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# WIN AN IPAD MINI IN OUR POSTIE BIKE COMPETITION!

We are currently holding a competition to promote our local posties. Kids aged 12 and under have the chance to win an iPad mini by drawing us their ultimate postie bike of the future. What would it look like? What special features might it include?

There are hundreds of posties out doing the rounds every day to ensure our community gets its mail. This includes almost 23,000 copies of *Local Matters* every fortnight. We want to highlight the good work posties do and encourage people to make sure their letterbox is easy and safe to access for someone riding a motorbike.



Last week we met local postie Fiona Gray, who has worked from the Lismore Delivery Centre since 2009. She lives in Ballina but her regular postie run is Lismore Heights.

Like any job, being a postie has its upsides and its downsides.

“It’s good to be outdoors, good to meet people and good to become familiar with an area – my workplace is the streets and I really enjoy that. It’s good fun being out there riding around,” Fiona said.

“I spent most of my working life in an office so it’s a good change and something I like better. Although it’s not so good when it’s raining... and I have to get up at 4.30am,” she laughed.

“A sleep in for me is 6am – but it means I get lots of lovely mornings on the beach with my dogs, taking photos of beautiful sunrises.”

All entries in our postie bike competition will be judged by the experts themselves – our local posties – including Fiona.

**To enter the postie bike competition and be in the running to win an iPad mini, simply draw your ultimate postie bike of the future. It can be as crazy, wild and colourful as you like.**

The competition is open to kids 12 and under. Please include your name, address, age and contact number with your entry. Send your entries to Postie Competition, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480. You can also drop entries off at our Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah. Entries must be received no later than 4pm on Monday, 2 March.

## COUNCIL DECIDES...

### At the meeting of 10 February, Council decisions included the following:

- Council will prepare a case for the NSW Government, stating that it should remain a stand-alone council and not amalgamate with any other council, in response to Fit for the Future local government reforms. Kyogle Council is exploring its options for amalgamation and has invited Lismore City Council to discuss the issue at a facilitated workshop. Council resolved to accept this invitation from Kyogle Council but will continue to go ahead with its case to remain a stand-alone council. It is acknowledged that amalgamation with Kyogle Council would have a negative impact on Council's financial position.
- Council will implement a system to ensure all items taken to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre containing refrigeration gases are degassed by approved agents. Council will offer this service for a fee.
- Council will explore the possibility of Lismore City Hall being the new venue for Australia Day celebrations. It was discussed that the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre's sports stadium did not have adequate air-conditioning and ventilation for the 600-plus patrons.
- Council will lease the land that makes up the Lismore Community Garden to Rainbow Region Community Farms Inc. for a period of 20 years.

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

## BALLINA ROAD ROADWORKS UPDATE

### We wish to advise that the majority of the roadworks along Ballina Road will be finished in March.

We are aware the works have caused delay/frustration and appear to have taken “forever” to complete.

The Ballina/Pineapple Road roundabout is very close to completion, and everything except the final set of streetlights should be finished by the end of February.

The Ballina/Invercauld Road intersection has proved a very complicated project and this may take until the end of March.

We were unable to install the concrete blocks forming the retaining wall as quickly as anticipated and we underestimated the site access restrictions and impacts this would have on productivity.

We have heard rumours abound that the highway at Invercauld Road has collapsed and Council is now fixing it. This is not true. We have received federal government and RMS funds to widen the intersection and we need to build a retaining wall of adequate strength.

The intersection widening will make it safer to turn into Invercauld Road, particularly for buses or those waiting behind buses, and will also allow space should the RMS wish to install traffic lights in the future.

We are sorry for the delay in the project completion and ask people to be patient while we finish these essential works.





## YOUR RIVER NEEDS YOU... JOIN CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We are joining forces with Rous Water and the Wilsons River Landcare Group for a special community Clean Up Australia Day event to protect our environment and our water supply.

The aim of the clean-up is to remove gross pollutants from the banks of the Wilsons River in the Lismore CBD. This will have a direct positive impact on water quality and river health within the Wilsons River and make the riverbank more attractive for everyone.

People are encouraged to muster friends, family and colleagues to register for the Clean Up Australia Day event on Sunday, 1 March. Volunteers 15 years and under need to have consent to participate and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Morning tea will be provided for all participants after the clean-up.

Clean Up Australia Day provides a great opportunity for the community to come together and work side by side to create positive outcomes for the Wilsons River, the regional water supply and the environment. It's also good fun, good exercise and a chance to meet new people.

The Clean Up Australia Day riverbank event is on Sunday, 1 March from 8.30am to 11.30am. Participants should meet at 8.30am at Riverside Park. Please bring a hat, gloves, drinking water and sturdy shoes. All participants need to register for the event at [cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://cleanupaustaliaday.org.au).



