat with Council throughout the year and is an expansion of the information stands Council has had at the Laidley and Gatton Shows for many years.

“Weather permitting, we’re looking forward to being out and about in 2025 and will be available to respond to enquiries and requests for information from community members.

“The idea is that we’ll come to you – to existing community events such as markets – to make it even more convenient for the community to chat in person.

“We’re planning to host these pop-ups approximately monthly, which allows community members to provide input on a regular basis on plans, policies, strategies and projects that we might be working on.

“We certainly welcome as many of you as possible to come and have a chat with us on the below dates,” Cr Wilson said.

Council Pop-Up Dates:

- Sunday, 2 February - Gatton Village Markets
- Sunday, 23 February - Plainland Markets
- Saturday, 5 April - Mulgowie Markets
- Saturday, 10 May - Ma Ma Creek Markets
- Sunday, 25 May - Lockyer Valley Multicultural Festival (Littleton Park, Gatton)
- Saturday, 5 July - Laidley Show
- Friday 18, Saturday 19 July - Gatton Show

For more information, scan the QR code below



or visit www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/have-your-say

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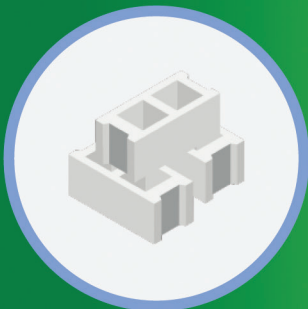
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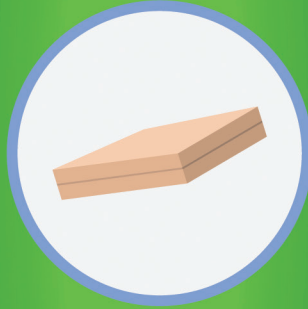
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UNCONTAMINATED GREEN
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UP TO A 6X4 TRAILER OF
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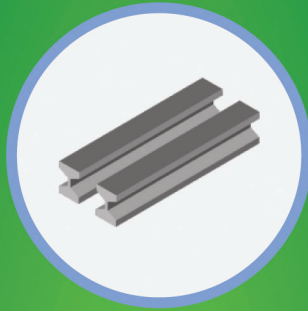
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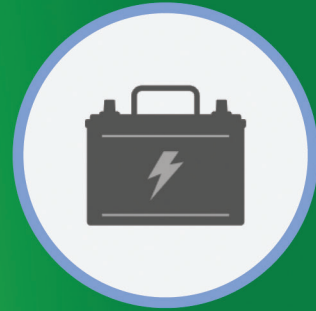
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DRUMMASTER ELIGIBLE
CONTRAINERS (UP TO 20 PER
PERSON)



EWASTE (TVS, COMPUTERS,
LAPTOPS, ELECTRICAL
APPLIANCES)



VAPES



Read more here: www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/excess-waste-sorted

Did you know Council accepts all of these waste items free of charge as its transfer stations?

To be eligible for free disposal, waste must be separated and disposed of at the required drop off points. Free disposal does not apply to people or businesses conducting clean-up services.

MAHON BRIDGE WORKS COMMENCED

Works on Mahon Bridge, Carpendale Road, Carpendale have commenced and will require a full closure of the road at the bridge for approximately six months.

Recommended detours are via Gatton-Helidon Road or Ma Ma Lilydale Road.

The project, which will improve the road alignment, increase the load limit and accessibility for heavy vehicles and provide improved access to local businesses and residents, is expected to be completed by September 2025, subject to weather.

Council apologises for the inconvenience, especially with TMR works occurring on Gatton Helidon Road at the same time, however works cannot be postponed any further.

The project is made possible with funding from the Australian Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (formerly the Bridges Renewal Program).



ROAD WORKS

BIGGS ROAD, WITHCOTT - PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

Thanks to successful funding from the Queensland Government's South East Queensland Community Stimulus Package, pavement rehabilitation works on Biggs Road, Withcott is underway.

The works, which began in December, include intersection and culvert upgrades, a new concrete footpath, linemarking and installation of road furniture. The project aims to improve the road's alignment, sight distances and drainage in the area.

The project is estimated to take 12 weeks to complete, weather permitting.



