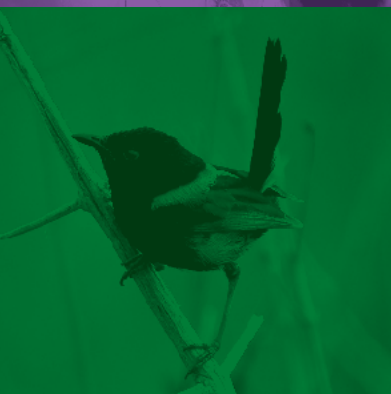
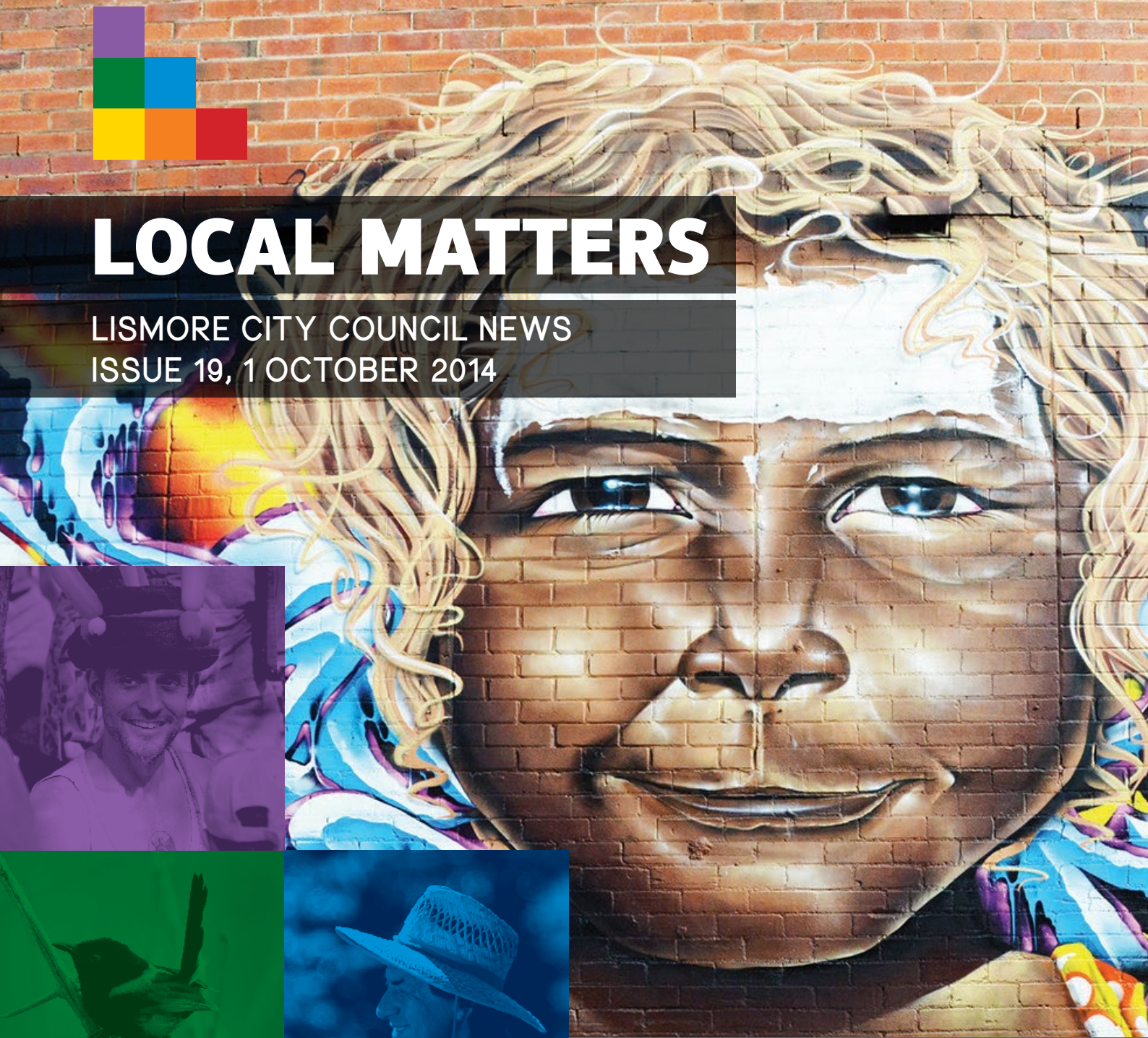




