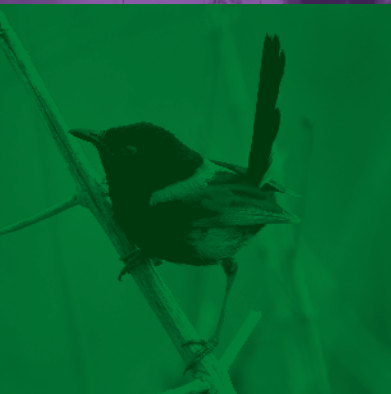




# LOCAL MATTERS

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## COUNCIL DECIDES...

**At the meeting of 9 December 2014, Council decisions included the following:**

### **Street lighting concern**

Council will write to Essential Energy, the Australian Energy Regulator, the Minister for the Environment and the Premier expressing its concern that:

- In addition to Essential Energy's attempt to substantially increase its charges for street lighting, it appears that Essential Energy is not committed to using LED technology for street lighting in the short to medium term.
- This means Essential Energy customers, including Lismore, will continue to be paying for outdated technology and are unable to access the substantial savings that come with adoption of that technology.

### **Rail Trail support**

Council confirmed its support for a 'Rail Trail' in the rail line corridor between Casino and Murwillumbah. Council will communicate its support to NOROC; Byron, Tweed and Richmond Valley councils; State MP Thomas George; Ballina MP Don Page; and State Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian.

### **Lismore Women's Refuge**

Council resolved that in acknowledging the strong community support for the Lismore Women's Refuge, including from local police, and the vital services it has provided over 36 years, Council would:

- Call for the NSW Government to ensure the extension of temporary funding granted to the Lismore Women's Refuge until the end of the current contract period in June 2017.
- Call on the NSW Government to guarantee that Lismore will continue to have a specialist women's refuge beyond 2017 to support the local community and local police, as the next closest government-funded refuges are more than an hour away (Grafton/Tweed Heads).

- Write a letter to the Minister Gabrielle Upton, local MP Thomas George and candidates for Lismore in the upcoming state election, outlining the above points and requesting that they support the continued funding of the specialist women's refuge in Lismore.

### **CBD and Riverbank Improvement Program**

Council has resolved to undertake the following as part of the CBD and Riverbank Improvement Program. Works will begin in January 2015.

- Demolish and rebuild the Clyde Campbell carpark toilets at a cost of \$120,000. This includes a new disabled/baby change area as well as new male/female toilets.
- Construct a small, 24-hour unisex toilet near the corner of Keen and Woodlark Streets for use by daytime shoppers and nighttime hotel patrons at a cost of \$70,000.
- Upgrade and refurbish the Lismore Transit Centre toilets at a cost of \$20,000.
- Begin additional CBD cleaning at a cost of \$33,000 per annum over the next four years. This includes increased pressure cleaning and footpath cleaning to improve the appearance of the CBD.
- Rehabilitate the eastern riverbank of the Wilsons River at a cost of \$88,000. This includes removing poor fill material, planting native species and building an all-weather pathway between the Rowing Club carpark and the old Lismore Club.

Council also resolved to upgrade the inner footpath around the entire CBD block, beginning in 2016/17. The surface material will be determined by the CBD/Riverbank Feedback Group in consultation with CBD businesses. This will cost \$1.5 million and will be completed over four years.

Council also agreed to construct an additional toilet near the intersection of Keen and Magellan Streets, but this has been delayed until final plans for the proposed art gallery at C Block are further developed, as there may be an opportunity to integrate the two proposals. Should the art gallery not proceed, a new daytime toilet will be built near this intersection in 2016.

In addition, Council resolved not to pursue a two-way Magellan Street proposal due to lack of local support and to postpone any decision to remove the roundabouts at the intersections of Keen/Woodlark Streets and Keen/Magellan Streets until a traffic/pedestrian/cyclist study for the CBD is completed.

## Renewable Energy Master Plan adopted

Council has adopted a Renewable Energy Master Plan, which sets out actions for Council to self-generate all its electricity from renewable sources by 2023.

**Stage 1** involves significantly reducing consumption with a range of energy efficiency measures such as switching to LED lighting and installing solar PV and solar hot water systems at Council-owned sites. Stage 1 will cost \$4 million with a pay-back period of six to seven years.

**Stage 2** involves construction of a large-scale 3.8-4.7 MW solar plant, which would cost approximately \$15 million. The Renewable Energy Master Plan determined that at present Stage 2 is not commercially viable, however developments across a range of areas such as storage technology and the ability to 'move' electricity across sites will occur in coming years. Therefore the recommendation is to maintain watch on such developments and prepare for implementation of Stage 2 closer to the target year of 2023.

## Farming the Sun progress

Council will sign a 'Farming the Sun' Heads of Agreement and allocate \$24,000 to progress the solar farm concept. The agreement will allow final costings, grid connection and business modelling for the establishment of two community solar farms on Council-owned sites.

The Farming the Sun project could potentially be Australia's first council/community partnership solar farm. It is proposed to build two 100kW systems at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre and the East Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant using a community-funded loan.

