



LOCAL MATTERS

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COUNCIL DECIDES...

At its meeting on Tuesday, 12 August, Council decisions included the following:

Parking changes

Council has resolved to place the Draft CBD Parking Policy on public exhibition.

Council will also introduce new parking measures in the CBD following recommendations from a CBD Parking Strategy Workshop held with business and community members in April 2014.

Changes include increasing the existing CBD one-hour time limited parking to two hours throughout the CBD, excluding existing 15 and 30-minute zones, and introducing a trial permit scheme to provide social clubs within the CBD with access to some off-street parking.

Community feedback from the public exhibition period will be reviewed by a Councillor/staff working party before a final Draft CBD Parking Policy goes to Council for adoption.

The Draft CBD Parking Policy is on exhibition from 20 August to 3 October.

Section 94 Contributions Plan

Council has resolved to place the Draft Lismore City Wide Section 94 Contributions Plan on public exhibition.

The plan outlines the expected level of development in the Local Government Area and the likely demand for infrastructure and facilities including open space and recreation; traffic, transport and cycleways; and community facilities. The plan details the value of contributions required in money, dedication of land or construction of work for future subdivisions and housing as well as industrial, business and tourist development. The public exhibition period will be advertised in a future edition of *Local Matters*.



Section 64 and Section 94 Contributions Discount Policy

Council resolved to adopt a Section 64 and Section 94 Contributions Discount Policy. See story opposite for details.

Landfill Cell 2 approved

Council will spend just shy of \$2 million on a new landfill cell (Cell 2) at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road.

Cell 1 has around eight months capacity left. To delay capital expenditure Council will only construct one third of Cell 2, which will give Council 10 years of landfill capacity based on the current volume of waste.

New Aboriginal Advisory Group

Council has appointed a new Aboriginal Advisory Group, which is a key initiative of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan, allowing Councillors and staff to engage and consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders on local government matters.

Nominations were called through a public expression of interest process and the following people have been appointed: Dianne Harrington, Brandon Harrington, Richard Fleming, Thelma James, Adrian 'Mook' Harrington, Debra Lee Rhodes, Tristan Charles and May King.

Items on exhibition can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or our Corporate Centre during 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 emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au. Submissions should state reasons for objection or support.

All Council resolutions from the 12 August meeting can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



DISCOUNTS FOR CBD BUSINESSES AND NEW GRANNY FLATS

Council has adopted a new Section 64 and Section 94 Contributions Discount Policy to encourage new business in the CBD and broaden affordable housing options throughout the city.



The policy essentially means Section 64 and Section 94 fees (water, sewer and infrastructure charges) are waived for those setting up business in existing buildings in the CBD or building new secondary dwellings (granny flats) on the same land as an existing primary residence.

Council hopes the new policy will facilitate smaller, more affordable accommodation for single people or couples without children and also allow elderly residents to 'age in place' by living independently while having the support of family living in a primary residence.

The policy enables people to build additional accommodation at their existing residence as long as the total does not exceed five bedrooms, two laundries and three toilets. At present, Council would charge an average of \$7000 in Section 64 and Section 94 fees for each additional bedroom, so the savings are significant. In addition, the new policy seeks to encourage the construction of new dwellings in the CBD by waiving Section 64 and Section 94 fees for new 'shop top' or flood-free apartments in and around the CBD.

The new policy also states that, within the CBD block, charges will not apply to new businesses or existing businesses changing location or varying their operations. This could represent potential savings of between \$1500 and \$50,000 depending on the nature and size of the business.

Council's aim here is to enhance revitalisation of the city centre by providing incentives for businesses to bring trade and customers into the CBD.

Council will review the Section 64 and Section 94 Contributions Discount Policy in two years.