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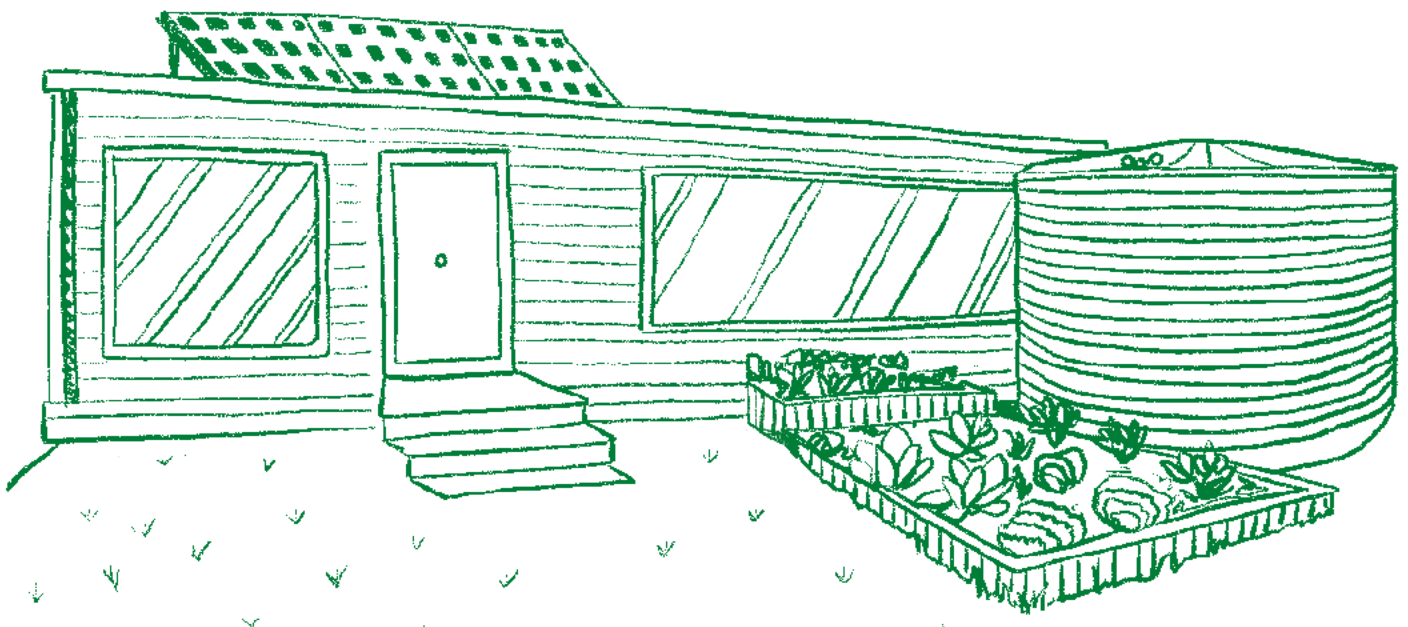
# BIG CROWDS FOR SMALL HOUSES AT SUSTAINABLE EXPO

*The Sustainable House Day Expo at Bangalow on 13 September was a resounding success, with thousands of people packing the venue to view entries in the Sustainable Granny Flat Design Competition and learn more about sustainable living and building.*

The competition entries were full of ingenious ideas to make small and sustainable dwellings that are comfortable and functional for people to live in.

