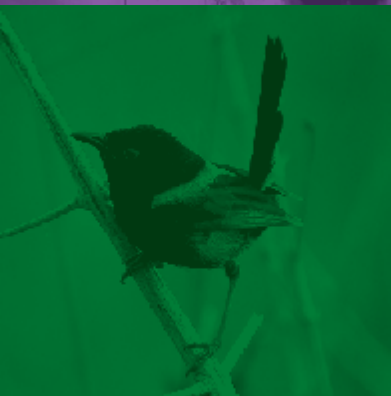




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PARTNERSHIP RESTORES HABITAT FOR URBAN KOALAS

A partnership between Friends of the Koala and Lismore City Council has resulted in the restoration of a six hectare reserve of prime koala habitat in Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah.

In 2013, Friends of the Koala received an Australian Government *Caring for our Country* grant. Over the last two years, bush regenerators have removed weeds and planted koala food trees and dry rainforest on Council's Hillcrest Avenue reserve.

"Koalas simply can't access the trees when they are covered in dense lantana," bush regenerator Fiona Dawson explained.

"We were pleasantly surprised when we uncovered many mature eucalypts which are now being used as food trees by koalas. The regeneration of rainforest species for use as shade trees is just as important because without them koalas are less likely to use that habitat."

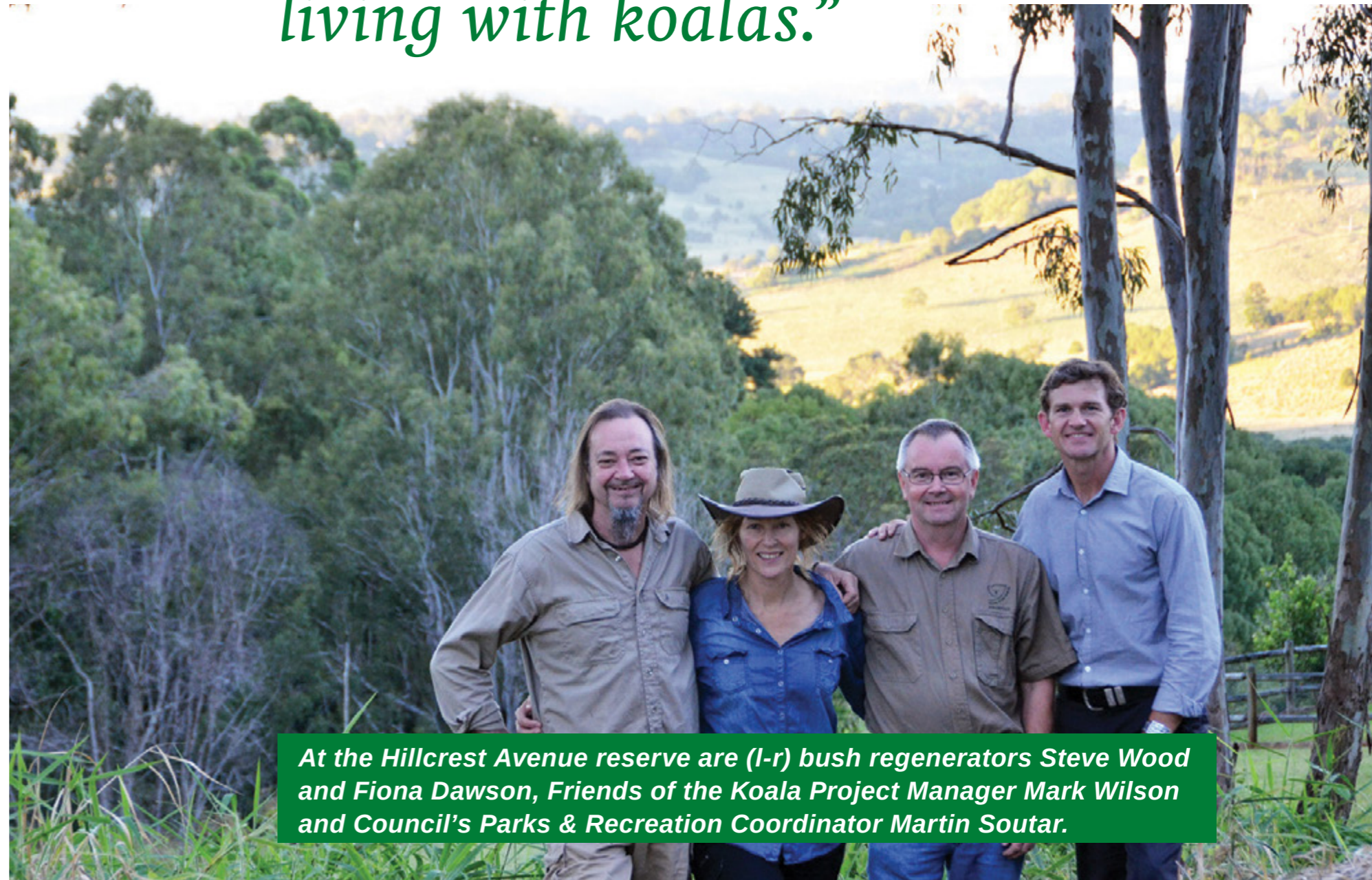
Fiona said Lismore is one of only a handful of NSW cities to have an urban koala population and she said opening up this significant tract of land for their use would be of great benefit.