UPCOMING PARK WORKS

JEAN BIGGS PARK UPGRADE

Jean Biggs Park, Withcott will undergo an upgrade later this year after Council successfully secured funding.

Stage 1 of the playground re-development is expected to begin in the second half of 2025, with a strong focus on improved all-abilities features among other additions and enhancements.

Council acknowledges the significant initiative and contribution of the Withcott community, collated through the Withcott & District Progress Association, which has generously raised and committed \$15,000 towards the \$350,000 project.

Proudly funded by the Queensland Government's South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program in association with Lockyer Valley Regional Council.



For the full list of upcoming works, visit www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/road-works

TAKE OUR LIVEABILITY SURVEY

Help shape the future of the Lockyer Valley by taking our 2025 Lockyer Valley Liveability Survey!

The survey will help us gather important data on what different segments of the community most value and aspire to, and will be used in future decision-making.

Your voice is important and your feedback will guide Council in planning a better place to live, work and visit.

Complete the survey before 16 February for your chance to win 1 of 5 \$100 gift vouchers!

Start the survey now by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below.



Read more here: www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/liveabilitysurvey2025



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

From expansive farmlands to inspiring bucket list experiences, Council is excited to launch the official 2025 Lockyer Valley Visitor Guide.

Featuring more than 100 local businesses, the Visitor Guide showcases everything from family-friendly activities to hidden gems, local events, and where to find farm-fresh produce. It also includes practical information on transport, scenic routes, and must-visit attractions.

Grab a copy from the Lockyer Valley Visitor Information Centre and share it with friends and family to highlight the wonderful experiences right here in our own backyard.

To view and download a copy scan the QR code or visit the link below.

www.luvyalockyer.com.au/visitor-information



PARKING CHANGES - EAST ST, GATTON

'No stopping' zones have been implemented along a portion of East Street, Gatton to alleviate congestion and improve traffic flow.

"Concerns were raised about lane widths, pedestrian safety, poor sight distances for both vehicles and pedestrians, and the potential difficulty for emergency services to pass through when cars are parked on both sides of the road," Infrastructure Portfolio Councillor Michael Hagan said.

"Council undertook consultation with affected residents and businesses last year and the final design was shaped by them rather than being an arbitrary change by Council."

More here: www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/east-street-gatton





New flood warning signage boosts safety

Council continues to bolster community safety during floods, installing two new flood cameras and new electronic warning signs at seven high-risk sites.

The new infrastructure will enable motorists to accurately assess their risks and deter them from driving through floodwater. Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group, Mayor Tanya Milligan said it brings the total number of flood monitoring cameras across the region to 15, two of which capture images in several directions.

“Council has recently installed two new flood monitoring cameras – one on the corner of Forest Hill-Fernvale Road and Old Laidley Forest Hill Road, and another on Mount Sylvia Road near Mount Sylvia State School,” she said.

“In addition, we’ve installed new electronic flood warning systems on seven flood-prone roads and upgraded the electronic signage at Woodlands Road, Glen Cairn.

“These new signs can be automatically activated when the water levels in nearby creeks or waterways reach a predefined level, or they can be remotely activated using a computer or mobile phone.

“This not only improves safety for motorists but reduces the need for Council staff to put themselves in harm’s way to install signage.”

There are three types of signs: ‘Road Closed Ahead’, which alert motorists that the road ahead is subject to flooding, ‘Road Closed – No Entry’, which are illegal to drive past, and flashing warning lights known as ‘WigWags’, which warn of the possibility of flooding ahead or flood impacts, such as debris or silt on the road.

In Queensland, driving into floodwater is the number one cause of flood-related deaths, Mayor Milligan said.

“We implore the community to heed this signage and take advantage of the flood monitoring cameras, which can be viewed on Council’s Disaster Dashboard <https://disaster.lvrc.qld.gov.au/> and Council’s website,” she said.

“We also remind motorists that driving through floodwater and closed roads is not only highly dangerous but could potentially affect eligibility for insurance claims. It’s also important not to rely *solely* on signage during rain events as technical difficulties can arise. Instead, motorists should exercise extra caution, slow down and expect water on roads.”