From an underground small house to a dwelling made from individual 'pods', the entries covered the unusual, the innovative and the super practical, which you could build in a large backyard in Lismore. One of the common themes throughout all designs was easy access to a garden so people could grow their own food.

For those who missed the day, the designs are on display until 13 October at the Green Building Centre, 1 Brigantine Street in the Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate. Some entries will also be on display from 14-31 October at the our Corporate Centre.





**And the winners are...**

### **Young People**

**1st:** Seba and Obi Stockdale

**2nd:** Luke Curtis

**3rd:** Kate Cormak, Amy Moylan and Amber Clarke from  
Woodburn Public School

### **Community**

**Lismore winner:** Elaine Wood

**Byron winner:** Kelvin Daly

**Innovation Award:** Joe Harvey-Jones

**Highly Commended:** Helen Craig

### **Professional**

**1st:** Alyssa Clift, Project Habitation

**2nd:** Scott Davis and Associates

**Innovation Award:** Ronny Matzat and team, Green Building Institute

### **People's Choice**

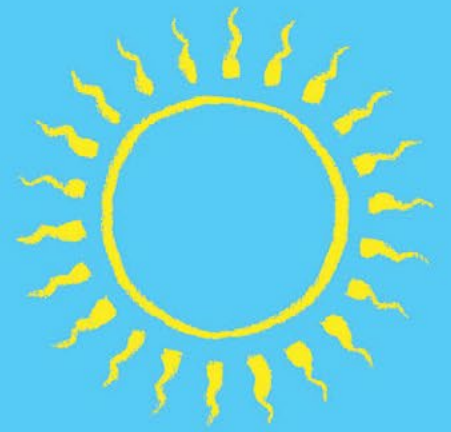
Guy Stewart



Lismore City Council also used the day to promote our new Section 64 and Section 94 Contributions Discount Policy, which can save eligible residents thousands of dollars if they build a secondary dwelling such as a granny flat. The policy means people can save around \$7000 in water, sewer and infrastructure charges for every bedroom they build.

*Sustainable House Day events were a partnership between Lismore City and Byron Shire Councils, The Green Building Centre, Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre's 7 Sibley Street Project, Byron Region Community College, North Coast TAFE and Rous Water.*

# FREE ENERGY EFFICIENCY TOUR



**Residents are invited to a tour of Lismore City Council sites to see our latest energy efficiency measures and technologies.**

From heat-reflective paint to improve air-conditioning efficiency to solar evacuated tubes to heat our public pool, participants will see how technology and innovation are helping us reduce greenhouse gas emissions and costs at these facilities.

These measures are funded by Council's Cities for Climate Protection Fund and the federal government's Community Energy Efficiency Program.

During the tour, participants will also hear from Council staff about our Renewable Energy Master Plan and progression Farming the Sun – Lismore's community-owned solar farm.

## **The day comprises:**

- Tours of the Council Chambers and Lismore Memorial Baths.
- Talk by Council's Environmental Strategies Officer Sharyn Hunnisett.
- Discussion and celebratory lunch.

**The tour is on Tuesday, 7 October from 10am to 1pm.**

It starts and concludes at the Council Chambers with transport provided to other sites.

**Please RSVP to [lismoreenergy@gmail.com](mailto:lismoreenergy@gmail.com) by 6 October.**

As part of this project Council has also recently partnered with the Lismore Community Sustainability Forum to help Lismore residents benefit from saving energy in their own homes.

This has involved approximately 60 households in the Lismore area coming together in neighbourhood groups over the past three months. They have met with experts to improve the way they use energy in their homes and will help spread the word about the benefits of energy efficiency in our community.



# LISMORE RECYCLING & RECOVERY CENTRE OPEN DAY

Since the opening of our \$3.65 million Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) this year, there has been a lot of interest in the recycling facility and the new rules about how we recycle at home and work.

