



# LOCAL MATTERS

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Please refer to the educational materials at [www.northernriverswaste.com.au](http://www.northernriverswaste.com.au). These detail *The Dirty Dozen* – 12 new recycling rules for your yellow bin as well as a list of what household items go in each bin. You will find that most of the new rules actually make your life easier.

**PLASTIC BAGS AND SOFT PLASTICS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR MRF WORK!**

# DAIRY AND CATTLE FARMERS WANTED FOR LAND RESTORATION

*Lucy Kinsley and Scott McKinnon are koala lovers and cattle farmers – and they have discovered the two go happily hand in hand.*

Around 12 months ago Lucy and Scott fenced off almost 900m of riverbank, the entire length of their 140-acre Wyrallah property, and planted more than 1000 koala food trees. They received a grant through Council for assistance with weed removal and tree planting.

A year later they have opened the gates and 100-head of cattle graze amongst the growing gums, which Lucy said are now twice her height. She has also been eradicating Indian coral in the last 12 months and has a flourishing native forest taking hold.

“The trees just bloomed; they are so tall already,” Lucy said. “We’ve put the cattle in there and they don’t damage the trees at all; they just eat the grass.

“Our banks went under three times in the last flood and we lost a whole chunk of riverbank. It will be interesting to see how much erosion control the trees provide next time it floods.”

Lucy is now a member of the Koala Implementation Group, which is overseeing key on-ground works from the Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management for south-east Lismore. A central element of the plan is to sign up rural landholders who are willing to undertake restoration works.

Through grant funding, Council can employ bush regenerators to remove weeds, plant trees and install fencing on private property. Council will work with rural landholders to identify suitable areas for planting, ensuring no agricultural activities or industry is constrained.



In Lucy and Scott's neck of the woods, two neighbours are now taking part in the program and have planted trees on their riverbanks, providing connectivity for local koalas moving around the area.

Lucy and Scott have also provided space on the property for Friends of the Koala to grow a plantation of koala food trees, which they can harvest for animals convalescing in the Koala Care Centre.

"We have a really large collection of koalas out our way and all these new trees are great for them," Lucy said. "We saw our first baby koala come out of the pouch just a few weeks ago. He was only as big as my hand; it was beautiful."

**Council is urging farmers and rural landholders to join our landholder register for when grant funding becomes available. To sign up, phone 1300 87 83 87.**



# MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

## COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

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

On Tuesday, 29 July, the briefing is on **Financial Sustainability**. Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

On Tuesday, 19 August, the briefing is on the **Draft Growth Management Strategy**. Held in the Council Chambers from 7pm. All welcome.

## LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

The Lismore Business Panel will meet on Friday, 15 August at the Gordon Pavilion, Oakes Oval, from 12-2pm.

## RURAL CONTACT FORUM: DUNOON

The next Rural Contact Forum for 2014 is at the Dunoon Public Hall on Monday, 18 August, from 7pm.

Six Councillors are rostered to attend the evening and we encourage residents to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with Council representatives on your own turf.

You can ask questions face-to-face, raise issues of concern and generally get up-to-date on any Council business that interests you.

## LUNCHTIME COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for 15-minute interviews on the third Thursday of each month between 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

On Thursday, 21 August interviews will be conducted by Councillors Jenny Dowell and Graham Meineke at Lismore City Library.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 19 August.

**For more information about meetings and briefings or to book a Councillor interview, phone Graeme Wilson on 1300 87 83 87.**



# TENDERS

## T2014-11: Disposal of vehicles by tender

We are disposing of the following vehicles by tender:

- 2 x Ford Ranger dual-cab utes.
- 3 x Isuzu D-Max dual-cab utes.
- 2 x Subaru Foresters.
- 1 x Isuzu crew cab NPR400 light truck.



