



There's lots to do at the Library!



Xmas Pizza & Pages

On 13th December at 4.30 – 5.30pm Kyogle library hosted the last 2006 session of Pizza & Pages (P&P).

This was a fun-filled session with a record number of 20 young adults (YA's) in attendance. We had loads of fun chatting about the end of school, exams, what people were reading, listening to, and wearing. Discussion soon turned to the Summer hols which proved a popular topic with much talk about holiday reading, music, movies, visits to rels, work on the farm, Summer jobs and for some HSC study.

During P&P we also perused new library items to borrow, everyone collected stickers and other giveaways, we helped each other make some very fab Xmas sun-catchers to take home, munched yummy pizza before finishing the session with a visit from Jarrah and Mallee's orphaned paddymelon and a quick Xmas quiz.

Pictured above are some of the ever so cool YA's making Xmas sun-catchers in Kyogle library's YA area. The group included Tara, Rebecca, Mary, Jackson, Lauren, Nyomi, Kirrily, Sharee, Karlie, Jarrah, Tegan, Adam, Lilly, Sonny, Jon, Jesi, Mallee, Lizzie, Billyanne and Gwen)

Calling all kids: things to do these school holidays @ Kyogle library

Looking for a Summer vacation activity? Why not join the FREE "Read Around Oz", Summer Reading Club?

It's for any young person aged from 3 to 18. It starts 18th December 2006 and goes through till 2nd February 2007, and yes it's FREE!!!

You'll need a library card, a general interest in reading and a sense of adventure

Become a library member, pick up a free "Reading Rulz" kit from the library, read 10 or more books BEFORE 2nd Feb 2007. Then return your reading log to the library to collect Bookmarks, stickers and tattoos.

Happy Summer Reading!

School Hols Activities

• For younger kids, 5 - 7 year olds, at Kyogle library children's area on Tuesday 16th January 2007 from 10.30 -11.30am, and it's FREE!!!

Bookings are essential because of limited places - see below for details.

• For older kids, 8 - 12 year olds on Thursday 18th January 2007 from 10.30 - 11.30am in the Kyogle library children's area. FREE!!! but Bookings are ESSENTIAL (limited places), see below.

• For Young Adults, 12 - 18 years, FREE School Hols Craft at the Kyogle Library Young Adults Area on Wednesday 17th January 2007, from 11.00 - 12.00pm

It's FREE!!! but Bookings: are essential (limited numbers), see below.

• How to Book:

Contact library staff for bookings & details @ Stratheden Street or phone 6632-1134.

Bookworms

Are you interested in bringing your preschooler to Bookworms in 2007? This storytime program introduces 3-5 year olds to the joys of literature through stories, poetry, finger plays, action rhymes and craft. Bookings are essential! Please contact Kyogle library to register your interest.

Reader's Choice

"The Family Way" by Tony Parsons, reviewed by Ruth Haig

This is a wonderful novel which deals with what it is like to be a family in the 21st century.

Cat, Jessica and Megan are sisters whose mother has left them and their father Jack to cope. Cat at 12 years old has taken on the responsibility of family.

The story of how the three girls, grown, form their own families and continue to support each other is a delight.

Tony Parsons is an amazingly observant observer of the best in people.

Library Closure

Kyogle library will be closed for the Australia Day public Holiday Friday, 26th January and will re-open Saturday 9.00am, 27th January 2007.

Council Jottings . . .

by Cr. Jenny Dowell

December meeting:

As predicted, the last Council meeting of 2006 was lively and 5 1/2 hours long as we dealt with a wide variety of issues prior to the holiday break. Individual Councillors proposed seven motions ranging from investigating shade cover at the Memorial Baths (Carried), enhancing the entries to Lismore (Carried), a Heritage study for Eltham (Lost), extending water conservation measures to other Councils (Lost) and opposing a nuclear power plant (Lost).

Film:

I had success with a motion to approve the public screening of 'A Place in the Sun', a promotional film on Lismore, made in 1979 by 5 local filmmakers and considered lost for the past 13 years. After commissioning the film, the Council of the day resolved in May 1979, that it be screened at the Centenary Gymkhana in June of that year but the screening did not eventuate. Councillors and the Town Clerk have told me that they became concerned that the film was 'too hippie' and so resolved never to screen it. Interestingly they also resolved not to record that decision.

Many long-term residents will recall that 1979 was a time of great change in our community. The organisers of The Channon Markets were seeking support from Council, there was growing interest in Multiple Occupancy developments and the application to log Terania Creek Basin was being considered.

ABC TV has transferred the 16mm film to DVD and it is hoped that the Richmond River Historical Society who have held the film for the past 13 years, will hold a public screening in the coming months



and we will all have the opportunity to see what all the fuss was about.

Climate Change:

My second motion was not so successful. Samlara Canin-Henkel, aged 14, wrote to Council requesting that we sign the Kyoto Protocol and asking for the opportunity to address Council. My motion was that Council write to the Federal Government requesting that it ratify and implement the KP and that Council undertakes a campaign to promote our own progress towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions through our participation in the Cities for Climate Protection program. The second part of my motion was accepted but unfortunately some of my fellow Councillors regarded the first part as too political and two even denied that global warming is an issue. Samlara spoke very well and is to be applauded for her initiative. One can only hope that she continues her efforts despite this setback.

Major Works:

The December meeting also agreed to the process towards the design and construction of the Goonellabah Recreation Centre. The \$12.5 million GRC will comprise 2 courts, youth activity space, gymnasium and leisure water (all indoors) and a skate park with room to expand the number of courts. Council is currently



working with 2 preferred tenderers.

Also on the drawing board is a Regional Gallery and Exhibition Centre. Council has committed \$6 million and will aim to match this amount from external grants and other sources. I had argued that the Museum be including in the multi-storey complex but Council resolved to support it at its current location in Molesworth St.

Council also gave in-principle support to a \$41 million Major Capital Works Schedule for the next 5 years and another similar amount for the following 5-year period. The plan will be advertised for community comment.

Other:

• The Council is in the process of assessing the management model for the Memorial Baths as it continues to lose over \$1000 every day of the year. The large pool will be closed June-August but the opening hours will be made more flexible as demand fluctuates. Council will also investigate solar heating.

• Rural areas that currently have a waste collection service will be offered a recycling collection (fee \$20)

Australia Day

Applications Lismore's Australia Day Awards have been extended to January 10. Forms are on Council's website (www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or from me (66252206)

Finally, I enjoyed my frequent visits to Nimbin in 2006 and particularly thank the organisers of last month's Women's Dinner for a fabulous night. I look forward to regular visits in 2007 and take this opportunity to wish all NGT readers a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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