



LOCAL MATTERS

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COUNCIL DECIDES...

At the meeting of 10 March, Council decisions included the following.

- Council will build a new South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant at a cost of \$25.6 million. The current plant has been in operation for some 80 years. Construction of the plant is expected to be complete by the end of 2017. Council also resolved to investigate the installation of a 200kW solar PV system at the plant to reduce electricity consumption.
- Council will make an application to the Minister for Local Government to form an 'entity' for the operation of the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre and the Lismore Memorial Baths. This entity would operate like a business arm of Council and would be able to employ staff under the federal Local Government Award. This would allow Council to move a large proportion of staff from casual employment to full or part-time employment, saving money on casual wages and providing better job security. If Council is unable to create a separate entity, staff costs would increase by an estimated \$300,000 per annum as staff would need to be employed under the Local Government State Award. Should an entity be established, it would be governed by an independent Board of Directors, appointed by Council, that would manage both aquatic facilities. A report will go back to Council for determination following a decision from the Minister.
- Prior to the state election, Council will seek a commitment from the government and local members of the NSW parliament, to increase state funding to local government for public libraries, in line with the recommendations of the NSW Libraries Association. The NSW Libraries Association states that local councils fund 93% of the cost of providing public libraries.
- Council will negotiate with Transport NSW to lease the Eltham Railway Cottage and

provide a sub-lease to the Eltham Community Foundation so it can restore the Heritage building. The Foundation plans to turn it into a tourist and information facility. All remediation and restoration work will be paid for by the Eltham Community Foundation. Council hopes to include an option to purchase the site for \$1 should it desire in the future, and sell it to the Foundation for the same price.

- Council resolved to give preference to financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry where:
 - a. the investment is compliant with Council's investment policy; and
 - b. the investment rate of interest is favourable to Council relative to other similar investments that may be on offer to Council at the time of investment.

A six-monthly report will be provided to Council on the state of its divestment from fossil fuels. Council will also request that Local Government NSW prepare and maintain a list of authorised deposit-taking institutions which are committed to fossil free investments and lending.

- Council will support the Northern Rivers Rail Trail Inc. Casino to Murwillumbah Rail Trail Expression of Interest under the Restart New South Wales Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Council will advise Northern Rivers Rail Trail Inc. that the EOI should identify that there is no financial commitment or works in-kind to be provided by Council, now or in the future; and that Council supports Option 1 of the EOI with priority given to the Lismore to Eltham section of the rail trail. If the Northern Rivers Rail Trail's EOI is successful, the matter will be reported back to Council.

A complete list of Council resolutions can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



POSTIE COMP WINNER ANNOUNCED!

It was a difficult and daunting task, but the posties from Lismore Delivery Centre have chosen a winner in our futuristic postie bike competition. And the winner is... Zion Joesse, aged 9, from East Lismore!

