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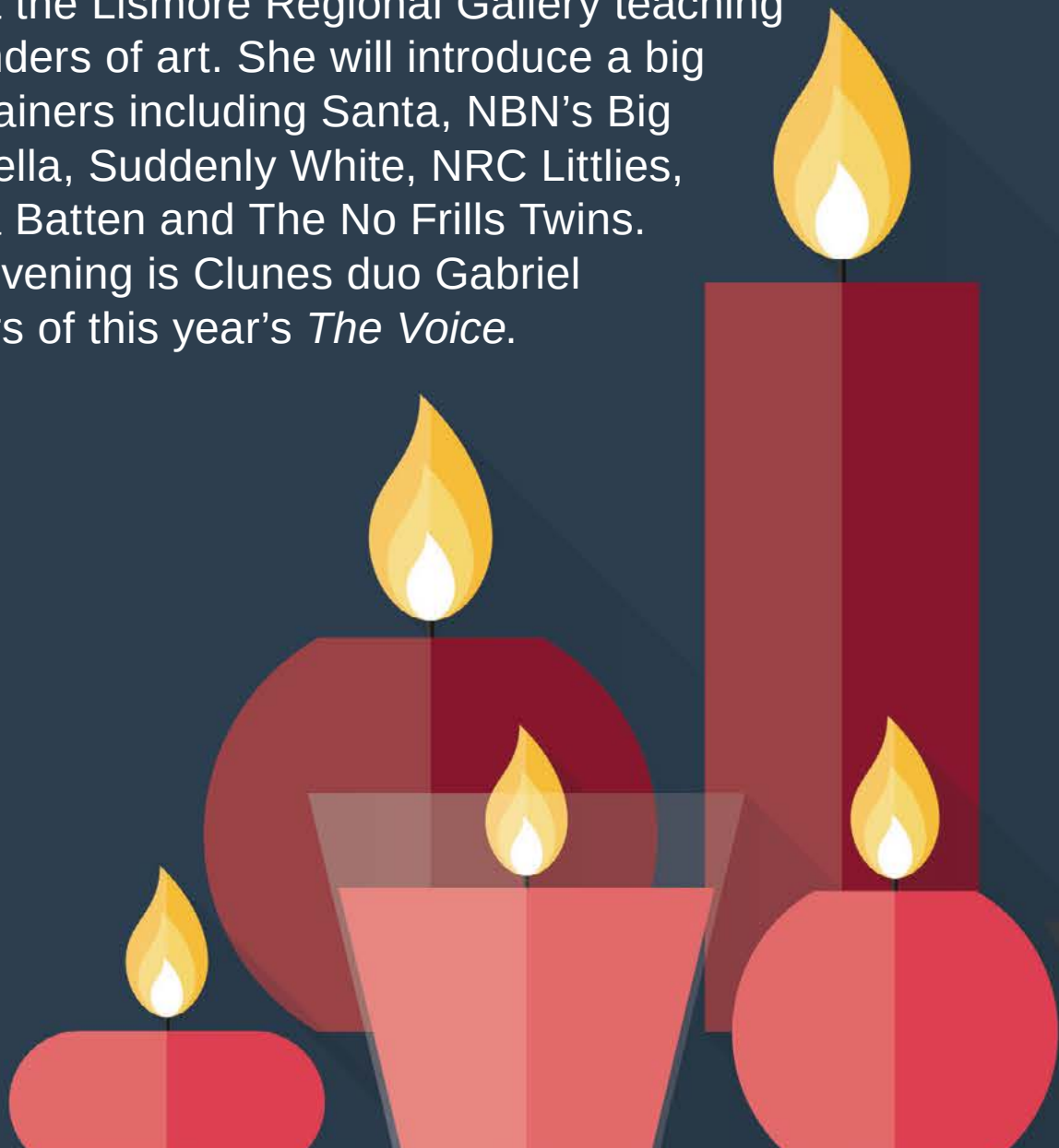
JOIN THE FUN AT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The all-singing, all-dancing 2014 Carols by Candlelight is on this weekend.

The event is this Sunday, 14 December at Oakes Oval, where you are invited to enjoy an evening of free entertainment to celebrate Christmas.

Bring a picnic rug or blanket and make yourself comfortable for a night of carol singing, performance, music and colourful fireworks.