For more info on the new Contributions Discount Policy and eligibility criteria, **phone 1300 87 83 87 or visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.**

SMALL SCHOOL MAKES BIG SPLASH IN WATER CHALLENGE

Rosebank Public School has won the 2014 Schools Water Challenge and \$1500, which will be used to plumb the school's rainwater tank to the toilet block, saving thousands of litres of water each year.

All schools that entered the challenge – a biennial competition run by Council and Rous Water – completed a water audit to determine where they could save on water usage.

Schools then created a short film explaining what they had learnt and how they would spend the prize money to save water.

Second place (\$500) in the Schools Water Challenge went to Clunes Public School, which will move its existing rainwater tank closer to its vegie gardens, while the Mayor's award (\$500) went to Tregeagle Public School for an exceptionally entertaining film. They will be upgrading the bubblers in their school to a more water efficient model.

Rous Water also presented two MAD (Make A Difference) awards this year, supplying a rainwater tank to Bexhill Public School and a Smartmeter to Corndale Public School to assist them in limiting water wastage.

Each of the 10 schools that participated in the program will receive a truckload of mulch for their school grounds as a thank you for taking part.





STALLHOLDERS WANTED FOR GREEN BUILDING EXPO

Do you own a business that makes or sells sustainable building products? Are you interested in talking to people who are interested and passionate about sustainability?

Stallholders are wanted for the Green Building Expo and Awards event on 13 September, which is the culmination of the Sustainable Small House Design Competition.

This event will feature an exhibition of the award-winning designs and announcement of winners, sustainable building stalls and presentations from speakers covering healthy homes, straw-bale building and energy efficiency.

Being a stallholder at the trade show is free and you can interact with people who have travelled to the event because they believe in the principles of green building.

The Green Building Expo and Awards is on Saturday, 13 September at the Bangalow A&I Hall from 1-4pm. It is designed to coincide with national Sustainable House Day (14 September) when owners of sustainable houses from around the region open their homes to the public to inspire others with their sustainable ideas.

The series of events is a partnership between The Green Building Centre, Byron Shire and Lismore City councils, Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre's 7 Sibley Street Project, Byron Region Community College, North Coast TAFE and Rous Water.

For information on becoming a stallholder at the Expo, visit www.sevenonsibley.com/shd2014.





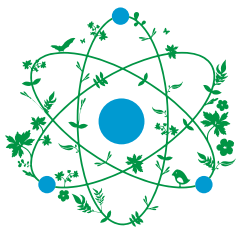
ARTS VS SCIENCE RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

The Northern Rivers Science Hub presents the Arts vs Science Riverside Festival this Sunday, 24 August, to explore the role of art and science in managing our natural world for a sustainable future.

The festival features two main venues with live music on the 'Riverstage' (powered by the sun thanks to the Southern Cross University Sunflower) and a 'Bright Ideas tent' where minds will be engaged with everything from a professor trying to answer the question 'Are art and science opposed?' to a visual journey through the breathtaking world of plants.

The schools Art in the Park competition is inspiring students to communicate science through art and all-day workshops will have festival goers making groovy stuff from waste, painting street art murals with the Back Alley Gallery crew, exploring 3D art installations with local artists, jiving to the Jurassic Joe Dinosaur Show, checking out plants under the microscope, planting trees in the park, creating hip hop sounds and much more.

The Arts vs Science Riverside Festival will also feature the best of local food and market stalls. The event is free and runs from 10am-4pm.



**NORTHERN RIVERS
SCIENCE HUB**

For more information visit www.scu.edu.au/northernriverssciencehub or connect with the Hub on facebook www.facebook.com/northernriverssciencehub.





RACING, FOOTY, ART, CULTURE... CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Melbourne Cup tour hits town

Lismore is one of 34 official 2014 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour destinations. The \$175,000, 18-carat gold Melbourne Cup will be here next Friday, 29 August, and there are several community events you can attend.

The first is the Melbourne Cup welcome at 9am in Spinks Park, which includes an official welcome by the Mayor, morning tea and a performance by Roundabout Theatre Co.