"The residents of Hillcrest Avenue have been very supportive and have come down to check out our work. They've all said they love living with koalas."

Council got a first-hand taste of resident sentiment while taking a photo in Hillcrest Avenue recently, with a long-time local saying it was nice to have someone helping out with weed removal for a change.

"I've been carrying out weed control behind my place for 20 years with my bare hands," he said.

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At the Hillcrest Avenue reserve are (l-r) bush regenerators Steve Wood and Fiona Dawson, Friends of the Koala Project Manager Mark Wilson and Council's Parks & Recreation Coordinator Martin Soutar.

WHAT IS YOUR ADDRESS?

You know where you live. But did you know that the property address held by Council for where you live is a critical piece of information?

The address shown on your rate notice should be the address used when you describe where you live, or confusion could arise. For instance, emergency services are dependent on good addressing to arrive as quickly as possible.

If you have more than one property listed on your rate notice, please contact Council immediately to ensure your address is correct in our system.

In older urban areas, addresses for dwellings and businesses are, in most cases, well established and accurate. However, in rural areas property addresses were not created until the mid-1980s, when RMB numbers (Rural Mail Box) and lot numbers were replaced. Each property was assigned a unique address composed of a number (based on the distance from the beginning of the road), road name and locality.

Sometimes confusion exists over the “locality” component of an address. Until the early 1990s the locality people used was taken from common knowledge. Now a locality is established by where a piece of land fits within mapped areas, approved and formally adopted by the NSW Government in June 1995.

As an example, addresses supplied when requesting a new telephone line, or used when completing an application for official ID, may not be recognised and accepted if the address used is not the same as the address held by Council.

For those who have named their property or business, please be assured you can still use this name as part of your address. Although a property name does not form part of the 'formal address' linked to your property, or replace the formal address, its use will not cause any problems.

Our records also hold addresses for communication purposes for everyone who has dealings with Council (in some cases a person may have more than one). These addresses are usually a version supplied by the customer and not necessarily an address held by Council. Australia Post does its best to deliver and in many cases this means it recognises and holds addresses no longer compliant with the Australian and New Zealand Addressing Standard. In time, this historical knowledge will be lost, and only addresses held by Council and NSW Land and Property Information will be recognised.

From time to time, Council may need to change existing addresses as we improve accuracy for locating purposes. These changes will range from single address updates to renaming of a road or street where current duplication of names contributes to confusion and delays.

We understand that some people love their historical address and don't want to give it up, but these days it's possible you could be lost rather than found if you don't use the address held by Council. We urge all residents to please ensure addresses you use are those assigned by Council.

If you are uncertain of the validity of your address and would like to check, please contact Property Data Analyst Christine Coates, Wednesday to Friday, on 1300 87 83 87.

Please note: The NSW Geographical Names Board expects councils to assign addressing that meets standards contained within the NSW Address Policy. Further information can be found at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.



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.

Please find below our latest employment opportunities:

Position	Salary
Electrician	\$934.70 to \$1,074.91 per week plus super
Mechanical Fitter/Welder	\$934.70 to \$1,074.91 per week plus super

All positions close on Sunday, 31 May at 4pm. For further information or to apply visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

RATES REMINDER

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your fourth rates instalment for the 2014/15 rateable year is due for payment on Sunday, 31 May 2015.

FINDING YOUR RATES A BURDEN? WHY NOT PAY WEEKLY, FORTNIGHTLY OR MONTHLY?

If you are having difficulties paying your rate instalments in full each quarter please contact us regarding making an arrangement to pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Don't let your rates bill get on top of you – a payment system can make it much easier for you financially. Council offers direct debit as one of its payment options, which is a convenient way of organising your payments so they come out of your account automatically.

