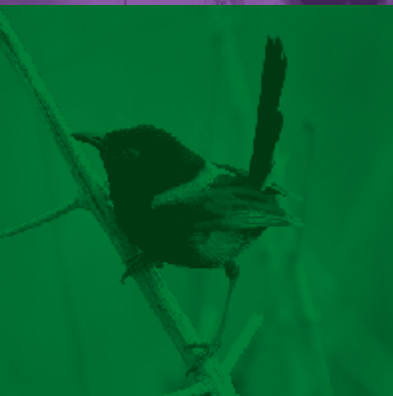




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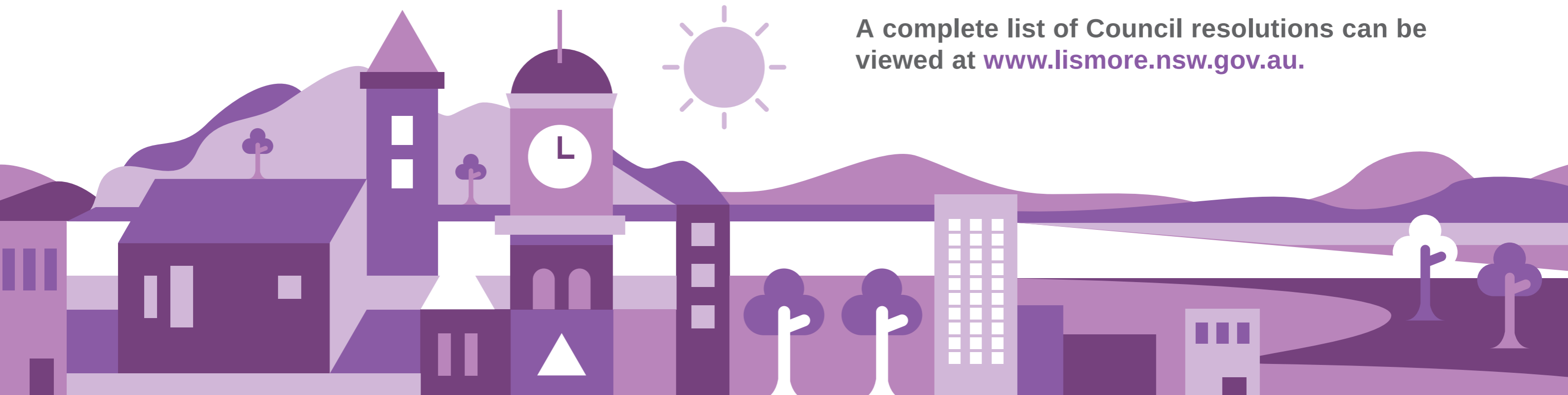


COUNCIL DECIDES...

At the ordinary meeting of 14 April, Council decisions included the following:

- That when Council decisions are reported in future editions of *Local Matters* the voting for and against be included (6/5 in favour).
- Council resolved to adopt the Biodiversity Management Strategy and apply to IPART for a \$500,000 rate rise to fund the strategy (6/5 in favour). However, a rescission motion was put forward by Councillors Meineke, Marks and Scheibel to reverse the decision. The rescission motion will be debated at an extraordinary meeting on 5 May.
- Council will write to the Prime Minister, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan expressing concern regarding the cuts to Aboriginal services in the local area. Council will also request that those cuts to Aboriginal services be reinstated as soon as possible (9/2 in favour).
- Council will conduct an Expression of Interest process for the sale of the Rochdale Theatre in Goonellabah. The EOI will be advertised in *Local Matters* at a later date (9/2 in favour).
- Council resolved to take no further compliance action on the anti-CSG sign on the roof of a home at 492 Ballina Road, Goonellabah (7/3 in favour and one absent). Despite the sign being deemed unlawful, Council decided not to take further action due to the fact there had been no formal complaints regarding its legal status since it was put up more than two years ago; it is not of a commercial nature and is not considered to be in the strict nature or definition of an advertisement; and further enforcement action would not be an appropriate allocation of Council resources.
- Council will abolish the \$1000 bond for small businesses who wish to undertake outdoor dining (unanimous). The bond was part of Council's Outdoor Dining Policy and is held as security for footpath damage. Several local licensees said they were not aware of the bond and the \$1000 expense was an extra financial burden. As a result, Council has scrapped the \$1000 bond and will refund all bonds paid by local businesses.
- Council has engaged Smith Plant to undertake road reconstruction on Coraki Road in the vicinity of Park Road, Ruthven (unanimous).