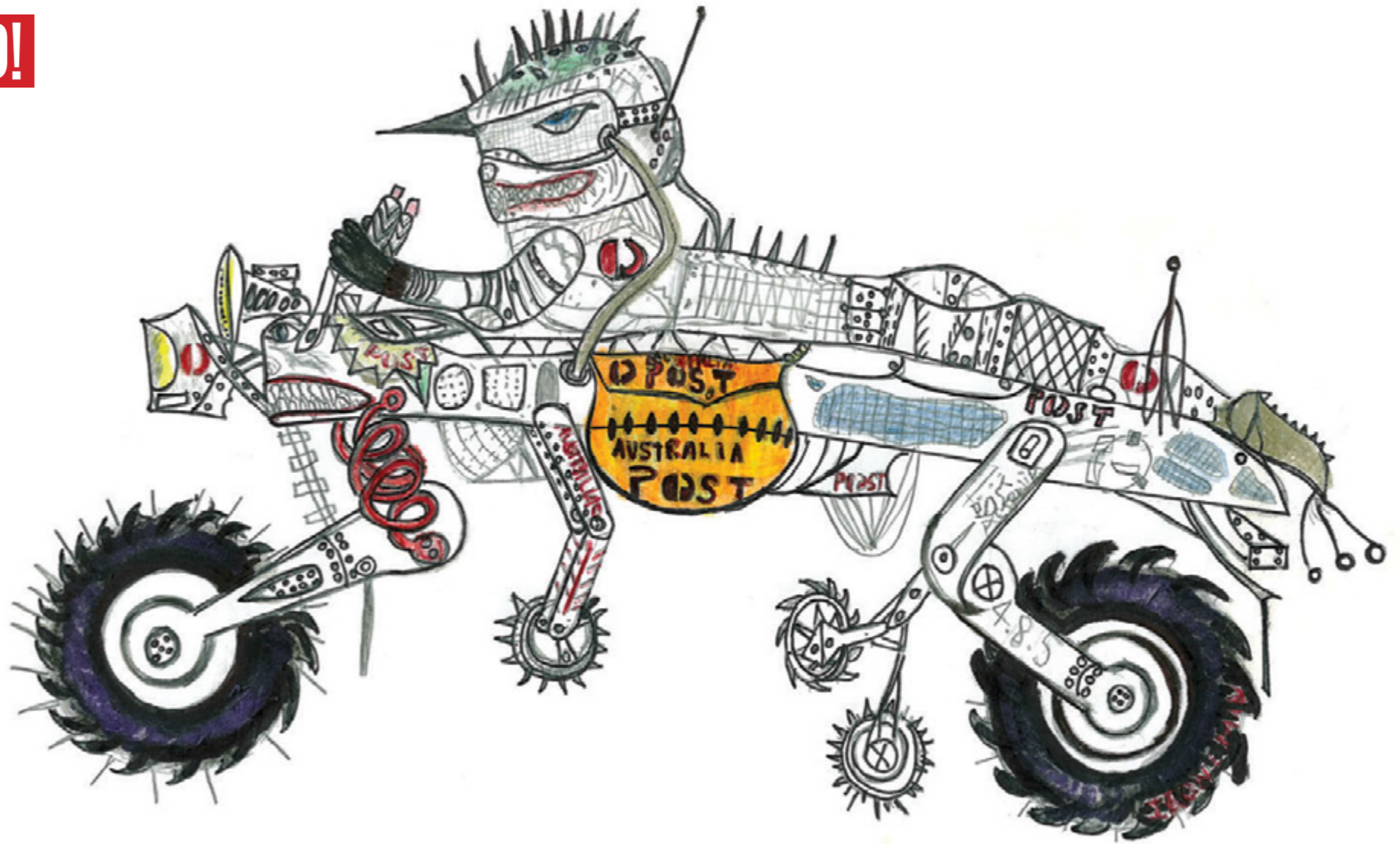
Zion is now the proud owner of an iPad mini thanks to a truly outstanding futuristic postie bike, which boasts an impressive list of features. These include:

- Satellite so people and Australia Post can track mail.
- Water tank for recycled water that heats up and makes electricity for fuel.
- Iron shoes and body armour.
- Tube for air-conditioning drinks.
- Solar panel seatbelt.
- Hyperspeed function (for express post) that glows in the dark.
- Flexible, bending wheels so posties can drive under cars and cows to get to letterboxes.
- Speakers with dog barks to scare away dogs.
- Dog faces on the helmet and bike, also to scare away dogs.
- Eyes and spikes on top of the helmet to ward off magpies.
- Kangaroo and dog whistle.
- Gripping brake balls in case of skidding.

Seriously, this is just a taste... the list goes on!

Lismore Delivery Centre Manager Michael Willemsen said the posties were thrilled at the standard of entries and the ingenious designs kids had come up with.

“The posties said choosing was really tough – it was a pity we could only have one winner,” Michael said.



“They chose Zion’s drawing for the amount of thought and detail that went into it. They really loved lots of the ideas the kids came with. There were some very nifty contraptions, with everything from a magpie poo protector and robotic mail delivery arms to a teleportation device in case you’re late. We’ll definitely have to send a few of these ideas to head office!

“There were lots of smiles as we looked through the entries – it has been a wonderful experience for the posties. We’d like to thank every entrant for taking the time to send us these wonderful creations. We have been surprised and absolutely delighted with the response.”

A big hearty thanks to all the children who entered – every single entry impressed us. We thank you so much for taking the time to be part of our competition. Keep drawing and being creative – you all have amazing imaginations!

GREEN ARMY GOES INTO BATTLE FOR KOALAS

Council now has a new Green Army that will help us restore koala habitat in Tregear and provide sanctuary for local koalas.

Green Army is a new Australian Government initiative for 17 to 24 year olds to gain training and experience in environmental conservation.

The team will plant trees, attend local Landcare events and control invasive weeds, which limit koala movements and block access to food trees. Meanwhile, another Green Army will work with Friends of the Koala to grow koala trees, which can be given free to property owners who wish to expand habitat on their land.

The loss of bushland habitat often forces koalas into small 'pockets' of trees surrounded by houses, dogs and roads. The aim of the project with the Green Army is to try and link these pockets of habitat to provide wildlife corridors and enable safe movement of koalas and other native animals.

The work is part of a push to assist Lismore's south-eastern koala population, which is struggling to survive from a lack of genetic diversity and the constant threat of habitat loss, dog attacks, road injuries and disease.

The projects are supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and the Australian Government's Green Army Programme.

