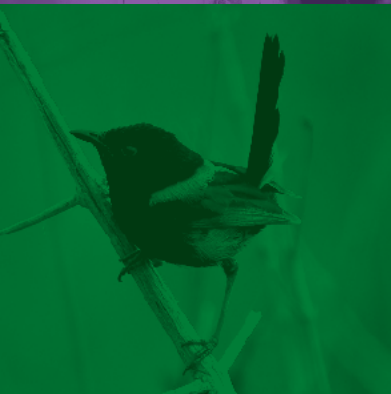




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# COUNCIL DECIDES...

## At the 11 November Council meeting, resolutions included the following:

### **Application for art gallery funding**

Council will apply for a National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) grant for the redevelopment of C Block in the CBD to build a new Lismore Regional Gallery and create public open space.

The 'Lismore Quadrangle' project includes a redeveloped regional gallery, also housing Arts Northern Rivers, a public piazza bounded by the Lismore City Library and Northern Rivers Conservatorium, and a public carpark.

The Lismore Quadrangle has a total price tag of \$4.6 million and Council will apply to NSRF for half that amount.

Council has \$700,000 in existing funds and assets for the project and may have to borrow up to \$1.6 million should the application be successful. Council will be notified of the outcome in May 2015.

### **Draft biodiversity and growth strategies on exhibition**

Both these strategies are now on public exhibition. See below for full details.

### **Village organics introduced**

Council will roll out an organics collection service to the villages of Nimbin, Clunes, Bexhill, The Channon, Dunoon, Modanville, Tullera, Caniaba, Wyrallah and North Woodburn. This will provide for around 1500 homes and the organics collection will also be offered to rural residents on haulage routes in between these villages.

The service will require no change in rates and will mean village residents receive the same service as urban residents. This includes a weekly organics collection with waste and recycling collected on alternate fortnights.

The service will be rolled out by April next year and village residents will receive a 240-litre organics wheelie bin, an organics caddy and a roll of Biobags.

Residents will also be sent information packages on how to recycle right.



## **CBD Parking Policy adopted**

Council adopted a CBD Parking Policy that increases parking time limits and reduces car parking fees.

Public consultation with business and the wider community was held earlier this year and recommendations have been included in the CBD Parking Policy.

This includes increasing the existing two-hour time limited parking to three hours in the Kirkland Riviera, Clyde Campbell and Top Hensley carparks.

Paid parking fees will also change within the Rowing Club carpark from \$2/half day and \$4/full day to \$2/full day and in the Barney Shearman carpark from \$2/2 hours to \$2/4 hours.

The new measures follow changes made in August to increase all parking from one to two hours throughout the CBD, excluding existing 15 and 30-minute zones.

## **New four-storey office for CBD**

Council approved a four-storey commercial office building at 214 Molesworth Street (in between the Rous Water building and Centrepont Motel).

The \$6.8 million development will include a café and 52 car parking spaces at ground level and three levels of offices above ground level.

In lieu of a significant shortfall in on-site parking, the developer will build a 22-space carpark on Council-owned land on the corner of Victoria and Market Streets.

## **New Section 94 Contributions Plan adopted**

Council adopted a new Lismore City Section 94 Contributions Plan.

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 new Lismore City Section 94 Contributions Plan comes into effect from 1 January 2015. It can be viewed at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

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



# FREE CHRISTMAS FUN FOR ALL AGES AT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

It's that time of year when Carols by Candlelight lights up Oakes Oval for an evening of free Christmas entertainment including music, carols and fireworks.

This year's Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, 14 December, will be hosted by the ever-popular Peggy Popart. The evening will feature lots of special guests including Santa, NBN's Big Dog, Luke Vassella, Suddenly White, NRC Littlies, Deana and Julia Batten and the No Frills Twins. Headlining the evening will be Clunes duo Gabriel and Cecilia, who competed on this year's *The Voice*.

Oakes Oval will also feature a kids' playground for little ones and there will be fireworks to end the event at around 8.45pm.