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



COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN!

Applications are now open for Council's new and improved community grants process, which has replaced the complex Section 356 Donations system and instead creates one simple annual funding round.

The new system is called the Annual Community Grants Scheme and is open to all community organisations who wish to undertake worthwhile community projects or activities in the Lismore Local Government Area.

Essentially, the Annual Community Grants Scheme is a pool of funding that will be distributed among successful community groups. There are also several other smaller funds that are automatically distributed each year. The breakdown is as follows:

- Annual Community Grants Scheme **\$141,600**
- Rural halls – maintenance **\$58,000**
- Rural halls – general rates **\$16,000**
- Australia Day **\$8200**
- Sister city events **\$4000**
- Mayor's Discretionary Fund **\$3000**
- Anzac Day **\$800**

There are three funding categories in the 2015/16 Annual Community Grants Scheme that community organisations can apply for:

Category 1: \$500 – \$2000

Category 2: \$2000 – \$5000

Category 3: \$5000 – \$10,000

In certain circumstances, Council may also grant recurrent funding.

Successful community groups will be those that demonstrate projects and activities that help Council achieve the community's *Imagine Lismore* vision for our part of the world. This vision identified seven themes: arts, youth, community, sport, environment, economy (social enterprise) and partnering. If your project or activity can enhance any one of these areas in our community, then you should apply for the 2015/16 funding round.

Community groups have until 4pm on 18 May to apply for the Annual Community Grants Scheme. Application forms as well as detailed application guidelines are available at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.





COMMUNITY PANELS PROJECT COMES TO DUNOON AND CLUNES

We are looking for community members of all ages and backgrounds that have fresh ideas, creativity, enthusiasm and energy.

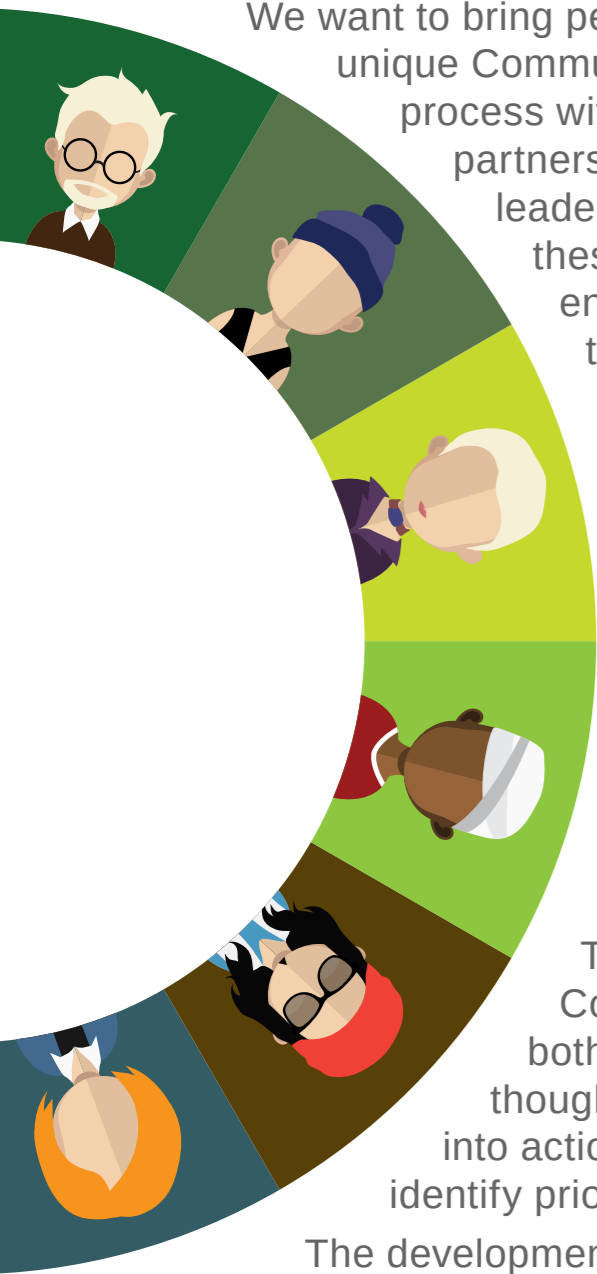
We want to bring people together from your community to create a unique Community Plan. Community planning is a collaborative process with Council and other community groups to create partnerships that encourage and inspire community leadership, volunteering and engagement. We want these plans to detail projects that can improve and enhance your community. Anyone can be involved – the greater the diversity, the better the plan.

