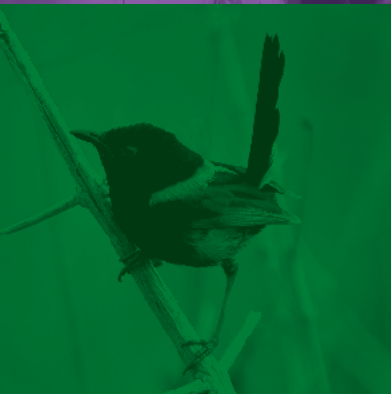


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WIN AN IPAD MINI FOR CHRISTMAS!

Several months ago we gave away an iPad Mini on Facebook to celebrate our first birthday on social media. Then we thought, “Hang on a minute! What about people who read Local Matters!?”

So, as a special Christmas thank you to all who read and/or have given us feedback about Local Matters, we are giving you the chance to win an iPad Mini. We will print the winner’s name in our edition published on 10 December, in plenty of time for the iPad Mini to go under the tree for yourself or a loved one.

We’d like you to tell us in 25 words or less what you do or don’t like about Local Matters. It will be a random draw that’s not based on your answer, so please, be honest! Local Matters was launched almost 12 months ago and we want to know how you feel about it as a tool to communicate Council news.

Please fill out the coupon or email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au with the subject line ‘Local Matters competition’. You can drop the coupon off at the Council Chambers, Lismore City Library or the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre.

**Entries close 30 November.
Best of luck everyone!**





WIN AN IPAD MINI



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Your 25 words: _____



PROTECTING DOGS AND KOALAS IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE



Many people in our area are both dog lovers and koala lovers, but unfortunately the two don't mix. Dog attacks are a major cause of injury and death for koalas and as responsible dog owners, there are things we can all do to protect koalas.

Koalas often climb over fences and travel through suburban backyards to reach food trees, so even if you have no trees, it's important to make your yard safe for our native friends.

When a koala is bitten by a dog it often causes a slow and painful death, and the incident can be physically and emotionally distressing for dog owners and even the dog itself.

To keep our beloved pets and our koalas healthy and happy, try the following:

- Keep your dog in at night. Your dog, no matter how gentle, may feel threatened by a koala and naturally attack. Dogs enjoy the routine of being put to bed and it keeps koalas safe at night.
- If you live on a property, keep your dog in at night or in a secure area under the house. Alternatively, build a run for your dog with a roof and waist-high tin walls to ensure koalas can't get in and dogs can't get out.
- Drive carefully and watch out for koalas crossing the road, especially at night.
- If you find an injured or sick koala, phone the Friends of the Koala 24-hour Rescue Hotline immediately on 6622 1233. Koalas have very thin skin, so even if your dog has mouthed or pawed a koala, it's important they receive veterinary treatment immediately.
- If possible, contain the koala in a large box or other container until help arrives, but speak to Friends of the Koala wildlife carers first about how to keep it – and you – safe.





Lismore City Council has recently produced new envelopes with a koala safety message to encourage all residents to help protect koalas. We are lucky to have one of the largest urban koala populations in NSW but they are constantly under threat from loss of habitat, disease, dog attacks and road accidents.

We can all do our bit to keep these precious animals safe. Look out for the new envelopes from mid-December.



SUSTAINABLE SMALL HOUSE DESIGNS ONLINE

The Sustainable House Day Expo in September was a resounding success, with thousands of people filling the Bangalow A&I Hall to see entries in the Sustainable Small House 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 the designs was easy access to a garden so people could grow their own food.

For those who missed the day, we now have some of the entries on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.





COUNCIL NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lismore City Council has announced former Richmond Valley Council executive Gary Murphy as the new Executive Director Infrastructure Services.



Council's General Manager Gary Murphy said despite the confusion of having two executives with the same name, Lismore City Council had chosen the best person for the job from a field of 30 candidates.

The new Gary Murphy was previously the Executive Manager Infrastructure and Environment at Richmond Valley Council and was with Richmond Valley for 11 years.

Mr Murphy grew up in Tumut and trained at the University of Technology in Sydney, entering local government while completing his degree, where his first job was building the North Wagga levee.

His role at Lismore City Council will be to manage all infrastructure works as well as commercial operations such as our quarries.

