



One Year On

It has been 12 months since we faced the unique (never happened before) situation of having to close our doors due to Covid-19. Who would have thought? The library is so happy to be getting back to something like normal...well, except for the all the rain and evolving Covid-19 safety plans.



Thanks for sharing this unusual time with us. Throughout it all we have tried to provide a quality library service. Our “reserve and collect” service was very popular at all our branches but it was so great to open the doors again in June 2020.

We have resumed most of our programs including Adult Colouring-in, Book Club, Tech Savvy, Create Make Share, Lego Club, Playdough Play Time, Bookworms, Baby Bounce, and Read, Rhyme and Romp. The outreach program has also recommenced at Casino and Kyogle.

Our public internet PCs are still available and the Casino and Kyogle libraries have laptops available for use in the library.

Please contact your library for further information.

Evans Head Library Project

Work has commenced on the reconstruction of the Evans Head Library/Council building. The work being carried out by Bennett & Robertson Construction commenced in mid-February and is expected to be completed by July. The interior is being gutted, with the removal of support beams, a loft, and internal walls to make way for a modern, light-filled, open plan space. The library will triple in size and provide a vibrant space for library customers and visitors to enjoy. It is amazing just how much space has been created. There will also be two courtyards for library patrons and customers to use which will provide a nice open feel to the library.



On 3 March, Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis, Mayor Robert Mustow, Deputy Mayor Steve Morrissey, GM, Vaughan Macdonald and Council staff inspected the progress of the Evans Head project.

Funding for this project comes from a NSW Government Public Library Infrastructure Grant of \$399,053 which has been boosted by a Richmond Valley Council allocation of \$480,000.

Meanwhile the library/council customer service continues to operate out of Evans Head Visitor Information Centre. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm and Saturday 9am-12pm. Due to social distancing restrictions there are only 3 internet PCs available.

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The Grubby Urchins
library sea shanty

Markus Zusak
new story

Anchuli Felicia King
free to write



Library team member, Tamara Patino is featured in the second edition of the State Library of NSW's publication "Openbook".

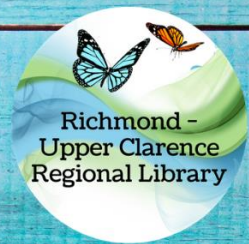
Storytime on wheels

The wheels on the storytime bus will happily continue to turn this year for the children at Kookaburra Early Learning in the Northern Rivers region. When Covid-19 put a stop to their thrice weekly library visit in March last year, Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library's Tamara Patino (pictured) suggested taking storytime and other fun activities on the road using the centre's bus. 'I would take library books for the children to read and share, puppets to interact and play with, and we would have a shared storytime within the bus,' says Tamara. 'I created checklists with landmarks, things from nature, traffic signs to be looking for while we were driving along — it encouraged lots of communication between the children.'



A collection of colorful Easter eggs in shades of purple, orange, pink, yellow, green, and blue, some decorated with patterns like stars and stripes, arranged along the left and bottom edges of a blue wooden plank background.

**All library branches
will be closed from
Friday 2 April to
Monday 5 April for the
Easter public holidays.**



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The advertisement features a teal background. At the top, the text "Borrow ebooks, audiobooks & magazines, all in one app!" is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this, a tablet and a smartphone are displayed. The tablet shows a magazine spread with the title "Upright Citizens" and various articles. The smartphone shows the Libby app interface, which includes a search bar, a list of items, and a featured magazine cover for "O THE OPEN MAGAZINE" featuring a woman. At the bottom center, there is a circular logo with a stylized face and the word "Libby." in a serif font. Below the logo, the text "The one-tap reading app from our library" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

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For details of our regular monthly programs, please visit the [What's on](#) page of our website.

Please note that **bookings are essential** for all programs, due to physical distancing regulations. For Casino programs, phone 6660 0250, and for Kyogle, phone 6632 1134.



School Holiday Activities @ Your Library

Activities for 5 to 12-year-olds will be available at the Library following COVID-19 guidelines. All sessions will be **self-guided** with staff supervision. Parents will need to sign in their children with hand sanitising and social distancing required.

Online bookings open at 5pm on Sunday 4 April for all school holiday activities. Just go to <http://rucrl.eventbrite.com> or our [Facebook](#) page.

Casino Library

10.30am Tuesday 6 April – Tessellation wall art - using repeating patterns to create artwork.