The event is hosted by Peggy Popart, who many kids would know from her work at the Lismore Regional Gallery teaching children the wonders of art. She will introduce a big line-up of entertainers including Santa, NBN's Big Dog, Luke Vassella, Suddenly White, NRC Littlies, Deana and Julia Batten and The No Frills Twins. Headlining the evening is Clunes duo Gabriel and Cecilia, stars of this year's *The Voice*.



Little ones will have access to a children's playground and there will be glowsticks and refreshments for sale. Proceeds will be used by the newly established Lismore Business Panel Children's Christmas Fund to help disadvantaged children in the 2480 postcode area.

**The fun begins this Sunday, 14 December at 6pm.
Gates open at 4.30pm and fireworks will be held
around 8.45pm.**

Carols by Candlelight is generously sponsored by Shopbaby, NBN, APN and Lismore Shopping Square.



COUNCIL'S FUTURE PLANS FOR WASTE IN NIMBIN

We have recently met with the Nimbin Advisory Group to discuss our plans for future waste services in Nimbin.

Council held a survey earlier this year to gauge what the community wanted so we could make informed decisions about how to improve waste management in the village and surrounding areas. Some of the changes taking place include the following:

Village organics

At its 11 November meeting, Council resolved to introduce village organics right across the Local Government Area and of course this includes Nimbin.

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 comprehensive information packages to ensure they are fully aware of our recycling rules.

Council will continue to investigate rolling out rural kerbside collection services to properties around Nimbin. Issues include road width and turning circles etc.





Proposed changes for 2015

After discussion with the Nimbin Advisory Group and in light of the waste survey results, the following recommendations will be presented to Council early next year.

- Engage the local community to create artwork for the village's street bins. The artworks can be printed onto street bins and refreshed when needed to ensure Nimbin village has attractive and colourful bins that suit the village's character.
- It is proposed that the Waste Transfer Station stay open and undergo a \$130,000 upgrade, using NSW Government grant funds Council has already secured. Once the works are completed, Council would also look at further development and value-adding at the facility, such as the possibility of a Revolve Shop to sell second-hand goods.

These proposed changes are likely to go before Council in March next year for possible implementation in the 2015/16 financial year.

If anyone has feedback on the proposed changes, phone Council on 1300 87 83 87 or jump online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and send us your thoughts via the 'Give us Feedback' link.



FREE MYROADINFO APP COMING SOON

We will soon be releasing a free MyRoadInfo app for iPhones and Android devices to complement the existing website.

The MyRoadInfo website was developed in 2013 as an online information hub listing road closures and delays due to accidents, storms or rising floodwaters.

MyRoadInfo includes the latest updates from councils and the RMS so residents have localised knowledge at their fingertips to make sensible decisions on the road.

The new app includes an additional feature allowing residents to nominate 10 favourite roads and the user will receive automatic notifications should accidents, storms or flooding affect those roads.

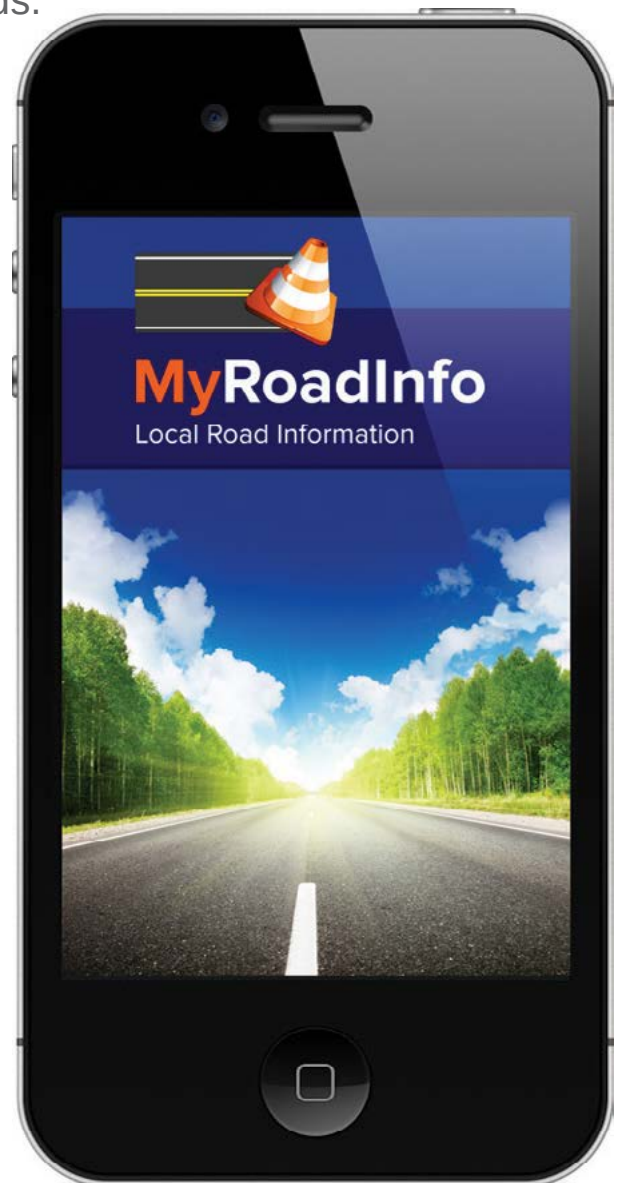
The idea is to get people safely from A to B and the logical extension of the website was to create a simple, free app that people could download and have with them at all times.