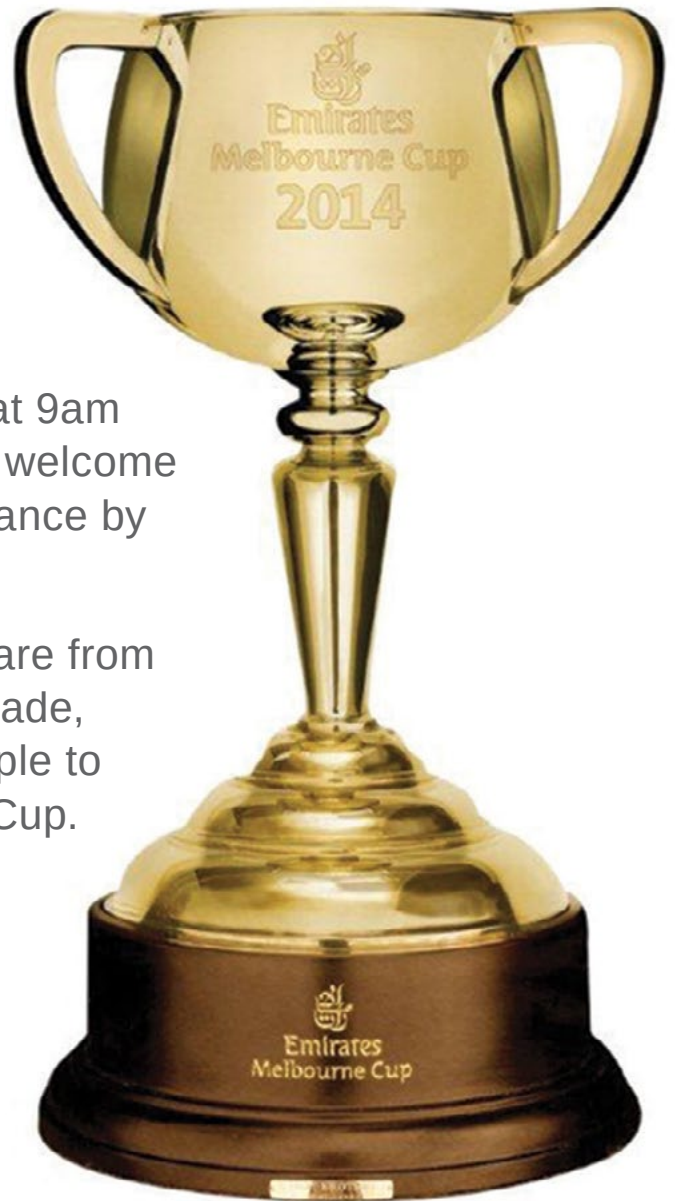
That afternoon at Lismore Shopping Square from 3-5pm there's a spring racing fashion parade, children's activities and a chance for people to view and get photos with the Melbourne Cup.

From 6pm, a gala dinner will be held at the Lismore Turf Club with fine food and company. Guest speakers will keep you entertained throughout the night, along with a charity auction, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. Tickets are \$50 with a three-course dinner.

To book phone Tarlia on 0404 086 438.

Guest Ambassador during the Melbourne Cup's stay in Lismore is John Marshall, the 1999 Melbourne Cup-winning jockey who rode the Bart Cummings trained Rogan Josh to victory.

Full details available at www.visitlismore.com.au.



A-League football returns to Lismore

A-League football and big-name stars are heading back to Lismore with a Melbourne City FC vs Central Coast Mariners match on Sunday, 7 September.

This is the third consecutive year Melbourne City (formally Heart) has played a pre-season match in Lismore. Expect football stars, such as Melbourne City's latest signing Damien Duff, and a world-class clash at our own Oakes Oval.

Kick-off is 2.30pm and tickets are on sale now. Book early to avoid disappointment at www.visitlismore.com.au.