There are two Community Planning Days coming up in the 'East' district, which includes Clunes, Repentance Creek, Bexhill, Corndale, Eltham, Boat Harbour, Booyong, Pearces Creek, Richmond Hill, McLeans Ridges and Lagoons Grass communities.

There are also two Community Planning Days coming up in the 'North East' district, which includes Dunoon, Whian Whian, Dorroughby, Modanville, Numulgi, Tullera and Woodlawn communities.

These days look at different aspects of your Community Plan and we encourage you to attend both to get the full picture. The first day explores your thoughts, ideas and aspirations, and we document these into actions and objectives. At the second day we further identify priorities and look at project feasibility.

The development of a Community Plan is just the beginning! Once we have a Community Plan with projects and costings, then we need to form a Community Panel to oversee activity and make sure the projects come to fruition.



If you are interested in the future of your community and want to help shape how it grows and changes, we strongly urge you to attend the upcoming planning days. Please bring a plate or nibbles and a friend. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Dunoon, Whian Whian, Dorroughby, Modanville, Numulgi, Tullera and Woodlawn communities:

Planning Day One

Where: Dunoon Hall
When: 16 May 2015

Planning Day Two

Where: Whian Whian Hall
When: 13 June 2015

Both days start at 9.30am for 10am and finish at 3.30pm.

Clunes, Repentance Creek, Bexhill, Corndale, Eltham, Boat Harbour, Booyong, Pearces Creek, Richmond Hill, McLeans Ridges and Lagoons Grass communities:

Planning Day One

Where: Clunes Old School Hall
When: 23 May 2015

Planning Day Two

Where: Rosebank Public Hall
When: 27 June 2015

Both days start at 9.30am for 10am and finish at 3.30pm.





REGISTER YOUR DOG AND UPDATE YOUR DETAILS TODAY

Council will soon be starting an enforcement program to crack down on people who have not registered their pet – plus we're on a mission to make sure we have the correct details for all registered dogs and cats.

Ranger Jody Hinds (his official title is Senior Law Enforcement Officer, but it's much more fun to call him Ranger Jody) said the fine for not registering a dog is \$275. We are giving people the next few weeks before we start issuing fines, so if you haven't registered your dog or cat, **NOW IS THE TIME!**

Remember, microchipping and registration are two different steps. When you get a dog or cat it should be microchipped at 12 weeks of age or at point of sale. Registration does not have to be completed until the animal is six months old. This allows time for you to get your animal desexed and get a lower registration fee.

Fees are as follows:

Desexed animal: \$51

Desexed animal owned by a pensioner: \$20

Non-desexed animals: \$188

Certified breeders: \$51

Ranger Jody also wants to make sure people's registration details are up to date. The reason we have your details is so we can return your animal should they get lost. If your details are not correct, then the whole system doesn't work.

"I always say it's like your car rego. If you have a new address and change your car details then it's time to change your animal's details as well – just don't do it at the RMS! Contact us here at Council."

To register your dog or change your registration details, phone us on **1300 87 83 87**. Remember, we will soon be issuing fines for dogs that are not registered, so please, do the right thing and register your dog today.



ATTENTION WATER CUSTOMERS! CHANGES TO METER READING AND BILLING

We will soon be changing our water billing system and wanted to make sure everyone is well aware of the changes before they take place.

