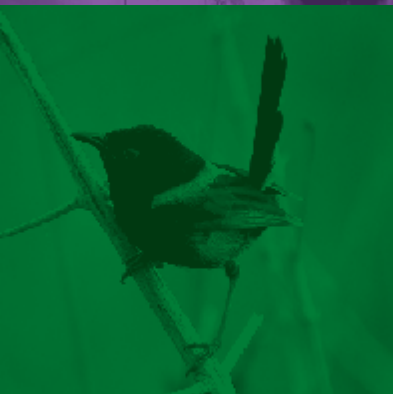




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NEW PUBLICATION EXPLAINS THE HOW AND WHY OF MAINTAINING ROADS

You will soon be receiving a publication in your letterbox called *Your Roads*. We want this to be an annual supplementary edition to *Local Matters* that informs you about our roads schedule as we move into a new financial year.

The publication will give you an insight into how Council maintains roads and the strategy we have in place to fix as many roads as we can, as efficiently as we can, with the limited funds available.

It's no secret that the roads in our Local Government Area need a lot of work and we often get complaints via phone, email and Facebook regarding our road network.

So we thought it was time to communicate a bit better with the community so people can understand the challenges we face, the funding constraints we work under and the approach we take to fixing roads.

We will include a schedule of sealed roads being repaired or resealed in the 2015/16 financial year. You can check if your road is on the list and see where we are spending the roads budget over the next 12 months.

We will also profile a road worker as these staff have a tough job fixing our roads and work under some difficult conditions to get the work done. They are also great people and part of our community, so we wanted to give them a plug.

Stay tuned and keep an eye on your letterbox.

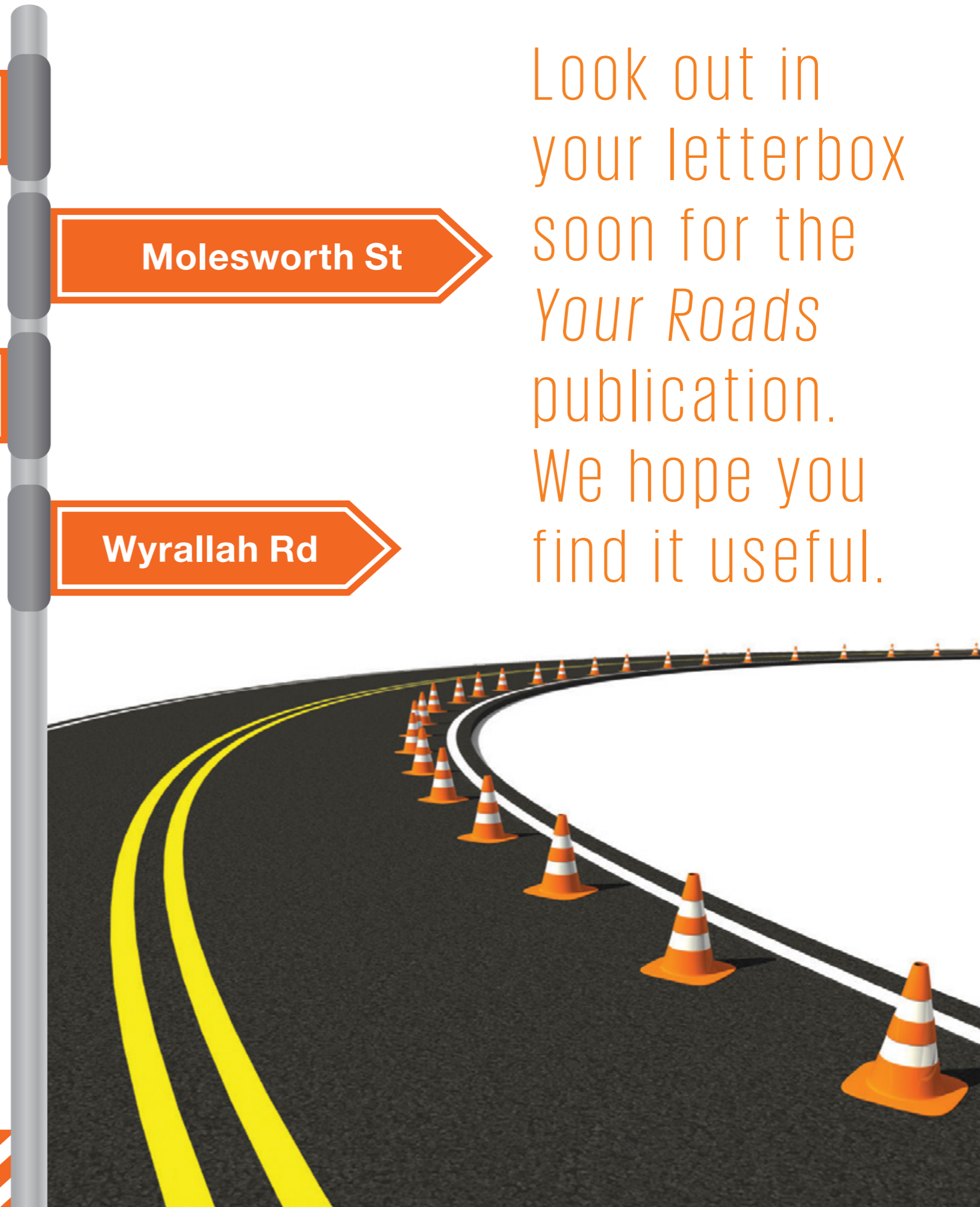
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Look out in your letterbox soon for the *Your Roads* publication. We hope you find it useful.