Made possible with assistance from the Commonwealth and Queensland governments through the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund in partnership with Council.

The new signs are located at:

- Redbank Creek Crossing, Redbank Creek Road, Adare
- 849 and 2239 Flagstone Creek Road, Flagstone Creek
- Corners of Forest Hill-Fernvale Road and Old Laidley Forest Hill Road, and Old Laidley Forest Hill Road and Laidley Plainland Road
- Allan Street Bridge, Gatton
- 466 and 499 Flagstone Creek Road, Lilydale
- Lorikeet Road and Gehrke Road near the floodway, Regency Downs
- 23 and 142 Winwill Connection Road, Tenthill Creek

3x3 Showcase takes over Laidley Recreational Reserve

Basketball fanatics from across the region travelled to Laidley to learn the ins and outs of the newest basketball craze at the Lockyer Valley 3x3 Showcase.

Council joined forces with the Toowoomba Basketball Association to host the event, which provided an opportunity for participants to learn the game of three-a-side basketball and level up their skills.

Facilities Portfolio Councillor Anthony Wilson said the event was timed perfectly to coincide with the opening of Laidley Recreational Reserve's two new-look basketball half-courts.

"It is fantastic to have this project completed for residents to enjoy.

"The previous courts, which are used almost every day, needed a makeover, and it is great to see this project now complete for our community to enjoy.

"Our crews have completed the works, which involved a deep clean of concrete, re-marking lines and replacing the backboards.

"As a Council, we value providing a quality court for free and accessible physical activity," Cr Wilson said.

More than one dozen youngsters between nine and 17 took to the courts to enjoy this free event.

"3x3 basketball is a trending urban sport that recently featured at the Olympics, so it was exciting to have it here in the Lockyer Valley.

"It's a fast format, and everyone in attendance had a great time.

"Council is committed to improving community facilities and promoting active healthy lifestyles, and I encourage everyone to make the most of these fantastic new courts," Cr Wilson said.



Register now for free weather warnings

With the storm season upon us, Council encourages residents to be proactive and subscribe to its free weather warning service.

As a region that experiences more than its fair share of natural disasters, signing up for weather alerts is a great way to help prepare yourself, your loved ones and your property from the threat of dangerous weather.

Joining our opt-in weather warning service allows residents to receive free alerts for fire, thunderstorms, flood and other severe weather events.

In severe weather, acting early is crucial – and to do that you need to be aware of approaching hazards. You can choose to receive the alerts via email, text or voice alerts on a landline, and it takes less than a minute to join.

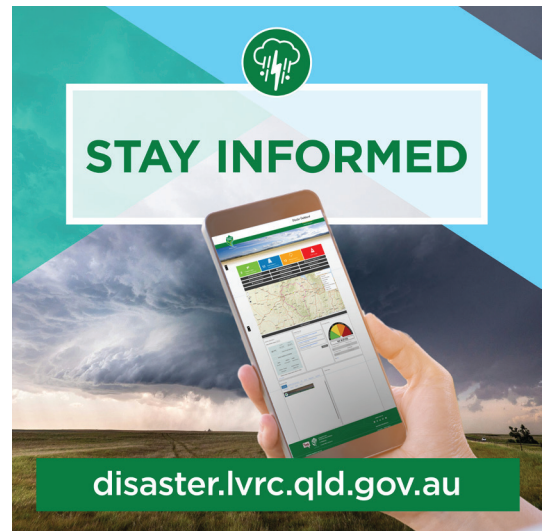
We are proud to provide this important tool for free for our community and encourage everyone to utilise it.

Residents are also urged to download the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) app and visit the Lockyer Valley Disaster Dashboard for trusted weather information.

Council's Disaster Dashboard can be used year-round as a single point of reference for road closures, weather information, power outages, creek gauges, flood cameras and more.

Alternatively, the BOM provides seven-day forecasts, radar images as well as the ability to subscribe to warning notifications for up to three locations, which is great for when you are travelling.

To sign up to Council's free opt-in weather warning service, visit <https://disaster.lvrc.qld.gov.au/> and click on the 'Subscribe for Weather Alerts' tab.



Future of Queensland Transport Museum

Council will bring a military-themed exhibition to the Queensland Transport Museum (QTM) as part of plans for the ongoing operation of the museum.