The vehicles will be available for inspection (sorry, no test drives) from 10am to 1pm on Monday, 4 August 2014 at the Revolve Shop carpark at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

A bid sheet will be available on the day. Submissions must be in writing and placed in the tender box located in our Corporate Centre foyer.

**Tender submissions close at 2pm on Friday, 8 August 2014.**

## QT2014/20 Development of Business Plans – Commercial Services

We are looking for suitable consulting companies to undertake the development of strategic business plans for the following Commercial Services business units:

- Northern Rivers Quarry and Asphalt.
- Northern Rivers Waste.
- Lismore Memorial Gardens and Crematorium.

**Quote submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 20 August 2014.**

Interested parties are required to register via Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore), where the relevant documents are available. Those interested are encouraged to lodge their submissions in the electronic tender box provided.

**If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require information, phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.**



# BRIEFS

## Revised roadwork schedules

Construction of a new roundabout at the Bruxner Highway/Pineapple Road intersection and the upgrade of the Ballina/Invercauld Road intersection have been postponed while new plans are approved.

Preliminary works are being completed and construction will commence once Council receives final approval of the revised plans. Once construction begins the projects are likely to take around three months to complete.

Motorists will be advised of detours and changed road conditions via digital noticeboards and signage at both locations. We would like to thank people for their patience as we complete these major works.

Both projects are funded through the federal government's Building Better Regional Cities program and are being constructed by Council.

## Pensioner water rebate change

Council is changing the way we allocate pensioner rebates after numerous requests to distribute the rebate evenly throughout the year to assist people with budgeting.

Historically we have allocated the rebate by reducing quarterly water accounts by 50% until the annual maximum rebate of \$87.50 is reached. The majority of pensioners reach this amount in the first two quarters, so there was little to no reduction in the third and fourth quarter of the year.

In response to community requests, we are changing the system and will now divide the annual maximum rebate evenly across each quarter. In this financial year, each eligible pensioner's quarterly water bill will be reduced by \$21.88. This will begin when the first 2014/15 water accounts are issued on 15 August.







# NATIONAL TREE DAY NEWS

## Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens volunteers and Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre staff invite the community to help plant a sensory garden for National Tree Day on Sunday, 27 July.

The sensory garden is the newest addition to the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens. It will have raised garden beds and paved walkways that are wheelchair friendly so people with disability and the elderly can touch, feel, smell and enjoy the beauty of local native plants.

The main paths have been paved, the beds are in and a bus parking bay has been installed – all that's missing now is the plants.

The community planting for the sensory garden will take place from 9am on Sunday, 27 July, at the Botanic Gardens on Wyrallah Road (behind the Lismore City Environment Education Centre). Simply turn up with a hat, gloves and a smile.

### Meanwhile...

We are also having a staff tree planting for National Tree Day on Friday, 25 July, to continue plantings on the eastern bank of the creek below the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre.

Several years ago the site was denuded with little growing but a mass of coral trees, camphor laurels, lantana and vine weeds.

Since then clearing and plantings have taken place on the western bank funded through the Stormwater Management Service charge and staff, who work opposite the tributary of Tucki Tucki Creek, have adopted the eastern side as a National Tree Day site.

We hope to link the plantings to an arboretum, behind the Council Chambers, that was planted 15 years ago and is now a mature rainforest.

This year's National Tree Day theme is *Get into Nature. Grow.*





# DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Act and Clause 124 of the EP&A Regulation, notification is given that the undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent.

### DA No.

**10/123-3 5 Donaghue Street, Dunoon**

S96(1A) modification to stage the approved subdivision.

**13/299 1344 Bangalow Road, Clunes**

Restaurant (cooking classes, celebrity dinners and 'hire as a whole').

**14/79 92 and 104 Boerie Creek Road, Boerie Creek**

Subdivision (boundary alteration).

**14/88-2 11 Leycester Street, Lismore**

S96(1) modification to building conditions.

**14/99 71 Ballina Road, Girards Hill**

Remove three large gum trees from rear of property, remove two pencil pines and prune four paper bark trees from front of house (heritage conservation area).