To give people a chance to see the facility up close and personal, we are having a Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre Open Day on Sunday, 9 November.

You can go on a tour of the MRF, take a guided walk in the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, and see how we make our beautiful compost. There will be loads of fun activities for the kids, interactive performances by The Greenhouse, a sausage sizzle, competitions and prizes to be won. Come and check out our collection trucks and see how speedy you are at emptying a wheelie bin!

This is a great way for the whole family to learn about recycling and what happens to the waste we create at home.

The Open Day will run from 9am to 2pm on Sunday, 9 November and entry is free. Stay tuned for more details closer to the day.

***Note: We will not be accepting rubbish and recycling on this day.***





# WOULD YOU LIKE A COUNCIL STREET TREE?

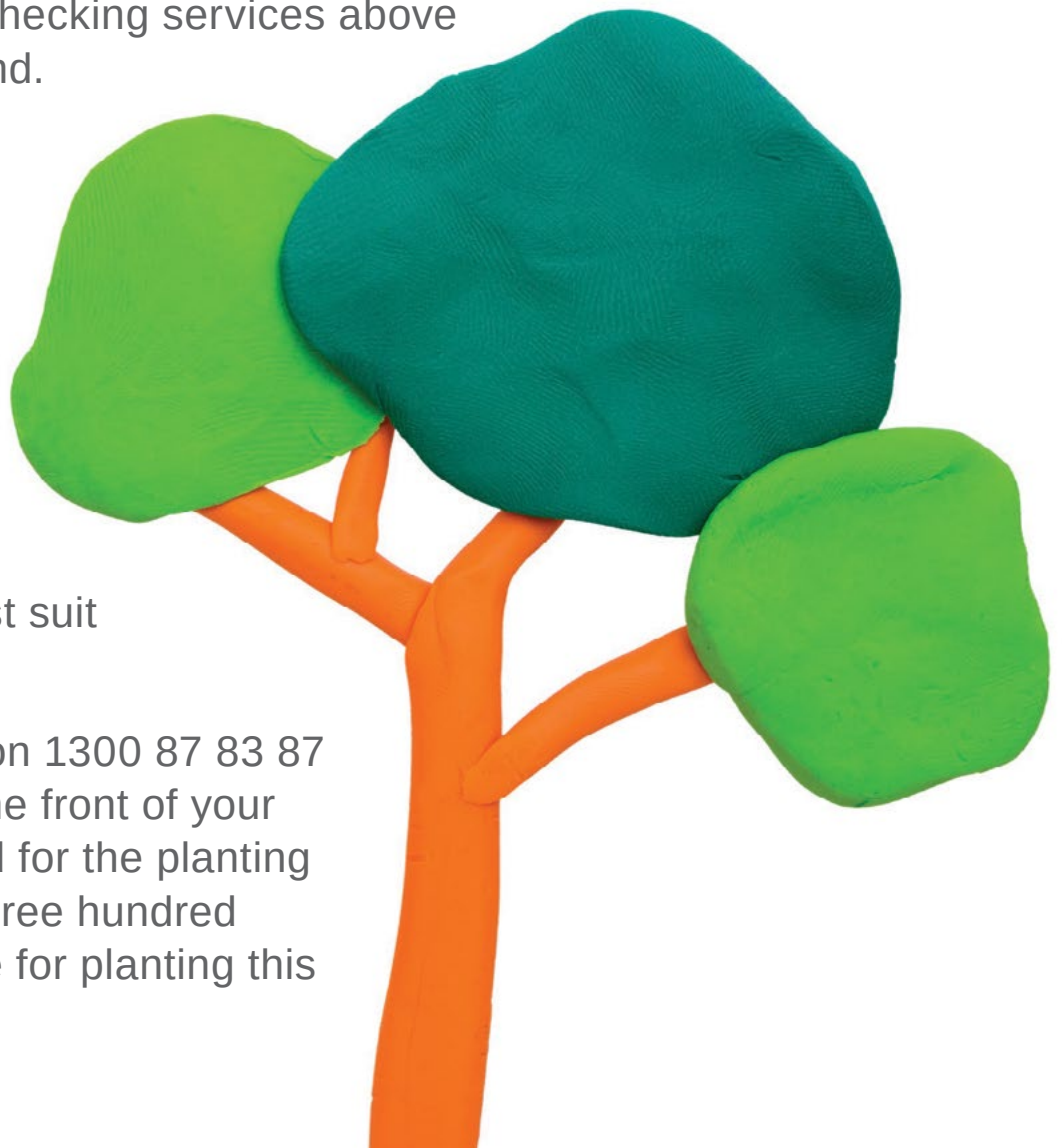
Street trees are a great asset in any city or community.