10.30am Thursday 8 April – Make a suncatcher

10.30am Tuesday 13 April – Design your own jigsaw puzzle

10.30am Thursday 15 April – Weave a wild animal

Kyogle Library

10.30am Thursday 15 April – Design your own jigsaw puzzle

2-3pm Thursday 15 April – Lego Challenge

10.30am Friday 16 April – Weave a wild animal

2-3pm Friday 16 April – Lego Challenge



Wellbeing and You

A SENIORS WEEK EVENT

Who should come: Are you a Carer supporting someone living with dementia or memory loss?

The Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) and Social Futures are celebrating seniors week across the Northern Rivers.

Come along to "Wellbeing & You", a session with information about wellbeing and stress.

Learn strategies to find help and take care of yourself and find a new perspective on your own wellbeing with a workbook filled with tricks, tips and goals.

Register your interest at the location below.

When: 10:00 - 11:30am on Wednesday 14 April, 2021

Where: Casino Library - Children's area

Contact: Casino Library - Ph: 66 600 250

Your Facilitators:

Alexandra Grantham - Rural Adversity Mental Health Program

Heather Tannock - Social Futures



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we live and work and their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures, and to Elders past, present and future.

“Making a little go a long way” with Larissa Zimmerman.



Larissa Zimmerman is an engaging international speaker, author and MC. With over 25 years of experience she is also the only Australian to study the Diploma of Financial Services in the stream of Consumer Education.

Larissa has worked with Federal, State and Local Government, private and community organisations, as well as numerous business owners. In 2004 she founded her company National Financial Fitness.

To celebrate Seniors Festival, **Larissa will be at Casino Library on Wednesday 21 April at 1.30pm** to share her holistic approach to financial fitness which includes mind, body and wallet skills.

She will also touch on her personal experience with end of life instruments and care facilities where a stroke or similar can affect us earlier in life.

Bookings are required by phoning the Library on 6660 0250.

Nights at the Library



SYDNEY
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FESTIVAL



This year, in partnership with the State Library of NSW, Sydney Writers' Festival presents a reimagined digital iteration of the Festival's beloved Suburban and Regional Library Program. Enter the minds behind your most borrowed books in these events live-streamed from the State Library of NSW to your local library. Featuring award-winning and bestselling Australian authors **Kate Grenville, Anita Heiss and Candice Fox**, in conversation each evening from Tuesday to Thursday of Festival week. Please book your place at the links below:

Kate Grenville: A room Made of Leaves

Tuesday 27 April, 6.30pm. Book at <https://bit.ly/3r1hcFN>

Anita Heiss: Bila Yarrudhanggalangdhuray

Wednesday 28 April, 6.30pm. Book at <https://bit.ly/3tBGgFi>

Candice Fox: The Chase

Thursday 29 April, 6.30pm. Book at <https://bit.ly/2ONxpkX>



For more details or assistance with booking, phone Casino library on 6660 0250.



MAY 14TH - 16TH 2021

A small town festival with big ideas.

Writing prize • Workshops • Author interviews

Music • Comedy • Food trucks

ARTISTS

Melissa Lucashenko • Ellen van Neerven • Stuart Rees • Daniel Browning • Scott Bevan
Laura Elvery • Mirandi Riwoe • Lisa Fuller • Nardi Simpson • Mandy Beaumont
Kristina Olsson • Stuart Cooke • Mykaela Saunders • Lisa Walker • Hayley Katzen
Odette Nettleton • Jarrah Dundler • Jessie Cole • Barnaby Smith • Lynda Hawryluk
Linda Woodrow • Belinda Eslick • Nick Kelly Kevin Markwel • Andrew Johnston
Rob Garbutt • Jo Kijas • Jasper St Aubyn-West • Carlie Daley Neksarov • Dusk Dundler
Anastasia Guise • WOB • Flamingo Writers Salon

WORKSHOPS

Kaitllyn Sawrey • Frank Lopez • Laurel Cohn • Dettra Rose • Lynette Lounsbury
Katinka Smit • Gwen Gray • Graeme Gibson • Tim Cadman • Vincent Stead
Brendan Smoother • Thor Phillips • Mikala Maloney

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Kyogle Writers Festival acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waters on which we work and live.
We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Richmond – Upper Clarence Regional Library is honoured to host events during the Kyogle Writers Festival in May. More details will follow in next month's eNews.

READ ALL ABOUT IT



Head to the [Read all about it](#) webpage for book reviews written by library staff and members, and to see what's new to borrow in our library collection!



Enter the next round of our monthly photo competition. April's theme is 'I SEE PATTERNS'.

Send us your entry by midnight on Friday 30 April. Voting will take place the following week on our Facebook page.



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FEBRUARY WINNER
Jackson Whitney -
Casino



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