Image: Council's Environmental Strategies Coordinator Damian Licari and EnviTE Green Army team leader Daniel Riordan (centre) with Council's new Green Army (l-r) Jarrod Wilson, Jeremy Rogers, Grace Kake, Jake Mills, Alexander Thompson and Dominic Gray.



LOOKING FOR MEMORIES OF OLD DANCE HALL

Council owns two old buildings that have been condemned and is looking to ensure any memories associated with them are captured and memorialised. We would like to do this now as they may be required to be demolished for safety reasons in the future.

The old dance hall in Magellan Street, behind the Scout/Girl Guides Hall (also known as Pavilion Two, Crozier Field), has been condemned while the cycle shed at Oakes Oval has been eaten by white ants.

We have heard rumours from various sources that these two locations were once where people enlisted in World War I. We are now trying to discover if there is any truth to this.

We have asked the City of Lismore RSL Sub-Branch but there is no record of this in their archives.

If you have any information about these locations being used as places for diggers to enlist during WWI we would love to hear from you.

**Please phone
Steve Dillon
on 1300 87 83 87.**



ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Annual Community Grants Scheme Policy: 18 March to 14 April

Submissions close 12pm (midday) 14 April

It is proposed that the new Annual Community Grants Scheme replace the Section 356 Community Donations system that has been in place for many years to provide annual grants to local community groups.

The proposed new scheme would see the Section 356 process streamlined with one community grant application process rather than several. There are various further changes including:

- Automatic annual allocations will no longer be made to any incorporated community groups.
- All applications received from incorporated community groups will be judged as part of one competitive process.
- Incorporated community groups can apply for funding of between \$500 and \$10,000.
- In certain circumstances, Council may grant recurrent funding. Recurrent funding may be allocated for a period of up to three years.
- All 29 rural halls in the Lismore LGA will receive \$2000 annually. These allocations are designed to assist with insurance and maintenance costs.
- The 19 rural halls in the Lismore LGA that are subject to rates charges will have these charges waived.
- The Mayor's Discretionary Fund will receive an annual allocation of \$3000. This is the only fund that individuals can apply to for funding.
- Anzac Day and Australia Day civic receptions and Sister City expenditure will receive automatic allocations.
- All funding allocations to incorporated community groups in the 2014/15 financial year have been reduced by 20% as an interim measure.

Items on public exhibition can be viewed at 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 made online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au, posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au. Submissions should state reasons for objection or support.



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.

03/899-2 144 Lindendale Road, Lindendale

S96(2) modification to plans to add an attic and remove two internal walls within the current roofline.

14/262 400 Rose Road, Tuntable Creek

Use of existing building for the purpose of a dwelling forming a detached dual occupancy and the approval of an existing building to be used for an ancillary use to the residential use of the land.

14/325 8 City View Drive, East Lismore

Staged subdivision development – Stage 1 involves the demolition of the existing garage and establishment of 2 lots (Lot 1 being 450m² and Lot 2 being 1080m²); and Stage 2 involves the demolition of the existing dwelling and the establishment of three lots (Lot 1 being 450m², Lot 2 being 630m² and Lot 3 being 450m²).

14/337 775 Rogerson Road, McKees Hill

Two-lot rural subdivision.

14/360 42 Conte Street, East Lismore

New dwelling, retaining wall and building line variation to 4m to Conte Street.

14/362 6 Stocks Street and 20 Dalley Street, East Lismore

Subdivision (boundary alteration), construction of a carpark incorporating civil works and retaining walls, and removal of vegetation.

14/369 882 Eltham Road, Booyong

Subdivision (to create two lots).

14/375 67 Park Road, Ruthven

Dwelling.

14/380 2101 Dunoon Road, Dorrroughby

Shed for storage purposes with a building line variation to 6m to Dunoon Road.

14/385 86 Diadem Street, Lismore

Change of use from dwelling to medical centre (two medical practitioners), internal alterations, tree removal, construction of carpark and bio-retention basin, and disabled access.

15/2 133 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore
Dwelling addition (verandah).

15/3 882 Eltham Road, Booyong
Aboveground swimming pool.

15/5 172 Casino Street, South Lismore
Additions to an industrial building.

15/6 103/265 Martin Road, Larnook
Additions to dwelling, new deck and carport.

15/13 51 Avondale Avenue, East Lismore
Three bay shed.

15/18 65 Coleman Street, Bexhill
Dwelling.

15/20 20 Baillie Street, North Lismore
Alterations to existing dwelling (restumping and raise to 3.8m).

15/23 15 Fischer Street, Goonellabah
Shed.

15/34 145 and 155 Casino Street, South Lismore
Demolition of breezeway and toilet cubicles together with the construction of internal alterations for new amenities area.

15/37 9 Livotto Drive, Richmond Hill
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.





