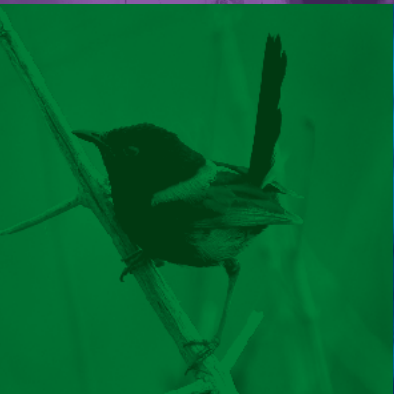


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BULLETIN

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST
EDITION OF LOCAL MATTERS!**

Local Matters is printed on ENVI Australian-made, 100% carbon neutral paper. When you've finished reading you can place Local Matters in your yellow-lidded recycling bin.

Local Matters is a fortnightly publication produced by Lismore City Council that will be delivered to every letterbox and PO box in the Lismore Local Government Area.

Local Matters will provide you with news about projects and community events happening in our area as well as information on Council meetings, DA applications, tenders, items on public exhibition and lots more.

Local Matters is not about telling you how fabulous we are. It is about providing information that may affect you or your neighbourhood.

We want to put the facts on the table so you can stay informed and engage with us about things that are important to you. We do not want people missing out on vital information about issues where you can have a say or get involved.

That's why we have produced Local Matters. It will tell you everything you need to know – and it will come right to your door.

You might be wondering how Council can afford to produce this publication. Local Matters is actually saving Council money. It is cheaper than commercial advertising and enables us to meet legal reporting standards. It also ensures you get up-to-date, accurate information to make informed decisions.

We hope you enjoy reading Local Matters and find it a handy, useful resource.

**NEW MATERIALS
RECOVERY FACILITY
MEANS RECYCLING
CHANGES FOR ALL**



We are in the midst of building a Materials Recovery Facility and Glass Processing Plant, which will mean changes to recycling services for local residents.

The \$3.65 million Materials Recovery Facility (or MRF as it is known) will process 15,000 tonnes of recyclables a year including materials from our neighbouring councils. We will no longer transport our recyclables to Queensland for sorting, saving money and reducing emissions. We will all need to make some simple changes to the way we recycle at home.

The Glass Processing Plant will enable us to recycle and crush coloured and clear glass to be turned into roadbase and asphalt. This is a clever way to reuse our waste. Our roads will literally be paved with glass!

It is expected the MRF and Glass Processing Plant will be operational in April. Below are some of the first changes taking place. Stay tuned for a full list of new MRF recycling rules in our next edition. The more we all do at home, the more materials we can recycle and divert from landfill.

SERVICE CHANGES

Households:

360-litre wheelie bins have become the new standard recycling bin for households (we all currently have 240-litre bins). When you purchase a recycling bin you will automatically receive a 360-litre size. If your existing recycling bin breaks it will be replaced with the new 360-litre size.

Businesses:

The maroon commercial organic wheelie bins are becoming recycling bins and will have their lid swapped to yellow under the CBD Recycling

Initiative. (Businesses can choose to keep their organics bin if they wish). A new collection day may apply. Businesses will be contacted directly.

Schools:

Schools will receive a free recycling collection as part of the new Schools Recycling Initiative.

Everyone:

More public place recycling bins are being installed in parks, villages and in the Lismore CBD. There are also some small changes to the way we need to recycle at home. We will outline these in the next edition.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

There are many ways to engage with Council and Councillors. We encourage people to attend our meetings and briefings to stay up-to-date with the many issues affecting our area. You can also book in for a Councillor interview to speak directly with your elected representatives.

AFTER HOURS COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for interviews on the first and third Monday of each month at 5.30pm at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. Residents are invited to book in to discuss community issues with their elected representatives. Two Councillors attend the nights on a roster. On Monday, 3 February interviews will be conducted by Councillors Jenny Dowell and Neil Marks. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 31 January.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings so staff can provide background on issues or projects and Councillors have a chance to brainstorm and discuss.

On Tuesday, 4 February, Councillors will be briefed on:

- NBN and Telstra towers.
- Rous Water's Future Water Strategy.

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

NIMBIN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Nimbin Advisory Group is on 6 February at the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre from 6-8pm.

For information on any of the above items or to book a Councillor interview, phone Graeme Wilson on 1300 87 83 87.