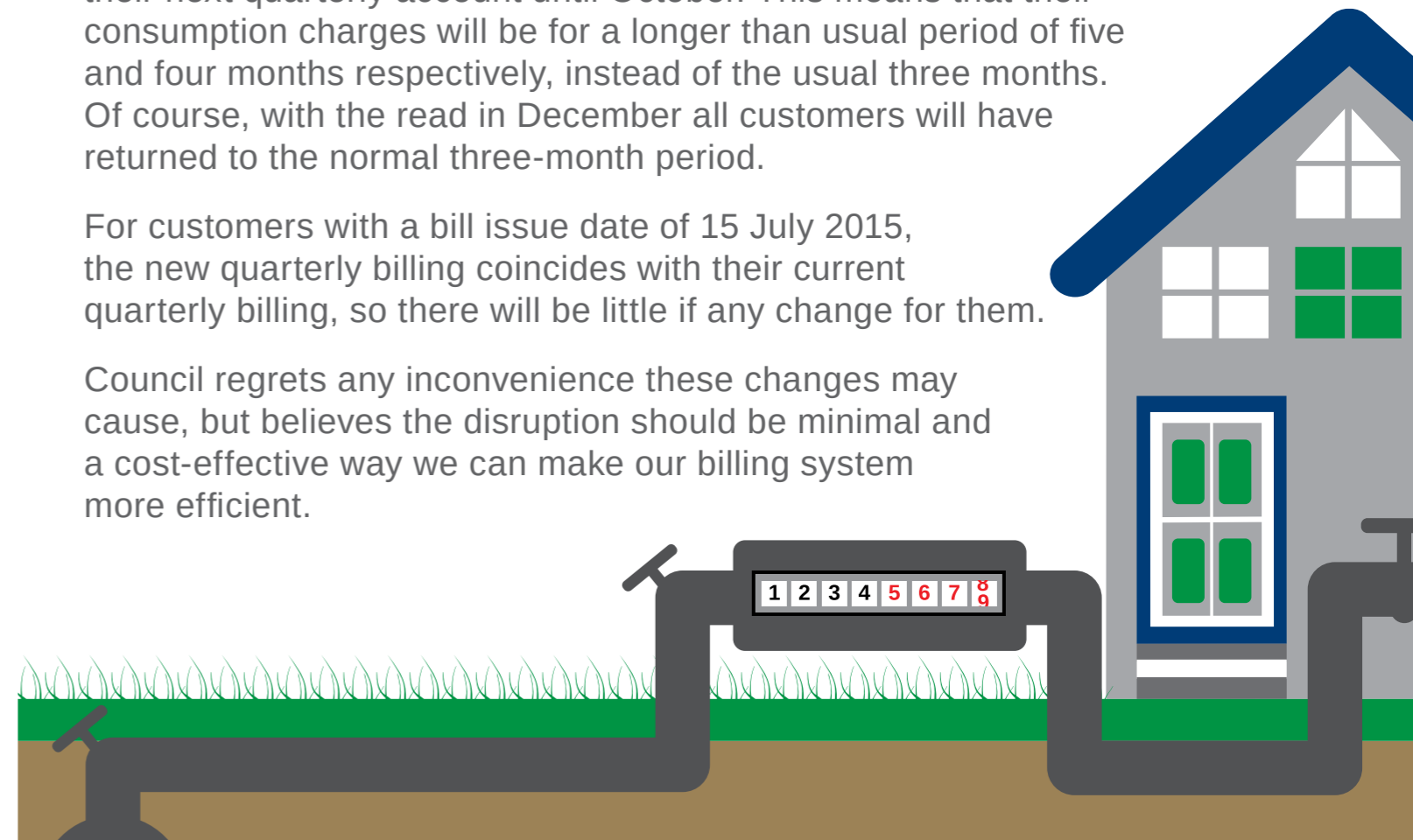
All customers receive four quarterly bills each year and are given 30 days to pay. At present, meters are read on a staggered monthly roster throughout the year. We have done a bit of a rethink and believe we can save resources and money by reading all meters at the same time each quarter.

So, from 1 July this year all meters will be read in September, December, March and June each year, and an account for each quarter sent shortly after. The payment period will also be reduced to 21 days, much like other utilities such as electricity, gas and telephone.

Those customers normally billed on 15 May and 15 June won't receive their next quarterly account until October. This means that their consumption charges will be for a longer than usual period of five and four months respectively, instead of the usual three months. Of course, with the read in December all customers will have returned to the normal three-month period.

For customers with a bill issue date of 15 July 2015, the new quarterly billing coincides with their current quarterly billing, so there will be little if any change for them.

Council regrets any inconvenience these changes may cause, but believes the disruption should be minimal and a cost-effective way we can make our billing system more efficient.





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.

14/63-3 44 Carrington Street, Lismore

Section 96(1A) modification to condition No. 1 plan No. SK.19.