Mr Murphy, 48, is president and driver at Ballina Jet Boat Surf Rescue, is married to wife Jane and has three teenage children.

He will take up the position at Lismore City Council in mid-December.



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2014 Carols by Candlelight is on Sunday, 14 December, at Oakes Oval. Carols, music and entertainment from 6-9pm. Gates open 4.30pm.



NEW LANDFILL CELL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Work on a new, \$2 million landfill cell has begun at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.

The state-of-the-art landfill cell will be built by contractors Smith Plant and feature a new leachate collection system and three layers of lining under the waste (natural clay, imported clay and a plastic liner).

The old landfill cell, which has six months capacity remaining, will be capped next year using a phytocap system, which essentially means capping with diverse native vegetation rather than clay and gravel. This will create more koala habitat and link to the 1.3 hectare phytocap site planted last year, which was the first licensed phytocapping site in NSW.

Council has operated landfill at our Wyrallah Road site since the 1970s, but the process has come a long way since then. Instead of just digging great big holes in the ground, we now build landfill with a complex lining to keep leachate out of the groundwater. Instead, we collect the leachate and treat it on site, and then treat it further through the East Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant next door.

Meanwhile, the phytocapping of old landfill creates native forests rather than dry, unvegetated areas that have little use. Native animals, which are constantly under threat from habitat loss and other factors, are populating the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre more and more. With the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens on site and lots of surrounding bushland, the area is now home to many koalas and other native species.

The new landfill cell will give Council capacity for the next 10 years based on the current amount of waste going to landfill. Construction should be complete within three months.



COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE UPGRADED

The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre now features an upgraded Community Recycling Centre, which provides a user-friendly way for people to dispose of problem waste.

This is part of a larger upgrade to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, made possible with an \$88,400 grant from the EPA's *Waste Less Recycle More* program, which utilises funds acquired through the NSW waste levy.

As part of the upgrade, Council has reconfiguring the facility, installed new walls and incorporated new signage, making it easier to dispose of unwanted goods and problem waste.

Through this facility, you can drop of the following items free of charge (in household quantities).

- Gas bottles and fire extinguishers
- Water-based paint
- Oil-based paint
- Fluoro globes and tubes
- Car batteries
- Household batteries
- Motor oils
- Other oils
- Smoke detectors
- Electronic waste
- Pesticides and herbicides
- General household cleaners
- Polystyrene
- Plastic film
- Electrical cable
- Pre-loved household goods (in good condition)
- Mobile phones
- Ink cartridges
- X-rays
- DVDs and CDs
- Corks and reading glasses
- Oil filters
- Garden organics
- Concrete and bricks
- Metal
- Untreated timber
- Hard plastics



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 developments listed below have recently been granted consent.

DA No.

10/91-2 49 and 91 Boyle Road, Koonorigan

Section 96(1A) modification to amend approved subdivision layout and staging.

13/362-2 241 Gordon Road, Koonorigan

Section 96(1A) modification to relocate position of dwelling and shed.

14/19 15 Janice Court, Goonellabah

Dwelling addition (extension of covered deck).

14/229 130 Dawson Street, Lismore

Change of use to a vehicle sales and display premises and associated sales office.

14/245 103 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah

Dwelling addition (timber deck with insulated roof).

14/248 42 Just Street, Goonellabah

Dwelling.

14/250 11 McDermott Avenue, Goonellabah

Shed.

14/253 371 Rous Road, Tregeagle

Enclose existing carport.

14/269 15A Kaanapahali Avenue, Richmond Hill

Dwelling and retaining walls.

14/271 157 Keen Street, Lismore

Change of use to indoor recreation facility.

14/273 14 Rosegum Drive, Goonellabah

Dwelling additions and alterations.

14/277 6 Neville Court, Goonellabah

Dwelling with a building line variation from 6 to 3.03m to Neville Court.

14/278 11 Doyle Place, Goonellabah

Dwelling and retaining walls.

14/283 13 Arthur Street, North Lismore

Dwelling alterations and additions.

14/289 306 Tucki Road, Marom Creek

Dwelling.

14/294 27 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah

Addition to an educational establishment (covered area incorporating an assembly area).