Street trees reduce the impact of urban features, assist in minimising land degradation and provide shade and shelter for both people and wildlife. Trees enrich our environment and contribute to our sense of wellbeing.

Council is looking for residents who live in the urban area of Lismore to contact us if they would like a street tree planted in front of their property.

If you are interested in a street tree please note the following.

- The site in front of your property will be assessed on the suitability for planting by checking services above and below ground.
- The tree will be planted and maintained by Council.
- Each tree will be selected from a stock of local native species that best suit the location.



Please phone us on 1300 87 83 87 if you would like the front of your property assessed for the planting of a street tree. Three hundred trees are available for planting this financial year.



# NEW GATEWAY SIGNS FOR LISMORE

New gateway signs are being erected at the seven entrances to Lismore over the next few weeks.

The blue hoop signs were looking very old and have been replaced with new welcome signs that are simple and striking. They were made in-house at Council's Sign Shop for a total cost of \$30,000.

All entrance signs will be replaced as quickly as possible to ensure a consistent look from every approach to Lismore. We will also repaint our roundabouts over time in a new colour scheme of red, white and black to match the new gateway signs.

The brand on the new signage – the word Lismore with a love heart – represents our city's geography and size (the 'heart' of the Northern Rivers) as well as our diverse and colourful community, which is the heart and soul of Lismore and what makes it special.





# COUNCIL VS AFRICAN RESIDENTS IN ANNUAL SOCCER CLASH

Lismore City Council staff will be vying for their fourth consecutive win at the annual African All Stars vs Lismore Legends football match on Thursday, 9 October.

The African All Stars vs Lismore Legends football friendly is a popular social event between Council workers and African refugees from Sudan, the Congo and Sierra Leone who now call Lismore home.

Football being the world game, the annual soccer friendly was devised to help build relationships and make our newest African residents feel at ease with Council staff and comfortable accessing government services.

The event has been a huge success, with our soccer-loving African residents now keen to win back the trophy, which has eluded them for the past three years.

The African All Stars vs Lismore Legends football match is on Thursday, 9 October at the Asia Pacific Football Institute soccer field at Southern Cross University (entry via Crawford Road).

The game starts at 5.15pm with a presentation at 6.45pm. Everyone is welcome and entry is free, with refreshments and a sausage sizzle for spectators.







# WESTERN COUNCILS JOIN ROAD SAFETY WEBSITE

The MyRoadInfo website, established here in the Northern Rivers, is continuing to expand across NSW with the North West Slopes region joining the growing number of councils that use the system.

MyRoadInfo was developed several years ago by NOROC member councils, who worked across council boundaries to create a central online hub for road safety information.

The Mid North Coast signed up in 2013 and now the North West Slopes region has come on board, which includes Moree, Gwydir and Inverell.

Flooding, road closures, accidents, delays – MyRoadInfo covers it all and can be checked from any computer, smartphone or tablet. It updates with road information from all councils as well as the RMS so you get comprehensive information.