14/304 232 Fraser Road, Dunoon

Dwelling with building line variation to unformed road.

14/313-2 11 Bridge Street, North Lismore

Section 96(1A) modification to reflect schedule of works.

14/377 55 Avondale Avenue, East Lismore

Change of use of existing dwelling to a medical centre including relocation of existing dwelling with alterations and additions, on-site carparking, vegetation removal and landscaping, demolition works and business identification signage.

15/1 275 Arthur Road, Corndale

Detached dual occupancy.

15/22 7 Julie Crescent, Goonellabah

Dwelling and retaining walls with a building line variation to 4m to Julie Crescent.

15/32 42 Beaumont Drive, East Lismore

New carport with building line variation to 2495mm to Beaumont Drive.

15/46 68 Lancaster Drive, Goonellabah

Extension to existing industrial building and the removal of an existing shed.

15/47 8 Grevillea Grove, Goonellabah

New carport.

15/50 6 Pignat Place, Goonellabah

Use of existing industrial building (Unit No. 2) for soap manufacturing.

15/52 29 Rous Road, Goonellabah

Change of use to hair dressing salon.

15/60 80 Oakley Avenue, East Lismore

Addition to existing garage including shower and toilet.

15/62 16 Ubrihien Street, Lismore

Awning.

15/64 504 Ballina Road, Goonellabah

New garage.

15/74 36 Pendarra Crescent, Howards Grass

Installation of lift for disabled access.

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.

Newsflash!

Revolve Shop refurbishment

Four-week closure begins 4 May

The Revolve Shop has been open for reduced hours over the last few months while we undergo a recruitment process for more staff. We are also about to undertake some refurbishments and that will require the shop to be closed for four weeks.

From Tuesday, 4 May, the Revolve Shop will be closed for four weeks. This will allow us to undertake some major drainage works, install insulation and do some resurfacing. Unfortunately, it is not possible to keep the shop open while these works are underway.

However, the good news is the shop hours will return to normal when the shop reopens on Tuesday, 2 June.

From 2 June, the Revolve Shop will be open for business and the opening hours will be as follows:

Monday CLOSED / **Tuesday** 9am to 2pm / **Wednesday CLOSED**
Thursday 9am to 1pm / **Friday 9am to 1pm** / **Saturday** 9am to 1pm
Sunday CLOSED

ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Lismore Development Control Plan Draft Amendment No. 16

29 April to 29 May 2015

Pursuant to Clause 18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, draft Amendment No. 16 to the Lismore Development Control Plan (DCP) is on public exhibition. Council resolved at its ordinary meeting of 14 April to commence public exhibition of DCP Amendment No. 16 – General Amendments. The general amendments are required for a variety of reasons and an overview is provided below:

- Chapter 9 *Signage* – provide consistency with changes made to SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 and LEP 2012;
- Chapter 11 *Buffer Areas* – clarify the application of buffers to mitigate rural land-use conflicts;
- Chapter 7 *Off Street Carparking* – encourage shop-top housing in the CBD by removing the compulsory requirement for the provision of carparking spaces;
- Chapter 6 *Subdivision and Infrastructure – village, large lot residential and rural subdivision* – provide consistency with LEP 2012 minimum lot size development standards; and
- Chapter 10 *Notification and Advertising of Development Applications* – align the notification and advertising requirements for dual occupancy development with the source of the public submissions.

The draft DCP Amendment may be viewed at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm and at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under *On Public Exhibition*. Submissions should be addressed 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 and must be received by close of business on 29 May.

For more information, phone our Senior Strategic Planner Greg Yopp on 1300 87 83 87.

ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Lismore Development Control Plan Draft Residential Development Chapter

29 April to 29 May 2015

Pursuant to Clause 18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the draft Residential Development Chapter of the Lismore Development Control Plan (DCP) is on public exhibition.

Council resolved at its ordinary meeting of 14 April to commence public exhibition of the Residential Development Chapter of the DCP, which was out of date and in need of review.

Council's adopted Housing Strategy 2012 not only emphasised the need to review the Residential Development Chapter of the DCP, but that the chapter should be reviewed in a way that encourages innovative design, improved built form and housing diversity.

The revised draft Residential Development Chapter adopts a performance-based approach that encourages innovation and allows each development proposal to be considered on its merits.