95/125-2 101 Wilson Street, South Lismore

Section 96(1A) modification to allow construction of warehouse in five stages instead of four stages.

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.

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. 14/316

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 109 and 109A Alexandra Parade, North Lismore, and 2, 24 and 24A Dunoon Road, North Lismore.

APPLICANT: The Tropical Fruits Inc.

DESCRIPTION: Temporary event – Tropical Fruits Festival (New Year's Eve and New Year's Day dance party from 31 December 2014 to 1 January 2015).

CLOSING DATE: 26 November 2014.

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at our Corporate Centre or via DA Tracking at 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 at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.



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.



The annual Nimbin Community Meeting is on Monday, 17 November at the Nimbin School of Arts (Town Hall) from 7pm. This is a chance for locals to meet with senior staff and Councillors to ask questions or discuss matters of concern or interest. Everyone is welcome. Plenty of time for Q&A.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings (note Wednesday for one week below) so staff can provide background on issues or projects and Councillors have a chance to brainstorm and discuss.

On Wednesday, 19 November, the agenda includes:

- **Long Term Financial Plan Review 2.**

On Tuesday, 25 November, the agenda includes:

- **Section 356 Policy Review.**
- **Fit for the Future.**
- **Councillor Reports.**

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, 20 November interviews will be conducted by Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Glenys Ritchie at Lismore City Library. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 18 November.

LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

The Lismore Business Panel will meet on Friday, 21 November at the Gordon Pavilion, Oakes Oval, from 12-2pm.

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT PANEL

The Sustainable Environment Panel will meet on Wednesday, 26 November at the Council Chambers at 5.15pm.

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 December interviews will be conducted by Councillors Greg Bennett and Isaac Smith.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 28 November.

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

RATES REMINDER

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your second rates instalment for the 2014/15 rateable year is due for payment on Sunday, 30 November 2014.



JOIN THE LISMORE MASTERS GAMES COMMITTEE

We are looking for people to nominate for the Lismore Masters Games Committee.

Council has made a commitment to continue to be the promoter and organiser of the biennial Lismore Masters Games and the aim of the Committee is to organise, promote and coordinate the Games.

Members of the Lismore Masters Games Committee will provide advice and assistance to Council on matters pertaining to the management and organisation of the sporting events that take place.

The closing date for nominations is November 28 2014.

To apply, complete a Lismore Masters Games Expression of Interest Application Form, which you can find at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Completed forms should be emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

TIP FREE DAY 16 NOVEMBER

It's time to spring clean everyone – the next Tip Free Day is on Sunday, 16 November.

This is one of four Tip Free Days that Council has each year, allowing you to get rid of excess waste and large waste items for free.

The day runs from 9am to 4pm and as always, we encourage people to come early morning or late afternoon to avoid delays.

Please bring proof of residency in the Lismore LGA (rates notice or licence) and help us divert waste from landfill by keeping scrap metal, timber, green waste, household items and other recyclables separate.

You cannot dispose of commercial quantities of chemicals, asbestos or truck/tractor tyres and no more than 12 car tyres are allowed in one load.

For more information about the Tip Free Day phone us on **1300 87 83 87**.



POSITIONS VACANT

We have moved from a manual system of recruiting to an online system, which means we no longer accept hard copy applications.

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.

Position title	Salary	Closing date
Library Assistant – Tweed (full-time)	\$833.30 to \$958.30 per week + super	21 November 2014

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

YOUR COVER

The latest cover is Works Depot Technical Officer Carolyn Moynihan, 50, who was diagnosed with breast cancer and has undergone a bilateral mastectomy. We are happy to report she is on the road to recovery.

In honour of Carolyn's courage, her workmates joined the Real Men Wear Pink campaign, and 150 outdoor staff donned pink work-shirts last Thursday to raise awareness.

The day raised \$1600 for the Breast Cancer Foundation and Carolyn was deeply moved. The brainchild of the event, Rod Thistleton, said the staff were inspired by her courage.

"We're very visible out there in the field and we're proud to be supporting the cause," Rod said. "We are all in awe of how strong and positive Carolyn has been. We all have the greatest respect for her.

"We wanted to show solidarity with all women affected by breast cancer."





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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.
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