Glowsticks and refreshments will be for sale, with all proceeds going to the Lismore Business Panel Children's Christmas Fund to help disadvantaged children in the 2480 postcode area.

Carols by Candlelight is on Sunday, 14 December at Oakes Oval and people are welcome to bring a picnic blanket or simply lounge on the grass. Carols, music and entertainment will be held from 6-9pm. Gates open at 4.30pm. Also, please be aware no glass is allowed.

**The 2014 Carols by Candlelight is sponsored by Shopbaby, NBN, APN and Lismore Shopping Square.**



# NINE ABORIGINAL TRAINEES WANTED FOR COUNCIL JOBS

Lismore City Council has nine traineeships available from February 2015 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

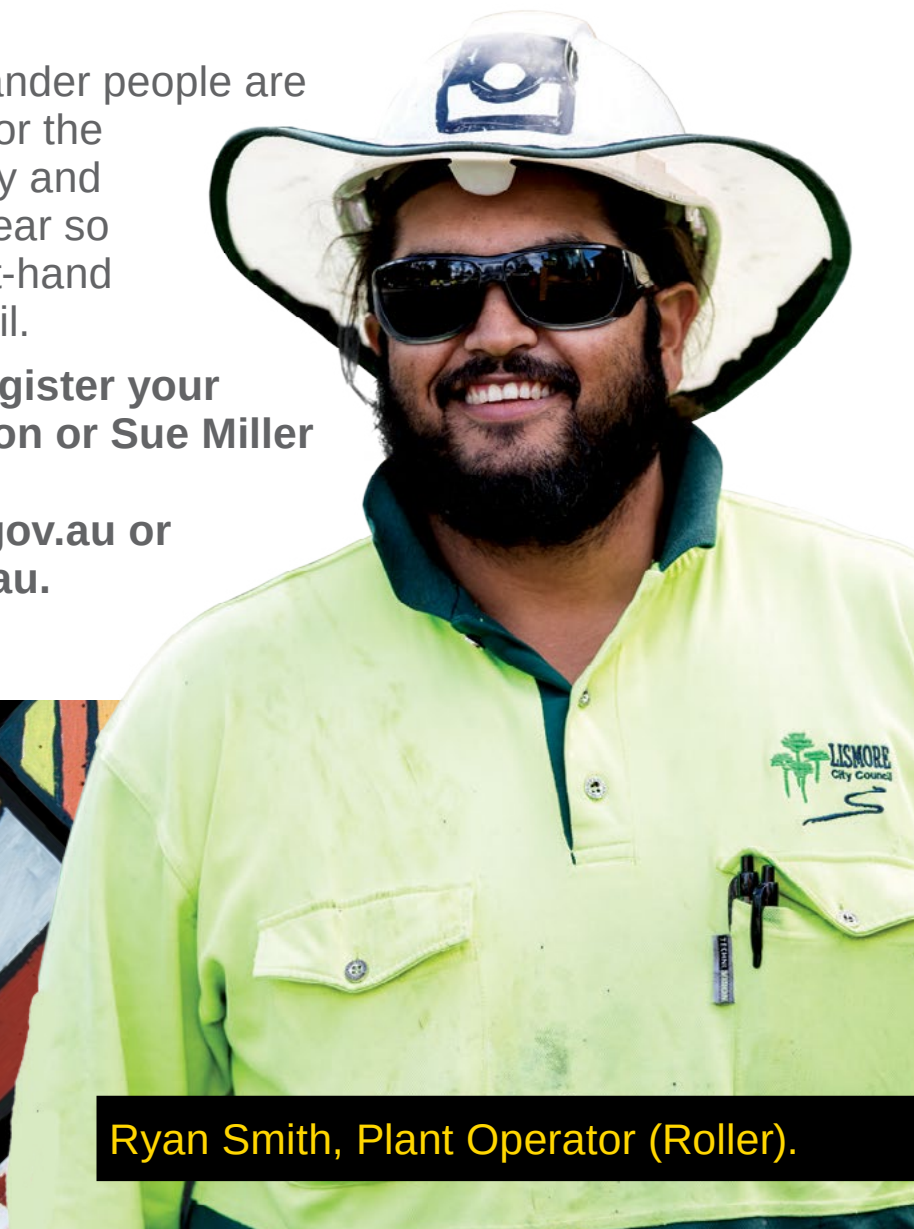
The new traineeships are part of Council's Aboriginal Employment Strategy, a focus area of the Reconciliation Action Plan adopted in 2013.