Over the next few months the terms for the community loan will be established and go before Council for a final decision in March/April 2015. If Council agrees to the terms, a prospectus for local investors will be developed.

## Airport sale abandoned

Council has cancelled the proposal for the sale or long-term lease of Lismore Airport due to the scant nature of submissions received and concerns from existing airport users.

## Waterford Park development

Council will forward a Planning Proposal for the expansion of the Waterford Park Estate to the Department of Planning and Environment seeking a Gateway Determination.

The Planning Proposal includes the rezoning of 7.1 hectares of land at 33 Acacia Drive, Goonellabah, from RU1 Primary Production to R1 General Residential.

The land is surrounded to the north, east and west by an approved subdivision with approval for 241 residential lots.

If the Gateway Determination is approved by the Department, Council will seek assessments from the proponent on flora and fauna, contaminated land, European and Aboriginal heritage, social impact, stormwater management, traffic impact, land use conflict risk and bushfire risk.

Once the documentation is received, Council will place the Planning Proposal on exhibition for 28 days.

## Rainbow Region Community Farms proposed lease

Council has placed on public exhibition for 28 days a proposed licence agreement with Rainbow Region Community Farms Incorporated.

The proposed licence agreement with Rainbow Region Community Farms Inc. is for a 20-year term at an annual rental of \$131.45, including GST, for part Lots 1 and 4 DP 44444 and part Lot 10 DP 16613, known as 50 Brewster Street and 129 Diadem Street, Lismore. Public submissions are due by 22 January 2015.

Items on public exhibition can be viewed on our website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or at the Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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

For information phone Property and Legal Services Officer Anne-Marie Fahey on 1300 87 83 87.

**A complete list of Council resolutions can be viewed at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au). Council does not meet in January. The next ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 February 2014.**

# CALL TO ACTION TO CREATE CHANGE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Lismore City Council will be visiting seven rural communities over the next 18 months to create action plans with local people that reflect each community's wants and needs.

Council's Community Engagement and Partnering Team will hold a series of two-day Community Planning Workshops with residents encouraged to share ideas for community projects they can undertake with Council's support.

The planning day feedback will form the basis of Community Plans and people will be invited to join Community Panels in the seven different areas to oversee the implementation of key actions.

The aim of the first Community Planning Day is to explore people's thoughts, ideas and aspirations, and to document these into actions and objectives. At the second Community Planning Day, Council staff will return with a draft plan to show the community and to further identify feasibility of projects.

**The Community Planning Days for The Channon, Terania Creek, Tuntable Creek, Koonorigan and Keerrong communities are as follows:**

## Planning Day One

**Where:** The Channon Hall  
**When:** 31 January 2015  
**Start:** 9.30am for 10am  
**Finish:** 3.30pm  
**RSVP:** 9 January 2015

## Planning Day Two

**Where:** Koonorigan Hall  
**When:** 28 February 2015  
**Start:** 9.30am for 10am  
**Finish:** 3.30pm  
**RSVP:** 9 February 2015

The Community Planning Days for Wyrallah, Tregeagle, Lindendale, Monaltrie, Marom Creek, Tucki Tucki, Tuckurimba or North Woodburn, Green Forest or Buckendoon communities are as follows:

## Planning Day One

**Where:** Wyrallah Hall  
**When:** 14 February 2015  
**Start:** 9.30am for 10am  
**Finish:** 3.30pm  
**RSVP:** 2 February 2015

## Planning Day Two

**Where:** Tregeagle Hall  
**When:** 7 March 2015  
**Start:** 9.30am for 10am  
**Finish:** 3.30pm  
**RSVP:** 20 February 2015

**If you live in or around these communities and want to register your attendance, phone Lizette Twisleton or Casie Hughes on 1300 87 83 87. Please bring lunch or a plate to share.**



# KEEP YOUR RECYCLING HAT ON THIS SILLY SEASON

Christmas can be a very wasteful time, often with too much food being cooked and excess packaging and wrapping paper that needs to be disposed of.

Studies have shown that as a community, we generate 11% more waste, 15% more recycling and 23% more organic waste over the Christmas holiday period.

The best way to decrease all of this waste is to avoid it in the first place! Steer clear of goods that are over-packaged and make gift choices that will outlast the holiday period. To help you make smart choices about your waste and keep as much as possible out of landfill, we have put together a few tips:

- Toy packaging: Cardboard and hard plastic packaging can be placed into the recycling bin loose, whilst small wire ties should go into your waste bin.
- Soft plastic packaging and plastic bags should be placed into a plastic bag. When it's full, tie it up and pop it in your recycling bin.
- Preserve wrapping paper if you can or use newspaper instead. Otherwise place it in your recycling bin.
- Plastic plates and cups can be placed in the recycling bin.
- Purchase gifts that will last and not end up in landfill before the end of the holidays.
- Place your beer bottles, wine and champagne bottles into your recycling bin loose – not in empty beer cartons or bags as our MRF cannot separate the bottles from the cardboard.
- Use your leftovers! Any unusable food waste should go into your organics bin, along with used napkins and paper plates.