MyRoadInfo uses a single web address ([www.myroadinfo.com.au](http://www.myroadinfo.com.au)) yet each council and the RMS provide individual road updates. It is this common interface with separate information control which makes the system so unique. It means a tourist or local in any of the regions that sign up can look at the same website but get the most recent, localised information.

MyRoadInfo was initially dreamed up after a major flood in 2009 when Lismore City Council's helpline was inundated with people in neighbouring council areas trying to get home. It became evident a service that bridged council boundaries was essential to ensure people could get safely from A to B.

MyRoadInfo won an R.H. Dougherty Award in 2013 and in February this year picked up a Government Communications Australia national award for 'best crisis communications'.

To view the website, visit [www.myroadinfo.com.au](http://www.myroadinfo.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.

### DA No.

**13/117-3 33 Rous Road and 14 Pleasant Street, Goonellabah**

Section 96(1A) modification to delete condition 2 pertaining to public art requirement and reconfiguration of approved car parking layout.

**14/85 39 Holland Street, Goonellabah**

Transport depot (proposed two-year period only).

**14/195 766A Ballina Road and 17 Koala Drive, Goonellabah**

Subdivision (boundary alteration).

**14/206 20/126 Molesworth Street, Lismore**

Change of use of a building to a beauty salon.

**14/208 168 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges**

Dwelling alterations (relocation of laundry and new covered deck) and inground swimming pool.

**14/216 4/78 Cecil Street, Nimbin**

Expanded dwelling.

**14/217 9 Oliver Street, East Lismore**

Dwelling addition – attach storeroom to rear of existing garage.

**14/220 75 Mathieson Lane, Tucki Tucki**

Dwelling extension – garage and deck.

**14/221 12 Peter Street, East Lismore**

Dwelling additions and alterations (kitchen and new covered deck).

**14/228 480 Coraki Road, South Gundurimba**

Farm shed and earthworks (mound).

**14/232 258 Tregeagle Road, Wyrallah**

Dwelling.

**14/239 23 Jubilee Avenue, Goonellabah**

Dwelling additions and carport with a building line variation to 1.95m to Jubilee Avenue.

## **14/241 58 Casino Street, South Lismore**

Dwelling addition (covered deck).

## **14/242 1344 Bangalow Road, Clunes**

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. 2014/243**

**DP LOT/LOCATION:** 5/40 and 40 Three Chain Road, South Lismore, and 161 Bruxner Highway, Loftville (Lot 5 DP 573884, Lot 204 DP 1180961, Lot 9 DP 1093668).

**APPLICANT:** Town Planner Chris Lonergan.

**DESCRIPTION:** Change of use to skydive school and use of airport precinct as skydive drop zone.

**CLOSING DATE:** 15 October 2014.

### **DA No. 2014/261**

**LOCATION:** Shire Lane, Lismore (adjacent to 29 Carrington Street, Lismore).

**APPLICANT:** Lismore City Council.

**DESCRIPTION:** Removal of one tree (peppercorn tree) in Shire Lane.

**CLOSING DATE:** 15 October 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).**



# 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, 7 October, Councillors will be briefed on:

- **2013/14 Reserves.**
- **Growth Management Strategy.**

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

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council will be held on Tuesday, 14 October.

Reports include:

- **Lismore Business Panel position.**
- **2013/14 Reserves.**

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

Copies of the business paper are available at our Corporate Centre, Lismore City Library, selected rural stores and at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

## 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, 16 October, interviews will be conducted by Councillors Vanessa Ekins and Neil Marks at Lismore City Library. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 14 October.

## RURAL CONTACT FORUM

The annual Rural Contact Forum at Ruthven Hall is on Monday, 20 October at 7pm. This is a chance for locals to meet with senior staff and Councillors to ask questions or discuss matters of concern or interest.

**For interview bookings phone Graeme Wilson on 1300 87 83 87.**



# HERITAGE PARK MAKEOVER

Council has recently given Heritage Park a waste makeover, installing new bin enclosures and litter education signage throughout the park with the aim of educating people about the importance of keeping the park clean and litter-free.