An Evening with Digby and Clayton

Fine food, wine and fascinating tales from two talented Indigenous Australians is what you will experience as part of An Evening with Digby and Clayton.

Celebrated Indigenous chef Clayton Donovan and renowned Aboriginal artist Digby Moran will share the exciting stories of their extraordinary lives against the colourful backdrop of the Back Alley Gallery.

Patrons will be treated to bubbly and delicious canapés made by Clayton Donovan in a night that will titillate your mind, senses and soul.

The event is on Thursday, 11 September, from 5.30-7pm. Tickets are \$25 per person with all proceeds to Namatjira Haven, a drug and alcohol healing centre for Aboriginal men. To book email info@samplensw.com.

National Rugby Championship

The inaugural National Rugby Championships will pit Australia's premier rugby talent against one another – right here in Lismore.

The NSW Country Eagles will go head-to-head with Brisbane City on Sunday, 14 September at Oakes Oval. The match will showcase some of Australia's rugby superstars and talented up and coming players, and is one not to miss for rugby fans.

To book tickets, visit www.visitlismore.com.au.



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.

13/326 241 Gordon Road, Koonorigan

Dwelling and detached garage/machinery shed with a building line variation to 5.5m to Gordon Road.

14/23-2 17 William Blair Avenue, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to enclose both ends of covered deck and construct a set of stairs.

14/112-2 24 Redwood Grove, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to relocate dwelling 3m closer to front boundary.

14/128 4 Pignat Place, Goonellabah

Place of public worship.

14/153 243 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah

Industrial shed with rock retaining walls and building line variation to 2.5m to Oliver Avenue.

14/173 8 Jennifer Place, Goonellabah

Carport.

14/177 610 Duncan Road, Dunoon

Dwelling addition to create an expanded dwelling with a building line variation to 12m to unformed road.

14/179 32 Clare Street, Goonellabah

Strata subdivision (to create 2 lots).

14/182 10 Doyle Place, Goonellabah

Dwelling with a building line variation to 5.5m to Doyle Place.

14/183 11 Eggins Place, Goonellabah

Dwelling.

14/186 49 Rifle Range Road, Tuncester

Recreation facility (outdoor) – pistol shooting range safety baffles.

14/187 1 Baldock Drive, McLeans Ridges

Inground swimming pool and retaining wall with building line variation to 3m to Lincoln Avenue.

14/191 51 Ross Street, Lismore

Shed, rainwater tank and tree removal.

14/196 9B Asunta Place, Goonellabah
Dwelling.

14/199 15 Garrard Street, Girards Hill
Inground swimming pool.

14/201 17 Bristol Circuit, Goonellabah
Awning.

14/202 14 Livotto Drive, Richmond Hill
Dwelling.

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.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROAD LEVELS

In accordance with the Roads Act 1993, the public is notified of the following changes in road levels.

LOCATION/WORK	SECTION OF ROAD AFFECTED	CHANGE IN ROAD LEVEL
The Channon Road, Dunoon Road pavement rehabilitation	0.7km section between the Currie Road and Dunoon Road intersections	Raise an average +200mm
Broadwater Road, Broadwater Road pavement rehabilitation	1km section between Kilgin Road and Bagotville Road intersections	Raise an average +200mm

Road pavement rehabilitation work will improve road structure, traffic safety and vehicle ride for these sections of road. Work will be completed in the 2014/15 financial year and road users and adjoining landowners will be notified upon scheduling of the works.

The proposal includes raising road levels due to overlay of existing road pavement material and adjoining driveway access will be modified to match.

The public are entitled to make written submissions, which should state the objection and the section of road it relates to. Submissions are due by 4pm on 6 October 2014.

For more information phone our Design Engineer Barry Goodwin on 1300 87 83 87.