- Make an easy-to-use waste system for your visitors. If you have a lot of people coming, set up three containers side by side so your guests can easily dispose of their waste correctly. This will save you a lot of hassle and ensure you have sufficient space in your bins.
- Dispose of any excess recyclables at one of our Drop-off Centres at either Brewster Street or the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. This is also a great way to dispose of bulky recyclables such as large cardboard boxes and polystyrene.

## Christmas closures:

**The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre is closed on public holidays only. Kerbside collections will operate as normal.**

**The Revolve Shop will be closed on public holidays and on Saturday, 27 December.**





# 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.

#### **11/117-3 15 Sunset Drive, Goonellabah**

Section 96(1A) modification to dwelling alterations and additions.

#### **13/158-2 59 Bridge Street, North Lismore**

Section 96(1A) modification to floor layout.

#### **14/55-2 289 Keen Street, East Lismore**

Section 96(1A) modification to delete condition 2 pertaining to workshops being undertaken from the building.

#### **14/154 273 and 275 Keen Street and 7A Hutley Place, East Lismore**

Change of use to a light industry.

#### **14/239-2 23 Jubilee Avenue, Goonellabah**

Section 96(1A) modification to carport roof and support columns.

#### **14/261 27 Carrington Street, Lismore**

Removal of peppercorn tree in Shire Lane.

#### **14/266 122 Elliot Road, Clunes**

Demolition of the existing expanded dwelling building and construction of a detached dual occupancy.

#### **14/284 11 Panorama Road, Girards Hill**

Retaining wall.

#### **14/293 1 Fiford Avenue, Goonellabah**

Dwelling alteration (removal of existing awning and construction of new carport) with a building line variation to 0.2m to Clifford Street.

#### **14/309 4 Lorikeet Court, Goonellabah**

Carport.

#### **14/310 63 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah**

Dwelling.

#### **14/311 856 Wyrallah Road, Wyrallah**

Dwelling alterations and additions including raising of dwelling.

#### **14/313 11 Bridge Street, North Lismore**

Change of use of part of an existing Community Facility to a Medical Centre.

#### **14/315 7 Highfield Terrace, Goonellabah**

Awning.

#### **14/322 1, 1A, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F Molesworth Street, Lismore**

Extension of operating hours 12.30pm-3.30pm for the Lismore Greyhound Racing Club for the nominated dates to permit the transfer of meetings from Casino to Lismore – 7, 14, 21 and 28 November, 2014; 5, 12 and 19 December, 2014; and 16, 23 and 30 January 2015.

#### **14/330 204 Union Street, South Lismore**

Dwelling additions and alterations.

#### **14/336 24 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill**

Shed with carport.

**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).**





## LOOKING FOR A NEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY?

Water Lab Wednesday will run on three consecutive Wednesdays – 7, 14 and 21 January 2015. Kids are invited to visit the Water Science Lab at Dorroughby on these days and take part in water challenges.

So what is the Water Science Lab and who can go?

- For children five to 14 with a supervising adult.
- Fun water science investigations for individuals or small groups.
- Water challenges involve the use of microscopes, water testing equipment, a giant board game, small catchment model and more.
- No cost. This is a free activity presented by Rous Water and supported by the Department of Education and Communities.
- Afterwards you could spend time at Rocky Creek Dam for a walk, play or picnic and it's only 5 minutes' drive away.
- More information on the Water Science Lab can be found at [www.watersciencelab.com.au](http://www.watersciencelab.com.au).

**Water Lab Wednesday opens at 10am and closes at 3pm (last entry 2pm) and is at Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, 210 Dunoon Road, Dorroughby.**



# CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

- 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.**



# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED

**Lismore City Council is extending the deadline for Australia Day Award nominations until Monday, 5 January 2015.**

People are urged to take advantage of the extended timelines and nominate a special person who makes our community a better place to live.

People can be nominated for excellence in a field of endeavour, volunteering or giving to the community, contributions to the arts and environment, or for exceptional sporting achievements.

The nomination form is simple and does not take long to complete. The new deadline is 5 January 2015, so please nominate someone who deserves recognition today.

Categories in 2015 are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Aboriginal Citizen of the Year, Services in Community (Individual), Services in Community (Group), Sportsman (Senior), Sportsman (Junior), Sports (Team/Group/Organisation), Sustainable Environment and Art/Cultural.

**Nominations close on 5 January 2015. Nomination forms are available on Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or from our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah.**

**For more information, phone 1300 87 83 87.**

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND  
A SAFE AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR TO OUR  
COMMUNITY.**



## YOUR COVER

We ran into Santa Claus recently when he visited Lismore. It seems news of our funny bent Christmas tree made it all the way to the North Pole and he came to see for himself what all the fuss was about.

We would like to wish all our readers a happy festive season and say thanks for your feedback throughout the year. Keep it coming. If there are things you think we can do better, we want to know. See you in 2015!







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