Part of the upgrade has been the introduction of recycling bins in the park, helping us to recover more valuable resources and keep waste out of landfill.

The upgrade has been made possible through a \$25,000 grant from the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) as part of the *Hey Tosser* litter education program.

Waste audits conducted earlier this year showed littering at the park was a problem, with the main offender being cigarette butts. People are reminded that cigarette smoking is not permitted in the park. Butt bins have been installed on the perimeters of the park for smokers to butt out before they enter.

Council is holding a pop-up community litter-free lunch day on Thursday, 2 October. There will be a sausage sizzle and activities for the kids as well as messages around keeping our public spaces litter-free. If you're downtown that day, pop into Heritage Park around lunchtime.

Lismore was one of 15 councils in the state to receive the funding through the EPA's *Waste Less Recycle More* program.

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## Youth Activities Fund now open

Applications are now invited from community groups to undertake projects and activities for young people aged 12 to 25 in the Lismore Local Government Area.

Information and guidelines on the Youth Activities Fund are available from [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1300 87 83 87.

**Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 31 October 2014.**



# BRIEFS

## Bidcoast.com gets major upgrade

The local council auction site Bidcoast will be offline for three days from 15-17 October due to a major upgrade.

Bidcoast is an initiative of North Coast councils. It is an online one-stop-shop where councils can sell everything from surplus computers to cars.

Due to the nature of the upgrade, people who currently have accounts with Bidcoast will need to create a new account.

Unfortunately this is unavoidable due to a changeover in software. It only takes a few minutes to re-register and it's free. We encourage people to do so from 18 October, once the upgrade is complete.

On the upside, the upgrade will result in a more user-friendly site, making it quicker and easier to bid for second-hand council goods.

You can visit the site and recreate your account at [www.bidcoast.com](http://www.bidcoast.com).

## Public notice

### Suspension of Alcohol-free Zone – Lismore CBD

In accordance with Section 645 of the Local Government Act 1993 notice is given of the suspension of the Lismore Alcohol-free Zone, in part only, being the area known as the Back Alley Gallery, Eggins Lane, Lismore Central Business District. The suspension is on Saturday, 11 October 2014 from 5.30pm to midnight for a ticketed Thread 2014 fashion event.

Enquiries to City Centre Manager Jason Mumford on 0417 623 265.

## Daylight saving begins

It's that time of year again when the weather gets warmer and the evenings get longer.

Daylight saving begins again on Sunday, 5 October, when clocks are put *forward* one hour at 2am.





# SISTER CITY ADVISORY GROUP

**We are looking for people to nominate to be part of our new Sister City Advisory Group.**

We have a long-standing sister city relationship with the Japanese city of Yamato Takada, which was established in 1963 and was the first sister city relationship between our two nations.

We also have several other sister city and friendship relationships with other cities throughout the world, all of which broaden our understanding of other nations and their traditions, customs and cultures.

Members of the new Sister City Advisory Group will provide advice and ideas to Council on issues regarding our international relationships such as management, celebrations etc.

**The closing date for nominations is 31 October 2014.**

**To apply, visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and complete a Sister City Advisory Group nomination form. Completed forms should be emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au).**

## YOUR COVER

We received feedback that readers would like to know who or what our cover photographs/images are of. We thought this was a great idea.

This week we feature one of the new artworks created during the annual Back Alley Gallery Street Party on 30 August.

The Back Alley Gallery was established four years ago and has seen the laneways slowly transform from drab and dark places into a bright outdoor gallery space celebrating young street art talent.

The development of the Back Alley Gallery has attracted visitors to Lismore and reduced the incidence of tagging and graffiti within the city centre.





CONTACT US:  
**1300 87 83 87**

Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre is located at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah. We are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Our postal address is PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480. You can email us at [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au)



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