COUNCIL BRIEFS

POSITIONS VACANT

► City Centre Manager

Lismore is the commercial and cultural heart of the Northern Rivers. We are seeking an outstanding individual with highly-developed marketing, communications, event coordination, strategic planning, place-making and project management skills and experience to assume the role of City Centre Manager (CCM).

The CCM reports to Lismore City Council and the Lismore Business Panel, which governs the Lismore Promotion Program. This program also incorporates the City Centre Revitalisation, which has achieved significant results to enhance Lismore's CBD over the past three years.

Applications close Friday, 7 February 2014. To obtain an information package visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 87 83 87.

CHANGED PARKING CONDITIONS AT BASE HOSPITAL

Work on the new emergency department at Lismore Base Hospital is due to commence this week, reducing parking along Uralba Street.

Demolition works will mean the loss of car parks from the Base Hospital entrance up to Little Uralba Street. Altered pedestrian pathways will be in place and traffic flow will not be impacted.

The demolition should be complete by May 2014.





FREE GUIDE HELPS TRADIES GIVE GOOD ACCESS

The Northern Rivers Regional Access Forum – a partnership of eight councils – has produced a free guide to help tradespeople meet disability access specifications.

The booklet is called *The ‘tradies’ guide to good access* and outlines minimum requirements for renovators, builders and developers to make homes and commercial buildings more accessible.

Around 20% of Australians have a disability and most of us will experience some form of disability at some stage in our lives. This could be permanent or temporary, such as an injury caused by playing sport or having an accident.

The guide features specifications for ramps, steps, bathrooms, toilets, pathways, doors, doorways, furniture, fittings, shelves, tables, counters, benches, seating, kitchens and signage. The booklet is small enough for a tradie’s glovebox so it’s easy to double check requirements on site without having to navigate websites or complex development documents.



***The ‘tradies’ guide to good access* is available now from Council’s Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.**



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS



Twenty-eight people will become Australian citizens during the annual Citizenship Ceremony at the 2014 Australia Day celebrations on Sunday, 26 January.



Those taking part in the Citizenship Ceremony come from countries as diverse as Sudan, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, South Korea, Sierra Leone, Scotland, India, Nigeria and the Philippines.

The 2014 Australia Day celebrations will include the announcement of Australia Day Award winners from a pool of 32 local volunteers and high achievers.

We will also hold an Affirmation Ceremony, based on the Australian Citizenship Pledge made by new citizens. The Australian Citizenship Affirmation is voluntary and anyone can take part.

This year's Australia Day ambassador is John Clarke, a long-time Newcastle radio presenter.

The 2014 Australia Day celebrations will commence at 8.30am on Sunday, 26 January at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.



ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

This is your chance to have a say on Council business. We regularly place items on public exhibition so you can express your views and make submissions if you wish. Feedback is recorded and considered by Council.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICING PLANS

20 January – 4 March

The Strategic Business Plan (SBP) is a 30-year operational and financial plan. One of its primary objectives is to set a price path for future water and wastewater charges to be levied from customers.

The Development Servicing Plans (DSPs) for water and wastewater are documents that outline developer charges to be levied on new development for the next five years. These charges help pay for new infrastructure.

The draft SBP and DSPs reflect recent changes in strategic priorities. Council wants to build new infrastructure to serve proposed developments such as North Lismore Plateau and Pineapple Road. Proposed projects such as the Clunes Wastewater Scheme have been removed.

The draft DSPs on exhibition propose that developer charges be capped at \$2910 (water) and \$10,330 (wastewater) per lot.

In new growth areas developers could receive a reduction per lot of up to \$21,822.

This cap on developer charges will result in a per annum increase in water and wastewater charges to typical customers of \$93. There will also be an increase in water and wastewater charges over the next four years to fund essential infrastructure works.

These increases will result in the typical residential bill for water and wastewater increasing from \$1387 in 2013/14 to \$1703 in 2017/18 plus CPI.

Items on public exhibition can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au in the 'Have Your Say' section or at the Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Post submissions to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au. Submissions should state reasons for objection or support.



CURRENT TENDERS



TENDER T2014-01 CASUAL PLANT HIRE

Lismore City Council is inviting submissions from suitably qualified contractors for the supply, on a casual hire basis, of a small range of plant items. The successful items and contractors will form a panel of casual equipment suppliers. The contract is for a one-year period, with an option for an additional one year at Council's discretion.