## KOALA ENVELOPES SEND A MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS

We are sending a message to all residents to help protect our koala population with new envelopes that feature tips for keeping koalas safe.

The envelopes will be used for all Council correspondence and include an image of a koala plus the simple message below:



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### HELP MAKE LISMORE KOALA FRIENDLY...

- Drive carefully and watch out for koalas.
- Keep your dog in at night.
- Plant and protect native trees.
- **Report sick or injured koalas to the 24-hour hotline 6622 1233.**

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The urban koala population is constantly under threat from loss of habitat, car accidents, dog attacks and disease.

By following the simple measures listed above you can help our koala population flourish and grow.

**The new envelopes are being rolled out this month.**



## REMEMBER TO COMMENT ON BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

People have less than a week left to comment on the draft Biodiversity Management Strategy (BMS) and proposed Special Rate Variation. Submissions are due by 4.30pm on Tuesday, 24 February.

Council is holding community consultation into a proposed \$500,000 per annum Special Rate Variation to fund the implementation of the strategy.

The BMS is designed to protect and enhance local biodiversity through 63 separate actions. The strategy includes actions to deliver cleaner roadsides; assist landholders and community groups to manage pests and weeds; assist management of bushland and riversides on rural and urban land; provide more opportunities to get involved through community events, workshops and field days; provide well-managed urban bushland reserves; and provide more recreational opportunities in the urban area, such as walking tracks.

The proposed rate increase would apply to three rating categories – Residential, Rural Residential and Farmland. The rate increase would equate to \$25.43 per year for your average urban ratepayer, \$31.68 for your average rural residential ratepayer and \$50.63 for your average farmland ratepayer.

We have lots of documentation on our website you can read as well as answers to frequently asked questions. You can view the information and make a submission at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

You can also send submissions to the **General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480** or email them to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au).



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT WASTE AND WIN!



Want a chance to win your school prizes, save the environment and implement waste wise measures that will save your school money?

The Schools Waste Wise Challenge is a great way for students in the Lismore Local Government Area to learn about the importance of good waste management. It helps children to understand that everything we do at school and at home has a direct impact on our environment.

As part of this school-based competition, students have the opportunity to participate in a range of hands-on activities including an excursion to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre where they will see first-hand what happens to their waste and how we process their recycling and compost. They may even come face to face with a koala at the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens!

There is up to \$2000 in prizes to be won by participating schools who undertake the list of activities that make up the Schools Waste Wise Challenge. It's also a really positive and fun experience for students.

To register your school or find out more, phone our Waste Education Officer on 1300 87 83 87.

Registrations close on Friday, 27 February.



# 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 undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent.

### DA No.

#### **10/427-4 119 Elliot Road, Clunes**

Section 96(1A) modification to amend condition 23 of development consent.

#### **11/146-4 3 Dawson Street, 2 Keen Street, and 8, 12 and 16 Brunswick Street, Lismore**

Section 96(1A) modification to amend condition 1 pertaining to approved building design and layout.

#### **14/25 8 Eversham Drive, Modanville**

Dwelling addition (patio roof).

#### **14/102-3 8 Bruxner Highway, South Lismore**

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

#### **14/240 513 Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable Creek**

Dwelling.

#### **14/324 11 Panorama Road, Girards Hill**

Carport and retaining walls (amended plans).

#### **14/335-2 29 Cathcart Street, Girards Hill**

Section 96(1A) modification to location of shed.

#### **14/347 267 Skyline Road South, Monaltrie**

Dwelling.

#### **14/350 102 Breckenridge Street, Wyrallah**

Shed.

#### **14/367 34 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah**

Dwelling and retaining walls.

#### **14/368 203A Invercauld Road, Goonellabah**

Inground swimming pool.

#### **14/370 10 Rhodes Street, South Lismore**

Demolition of existing buildings and structures and removal of 12 trees.

#### **14/371 29 Cathcart Street, Girards Hill**

Removal of trees in a heritage conservation area.

#### **14/381 100 Conway Street, Lismore**

Change of use to vehicle sales or hire premises (including sale of spare parts and merchandise), ancillary vehicle repair station and signage.

#### **15/2 22/44 Carrington Street, Lismore**

Shop refurbishment.

**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).**

# 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. 15/014

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 41, 45, 47, 51, 51A and 53 Cullen Street, Nimbin; 12, 29, 33, 37, 49 and 61 Cecil Street, Nimbin; 7 and 15 Alternative Way, Nimbin; and 7 Sibley Street, Nimbin (Lot 1 DP 1179176, Lot 2 DP 1179176, Lot 2 DP 1096006, Lot 2 DP 310018, Lot 53 DP 858241, Lot 12 DP 841157, Lot 25 DP 5446, Lot 1 DP 520105, Lot 3 DP 573575, Lot 2 DP 774889, Lot 3 DP 774889, Lot 1 DP 726841, Lot 1 DP 122292, Lot 3 DP 310019 and Lot 11 DP 1156689).