Application forms can be downloaded at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



NEW PUBLIC PLACE BINS TO REDUCE LITTER, BOOST RECYCLING

We have installed 24 bins in parks and sporting facilities around the city as part of a \$100,000 project that aims to reduce litter and increase recycling.

You can't miss the new bins, which are colourful, easy to see and easy to use. We would like people to take recycling into their own hands and use the bins whenever they are out and about in local parks.

We hope to recycle 10,000 tonnes of recyclables each year, which we can process at our Materials Recovery Facility and sell to raise money for new sustainability and recycling initiatives.

The bins feature the NSW EPA's 'Hey Tosser' anti-littering message with clearly defined waste and recycling chutes.

Council has installed nine bins at Lismore Park, three each at Riverside and Wade Park, two each at Kadina Park and Heritage Park, and one at Coronation Park (The Channon oval), Nesbitt Park, Lismore Memorial Gardens, Wyrallah Park and North Woodburn.

We will monitor community response closely, with litter and bin audits after three, six and 12 months to determine if recycling rates have increased.

This project is jointly-funded by the Australian Packaging Covenant, the NSW EPA's Waste Less Recycle More initiative and Lismore City Council.





ABORIGINAL BUSINESSES WANTED FOR NAIDOC SHOWCASE

Council would like to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people running local businesses to be part of this year's NAIDOC Celebration Day on 25 June.

Council is planning a showcase of businesses with displays of products and services at the NAIDOC Celebration Day. Anyone with an ABN is a business, so even if you're selling art from the back verandah or you have some other small cottage industry, or a saleable product or service, we want to hear from you.

This is a chance for Aboriginal-owned businesses to spruik their products and raise awareness of their business in the community. Last year, more than 3500 people attended the NAIDOC Celebration Day, so it's a good opportunity to promote your business to a wide audience.

Council is also seeking to create an Aboriginal Business Register detailing all Aboriginal-owned businesses in the Lismore Local Government Area.

The Aboriginal Business Register, a component of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan, is designed to increase tendering and business opportunities for Aboriginal-owned businesses.

Business owners interested in joining the business showcase at the NAIDOC Celebration Day or those wishing to sign up for the Aboriginal Business Register should phone Council's Aboriginal Partnering and Community Engagement Officer Jodi Sampson on 1300 87 83 87.



COUNCIL DECIDES...

At the ordinary meeting on 12 May, Council decisions included the following:

- Council adopted the Lismore Growth Management Strategy 2015-2035 (6/2 in favour and 3 absent). The document will guide the pattern and density of residential growth for the next 20 years.
- Council resolved (5/5 on the casting vote of the Mayor) to adopt the Nimbin Waste Management and Waste Transfer Station Action Plan and spend \$132,700 in grant funding to upgrade the Nimbin Waste Transfer Station. This includes improvements to security and infrastructure as well as starting a second-hand goods shop. Other items in the action plan include expansion of kerbside collections around Nimbin over time, reduction of public bins in the village and better educational signage, and a public art project with local schools to develop new art for the public bins.
- Council resolved (10 in favour and 1 absent) to begin investigation and design of Stage 1 of the Nimbin Water Supply upgrade. Stage 1 is a \$2.5 million project including a new reservoir, pump station and pipeline to supply water to rural customers.

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





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.

08/44-4 73 Keen Street, Lismore

Change of use to eat-in restaurant (in addition to takeaway), modify floor plan and change front doors to sliding doors.

14/301 500 Pelican Creek Road, Caniaba

Detached dual occupancy dwelling and construction of a new awning to be attached to an existing shed.

15/5-2 313 Wyrallah Road, Monaltrie

Section 96(1A) modification to change orientation and to install a roof over the shipping containers.

15/27 669 Corndale Road, Corndale

Dwelling alterations and additions.

15/49 44 Nightcap Range Road, Dorroughby

Remove verandah and toilet, and add extension including new bathroom.

15/54 397 Rosebank Road, Rosebank

Detached dual occupancy.

15/57 25 Walker Street, Clunes

Shed with carport.

15/61 96 Williams Road, Corndale

Addition to existing dwelling and relocation of bathrooms.

15/66 65 Rous Road, Goonellabah

Refurbishment of courtyard and new roof canopy at Kalina Nursing Home including replacement of timber doors and windows and new skylights.

15/72 8 Stanley Court, Goonellabah

Subdivision to create four strata allotments.

