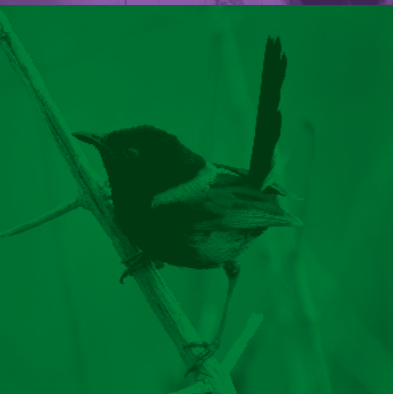




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# COUNCIL DECIDES...

## At the 9 September meeting, Council decisions included the following:

- ▶ Council elected Councillor Isaac Smith as Deputy Mayor for a 12-month period until September 2015.
- ▶ Council will write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Warren Truss, and the Minister for Trade and Investment, Andrew Robb, recommending acceptance and implementation of the Zero Carbon Australia High Speed Rail Report.

The high speed rail project is a collaboration between Beyond Zero Emissions, the German Aerospace Centre and the University of Melbourne Energy Research Institute.

The report claims a high speed rail between Melbourne and Brisbane could be delivered in 10 years at a cost of \$84 billion. It states Lismore would have a station, with a 2.5 hour travel time to Sydney for roughly two thirds of the price of current airfares. The report states that the proposed high speed rail network would be powered by 100% renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from regional travel by 150 million tonnes.



- ▶ Council resolved to allocate \$215,549 from the 2014/15 Lismore Sport and Recreation Fund to the following organisations:
- Lismore City Council: \$60,000 for Oakes Oval facilities upgrade and an upgrade of Peace Park in Nimbin.
- Richmond River Riders: \$31,000 for Lismore Mountain Bike Park.
- Far North Coast Baseball Association: \$30,000 to upgrade sportsfield lighting.
- Lismore Richmond Rovers Football Club: \$20,000 for additions to the existing clubhouse for an accessible toilet and sports storage.
- Goonellabah Football Club: \$20,000 to upgrade lights on Weston Park 2.
- Rotary Club of Goonellabah: \$20,000 for the Kadina Youth Activity Park Stage 3.
- Dunoon United Football Club: \$17,549 for safety backstops at Balzer Park soccer fields.
- Lismore Tennis Club: \$17,000 to replace boundary fence.
- Far North Coast Baseball Association: \$5,851 for Albert Park fencing.

**All Council resolutions from the  
9 September meeting can be viewed  
at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**



# NEW ELECTRIC CAR PLUGS INTO FREE ENERGY

We have a new electric car. That's right, a 100% electric car.

The car – a Nissan Leaf – is a new Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre fleet car. It doesn't use any fossil fuels and plugs into the wall at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre so it can charge straight from our solar panels. We are running a car straight from the sun with zero emissions!

The new car has lithium-ion batteries and can travel up to 170km on a full charge. The car also features a small solar panel on the rear spoiler which powers many of the interior accessories via a 12-volt battery. Some of the car parts are even made from old products including water bottles and plastic bags.

Our new electric car is incredibly quiet (it's hard to know when you've turned it on) and is another





step towards our goal of generating all our electricity from renewable resources by 2023. This is a trial run for now, but imagine a whole fleet of Council cars that are entirely electric and powered by solar. What a dramatic change from our petrol-powered world that would be.

The quirkiest thing about our new electric car is it has an engine. A fake one. It seems it's going to take people a while to get used to the idea of electric cars!

Watch out for our new electric car driving around Lismore. It is yet another milestone on the road to our city becoming a model of sustainability.





# ROADWORKS UPDATE

**Council is in the process of upgrading three major intersections – Invercauld/Ballina Road, Pineapple Road/Oliver Avenue/Bruxner Highway and the Molesworth/Orion Street roundabout.**

These projects are co-funded by the Australian Government, Lismore City Council and Roads and Maritime Services.

When completed, the upgrades will improve access and traffic flow throughout the city in preparation for the release of 200 building lots that will be provided in various locations by June 2016. This project is part of the Australian Government's *Building Better Regional Cities* initiative.