The draft DCP Chapter may be viewed at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm and on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under *On Public Exhibition*. Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au. Submissions should state reasons for objection or support and must be received by close of business on 29 May.

For more information, phone our Strategic Planner Dave Mc Donald on 1300 87 83 87.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An extraordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5 May.

Agenda includes:

- **Rescission motion on the Biodiversity Management Strategy and proposed \$500,000 Special Rate Variation.**
- **Imagine Lismore One Year Plan (2015/16 budget).**

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. A Councillor briefing on the Quarterly Budget Review Statement will follow the meeting. All welcome.

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 May.

Agenda includes:

- **Growth Management Strategy 2014-2034.**
- **CBD Block redevelopment – Lismore Regional Gallery.**
- **Future of Nimbin Waste Transfer Station.**
- **Reclassification of Council-owned land.**

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

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, 4 May interviews will be conducted by Councillors Greg Bennett and Simon Clough.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 1 May.

On Monday, 18 May interviews will be conducted by Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Vanessa Ekins.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 15 May.

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



TIP FREE DAY IS COMING

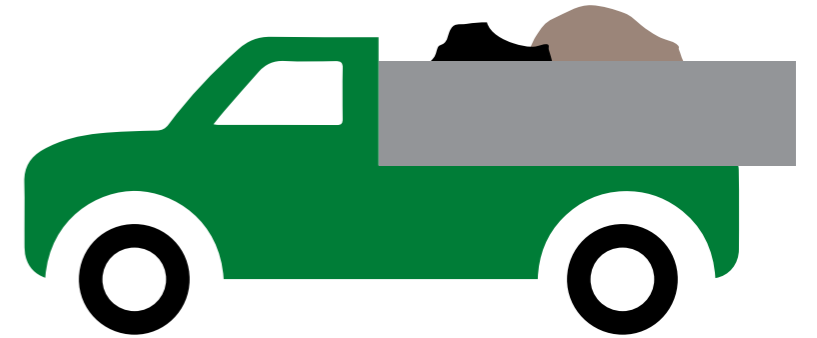
It's time to get your cupboards cleaned out and start emptying your garage as the next Tip Free Day is coming up on Sunday, 17 May.

Tip Free Days run from 9am to 4pm at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. It's a good idea to come early morning or late afternoon to avoid delays.

Please bring with you proof of residency for the Lismore City Council area (rates notice or licence) and please keep scrap metal, timber, green waste, household items and other recyclables separate.

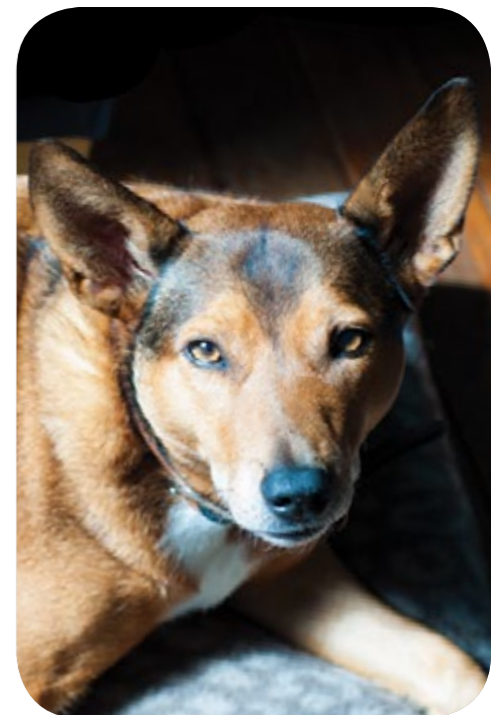
You are not allowed to bring commercial quantities of chemicals, asbestos or truck/tractor tyres and you can bring no more than 12 car tyres in one load.

For more information about the Tip Free Day call the Waste Hotline on 1300 87 83 87.



YOUR COVER

This is Honey. She's a rescue dog. Her mum and dad adopted her from the Animal Rights & Rescue Group about two years ago. She's a happy little vegemite now, and loves tummy pats, lounging in the morning sun, watching dad make his morning coffee and naughtily poking her nose out of the car window from the back seat. She's registered and microchipped, as all companion animals should be. We are currently giving people some time to make sure their dogs are registered and microchipped before we start an enforcement program. Details in this edition. Please do the right thing and make sure your dog is registered and microchipped, and that your details with Council are up to date.





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