The QTM Advisory Committee and Council's Tourism & Special Projects team will work to curate the exhibit and explore opportunities to tell local stories and support local veterans.

The QTM will maintain its brand and the exhibit will be reviewed after a period of 12 months. Council will develop a marketing plan and collateral to ensure the exhibit attracts existing and new target audiences.

Previous QTM exhibit material will be stored appropriately for the duration of the military exhibit.

The QTM temporarily closed on 18 September 2024 and was subsequently emptied of exhibits to enable facility repairs to be undertaken for the first time since the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre's opening.

It is expected to re-open before mid-year.



For more information, follow the QTM's Facebook page @qldtransportmuseum.

Councillors and staff raise money for local charities

Council has rounded out 2024 by raising more than \$4600 for local charities.

Throughout last year, Councillors and staff raised money for a host of initiatives, with Mayor Tanya Milligan saying small gestures really do make a big difference.

“Our International Women’s Day event raised \$400 for Protea Place, we contributed \$900 to the Cancer Council Olive McMahon Lodge via the Darling Downs HOG’s annual Cruise for Cancer, and we raised \$464 for the ‘Flanno for a Farmer’ fundraiser.

“Staff donated a gold coin or more every time they wore pink during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and blue during Movember, and as part of our 2024 ‘Share the Dignity’ drive, we gifted two wheelie bins’ worth of female personal care items to the Lockyer Valley Salvation Army, which were made into care packages for women in need.



“All in all, eight local and national initiatives benefited from our fundraising efforts in 2024 and we’re excited to continue that trend in 2025.

“We’re off to a great start, as together with some Councillors and staff, we’re participating in the World’s Greatest Shave in support of the Leukemia Foundation.

“We also have International Women’s Day coming up in March, where all money raised will go to our local Salvation Army to support and assist local women in need.

“At Council, our team is committed to being active members of our community and throwing their support behind worthwhile causes.

“It was a wonderful effort and I thank all the thoughtful employees and Councillors who supported, helped organise and participated in Council’s fundraising events throughout 2024,” Mayor Milligan said.

Head to our What’s On section on page 23 for more information on our 2025 International Women’s Day Breakfast.



Successful RADF recipients announced

Six recipients will receive Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) funding in Round 1 of its 2024/25 grant program.

RADF is a partnership between the state and local governments that invests in quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland.

Libraries and Galleries Portfolio Councillor, Julie Reck said Council was pleased to allocate this important funding to a diverse and exciting range of creative arts and cultural projects.

“This round will see a range of initiatives, including workshops and theatre experiences come to our region.

“RADF has bolstered the arts community in our region for several years, and It’s amazing to see our communities’ ideas come to fruition through this fund,” Cr Reck said.

The successful projects include:

- Sarah Seletto - \$720 for two acrylic painting workshops at Gatton and Laidley Libraries on Saturday mornings. These workshops will teach women how to create beautiful self-portraits of their bodies using acrylic paint and paint pens on canvas or recycled materials.
- Patricia Zuber - \$604 for an introduction to soft ground aluminium plate etching workshop with master printmaker, Dr Jennifer Sanzaro-Nishimura.
- Tracey Schaeper - \$523 for macrame feather wall hanging workshops, where participants learn how to create a beautiful wall hanging featuring handmade macrame feathers.
- Catbird Theatre Company - \$2011 for The Party. An interactive play for preschool-aged children, The Party is a whimsical introduction to the world of theatre. This show has gentle and playful interactions with multiple sensory elements, props and puppets.
- Hainian Yu - \$5400 for a collaboration between Lucem Vitae, the Something to Sing About choir and Laidley Anglican Church, involving open vocal workshops and a combined Easter performance, to promote music, connectedness and hope this Easter.
- Lockyer Regional Performing Arts - \$1360 for a 2025 adult play. Through this project they seek to stage an adult play for 10 adults with direction by a professional theatre director.

“As a Council, we are committed to growing our extensive arts sector and the RADF grants provide one of the many pathways to achieving this vision,” Cr Reck said.