MyRoadInfo was the brainchild of the Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC). It was developed following a particularly severe flood in 2013 that inundated the Northern Rivers and highlighted the need for a service that bridged council boundaries.

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

You will soon be able to download the MyRoadInfo app via the App Store for iPhones or the Google Play Store for Android devices. We will advise residents when it is ready for download.

If people or property are at risk, phone the SES on 132 500. If there is an emergency, always phone 000.





MOBILE LIBRARY ADDS VILLAGE STOPS TO NIMBIN RUN

The Richmond Tweed Regional Library has made changes to the Mobile Library schedule to enable two additional village stops on its Nimbin run.

The move will enable people at Blakebrook and Goolmangar to visit the Mobile Library once a fortnight on alternate Thursday mornings to borrow from the extensive collection of books, CDs and DVDs, and e-resources.

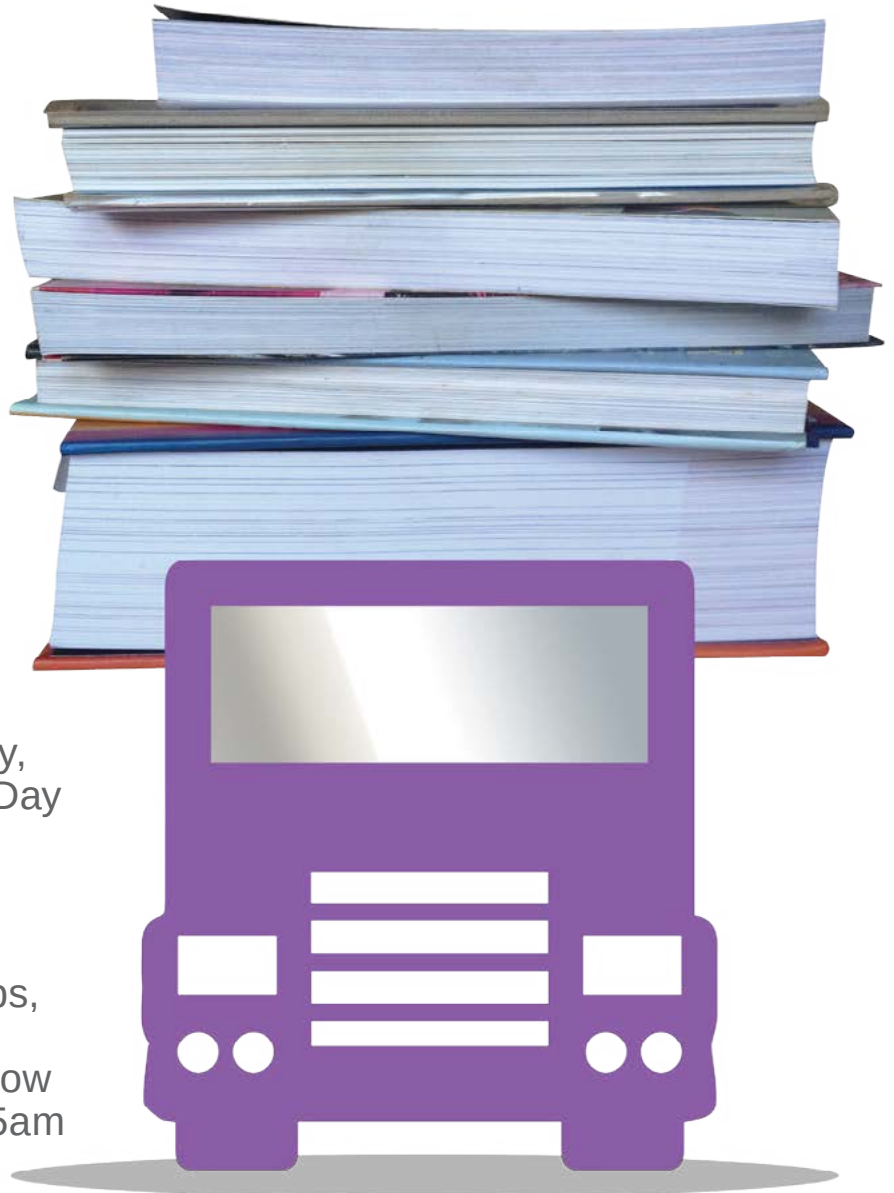
The Mobile Library will stop at the two local schools as these are central, have big turning bays for the vehicle and make it convenient for parents dropping off children.