As part of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Council has committed to make its workforce reflect the percentage of Lismore's workforce that is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander by 2017. To achieve this, Council's workforce must be 6% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

The traineeships on offer are available in roads, parks, water operations and with Northern Rivers Waste, the waste management arm of Lismore City Council.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are asked to register their interest for the traineeships. An information day and site visit will be held later this year so potential trainees can get a first-hand feel for what the job would entail.

**For more information or to register your interest, contact Jodi Sampson or Sue Miller on 1300 87 83 87, or email [jodi.sampson@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jodi.sampson@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or [sue.miller@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sue.miller@lismore.nsw.gov.au).**



**Ryan Smith, Plant Operator (Roller).**



# DRAFT GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2014-2034

On public exhibition 26 November 2014 to end of January 2015

Council has placed the Draft Growth Management Strategy (GMS) on public exhibition to obtain community feedback.

The GMS will guide growth for the next 20 years and will replace Lismore's Urban, Village and Rural Housing Strategies, which have guided new housing developments for more than 10 years.

The Draft GMS identifies land that is potentially suitable for development in the medium to long term for a range of housing, commercial and industrial purposes to accommodate future population and employment growth.

The document aims to ensure housing is located in areas that can be serviced by sewerage, water and roads infrastructure while protecting prime agricultural land, the natural environment and important landscape features. Areas nominated for future development are in or adjacent to Lismore's main urban area, in close proximity to villages that provide a range of services, or in an adjacent to existing rural residential estates.

Land for new urban, village and rural residential housing is proposed in:

- Goonellabah and the northern ridges
- East Lismore
- Bexhill
- Caniaba
- Clunes
- Dunoon
- Nimbin
- Wyrallah
- The Channon
- McLeans Ridges
- Modanville
- Monaltrie
- Richmond Hill

In addition, the Draft GMS nominates a medium-density housing precinct close to the Base Hospital, Lismore Shopping Square and the CBD.

Changes are also proposed to land suitable for rural landsharing community housing (multiple occupancy). The Draft GMS suggests new multiple occupancy communities should be located close to villages and road infrastructure already in place.

The Draft GMS can be viewed at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or in hardcopy at Council's Corporate Centre.

Submissions can be made online, posted to the **General Manager, Lismore City Council, 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 phone our Strategic Planning Coordinator Paula Newman on 1300 87 83 87.**



# DRAFT BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

On public exhibition 26 November 2014 to 24 February 2015

Council has placed the Draft Biodiversity Management Strategy (BMS) on exhibition for three months for community comment.

In conjunction with the exhibition period, Council will hold community consultation into a proposed \$500,000 per annum Special Rate Variation to fund the implementation of the strategy.

The BMS provides a framework for Council to build partnerships with the community to protect and enhance biodiversity on public and private land in both urban and rural landscapes.

The BMS aims to deliver cleaner roadsides; assist landholders and community groups to manage pests and weeds; assist management of bushland and riversides on rural land; provide more opportunities for community involvement through events, workshops and field days; and provide more recreational opportunities in well-managed urban bushland reserves, such as walking tracks.

The proposed rate increase to implement the BMS would apply to three rating categories: Residential, Rural Residential and Farmland.

The rate rise would be based on the NSW Valuer General's land values, with the average urban resident paying \$25.43 per year; the average rural resident paying \$31.68 per year; and the average farmland resident paying \$50.63 per year. Note the average farmland cost is higher due to higher average land values.

If the community is supportive of the rate rise, Council will decide whether to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for the Special Rate Variation in April 2015. If it is approved, the rate increase would take effect from July 2016.