EXPERIENCE AN ART EXTRAVAGANZA THIS AUGUST

Lismore's annual Arts in August program brings together the creative talent of Lismore, Nimbin and villages for an all-out assault on your eyes, ears and intellect.

Now in its third year, Arts in August features world-class performances, productions and works in poetry, visual arts, live theatre, music and dance, and includes arts trails, exhibitions, gallery tours and live shows.

Highlights of the 2015 program include the Southern Cross Arts Festival, children's art classes, the Arts vs Science Festival, hinterland arts tours, the Bentley Art Prize, the Nimbin Poetry World Cup, life drawing sessions, belly dance and Celtic dance classes, NORPA shows including *Hamlet* by Bell Shakespeare, the Quota Art, Craft & Garden Fair and much, much more.

The full
program
is huge!



“Arts in August features some really impressive events, which is a reflection of the amazing artists and performers we are lucky to have here in the Northern Rivers,” Council’s Tourism Services Coordinator Andrew Walker said.

“The beauty of a month-long program is you can pick and choose whatever suits your tastes and interests – although we do encourage everyone to challenge themselves and do or see at least one thing out of your comfort zone!”

The Arts in August program will be promoted far and wide with details of specific events and shows. Keep your eyes and ears open... Arts in August is coming!

To check out the full program, visit www.visitlismore.com.au and click the Arts in August tab.

Image: Hamlet by Bell Shakespeare is part of the Arts in August program.



LAST CHANCE TO ENTER 2015 MASTERS GAMES



Sports lovers and former athletes now on the wrong side of 35 only have until 14 August to register for the 9th Lismore Workers Masters Games.

The Masters Games is a biennial Lismore tradition offering mature sportspeople the chance to compete, have fun, and enjoy fantastic entertainment over three days.