People who are not Richmond Tweed Regional Library members can visit the Mobile Library and join on the spot.

The Mobile Library will make its fortnightly stop at Blakebrook Public School starting Thursday, 11 December, from 9.15am to 10am. The next stop at Goolmangar Public School will be Thursday, 18 December, from 9.15am to 10am.

The Mobile Library will be closed Christmas Day (Thursday, 25 December) and New Year's Day (Thursday, 1 January 2015). The rostered weeks will start again in the new year.

As a result of the additional stops, the Mobile Library will arrive in Nimbin 15 minutes later. It will now operate in the village from 10.45am to 5pm on Thursdays.





IPAD MINI WINNER ANNOUNCED

Thank you to everyone who entered our iPad Mini competition. We were overwhelmed with entries and by the very encouraging feedback about Local Matters.

We also got some excellent suggestions. They included having more for kids or perhaps a quiz/puzzle, more info on community events, a section for gripes and queries, more updates on roadworks, and making sure all our images have photo captions. One person also said to make sure we tell the bad news stories as well as the good ones! These are all great suggestions and we will take them on board.

We also felt really heartened by some of the feedback. One lady told us she had found an exercise class through Local Matters that had enriched her life and another reader said she enjoyed reading it while caring for her sick husband at home. Another reader got a kick out of seeing their own DA listed and our favourite was from a lady who wrote, "The recycling is very interesting. I never thought I'd enjoy reading about garbage." That made our day!

So thank you again everyone for being honest and telling us how you feel about the publication – good, bad and ugly. Unfortunately, only one reader can have the iPad Mini.

And the winner is...

E. Robinson
from Goonelabah.

We'll be in touch Ms Robinson to get your iPad Mini out to you. Congratulations and thank you again to all our readers for taking part.





CHRISTMAS CAPERS IN THE CBD

You might find yourself talking to a roller-skating elf, buying your Christmas presents from stalls on the street or you might see a building light up unexpectedly as you wander by. It's all part of the fun Christmas capers happening in the CBD in the 12 days leading up to Christmas.

The Lismore Business Panel is creating a market-style atmosphere in the CBD by allowing street trading up until Christmas Eve.

The Panel has also helped fund Christmas activities to promote a festive atmosphere in the CBD with lots of quirky fun for kids and adults. Activities include a children's jumping castle, roller-skating elves, visits by Santa, Peggy Popart street theatre, stilt walkers, dynamic light features, gift wrapping (gold coin donation) and lots more.

The fun is all designed to encourage people to support local businesses and buy their Christmas presents in the city centre. There is a huge variety of shops selling everything you could want for Christmas.



**Enjoy
the fun!**



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.

10/280-3 15 Alternative Way, Nimbin

Section 96(2) modification to condition 27 pertaining to the construction of a footpath.

12/229-2 55 Federation Drive, Eltham

Section 96(1A) modification to location of water tanks.