The new roundabout at the intersection of Molesworth and Orion Streets is nearing completion with pavement, stormwater and retaining walls all finished. To undertake the final step of installing the roundabout, the intersection will need to be closed for one week. Detours will be set up across Fawcett's Bridge and works will be targeted for the week commencing 29 September, after the Lismore Cup Race Day. Traffic volumes will be at their lowest during this time, being school holidays.

Works have recommenced this week at Invercauld Road following finalisation of design negotiations with Roads and Maritime Services. Focus for the first month will be on completing the widening of the entrance to Invercauld Road and getting it reopened to two-way traffic. Once this is complete, works will then commence on the widening of the northern side.

We anticipate that the final approval from Roads and Maritime Services for the next stage of the Pineapple Road/Oliver Avenue/Bruxner Highway intersection upgrade will come through in the next few weeks.

Council proposes to recommence work on site immediately once the final approval is in place. It is expected that two-way traffic will remain operational at all times at this site. However, during construction those

travelling on this route will need to be cautious as they move through the site. Council will be shifting the traffic lanes as required to allow construction of the various roundabout segments. Signage will be in place to direct traffic through the site and minor delays can be expected.

We do apologise for the inconvenience as motorists will experience some delays between now and Christmas, when construction is expected to be finalised. However, once complete, the upgrades to these intersections will provide significant benefits, improving access and safety to various parts of the city.

Thanks for your patience as we continue these essential works.





# LOCAL TALENT SHINES IN FAST TRACK SHOWCASE

It's shaping up to be a big weekend of music in Lismore later this month with the Fast Track Talent Showcase coming to Lismore on 26 and 27 September.



*Local dance group The Cassettes are one of the many acts who will be trying to impress judges at the Fast Track Talent Showcase. Photo by Amy Hoogenboom.*

The Fast Track Talent Showcase gives local performing artists (singers, dancers, comedians, DJs etc) aged six and up the opportunity to perform their talent in front of industry judges and celebrity guest Krishool, a contestant on this year's *The Voice*.

The winner will receive \$2000 and exposure to top industry talent scouts who are looking for new faces in the music industry.

The Fast Track Talent Showcase is run by leading event and artist management team Yoyo Music to unearth talent in regional areas.



It is the place you get noticed before auditioning for reality TV shows such as *The Voice* and *The X Factor*.

The Fast Track Talent Showcase is being held at Lismore City Hall on Friday, 26 September from 6pm to 10.30pm and on Saturday, 27 September from 12.30pm to 10.30pm.

Family, friends and the community are welcome to buy tickets to be in the audience and enjoy the competition as well as a guest performance by Krishool.

For bookings, go to [www.visitlismore.com.au](http://www.visitlismore.com.au).

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## Regional Pop Up Concert announced

Adding to the excitement of the weekend is the recent announcement of a Regional Pop Up Concert for Lismore on Sunday, 28 September, featuring *The X Factor*'s Taylor Henderson and Jai Waetford.

Taylor Henderson and Jai Waetford (pictured) both shot to fame after coming in second and third respectively in the 2013 series of *The X*



*Factor*. Taylor has recently released his second album *Burnt Letters* while Jai has released his second EP *Get to know you*. Both will be part of meet and greet sessions at the pop up concert after their performances.

The free Regional Pop Up Concert is at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium from 10am to 2pm. As well as Taylor and Jai there will be local acts plus the winner and runner-up of the Fast Track Talent Showcase will perform live.

People are encouraged to bring picnic chairs to sit directly in front of stage, or you can sit on the green surrounds, enjoy the free entertainment on offer, and meet Taylor and Jai.

For more information on the Regional Pop Up Concert, go to [www.regionalpopupconcerts.com](http://www.regionalpopupconcerts.com).



# 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.

#### **10/494-2 26 Sandy Point Road, Monaltrie**

Section 96(1A) modification to alter dwelling from two storeys to one storey.

#### **13/113-3 28 and 42 Bruxner Highway and 2 Krauss Avenue, South Lismore**

Section 96(1A) modification to amend conditions 2, 20C, 26, 29, 56 and 71.

#### **13/290-2 14/60 Barham Street, East Lismore**

Section (6(1A) modification to retaining wall.

