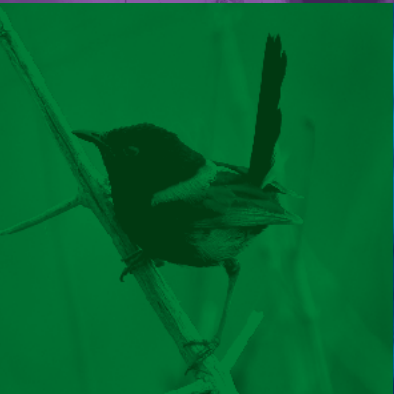


LOCAL MATTERS

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2015 MASTERS GAMES OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS

Cricket legend and former Goonellabah boy Adam Gilchrist has been named Games Ambassador for the 9th Lismore Workers Masters Games, which runs from 18-20 September at various venues around Lismore.

A Kadina High School graduate, Adam Gilchrist said he was “honoured” to be the 2015 Ambassador and was happy to promote the region where his love of sport began.

“As a former Lismore resident, my roots are firmly secured there,” Adam said. “I hope that by being the Games Ambassador I can encourage all participants to play hard, to play fair and, most importantly, to enjoy the opportunities that are yours.”

Registrations are now open for all athletes aged over 35. Masters Games Chairperson Matt Barlow said more than 2000 competitors are expected to converge on Lismore for the biennial event, injecting over \$1 million into the city’s economy.

“We want to see restaurants full, the Workers Club full, motels full and sporting venues full,” Matt said. “A few days later we may also see doctors’ rooms full, physiotherapists full and masseuses full!” he quipped.

There are a total of 16 sports at the Masters Games including baseball, cricket, dressage, football, golf, hockey, lawn bowls, netball, Oztag, softball and swimming. There are also five exciting new sporting categories – a fitness challenge, rugby 7s, running, six-a-side football and the Mini Olympics.

Matt said the Masters Games was less about winning and more about fun and participation, with the new Mini Olympics expected to be popular.

“While the Masters Games is all about getting out and having some fun on the field, everyone loves a podium finish!” Matt said.



“During the Mini Olympics, participants will battle it out in the sports of snooker, darts, indoor bowls and euchre over two days. And we’ll be handing out gold, silver and bronze medals just like the real deal.”

For information and registration visit www.lismoremastersgames.com.au or phone the Masters Games office on 02 6621 3413.





RURAL VILLAGE RESIDENTS: YOUR GREEN BINS ARE COMING!

We are rolling out our green organics service to rural villages from Monday, 18 May.

If you are a resident of Bexhill, Caniaba, Clunes, Dunoon, Nimbin, Modanville, North Woodburn, The Channon, Tullera, Richmond Hill or Wyrallah, you will receive this service. There is no extra cost to you as a resident or ratepayer.

You will receive the following items:

- A 240L green bin.
- A benchtop caddy for your kitchen scraps.
- A roll of biodegradable bin liners for your caddy.
- An education brochure with detailed information.

Council will collect green bins weekly and all the food and garden waste will be taken to our composting facility. It then goes through a strict filtering and composting process to create 100% certified organic compost and mulch.



This nutrient-rich product is popular with farmers and producers, and is available for \$35 per cubic metre from the weighbridge at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, Lismore. Within the next 12 months, we also hope to have a new bagging facility so we can sell smaller bags of compost to backyard gardeners.

Look out for your green organics goodies from next week. Please read the education brochure carefully. If you have any questions regarding the new service, phone 1300 87 83 87.

This project is supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW EPA's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the waste levy.



LOCAL SCHOOLS HELP GROW RIVER HEALTH

A three-year partnership between several government agencies in Lismore has seen around 6000 native trees and shrubs planted along the banks of the Wilsons River and Tucki Tucki Creek by local school students.

The Wilsons River Schools Education and Restoration Project involved six schools – Richmond River High, St John’s College Woodlawn, Albert Park Public, St Carthages Primary, Trinity Catholic College and Kadina High. Each school established a restoration area within the Wilsons River catchment, which feeds our regional water supply.