Only the following plant items are required and will be accepted in the tender submissions:

- Gravel trucks
- Skid steer loaders (i.e. bobcat)
- Backhoe
- Rollers <20T (smooth drum, pad foot, three point deadweight and rubber tyred)
- Tractor slashers
- Excavators ranges
- Graders (self-propelled)
- Water truck
- Combination (truck, excavator and/or bobcat etc.)

Closing date and time: 2pm Thursday, 6 February 2014.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal www.tenderlink.com/lismore to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box. If you have any difficulties accessing the above website or require more information, phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 23 35 33.



LATEST HOUSING NEWS



North Lismore Plateau

The NSW Government is about to sign-off a land rezoning that will allow around 1200 homes to be built over 345 hectares at North Lismore Plateau. The development will include local shops as well as conservation and heritage protection areas.

Council has adopted detailed development controls that will guide the location and future form of housing along with a plan that will require developers to make a financial contribution towards infrastructure.

Council is anticipating applications to subdivide the land and create individual housing lots as soon as the land is rezoned.

Second dwellings possible

Since its approval in February 2013, Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 has zoned more land for housing, commercial and industrial development.

The LEP 2012 also gives individuals in urban and village areas the opportunity to develop secondary dwellings, e.g. small self-contained dwellings. The total floor area of the secondary dwelling, excluding parking, must not be larger than 60m² or 25% of the total floor area of the main dwelling (whichever is greater). It is intended that this will allow much-needed housing to be provided for both older and younger people living or wishing to live in the area.

Detached dual occupancy

The LEP 2012 now allows the development of a detached dual occupancy on rural land. It is hoped these dwellings will make it easier for older people to stay on the land and for younger people to remain in the area.

The dwellings could also be used as farm worker accommodation or as an extra income source for local farmers. The second dwelling should be within 100m of the existing house and existing access from a public road should be used. In addition, the development must not impair the use of the land for agricultural activities nor should it detract from the character and scenic amenity of the rural environment.



MOVE2CHANGE EXERCISE CLASSES

Move2Change is a not-for-profit project of Council, funded by the Australian Government. It offers various options for people wanting to get fit, reduce their risk of illness or improve mobility.

Classes include:

GOLD

Growing Older, Living Dangerously!

Light exercise with seated and standing options. Tuesdays 10.30am and 12.30pm in Goonellabah, Thursdays 10.30am in Goonellabah and Fridays 10am in the CBD.

BEGINNERS BACKYARD BOOTCAMP

Outdoor exercise suitable for everyone.

Kids welcome. Mondays 5.30pm at Nesbitt Park, South Lismore.

MOE

Men's Outdoor Exercise.

Outdoor exercise for men who have chronic conditions, are above a healthy weight or haven't exercised in a while. Tuesdays and Fridays 11am at Lismore City Rugby Club.

MOVE IT

For people with, or at risk of, diabetes, heart disease and other conditions.

Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am in the CBD. Classes are \$5 unwaged/\$7 waged. Bookings are essential. Phone Tarryn on 6625 5377.





REGIONAL GALLERY CELEBRATES 60TH YEAR

This year is the 60th anniversary of Lismore Regional Gallery.

The gallery's 2014 program builds upon strengths developed in recent years including community storytelling, supporting local artists, building partnerships, projects addressing art and politics, exhibitions by popular Australian artists and a strong emphasis on public programs and education for both adults and children. Stay tuned for a program that will honour and celebrate the gallery's 60th year.