14/20 129 Kilgin Road, North Woodburn

Farm shed.

14/226 67 Minyon Falls Road, Repentance Creek

To construct a second dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy.

14/252 39 Fischer Street, Goonellabah

Dwelling addition (awning) and additional dwelling to create a secondary dwelling.

14/257 85 Coleman Street, Bexhill

Demolition of existing storage shed and carport and construction of new storage shed.

14/259 86 Henson Road, Wyrallah

Rural subdivision to create one additional lot for primary production purposes.

14/267 29 Rous Road, Goonellabah

Change of use from retail premise (tenancy 5) to health care practice and internal fit-out.

14/279 3 O'Mahoney Drive, Goonellabah

Dwelling and retaining wall.

14/281 11 Panorama Road, Girards Hill

Remove trees in a heritage conservation zone.

14/295 9 Charlton Avenue, South Lismore

Farm shed.

14/296 16 Oliver Street, East Lismore

Shed.

14/303 7 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba

Dwelling and retaining walls.

14/307 29 Joy Street, Goonellabah

Dwelling and retaining walls.

14/308 6/27 Carolina Street, Lismore Heights

Strata subdivision (to create 2 lots).

14/326 1 Palmvale Drive, Goonellabah

Dwelling addition.

14/331 584C Bruxner Highway, South Gundurimba

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.

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.

89/583-02

LOCATION/DP LOT: 104 Henson Road, Wyrallah (DP 593140, Lot 2)

APPLICANT: Lismore Sand Metal and Earthmoving Contractors.

DESCRIPTION: Section 96(1A) modification to condition 5 to extend the life of the quarry until 2034 (Ranieri Quarry).

CLOSING DATE: 24 December 2014.

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah 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.

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, 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.

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, 18 December interviews will be conducted by Councillors Neil Marks and Isaac Smith at Lismore City Library. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 16 December.

PLEASE NOTE: JANUARY HOLIDAYS

There are no Council meetings, briefings or interviews during January. Normal Council business resumes in February. We will advertise the first meetings for the new year in Local Matters published 21 January 2015.

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



CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

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- Lismore City Council will be closed from Thursday, 25 December (Christmas Day) until Monday, 5 January 2015.
 - Richmond Tweed Regional Library will be closed from Thursday, 25 December (Christmas Day) until Friday, 2 January 2015.



**In the case of an emergency please phone
1300 87 83 87 and you will be connected to
Council's after hours service.**





TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Dalley Street (College Street to Military Road), Lismore

Council plans to undertake road pavement rehabilitation of Dalley Street between its intersections with College Street and Military Road in January 2015, weather permitting.

Works are to be completed under a temporary road closure of this section of road with traffic being detoured around the site via adjoining streets. Local driveway access will be maintained as far as possible under the direction of traffic controllers.

Scheduling works during January will take advantage of the January school holiday period to reduce traffic impacts on the adjoining Lismore High School and nearby Southern Cross University. During the temporary road closure, the bus bay adjoining Lismore High, on-street parking and pedestrian access will also be affected.

Adjoining residents and nearby businesses have been directly notified of these pending works. Council apologises for this traffic disruption and asks motorists to please obey traffic control measures during these essential roadworks.



If you would like to discuss the works, phone Council's Urban Works Engineer Dean Baldwin on 1300 87 83 87.

Please visit www.myroadinfo.com.au which has all the latest road closure information including updates for these planned roadworks.



REMINDER:

SHREDDED PAPER GOES IN THE GREEN BIN



Just a reminder to all that shredded paper goes in your green-lidded organics bin.

Most residents are placing shredded paper in their yellow bin. While we understand this might seem logical, shredded paper gets caught in the machinery that turns glass products into sand, so it's important we recycle it with our organic materials instead.

Please keep this in mind and always place shredded paper in the green-lidded organics bin.

Thank you!

Please note: If you are a business and do not have an organics service please phone us for advice on

1300 87 83 87.

YOUR COVER

We recently placed the Draft Biodiversity Management Strategy on public exhibition and we are holding a community consultation on a proposed Special Rate Variation to fund its implementation.

We are sending letters to every resident that would be affected by this so everyone can provide feedback on the draft strategy and proposed rate rise. Keep an eye out for the letter and a fact sheet sporting the native rose-crowned fruit dove on this week's cover.





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