The final tree planting day was recently held on the riverbank behind Trinity Catholic College, where students planted the last 800 trees during an afternoon learning about the importance of river health, habitat restoration and recycling.



The students also got to see the fruits of their labour, with walking tours through a tall stand of native rainforest that marks where they first planted seedlings three years ago. The project has helped thousands of students learn about sustainability, biodiversity, riverbank restoration and water quality. The project, funded by the NSW Environment Trust, was led by Rous Water, which donated hundreds of person hours to remove camphor laurels along the riverbank and prepare the tree planting sites for the children.

Other project partners included Lismore City Council, EnviTE, Friends of the Koala, Far North Coast Weeds, WIRES, the Wilsons River Landcare Group, Richmond Landcare, North East Waste and Dorroughby Education Centre.



COMMUNITY COMMENT SOUGHT ON ANNUAL BUDGET

Council’s draft Imagine Lismore 1 Year Plan (2015/16 budget) is now on public exhibition for community feedback for 28 days.

The budget is \$133 million, which includes \$31.7 million for roads and associated infrastructure, or 23.8% of the budget.

Other major capital expenditure includes:

- Water and wastewater infrastructure **\$12.3 million**
- Machinery, fleet and equipment replacement **\$6.3 million**
- Waste (includes composting facility, weighbridge and Nimbin Transfer Station upgrades) **\$1.28 million**
- Lismore Regional Gallery and Quad Project **\$500,000**
- Parks and recreation infrastructure **\$399,100**
- Lismore Regional Airport improvements **\$300,000**
- Renewable Energy Master Plan (reducing energy consumption) **\$217,900**
- Stormwater Management Services **\$213,800**
- CBD public toilets – Stage 1 **\$77,000**



The net operating result for the year is a \$3.39 million surplus. Excluding capital revenues (Roads to Recovery federal grant, developer contributions, waste grants, anticipated Lismore Regional Gallery federal grant etc.) the result is a \$1.9 million deficit.

For general rates, the average urban residential rate will increase by the full rate pegging amount of 2.4% or \$26 to \$1,109. The average residential water bill will increase to \$782 – an increase of \$70 or 9.8%. Wastewater will increase to \$808 – an increase of \$36 or 4.7%. The waste service charge will increase to \$287, which is a \$7.90 or 2.83% increase.

Fees and charges will increase by 2.5% in the 2015/16 financial year.

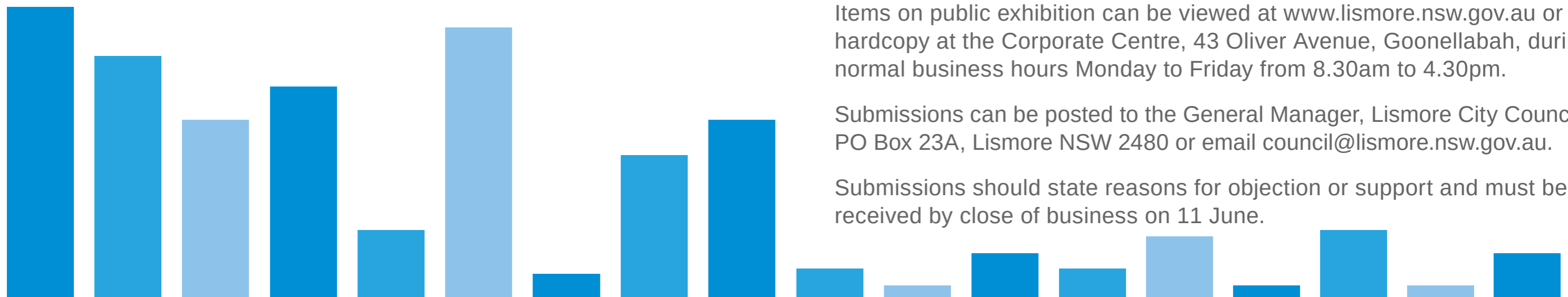
Total borrowings in the 2015/16 year are \$7.25 million. This includes \$4.5 million for water infrastructure, \$2.4 million for wastewater infrastructure and \$350,000 for the galvanised culvert program.