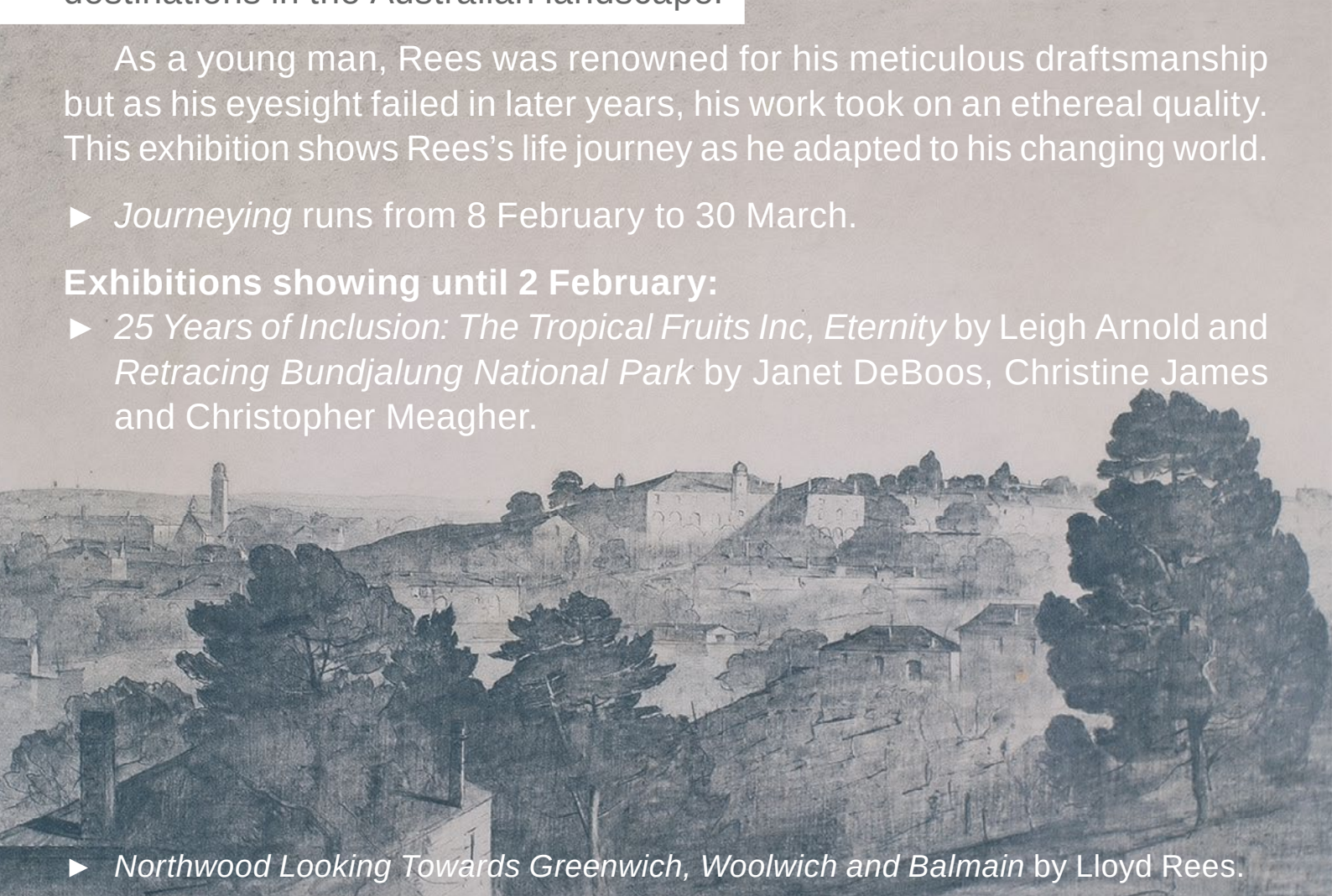
The first new exhibition of 2014 is the work of Lloyd Rees (1895-1988), one of Australia's most respected artists. Titled *Journeying*, the exhibition covers 70 years of Rees's career. Rees had a talent for depicting beautiful vistas and his art takes us through France, Spain and Greece, and to numerous destinations in the Australian landscape.

As a young man, Rees was renowned for his meticulous draftsmanship but as his eyesight failed in later years, his work took on an ethereal quality. This exhibition shows Rees's life journey as he adapted to his changing world.

- ▶ *Journeying* runs from 8 February to 30 March.

Exhibitions showing until 2 February:

- ▶ *25 Years of Inclusion: The Tropical Fruits Inc, Eternity* by Leigh Arnold and *Retracing Bundjalung National Park* by Janet DeBoos, Christine James and Christopher Meagher.

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- ▶ *Northwood Looking Towards Greenwich, Woolwich and Balmain* by Lloyd Rees.



HERITAGE GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE WORK

Grants are still available from Council and the NSW Heritage Office to carry out conservation works on listed heritage items or in conservation areas.

The Local Heritage Assistance Grants can be used by community groups to restore churches, community halls or public space. A good example is the famous Nimbin murals, which help define the character of Cullen Street. These were recently repainted with funding assistance from a heritage grant.

Grants are also available for repairs to private homes such as roof and guttering replacement, reinstating decorative architectural features, repainting and window, fence and verandah repairs.

Grants are a maximum of \$2000 per application and must be matched dollar for dollar by the applicant. Works need to be completed by the end of April.

For more information or to obtain an application form, phone 1300 87 83 87.





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