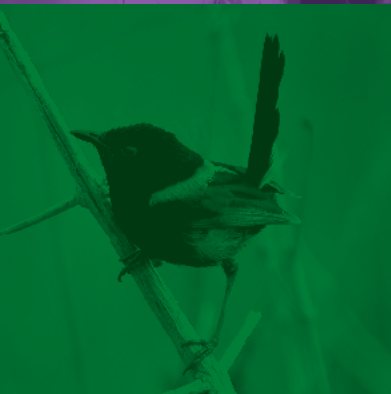




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NEW PROJECT FOR VILLAGE AREAS NEEDS PASSIONATE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

This year Lismore City Council is starting a new project to involve local communities in changing their own places for the better.

We discussed our Community Panels project in the last edition, but we figure prawns, family and holidays may have wrested people's attention away. We are including the information again because we need people from our local communities to get involved and make this project a success.

Over the next 18 months we will visit seven rural communities to create action plans with local people that reflect each community's unique wants and needs for the future.

The process begins with a series of two-day Community Planning Workshops where people will be asked 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 concept is to inspire community leadership and volunteering with plans that are project and activity based, engendering community ownership and participation.

Council is conscious that each small community in the Lismore Local Government Area has its own distinctive character and so each needs its own plan guided by local people.

We are looking for community members that have fresh ideas, creativity, enthusiasm and energy to join the Community Planning Days. If you have passion for your community, then please get involved in this process.

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 and people will be asked to further identify priorities and feasibility of the 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, North Woodburn, Green Forest and 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

People are asked to bring lunch or a plate to share on the day. If you live in or around these communities and need further information or want to register your attendance at a Community Planning Day, contact Lizette Twisleton or Casie Hughes on 1300 87 83 87.



COMMUNITY PANELS

WORKS BEGINS ON CBD AND RIVERBANK IMPROVEMENTS

Work will begin this month on several projects in the city centre as part of the CBD and Riverbank Improvement Program adopted by Council at its December meeting. Works include the following:

- 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 will also 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 a 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.

The works are supported by the Lismore Chamber of Commerce and are designed to enhance the CBD and make it a more desirable and convenient place to shop.



FORMER MAYOR'S GRANDSON RETURNS AS AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR

The founder of the Shake It Up Australia Foundation, Clyde Campbell, will be Lismore's 2015 Australia Day Ambassador.

Clyde is the grandson of Clyde Campbell, the Mayor of Lismore from 1956 to 1966. He was the first Mayor to commence the Sister City relationship with Yamato Takada in Japan and the first to travel to Japan to extend the hand of friendship.

Young Clyde is a successful Sydney businessman who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at 44. The owner of a machinery and robotics company with 60 staff, Clyde turned the same determination he showed in building a business to raising awareness of Parkinson's, establishing the Shake It Up Australia Foundation.

Clyde started life as an industrial electronics apprentice in country NSW, and worked his way from apprentice to CEO of Machinery Automation & Robotics in Sydney.

Clyde was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2009 after noticing a tremor in his left hand as he held notes while presenting at a company meeting. After coming to terms with his prognosis, Clyde set out to learn as much as possible about Parkinson's and what was being done worldwide to find a cure.

Clyde then established the Shake It Up Foundation Australia, an organisation that partners with the Michael J. Fox Foundation to increase awareness of Parkinson's in Australia and to fund research.



Lismore's 2015 Australia Day Ambassador Clyde Campbell will share his journey and present awards at the Australia Day Awards ceremony on Monday, 26 January at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. The ceremony begins at 8.30am and includes a Citizenship Ceremony where 39 people will receive Australian citizenship.



RURAL VILLAGES SET TO RECYCLE FOOD WASTE

Council will soon be introducing an organic waste collection service in several rural villages throughout the Lismore Local Government Area.

This includes 1500 homes in the villages of Nimbin, Clunes, Bexhill, The Channon, Dunoon, Modanville, Tullera, Caniaba, Wyrallah, Richmond Hill and North Woodburn. The service will also be offered to rural residents along haulage routes.

Audits conducted of rural waste bins showed that over 40% of the contents was food and garden waste. By introducing an organics service, we anticipate we can divert up to 617 tonnes of organic waste from landfill per year and instead recover this organic material to be recycled into a valuable compost product that can be utilised on local farms.

The new standard service for rural villages will be a weekly organics collection, and a fortnightly recycling and waste collection. This new service will be at no additional charge in rates, and will mean village residents will have the same service that has been operating successfully in the urban areas of Lismore since 2006.

It is important to note that the green-lidded organics bin is for the disposal of ALL food and garden waste. This includes:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps.
- Meat, fish and bones (including prawn shells and other seafood).
- Dairy, bread, pasta and rice.
- Lawn clippings, leaves, twigs and small branches.



The new organics service will be rolled out in the coming months and will be accompanied by a kitchen benchtop caddy and a roll of biodegradable caddy liners, which make the collection of food scraps inside the home much simpler. Residents will also receive a comprehensive guide on how to use your new organics service as well as details on service days and commencement.

This project is an integral part of Lismore's recycling revolution and is funded through the Environmental Protection Authority's *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative.



STREET FOOD FESTIVAL BRINGS LISMORE ALIVE

There will be food, music and frivolity in the streets when the new, one-day festival Eat the Street comes to Lismore on 14 March.

The event is a collaboration between the Lismore Business Panel and Sample Food Festival to get people eating extraordinary food and having fun in the heart of our city.

From midday to 8pm restaurants will be selling sample plates of their favourite street food dishes from around the world. Magellan Street will be transformed into a 'street theme strip' with the road blocked to traffic. Market stall marquees and a beer garden will be set up along with music stages and a special children's area with fun activities.

There will also be a cooking stage with a live celebrity chef doing demonstrations for those who want to learn how to create some of the delicious street food on offer.



Save the date and put the Eat the Street food festival in your diary for Saturday, 14 March.

Image: Promoting the new Eat the Street festival are (l-r) City Centre Manager Jason Mumford, Sample Food Festival Event Director Remy Tancred and Lismore business owners Jaz Gill from Indian Mumtaj, Chris Knight from Satay Hut and Julie Dickson from Black Sombrero.



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 homes 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 for all the latest road closure information including updates for these planned roadworks.



HELP KEEP NIMBIN RECYCLING CLEAN

We are putting a call out to Nimbin resident to help keep contaminants out of recycling.

Loads of recycling from Nimbin are taken to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Lismore for processing. However, staff are finding they are full of non-recyclable items. These include:

- **Needles/syringes**
- **Garden and food waste**
- **General bags of waste**
- **Electrical appliances and large metal items**

This contaminates any clean recycling and makes it very dangerous for MRF staff who have the job of sorting recyclables.

We are aware that the high level of tourists who visit Nimbin are probably contributing to the contamination as they may not be aware of our recycling rules. We ask the local community to spread the word about how to recycle right and educate visitors if they are doing the wrong thing.

There is a free, 24-hour community sharps disposal unit located at the Nimbin Hospital and a sharps receptacle within the public toilets near the Nimbin Community Centre.

For more information on what can and cannot be recycled, visit www.northernriverswaste.com.au.

YOUR COVER

We hope everyone had a brilliant new year celebration and a relaxing time with family and friends. We wish all our readers a productive, happy and peaceful 2015. Lismore City Council has reopened for the year and it's business as usual once again. The first ordinary Council meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday, 10 February in the Council Chambers at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, from 6pm. If you have always wondered what happens in the world of local government, come to our meetings and get involved in local democracy this year.





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