**14/103 29 Baldock Drive, McLeans Ridges**

Dwelling with a building line variation to 11m to Baldock Drive.

**14/115 119 Casino Street, South Lismore**

Outdoor recreation facility (BMX bike jump track).

**14/120 43 Phillip Street, Goonellabah**

Garage.

**14/133 88 Nielson Street, East Lismore**

Clubhouse additions and alterations.

**14/137 36 Bank Street, North Woodburn**

Covered verandahs on side and rear of dwelling with a building line variation to 4m.

**14/138 3 Laine Court, Goonellabah**

Carport and driveway.

**14/140 11 Daphne Street, Girards Hill**

Dwelling alterations and additions.

**14/144 15 Krauss Avenue, South Lismore**

Alterations and additions to an existing industrial building (Norco).

**14/146 25 Diadem Street, Lismore**

Dwelling addition (covered deck) with a building line variation to 1500mm to Jubilee Street.

**14/151 1/4 Banksia Court, Lismore Heights**

Dwelling addition and carport.

**14/152 17 Conway Street, Lismore**

Advertising signage.

**14/158 2 Balmer Avenue, Lismore**

Inground swimming pool.

**14/161 27 Bruxner Crescent, Goonellabah**

Dwelling addition (covered deck and carport) with a building line variation to 2.7m to Bruxner Crescent.

**14/164 50 Dawson Street, Lismore**

Awning/shade structure over existing BBQ area.

**14/165 1 Sibley Street, Nimbin**

Pruning of two trees in a heritage conservation area.

**14/166 5 Janice Court, Bexhill**

Dwelling.

**14/170 1014 Kyogle Road, Fernside**

Inground swimming pool.

**Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre during business hours or via DA Tracking at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**





# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

**As the consenting authority, Council has received the following development applications (and/or applications for modifications to existing consents) for consideration.**

### **DA No. 14/184**

**LOCATION:** 100 Dawson Street, Lismore; 100A Dawson Street, Lismore; 100B Dawson Street, Lismore; and 145 Magellan Street, Lismore.

**DP LOT:** Lot 1 Sec 1 DP 2531; Lot 1 DP 779999; Lot 2 DP 779999; Lot 3 DP 779999.

**APPLICANT:** Meinhardt Australia Pty Ltd.

**DESCRIPTION:** Replacement of fuel storage tanks, fuel systems, canopy and signage.

**CLOSING DATE:** 6 August 2014.

### **DA No. 14/189**

**LOCATION:** 5 Apo Street, Goonellabah.

**DP LOT:** Lot 178 DP 811350.

**APPLICANT:** Mebbin Springs No 9 Pty Ltd.

**DESCRIPTION:** Subdivision (to create 6 additional lots).

**CLOSING DATE:** 6 August 2014.

### **DA No. 14/197**

**LOCATION:** 79C Fischer Street, Goonellabah, and 116 Fischer Street, Goonellabah.

**DP LOT:** Lot 3 DP 823632 and Lot 3 DP 883865.

**APPLICANT:** Green Vision Developments.

**DESCRIPTION:** Staged integrated multi-dwelling development (222 dwellings), community facilities and strata subdivision to create 222 lots and common property with associated civil works

including road, water, sewer, drainage, bulk earthworks and retaining walls, tree removal, landscaping and compensatory vegetation works.

**CLOSING DATE:** 20 August 2014.

**The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre or via DA Tracking at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**

**Further information relating to written submissions is available on Council's website. There are laws regarding the mandatory disclosure of political donations in relation to planning matters. Political donations disclosure reporting forms are available from the Department of Planning website at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au).**

## ATTENTION BUSINESSES!

North East Waste, a collaboration of seven local councils in the Northern Rivers, is now helping businesses reduce waste and save money – for free.