All ratepayers affected by the proposed Special Rate Variation will receive a letter detailing the proposal and everyone in the community is encouraged to provide feedback.

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# KERBSIDE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AN AUSTRALIAN FIRST

Council recently became the first council in Australia to achieve organic certification for compost made from kerbside food and garden waste.

We achieved the certification through Australian Organic by putting in place new screening processes to remove plastics and other inorganic materials from kerbside green waste as well as stringent product testing and cleaning/hygiene controls.

The news means organic producers from right across the Northern Rivers can purchase compost from Council and maintain their organic certification.

In 2012 we achieved organic certification for the green waste people drop off at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. The new certification for compost made from kerbside food and garden waste means all our composting products are now 100% certified organic.

The certified organic compost is available for purchase from Council's weighbridge for \$35 per cubic metre. Smaller amounts can also be purchased.







# GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Buying local helps our region prosper and this Christmas is a perfect time to help local producers and farmers by purchasing a gift pack from the Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres.

The beautifully wrapped gift hampers can be tailored to suit your taste and budget. From locally-grown coffee to our region's exceptional olives and infused olive oils, there is something for every palate.

Choose yummy products showcasing local flavours such as lemon myrtle mustard, lillipilli and Davidson plum jams, beetroot chilli relish and yellow bush dukkah. Or indulge your senses with chocolate-coated macadamias and blueberries.

Himalayan salt, spices, muesli, sweets, tea, gourmet biscuits, natural hair and beauty products... the list goes on. There is also fine handmade jewellery, gorgeous handcrafted children's toys and colourful candles.

If the choice is simply too overwhelming, you can always buy your loved one a gift voucher so they can choose from the fine range of local goods.

Every product you buy from the Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres helps a local grower, artist or farmer – and that's a great Christmas gift to the region.

The Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres make shopping super convenient. They are open 7 days from 9.30am to 4pm daily.





# 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.

#### **10/362-2 2 Livotto Drive, Richmond Hill**

Section 96(1A) modification to roof of covered outdoor living area.

#### **13/292-2 136 Keen Street and 22 Rural Street, Lismore**

Section 96(1A) modification to relocate bar and kitchenette on floor one.

#### **13/305-2 29 Greenwood Drive, Goonellabah**

Section 96(1A) modification to rearrange the staging of the development to allow stage three to occur as stage two.

#### **14/18 13/78 Cecil Street, Nimbin**

Shed.

#### **14/116-2 401 Terania Creek Road, Terania Creek**

S96(1) Caretakers dwelling, demolition of canteen and storage building, and construction of an additional cabin.

#### **14/215 59 Bridge Street, North Lismore**

Change of use of part of a building to a retail premises (bulk and wholefoods shop).

#### **14/222 567 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges**

Conversion of an existing shed to a detached dual occupancy.

#### **14/235 11 Main Street, Clunes**

Change of use of church hall to a dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy.

#### **14/247 21 Krauss Avenue, South Lismore**

Change of use of part of a building to a rural supplies facility with associated internal fit-out.

#### **14/249 5 Rous Road, Goonellabah**

Dwelling additions and alterations.

**14/256 133 Nielson Street, East Lismore**

Dwelling addition (covered patio).

**14/260 36 Ruane Road, Tuncester**

Dwelling.

**14/272 7 Toona Court, Goonellabah**

Dwelling addition and alterations (enclose existing patio and extend roof over existing paving).

**14/274 2 Ida Place, Goonellabah**

Shed.

**14/275 7/136 Davis Road, Jiggi**

Dwelling.

**14/280 46 Cathcart Street, Girards Hill**

Tree removal (black bean, palm and jacaranda).

**14/286 39 Hindmarsh Street, Lismore**

Inground swimming pool.

**14/288 747 Ballina Road, Goonellabah**

Commercial premises (kitchen alterations).

**14/290 61 Tulsi Lane, Nimbin**

Garage and carport.

**14/291 5 North Street, Lismore**

Dwelling addition (covered deck).

**14/297 87 Wilson Street, South Lismore**

Dwelling addition (covered deck).