For more information, contact (07) 5466 3434 or email galleries@lvrc.qld.gov.au

Council partners with EcoSig to tackle vape waste

Council is now a designated vape recycling partner and accepts undamaged used vapes/e-cigarettes at the Gatton, Laidley, Lockyer Water and Withcott waste facilities.

With the use of vapes and e-cigarettes on the rise, Waste Management Portfolio Councillor Julie Reck said the trend had resulted in an increase in plastic and electronic waste.

“Around the Lockyer Valley, we are finding vapes discarded in our environment, and also in our garbage and mixed recycling bins,” she said.

“Because vapes contain many different parts and materials, they cannot be recycled in kerbside mixed recycling bins, nor should they go inside garbage bins. When they do, they can cause fires and injury as well as environmental damage.

“Disposable vapes contain an embedded lithium battery, along with traces of a range of chemicals which pose a risk for environmental harm.”

The lithium batteries recovered from vapes through the EcoSig program are recycled into new power banks, with the remaining products recycled, where possible, or made safe and disposed of.

“It really is important we better manage the waste associated with this habit, and we encourage single-use vape users to put aside their finished vapes and dispose of them thoughtfully at our transfer stations periodically,” Cr Reck said.



Community Environmental recipients announced

Council has awarded grant funding to the recipients of the Community Environmental Grants Program for 2024-25.

The Community Environmental Grants Program is focused on supporting a healthy, sustainable and integrated natural environment within the Lockyer Valley through cooperative community projects.

Council’s Environment Portfolio Councillor Cheryl Steinhardt said Council allocated a total of \$17,497 to the following applicants:

- Friends of Gormans Gap Inc. \$5000 FOGG on Wheels - To purchase a trailer to allow projects to be mobile.
- Lockyer Uplands Catchments Inc. \$3500 - To purchase native trees and conduct a planting day.
- Lockyer Valley Islamic Co. \$4015 - Sustainable land management and native planting at the Gatton Mosque.
- Withcott State School Parents and Citizens Association \$4982 - To create an outdoor garden bed for water-wise edible food.

“No one is more attuned to our local environments than our community groups, and I look forward to seeing how this funding is used to achieve their desired outcomes.

“Congratulations to all the deserving recipients,” Cr Steinhardt said.





Murphys Creek



Major Community Grants

Round 2 of our Major Community Grants program opens on Saturday, 15 February 2025!

Grants of between \$1000 and \$4000 are available to local not-for-profit community or sporting groups to undertake projects, activities or events which benefit the wider Lockyer Valley community.

Whether you're working on a game-changing initiative, hosting a community event, or looking to upgrade your club's equipment - this is the grant program for you!

For more information and to apply, visit www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/major-community-grants

Applications close 15 March 2025.



Subscribe to e-Newsletters!

Lockyer Valley Libraries

Sign up to their e-Newsletter to stay informed of events and activities being held in your library. Subscribe today: <https://mailchi.mp/lvrc/join>

On the Ball

Keeps our local sport and recreational community groups and their members informed about events, workshops and learning, development and funding opportunities. Subscribe now: www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/on-the-ball

Community Connect

Designed to keep community groups and their members informed about upcoming funding, events, workshops, programs and more. Join here: www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/community-connect





New Art Exhibition

21 FEBRUARY TO 16 MARCH 2025
LOCKYER VALLEY ART GALLERY

The Lockyer Valley Art Gallery is pleased to announce its latest art exhibition, 'Botanica: From Earth to Sea'.

'Botanica: From Earth to Sea' delves deep into the beauty and diversity of plant communities across South East Queensland, as interpreted by the members of Migaloo Press Artist Collective.

United by their love for printmaking and the natural world, the group brings together individual perspectives on the habitats and species that inspire them.

The exhibit will be on display at the Lockyer Valley Art Gallery, within the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, from 21 February to 16 March 2025.



Library Social Groups

Did you know Lockyer Valley Libraries plate up a smorgasboard of free social events and groups to keep our communities connected? Here are just some of what our libraries offer:

Social Saturdays, Book Clubs, Tech Help, Colour and Play, Children's Play Time, Movie Matinees, First 5 Forever Storytimes, Rhyme Time, Toddler Time and Wiggle & Rhyme, Book Chats, Writing Groups, Family History Sessions, Mindful Colouring, Tabletop Games, Craft Groups and Crochet Groups.