BRIEFS

Please use our 1300 number

The best way to let Council know about urgent matters after hours is via **1300 87 83 87**. While there are many ways to communicate with us including social media, the 1300 number is a 24-hour number and therefore the best way to ensure swift action can be taken.

Mountain bike trail info

Lismore City Council is hosting a drop-in information session on Thursday, 28 August, regarding the planned network of mountain bike trails around the Wilsons Walking Track in Lismore.

The community drop-in session is being held at our Corporate Centre from 3.30-4.30pm. There will be display boards of information and staff can answer questions. Information is also on display at Lismore Library.

For more information phone our Sport and Recreation Officer **James Voght on 1300 87 83 87**.

Focus group participants wanted

Are you a parent of children 12 years and under? Are you the main person responsible for shopping, planning and cooking meals in your family?

If you answered yes to both questions then North East Waste would like you to take part in a focus group discussion.

North East Waste is a group, made of seven local councils, which looks at cost-effective waste management solutions that can be implemented locally and regionally.

The focus group will meet on Tuesday, 26 August from 5.30-7.30pm (evening snacks provided) at St Vincent's Hospital Friends Childcare Centre.

Each participant will receive \$50 for attending the focus group.

Bookings are essential. Phone **Linda Tohver on 0427 770 198** or email **linda@newaste.org.au**.

Rates reminder

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your first rates instalment for the 2014/15 rateable year is due for payment on **Sunday, 31 August 2014**.



HELP LEAD THE RECYCLING REVOLUTION

Let's keep plastic out of landfill

Thanks to the new MRF, we can all recycle plastic bags and soft plastics now, reducing the amount of plastic going to landfill. Instead, it is made into new plastic products.

This is a huge step and it really *is* revolutionary – as far as we know, Lismore is the first council in NSW, if not Australia, to take this step. However, the system relies on everyone to do the right thing.

So... hang up a white plastic bag in your kitchen, somewhere easy to reach. Fill it with all your other plastic bags and any clean, soft plastics. This includes a huge range of stuff you probably use on a day-to-day basis including:

- **Frozen food packaging.**
- **Toilet paper, paper towel, nappy packaging etc.**
- **Salad, fruit and vegie bags.**
- **Plastic wrappers.**
- **Cling wrap and bubble wrap.**
- **Pasta and rice packets.**

Once your plastic bag is full, tie it up and place it in your yellow recycling bin. No mess, no fuss.

It's an easy change and it will make a huge difference to the environment. Keep in mind that ALL hard plastics should be thrown in the yellow recycling bin loose – these should NOT be placed in plastic bags.

We need your help to make our new MRF work. Please do your bit.





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 Local Government Area. You can also book in for a Councillor interview to speak directly with your elected representatives.

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, 26 August, Councillors will be briefed on:

- **E Zone Biodiversity Strategy.**

On Tuesday, 2 September, Councillors will be briefed on:

- **Communication Strategy between Councillors and staff.**

Briefings are held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

AFTER HOURS COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for interviews on the first and third Monday of each month from 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 night on a roster.

On Monday, 1 September interviews will be conducted by Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Isaac Smith.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 26 August.

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



POSITIONS VACANT

We are fully online

We have recently moved from a manual system of recruiting to an online recruitment system, which means we are no longer accepting hard copy applications and people must apply for positions online.

If you don't have computer access at home, our public libraries provide public access computers that you can use. Please phone your local library to book a computer to avoid disappointment.

If you don't have email, you will need to establish an email account before you can register through our eRecruitment portal. If you are not confident you can complete this process, we recommend you visit your local library and ask if staff can assist.



Position	Salary	Closing date
Mobile Library Assistant – Part Time	\$26.70-\$30.71 per hour + super	8 September 2014
Investigations Engineer	From \$66,837 + super <i>Please note: Depending on qualification(s) and experience, Council may negotiate beyond the above proposed salary package with outstanding or exceptional applicants.</i>	15 September 2014

For further information and to apply, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



CONTACT US:

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