SAVINGS ON ASBESTOS DISPOSAL UNTIL 30 JUNE

With only four months remaining of the Household Asbestos Disposal Scheme, people are encouraged to save money and SAFELY get rid of unwanted asbestos around their home.

Until 30 June people are entitled to 30% off asbestos disposal fees when they take materials to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.

Funded by the NSW EPA, the program is designed to make it cheaper and easier for people to get rid of asbestos, which is deadly and should only be removed with the greatest care.

People will receive the 30% discount if they dispose of up to 10m² of bonded asbestos via an asbestos removal contractor or purchase a Household Asbestos Disposal Kit from Council.

The DIY kits cost \$120 and include everything you need – from goggles and coveralls to drop sheets and waste asbestos bags – so you can safely remove asbestos from your home.

The reality is, if your house or apartment was built or renovated before the mid-1980s (even brick) it will most likely contain asbestos. Asbestos could be anywhere! Under floor coverings such as carpets, linoleum and vinyl tiles, behind wall and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, ceilings and ceiling space (insulation), eaves, garages, roofs, around hot water pipes, fences, extensions to homes, outdoor toilets, backyard and farm sheds, chook sheds and even dog kennels.

We encourage people to take advantage of the 30% off, but also warn it is essential to remove asbestos safely. If you do not, you place yourself and your family in genuine danger of contracting cancer or other deadly asbestos-related diseases such as mesothelioma.

The discount is available until 30 June.

Household Asbestos Disposal Kits are now available from the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre's weighbridge. For more information phone 1300 87 83 87.



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 March, Councillors will be briefed on:

- **Rezoning 87 Pineapple Rd, Goonellabah.**
- **Biodiversity Management Strategy.**

On Tuesday, 31 March, Councillors will be briefed on:

- **Transport asset valuation.**
- **Water billing cycle.**
- **Fit for the Future.**

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

LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

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

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



T2015-07: MANAGEMENT AND LEASE OF LISMORE TENNIS CENTRE

Lismore City Council is calling for submissions from suitably experienced operators to lease and manage the Lismore Tennis Centre in Ballina Road, Lismore. The successful applicant will be responsible for all tennis services, coaching and bookings as well as general maintenance and cleaning of the 12-court centre, including the clubhouse.

Further details can be obtained by contacting our Sport and Recreation Officer James Voght on 6625 0573.

Submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 2 April.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal www.tenderlink.com/lismore to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require further information, please phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

T2015-18: DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL VEHICLES

Council is disposing of the following vehicles by tender:

- 2 x Isuzu D-Max dual cab utilities
- 1 x Toyota Prado GX
- 1 x Holden Cruze
- 1 x Isuzu NPR 250/400 crew cab truck

Information and vehicles will be available for inspection (sorry, no test drives) from 11.30am to 1.30pm on Monday, 23 March, at the Revolve Shop carpark, located in Council's 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 are required to be placed in the Tender Box in the foyer of Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

Submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 26 March.



EASTER WASTE SERVICES

The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road will be closed on the Easter public holidays – Good Friday, 3 April, and Easter Monday, 6 April.

All garbage collection services will remain as normal so please put your bins out as you normally would.

The Brewster Street Drop-off Centre will remain open throughout the Easter break.

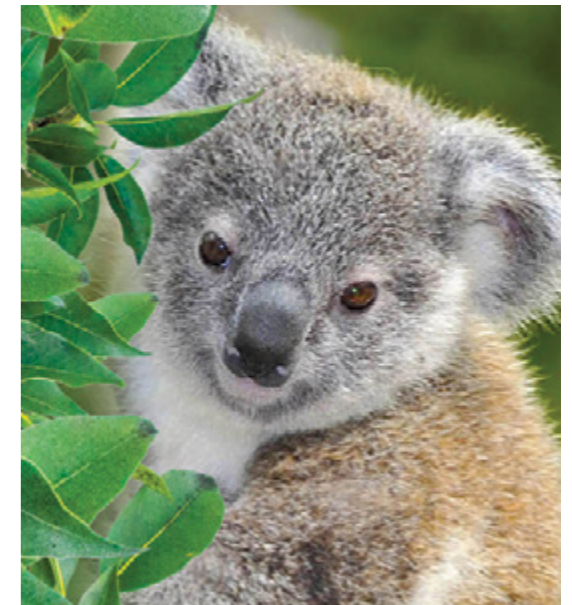


YOUR COVER

Koalas are cute. And they live here. That's two very good reasons to put one on our cover, but we also have another! A new Green Army team recently started working with us to plant trees and control weeds, helping to increase our local koala habitat.

Lismore has one of the highest populations of urban koalas in NSW. However, our south-eastern koala population is under pressure from disease, habitat loss, road traffic and dog attacks.

The key to their survival is increasing habitat and creating links to the north, where they can breed with the more genetically diverse koala population around Rosebank.





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