For more information and to see where and when these events and groups take place, visit <https://library.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/>



Work for Council

New year, new job?

If a career change is one of your new year's resolutions, why not check out Council's exciting range of job opportunities.

We have vacancies across a variety of teams, so what are you waiting for?

For more information and to apply, scan the QR code, or visit www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/current-vacancies

WHAT'S ON!

Play

Talk



COME, TRY, & ENJOY



Winter Sports Showcase

**SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 9AM - 12PM
LAIDLEY RECREATIONAL RESERVE, LAIDLEY**

Join us at our upcoming Winter Sports Showcase!

Get ready for a day of action-packed fun as we bring together local sporting clubs for a multi-sport come and try experience. It's a perfect opportunity to get involved and connect with the community before the winter sports season kicks off!

For more information and to register, visit
www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/wss

This project has received grant funding from the Australian Government managed by the Australian Sports Commission.

WELCOME BUB



Welcome Baby Celebration

**SATURDAY 15 MARCH, 10AM - 11AM
LOCKYER VALLEY CULTURAL CENTRE**

The annual Welcome Baby Celebration is an opportunity to introduce and welcome your baby as a valued member of the Lockyer Valley community.

If you welcomed a new baby into your family in 2024, join us for a wonderful morning of celebration and community connection.

Each family receives a certificate from the Mayor, and a First 5 Forever library pack. The celebration will conclude with morning tea.

RSVP by Monday, 10 March 2025.

Book here: www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/welcome-baby

LYAN AND LVSPI MEETINGS



Interagency Meetings - February

LYAN - 4 FEB, 11AM-12.30PM, GATTON SHIRE HALL

LVSPI - 11 FEB, 11AM-12.30PM, LADILEY SPORTS COMPLEX

The next meeting of the Lockyer Youth Agency Network (LYAN) and Lockyer Valley Service Provider's Interagency (LVSPI) will take place on 4 and 11 February respectively.

The groups meet to develop localised strategies to overcome service gaps; identify opportunities for collaboration; and to support information sharing between organisations, service providers, community groups and community members.

To join or for more information, visit

www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au/interagency-meetings

SAVE THE DATE



International Women's Day Breakfast

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025, 7AM

GATTON SHIRE HALL

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of women and #AccelerateAction at our annual IWD Breakfast.

Attendees are treated to a light buffet breakfast and will hear from guest speaker, Kim Skubris, Ambassador for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and National Ambassador for Act for Kids.

Both men and women are encouraged to attend the event.

Tickets are \$25, and available to purchase until 28 February at www.lockyervalleytickets.com.au. No tickets sold at the door.

REGISTER TODAY

Lockyer Valley Regional Council
Committee Coaching Series



Committee Coaching Series - Strategic Planning Workshop

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 6PM - 8.30PM

GATTON JUBILEE GOLF CLUB

Workshop 3 of our Committee Coaching Series 'Strategic Planning' - is just around the corner!

If you want to align your committee's goals, maximise resources, and drive long-term success - this is the workshop for you!

Registrations for the FREE in-person workshop close 5pm Wednesday, 5 February 2025.

For more information and to secure a seat, email engagement@lvrc.qld.gov.au

STAY IN THE KNOW



ENGAGEMENT HUB

Council's online consultation platform, Engagement Hub offers a range of opportunities for the local community to have their say. Be sure to register to find out about new projects open for community review, to have your say, and to keep in touch. Keep an eye on Council's Have Your Say page for a full list of consultation projects. <https://lockyervalley.engagementhub.com.au>



RATES ISSUED

Rates for the period 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 will be issued on **3 February 2025** and are due by **Wednesday, 5 March 2025**. Check your inbox if you've signed up to receive it electronically. Any resident who has changed address or applied for a pensioner rebate after Friday, 24 January 2025 is asked to contact Council on 1300 005 872 to confirm details.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL NEWS

We want to ensure our newsletter continues to provide you with the most relevant and engaging content. To help achieve this, we'd love to find out what you enjoy and what additional content you'd like to see in Council News by taking our quick survey.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PWYWHCR



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