15/87 39 Cullen Street, Nimbin

Tree pruning of three trees in a heritage conservation zone.

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.

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.

95/236-2

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 76 Flood Reserve Road, Ruthven (Lot 4 DP 602715) and 36 Poole Road, Ruthven (Lot 113 DP 755728).

APPLICANT: Outline Planning Consultants Pty Ltd.

DESCRIPTION: Section 96(2) modification to allow blasting at McDonalds Quarry.

CLOSING DATE: 10 June 2015.

DA No.

15/105

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 117 Upper Tuntable Falls Road, Nimbin (Lot 2 DP 845383).

APPLICANT: Tuntable Falls Community Primary School.

DESCRIPTION: Addition to education establishment (new classroom and storeroom).

CLOSING DATE: 10 June 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. 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.



REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Q2015-16 – Pest Control Services

Council has numerous buildings located in and around Lismore and we are seeking a contractor to inspect, maintain and service various sites on a regular basis for a fixed fee, for a period of three years with an option to extend the contract for a further three years.

We have previously relied on a number of pest control providers to service our many sites. This process will enable one contractor to service all of Council's sites and streamline our services.

Submissions for this quote close at 2pm on Friday, 19 June 2015.

You can register and access documents at www.tenderlink.com/lismore. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box. If you experience any difficulties accessing the website or require further information, phone the Tenderlink Helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

Girards Hill, East Lismore

Members of the Aboriginal community with cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places are invited to register their interest in the process of community consultation for a proposed mountain bike track and walking trail at Girards Hill, East Lismore.

Lismore City Council is proposing the construction of approximately 5km of mountain bike and walking trails within 76 hectares of public reserve at Girards Hill. The purpose of the community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist Council in the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and also to assist the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage in the consideration and determination of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit, if required.

To register your interest or for more information, phone Ian Fox on 02 6677 1026, email asset@better.net.au or write to PO Box 87, Burringbar, NSW 2483 within 14 days of the date of this notice.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 June. Agenda includes:

- **Pineapple Road Planning Proposal.**
- **Tender design for Lismore Regional Gallery.**

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, 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.

On Monday, 15 June interviews will be conducted by Councillors Graham Meineke and Isaac Smith.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 12 June.

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, 18 June interviews will be conducted by Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Jenny Dowell. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 16 June.

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



PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROAD LEVELS FOR UPCOMING ROADWORKS

Roadworks are being considered along the sections of road described below. In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, proposed changes to road levels associated with these works are indicated below and are open to public comment for 30 days.

LOCATION	SECTION OF ROAD AFFECTED	AVERAGE CHANGE IN ROAD LEVEL
Kyogle Road, Tuncester	0.7km section east of and including its Rosehill Road intersection	+250mm
Kyogle Road, Fernside	0.8km section either side of its Fernside Road intersection	+250mm
Cathcart Street, Lismore	0.23km section between its Conway and Magellan Street intersections	+150mm
Magellan Street, Lismore	0.28km section between its Cathcart and Brewster Street intersections	+150mm
Brewster Street, Lismore	0.12km section between its Magellan and Ewing Street intersections	+150mm

While funding for the roadworks is yet to be confirmed for the 2015/16 financial year, planning is now underway to enable construction upon securing funds. Works would generally raise road levels for each location due to the overlay of material on the existing road pavement.

Works would improve pavement life and traffic safety. Adjoining driveway access would be modified to match the rehabilitated sections of road where necessary.

Upon confirming funding, adjoining landowners would be notified and the works advertised in a future edition of *Local Matters*.

Written public submissions should state reasons for objection and the section of road it relates to. Submissions are due by 4pm on 30 June.

For more information phone our Design Engineer Barry Goodwin on 1300 87 83 87.

NIMBIN TRANSFER STATION

Change to hours of operation

As part of an upgrade to the Nimbin Transfer Station, Council is changing the facility's hours of operation.

From 1 July 2015, the Nimbin Transfer Station's new opening hours will be:

- Tuesday 9am to 3pm
- Thursday 9am to 3pm
- Saturday 9am to 3pm

Other measures being undertaken as part of the upgrade include improving security, creating better infrastructure for recycling and waste drop-offs, and facilitating the sale of second-hand goods, much like Lismore's Revolve Shop.

YOUR COVER

This king of the jungle was photographed in Tucki Tucki Nature Reserve in Goonellabah. Australian king parrots (*Alisterus scapularis*) are endemic to the east coast of Australia. We are so lucky!





CONTACT US:
1300 87 83 87

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



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