#### **13/325-2 1239 Bruxner Highway, McKees Hill**

Section 96(1A) modification to size and location of shed.

#### **14/15 21 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah**

Dwelling addition (insulated patio roof).

#### **14/69 6 Pignat Place, Goonellabah**

Demolition of existing unauthorised floor area, alterations and additions to create new floor space and the use of unauthorised floor space as well as the conversion of the building into 2 separate industrial units.

#### **14/98 7 Tuntable Creek Road, The Channon**

Change of use of an existing building to a rural detached dual occupancy.

#### **14/157 15 Revenswood Drive, Goonellabah**

Strata subdivision (to create 2 lots).

#### **14/160 454 Jiggi Road, Goolmangar**

Dwelling addition (garage and carport).

#### **14/163 20 Aurora Street, East Lismore**

Carport with a building line variation to 0.5m to Aurora Street.

#### **14/169 146 and 150 Terania Street, North Lismore**

Alterations and additions to an existing vehicle repair station, demolition of shed and water tank, filling of the land and construction of a retaining wall and building line variation to 2.7m to Bouyon Street.

**14/175 15 Star Avenue, Goonellabah**

Use of an existing dwelling as a group home (permanent).

**14/181 73 Fig Tree Drive, Goonellabah**

Subdivision (to create 2 lots).

**14/189 5 Apo Street, Goonellabah**

Subdivision (to create 6 additional lots).

**14/203 3/121 Keen Street, Lismore**

Change of use of a building to a hair and beauty salon with associated signage.

**14/205 5/164 Molesworth Street, Lismore**

Change of use of part of a building to include a takeaway food shop (Asian supermarket).

**14/207 22 Granger Avenue, East Lismore**

Dwelling addition and alterations (ensuite to existing bedroom and new carport) with a building line variation to 1.8m to Granger Avenue.

**14/211 2/5 Emma Way, Goonellabah**

Retaining wall.

**14/231 59 Mountain View Drive, Goonellabah**

Covered deck and carport with a building line variation to 2.4m to Bruxner Crescent.

**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).**





# MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

## 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, 23 September, Councillors will be briefed on:**

- Long-term Financial Plan.

**On Tuesday, 30 September, Councillors will be briefed on:**

- Biodiversity Management Strategy.
- Community Engagement Project.

Briefings start at 6pm in the Council Chambers. All welcome.

## LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

The Lismore Business Panel will meet on Friday, 19 September at the Gordon Pavilion, Oakes Oval, from 12-2pm.

## COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

We are required to conduct an annual review of our Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and adopt the current or a revised policy.

The policy can be found on our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

No changes are proposed to the current policy.

Prior to Council adopting a new policy, the public is invited to make provide feedback. You can make submissions from 17 September to 17 October 2014.

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

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



# T2014-14: DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL VEHICLES

We are disposing of the following vehicles/plant by tender:

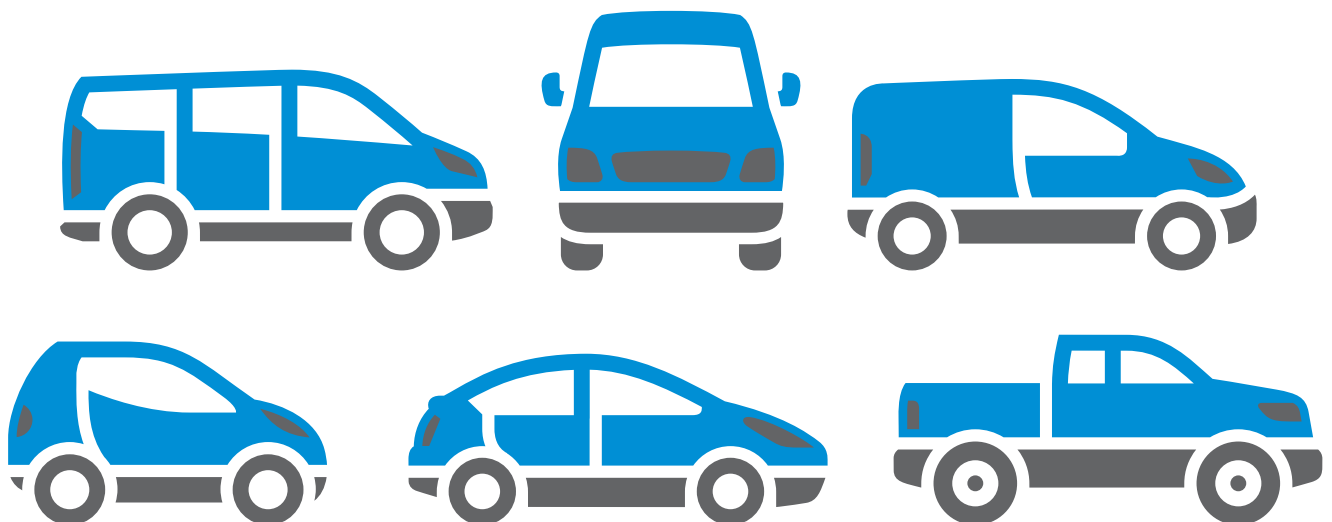
- 1 x Isuzu SX dual-cab ute.
- 4 x Subaru Foresters.
- 1 x Hyundai i30 SX.
- 1 x Hyundai i45 Active.
- 1 x Ford Mondeo LX wagon.
- 1 x Kia Sorento.
- 1 x Isuzu crew cab NPR400 light truck.
- 1 x 2011 Gal. 6 x 4 trailer.

Vehicles will be available for inspection (sorry, no test drives) from **10am to 1pm on Monday, 29 September 2014** at the Revolve Shop carpark, located at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

A bid sheet will be available on the day. Submissions will only be accepted in writing, and are required to be placed in the **Tender Box** in the foyer of Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

**Tender submissions close at 2pm on Friday, 3 October 2014.**

Best of luck!





# BRIEFS

## Get the Fires Near Me app

As we move into spring, the NSW Rural Fire Service is encouraging people to download a free Fires Near Me app.



There are two apps – Fires Near Me, which gives you advice on fires across Australia and New Zealand, or the Fires Near Me NSW app for information closer to home. Both were developed by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The Fires Near Me apps alert people to bushfire activity as well provide information on fire bans. You can find out about bushfire activity close to you or you can add a location anywhere and find out the latest information about bushfires in that area.

The apps are available to download for tablets and smartphones.

## iPad Mini winner announced

**A big congratulations to Paul Joseph, the winner of an iPad Mini in our social media 1<sup>st</sup> birthday competition! Thanks to everyone who entered.**

Facebook and Twitter are two new ways you can engage with Council – it's simple, quick and there's a chance to win stuff in competitions like the one we have just held.

If you haven't done so already, jump online and like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

## Race Day holiday

There is a part-day local public holiday on Thursday, 25 September 2014 from 12 noon to 6pm to coincide with the Lismore Cup Day races.

Have fun and above all, stay safe out there folks.



# IMPORTANT RECYCLING MESSAGES

## Please no dead animals in recycling

It's come to our attention that the MRF staff have found several dead animals in the recycling stream at the new facility.

This is very distressing for our staff and not the way dead animals should be dealt with. We understand they need to be disposed of sometimes, but this is not the right way to do it.

**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE DEAD ANIMALS IN YELLOW-LIDDED RECYCLING BINS.**



They can be placed in the organics bin as can any organic matter. This is the appropriate way to deal with dead animals you do not wish to bury and will ensure our staff do not come upon unpleasant surprises in the course of their day-to-day work.

Thank you in advance.

## Please don't dump at op shops!

People dumping unsaleable items at local op shops is costing Council and local charities money and creating unnecessary work for volunteers.

Council provides discounts for charities to dispose of waste. However, often people leave items at the op-shop depots or outside the stores that simply can't be re-sold, causing everyone a headache.

The problem is costing local charities and ratepayers tens of thousands each year and Council is urging people to check what can be dropped at local op shops before taking items for donation.

Anything that can't be re-sold by charities can be taken to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre where it can be placed in the Revolve Shop, recycled or taken to landfill.

**Please donate responsibly or not at all.**



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