Changes are also proposed for the Imagine Lismore 4 Year Plan. This plan sets out Council’s key projects and initiatives from 2013 to 2017 to deliver on the community’s aspirations and vision for Lismore as set out in the Imagine Lismore 10 Year Plan.

Items on public exhibition can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or in hardcopy 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 or email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions should state reasons for objection or support and must be received by close of business on 11 June.





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.

14/299-2 29 Camelot Road, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to (a) shorten the suspended concrete slab verandah; (b) separate roofs on the verandah and stairwell; (c) replace the glass stairwell wall with a new stud wall with windows and/or louvres; (d) addition of a timber deck at the south end of the verandah; (e) replace bifold/stacker doors with French doors; and (f) relocate the garage.

14/357 27 Lincoln Avenue, McLeans Ridges

Two colourbond sheds.

15/8 205 Dawson Street, Girards Hill

Alterations and additions to convert existing building (shed) to a secondary dwelling, retaining wall with a building line variation to 3.7m to Virtue Street and pruning of one tree.

15/16 15 Roseview Road, McLeans Ridges

Dwelling.

15/17 33 and 35 Holland Street, Goonellabah

Recreation facility (indoor gym).

15/30 7 Highview Crescent, Modanville

Extension to existing dwelling.

15/44 33 Sandy Point Road, Monaltrie

Addition of mezzanine floor to existing shed.

15/48 163 Ballina Road, East Lismore

Shed and demolition of pool.

15/51 101 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah

New deck with roof.

15/55 676 Rous Road, Tregearle Dwelling.

15/65 36 Crescent Street, Lismore

Addition to existing dwelling and deck.

15/73 52 Newbridge Street, South Lismore

Removal of cocos palms and pruning of other trees – heritage item.

15/81 6 Browallia Court, Goonellabah

Dwelling addition (front awning).

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.

T2015-19: DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL VEHICLES

Council is disposing of the following vehicles by tender:

- 1 x Isuzu D-Max single cab 4x4 utility
- 2 x Isuzu D-Max dual cab 4x4 utilities
- 2 x Toyota Hilux SR single cab utilities
- 1 x VW Amarok TDI dual cab 4x4 utility
- 1 x Hyundai i30 sedan



Information and vehicles will be available for inspection (sorry, no test drives) from 11.30am to 1.30pm on Monday, 25 May at the Revolve Shop carpark, located at the 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 must be placed in the Tender Box in the foyer of our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 28 May.



SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Calling students, host families and chaperones

Lismore City Council and Yamato Takada in Japan have enjoyed a sister city relationship for 52 years. We also have a Sister City Student Exchange Program so school students can experience and learn from a different culture.

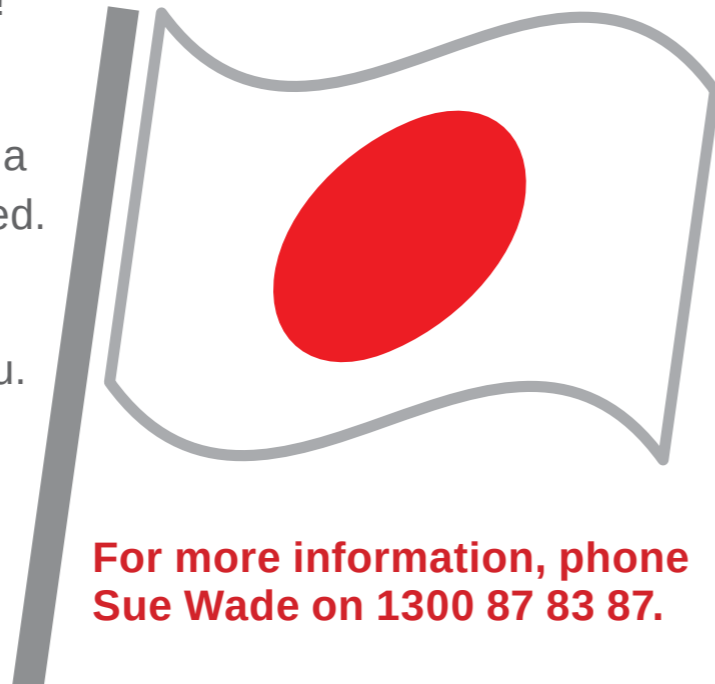
Council is now calling for nominations from secondary students to participate in the 2015 Student Exchange Program from 23 September to 2 October 2015. We are also seeking nominations from interested people to chaperone the Lismore students to Yamato Takada.