**APPLICANT:** Nimbin MardiGrass Organising Body.

**DESCRIPTION:** MardiGrass event (application for three years).

**CLOSING DATE:** 18 March 2015.

### DA No. 15/017

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 33 and 35 Holland Street, Goonellabah (Lot 29 DP 262233 and Lot 30 DP 262233).

**APPLICANT:** Newton Denny Chapelle.

**DESCRIPTION:** Recreation facility (indoor gym).

**CLOSING DATE:** 4 March 2015.

**The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre or via DA Tracking at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://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 website at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au).**



## MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

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.

### 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, 24 February, the briefing agenda includes:

- **Imagine Lismore One Year Plan 2015/16.**
- **Nimbin Pool.**
- **Sustainable Approach to Managing Infrastructure.**

On Tuesday, 3 March, the briefing agenda includes:

- **Reserve Trust meeting.**
- **Service Review Project.**
- **Business Plans for Commercial Services and GSAC.**

Briefings are held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

### LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

The Lismore Business Panel will meet on Friday, 20 February at the Gordon Pavilion, Oakes Oval, from 12-2pm.

### INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS PANEL

The Infrastructure Assets Panel will meet on Monday, 23 February at the Council Chambers, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, from 6pm.

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



## DOB IN A TOSSER

The NSW Government has announced that it can now fine people for littering from cars, based on reports from members of the public.

Currently, when people report the throwing of rubbish from vehicles, the owner of the vehicle is sent a warning letter. However, the NSW Government believes there is no tolerance in the community for littering and now hefty fines can also be issued.

Research has found that littering from cars is still a major problem, with 90% of rubbish being cigarette butts. Butts are harmful to the environment and present a serious fire risk. The research also found that people are less likely to litter if someone is watching.

Fines for littering from a vehicle range from \$250 for an individual and \$500 for a corporation to \$900 for aggravated littering such as lit cigarette butts during extreme conditions.

Reports can be made on the EPA website at [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/litter](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/litter) where you can also download the 'Report to EPA' mobile app.

Reports will undergo a verification process before a fine is issued, and people may need to provide evidence in court. Motorists are advised not to use mobile phones illegally or act dangerously to catch someone in the act.

Reports need to be made within 14 days of the incident and must include a range of information including car registration and description, date, time, location and the type of litter.





## POSITIONS VACANT

Lismore City Council is a great place to work. Enjoy challenging employment and do something worthwhile for your local community. We have great staff, good conditions and a strong set of organisational values.

We want skilled, passionate people in our workforce who will strive to make the Lismore Local Government Area the best place it can be for our diverse and unique community.

Please find below our latest employment opportunities:

Position	Salary – per week + superannuation
Bridge Foreman	\$1,116.90 to \$1,284.44
Leading Hand – Bridges	\$974.50 to \$1,120.68
Plant Operator (MRF)	\$833.30 to \$958.30
Waste Collection Driver (Hook Truck)	\$891.00 to \$1,024.65
Skilled Labourer	\$804.60 to \$925.29
Trainee Civil Construction (Roads) x 2	T2 at 16 years of age or school certificate – \$450.30 T3 at 17 years of age – \$530.00 T4 at 18 years of age or over or HSC – \$619.50

All positions close Monday, 23 February at 4pm. For further information or to apply please visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).



## RATES REMINDER

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your third rates instalment for the 2014/15 rateable year is due for payment on Saturday, 28 February.



## 2015 CLUBGRANTS: CATEGORY 1 FUNDING

Community groups are invited to seek financial support through the ClubGRANTS Category 1 Funding Program, which is funded through the NSW Registered Clubs Gaming Tax.

Community groups in the Lismore Local Government Area that fit within the guidelines for Category 1 applications as outlined in ClubGRANTS Guidelines are eligible to apply. The maximum amount of funding per project is \$5000.

To check your eligibility, read the guidelines on our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au). Organisations can apply via an online application form, which will go live on 2 March when the funding round opens.

The local committee assessing the applications consists of representatives from the Lismore and District Workers Club, Lismore City Council, the NSW Council of Social Service and Family & Community Services.

**Submissions open on Monday, 2 March and close on Monday, 30 March at 5pm.**

**For more information phone Casie Hughes on 1300 87 83 87.**

## YOUR COVER

Fiona Gray is a local Australia Post postie who has worked at the Lismore Delivery Centre for six years. We are trying to promote safety for local posties and encourage people to ensure letterboxes are secure, do not have sharp edges, and the area around the letterbox is safe and easy to access on a bike. We are also giving kids 12 and under the chance to win an iPad mini by designing a postie bike! See the story inside for more details.







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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. Our postal address is PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480. You can email us at [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au)



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