North East Waste has received an EPA grant worth almost \$150,000 under the *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative to encourage businesses to look at where they can curb their waste from businesses operations.

Businesses who register will receive a free waste assessment, a tailored action plan and toolkit, personalised support, implementation incentives and media promotion.

Not only will the exercise reduce the impact on the environment, but Project Coordinator Kim Potter said they are hearing from local businesses that customers support businesses that make genuine efforts to be eco-friendly.

“The Northern Rivers is leading the way with recycling technologies, and businesses are very keen to do all they can to contribute to a green economy,” Kim said.

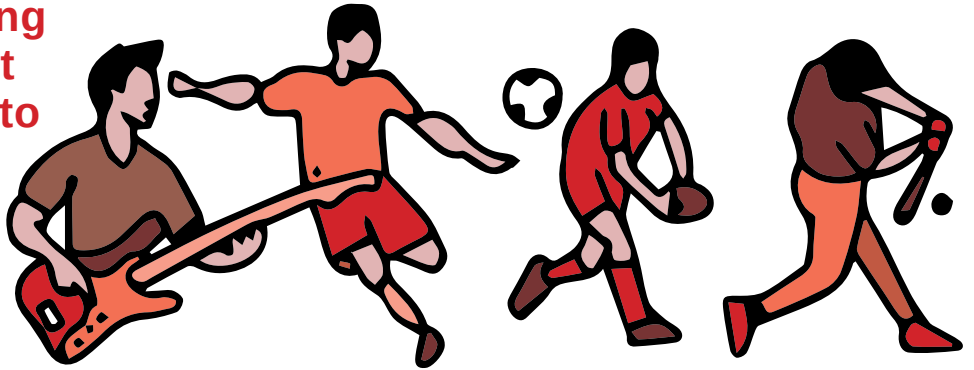
“We have been providing assistance to business for eight years via the Business Waste Reduction Project and more recently Waste Warriors. However this funding will allow for many more regional businesses to have an opportunity to receive personalised support.”

**For more information on how to get involved, visit [www.wastewarriors.com.au](http://www.wastewarriors.com.au).**



# NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR MAJOR EVENTS GROUP

We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest from people who wish to join our Major Events Group. Council has decided to call for three external panel members with events industry background.



The group will assess and determine applications from event organisers for funding over \$5000. Group membership is proposed for 16 months.

Applicants are to document their abilities and/or experience related to:

- Encouraging partnerships with the community, commercial sectors and regional agencies to enhance the attractiveness of Lismore as a special events destination.
- Assisting with targeting and attracting sporting and major events/conferences to the Lismore Local Government Area.
- Providing assistance with determining funding priorities for one-off and/or major events seeking in excess of \$5000 from councils or event funds.
- Assisting with the implementation of Council's newly adopted Festival and Events Strategy.

**Nominations are due by 4 August 2014 and can be emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480.**

**For more information phone Tourism and Events Manager Mitch Lowe on 6626 0105.**



# ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

We regularly place items on public exhibition so you can express your views and make submissions if you wish. All submissions are available to the public and all feedback is recorded and considered before a final decision is made by Council.

The following items are currently on exhibition.

**23 JULY-21 AUGUST**

## **CBD AND RIVERBANK CITIZENS' JURY WORKSHOP OUTCOMES REPORT**

This report documents the outcomes from the CBD and Riverbank Citizens' Jury Workshop held on 24 May. The Citizens' Jury made a number of recommendations on the prioritisation of Council funding for specific CBD and riverbank projects. We now welcome submissions on the Jury's findings, which will be considered before final decisions are made on spending priorities. The Jury's recommendations and all submissions will be presented to Councillors, who will determine the final priorities for CBD and riverbank project funding. Design and construction of any funded projects will begin in 2015 and be staged over a number of years.



Items on public exhibition can be viewed on our website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or at the Corporate Centre during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Submissions can be posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480 or email [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au). Submissions should state reasons for objection or support.



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