In addition, Lismore is welcoming a number of students from Yamato Takada in late July/early August and we are looking for host families.

So what we are saying is – if you want to go on a student exchange, go to Japan as an exchange chaperone or host a student in your home here in Lismore, we want to hear from you!

We have had great feedback from previous exchanges and know it is a real adventure for everyone involved.

Applications are available on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Completed application forms should be emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au by close of business on 12 June.



For more information, phone Sue Wade on 1300 87 83 87.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings to discuss upcoming Council reports.

On Tuesday, 19 May Councillors will be briefed on: Annual Community Grants Scheme, Crime Prevention Plan and Rural Landholder Initiative. This briefing is in the Council Chambers from 6.30pm.

On Tuesday, 26 May Councillors will be briefed on: Reserve Trust, Annual Community Grants Scheme applications, Tourism and Events, and Community Planning. This briefing is in the Council Chambers from 6pm.

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.

On Monday, 1 June interviews will be conducted by Councillors Neil Marks and Glenys Ritchie. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 29 May.

LUNCHTIME COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for 15-minute interviews on the third Thursday of each month between 12.30pm and 1.30pm at Lismore City Library. On Thursday, 21 May interviews will be conducted by Councillors Ray Houston and Mathew Scheibel. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 19 May.

LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

The Lismore Business Panel will meet on Friday, 22 May 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.



NOMINATE YOUR HALL FOR NEW ART PROJECT

They've been the site of first kisses, first dances, broken hearts and celebrations; Northern Rivers halls are places of stories and keepers of secrets.

People are now invited to nominate local halls for a chance to be involved in a multi-arts project celebrating community halls of the Northern Rivers.

If These Halls Could Talk is a region-wide project run by Arts Northern Rivers, celebrating halls and the role they play in our communities. The project invites people to nominate their local hall for a chance to be involved.

Seven halls from across the Northern Rivers will be selected to have a renowned creative team collaborate with their community to create a site-specific work inspired by the unique stories of that hall.

To nominate your hall, visit
ifthesehallscouldtalk.com.au



TIP FREE DAY THIS SUNDAY

Our next Tip Free Day is this Sunday, 17 May.

Tip Free Days run from 9am to 4pm at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, but as we always say, 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 our Tip Free Day, phone 1300 87 83 87.

REVOLVE SHOP REMINDER:

Remember that the Revolve Shop is closed until Tuesday, 2 June for essential upgrades. We apologise for the inconvenience as we know people love their bargains, but the area is a worksite and we simply can't open the shop until the work is finished. See you again on 2 June!

YOUR COVER

Year 7 Trinity students Lillian McErlean and Ella Robinson were among hundreds of Trinity students who helped during the final tree planting of the three-year Wilsons River Schools Education and Restoration Project, led by Rous Water.

During the course of the project thousands of students learnt about riverbank restoration, river health and recycling, and 6000 trees were planted along the banks of the Wilsons River and Tucki Tucki Creek.

Congrats to all the students and agencies involved on a job very well done!





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