**14/298 32 Bruxner Crescent, Goonellabah**

Inground concrete swimming pool.

**14/299 29 Camelot Road, Goonellabah**

Dwelling addition (verandah with internal stairs) and shed.

**14/302 1/47 James Road, Goonellabah**

Dwelling addition (extension to covered deck).

**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

## 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 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.

On Monday, 15 December interviews will be conducted by Councillors Jenny Dowell and Mathew Scheibel.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 12 December.

## 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, 2 December Councillors will be briefed on:

- **Renewable Energy Master Plan.**
- **Farming the Sun.**
- **Internal Audit.**
- **Subdivision of land in urban residential areas and associated infrastructure.**

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council will be held on Tuesday, 9 December.

Reports include:

- **CBD and Riverbank Improvement Program.**
- **Waterford Park Planning Proposal.**
- **Renewable Energy Master Plan.**
- **Farming the Sun (community-owned solar farm).**

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

This is the last ordinary Council meeting for 2014. Council meetings will resume in February 2015.

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

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

## **Proposed changes to road levels: Hunter St, Lismore**

In accordance with the Roads Act 1993, design plans are being prepared for roadworks in two sections of Hunter Street, including road level changes detailed below. Public comment is open for 30 days.

<b>LOCATION/WORK</b>	<b>SECTION OF ROAD AFFECTED</b>	<b>CHANGE IN ROAD LEVEL</b>
Hunter St, Lismore (Uralba to McKenzie Sts). Road pavement reconstruction including formalising car parking.	0.16km section of Hunter St between Uralba St and McKenzie St intersections including formalising car parking lanes. Car parking will also be formalised in Dalziel St adjacent to McKenzie Park.	Raise a maximum +300mm along road centreline and parking lane levels by an average of +150mm.
Hunter St, Lismore, outside Lismore Base Hospital. Road pavement rehabilitation/reconstruction including formalising some car parking.	0.3km section of Hunter St between Uralba and Orion St intersections. Car parking will be formalised along the western side of Hunter St between Laurel Ave and Orion St intersections.	Raise an average +150mm along western parking lane between Laurel Ave and Orion St intersections only.

Work is programmed to 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 in some areas and affected driveway access will be modified to match.

The public are entitled to make written submissions, which should state the reason for objection or support and the section of road it relates to. Submissions are due by 4pm on 29 December 2014.

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



# T2014-19: DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL VEHICLES

Council is disposing of the following vehicles by tender:

- 1 x Volkswagen caddy van
- 2 x Subaru Foresters AWD
- 1 x Subaru Forester XV
- 1 x Toyota Hi-Ace van



Information and vehicles will be available for inspection (sorry, no test drives) from 10am to 1pm on Monday, 8 December 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 should be placed in the Tender Box in the foyer of our Corporate Centre.

**Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 11 December 2014.**

## COUNCIL CLOSURE:

Council's Corporate Centre and the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre will be closed from 12pm on Friday, 12 December for the duration of the day. For emergencies, phone **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.**



# COMMUNITY TRAINING EVENT

## Introduction to the Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management for south-east Lismore

Interested community groups and individuals are invited to attend a short training course presented by Council staff in how the new koala plan provisions apply to development applications in the Lismore Local Government Area.

The training will be held on Thursday, 11 December from 10am to 12.30pm (with free lunch provided) at the Lismore City Environment Education Centre (located at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore).

If you or your group are interested in attending, phone us on **1300 87 83 87** by Monday, 8 December as numbers are limited.

**Please note:** A more detailed koala plan training event aimed at professional consultants (e.g. ecologists, town planners, engineers) will be held in early 2015. Date to be advised.



## YOUR COVER

There are several activities coming up to celebrate Christmas including Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, 14 December at Oakes Oval. This is a free event for the whole community. See over for full details. There will also be outdoor trading in the CBD up until Christmas Eve, with businesses encouraged to help generate a market-style atmosphere in the city. In the 12 days before Christmas watch out for buskers, visits by Santa, roller-skating elves, stilt walkers and more.





CONTACT US:  
**1300 87 83 87**

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