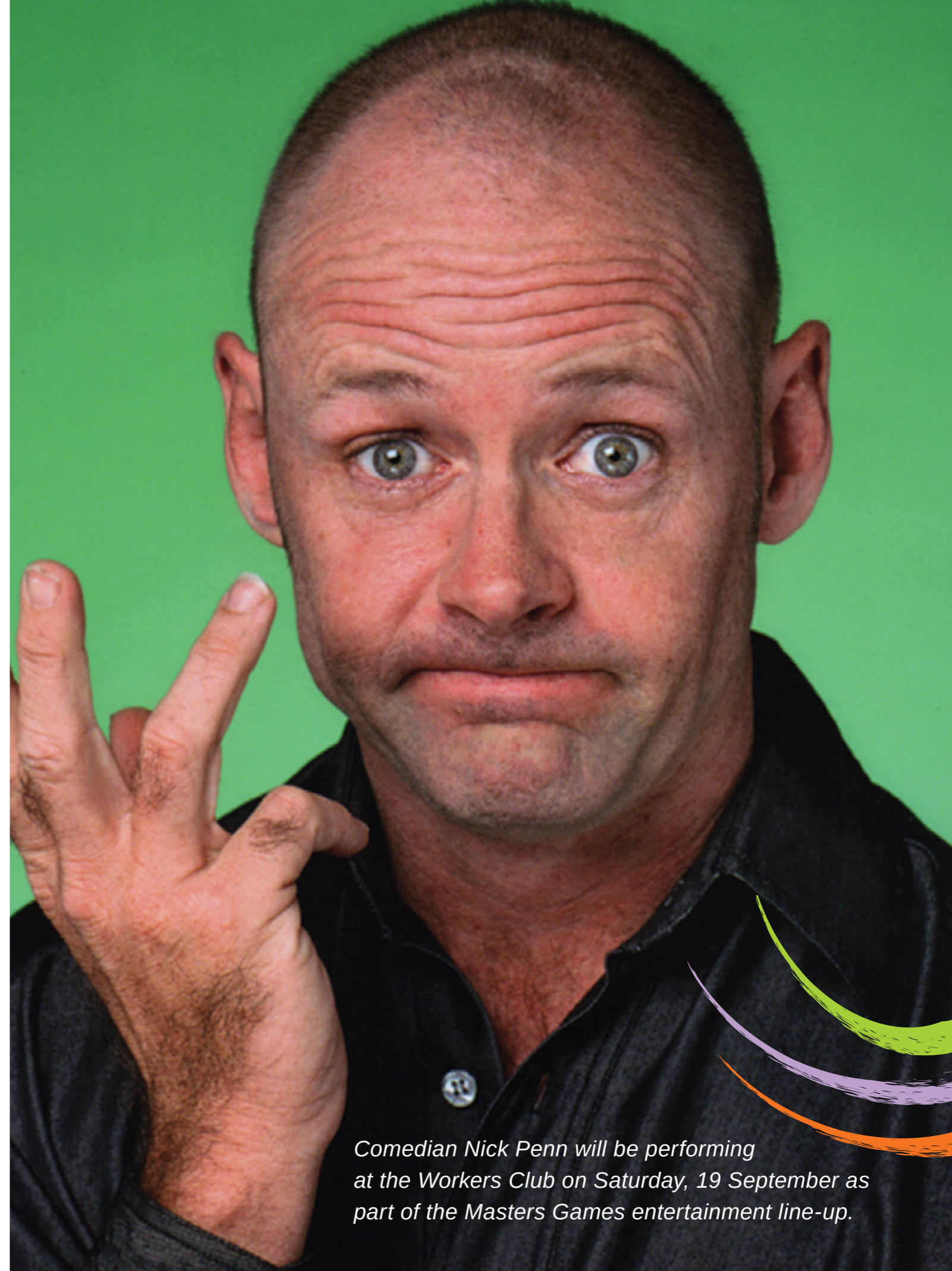
The event is on from 18-20 September with 16 sports to choose from including baseball, cricket, dressage, football, golf, hockey, lawn bowls, netball, Oztag, softball and swimming.

In 2015, organisers have also introduced five new categories – a fitness challenge, rugby 7s, running, six-a-side football and the Masters Mini Olympics. The Masters Mini Olympics is already proving popular, with athletes competing in high-voltage action sports including snooker, darts, indoor bowls and euchre! Just like the real Olympics, champions will vie for gold, silver and bronze medals.

The 9th Lismore Workers Masters Games offers sports lovers a chance to get on the field and compete as well as three days of entertainment at the Lismore Workers Club. This includes cash draws on Thursday night, live music and dancing with Oz Horns on Friday and stand-up comedy with Mandy Nolan and Nick Penn on Saturday.

More than 2000 competitors are expected to attend the 9th Lismore Workers Masters Games. Will you be one of them?

To register visit www.lismoremastersgames.com.au or phone 02 6621 3413.



Comedian Nick Penn will be performing at the Workers Club on Saturday, 19 September as part of the Masters Games entertainment line-up.



MEET COSTA AND GROW A BIG SCRUB GARDEN

Rous Water and Lismore City Council are inviting people to a special gardening workshop with ABC Gardening Australia host Costa Georgiadis as part of the upcoming Arts vs Science Festival.

Costa will be visiting Lismore on 22 August to show people how native trees and clever design can improve your backyard and the health of our waterways.

In conjunction with his visit, Rous Water and Lismore City Council are running a competition called the Backyard Big Scrub Makeover: Landscaping for Water Quality Design Competition.

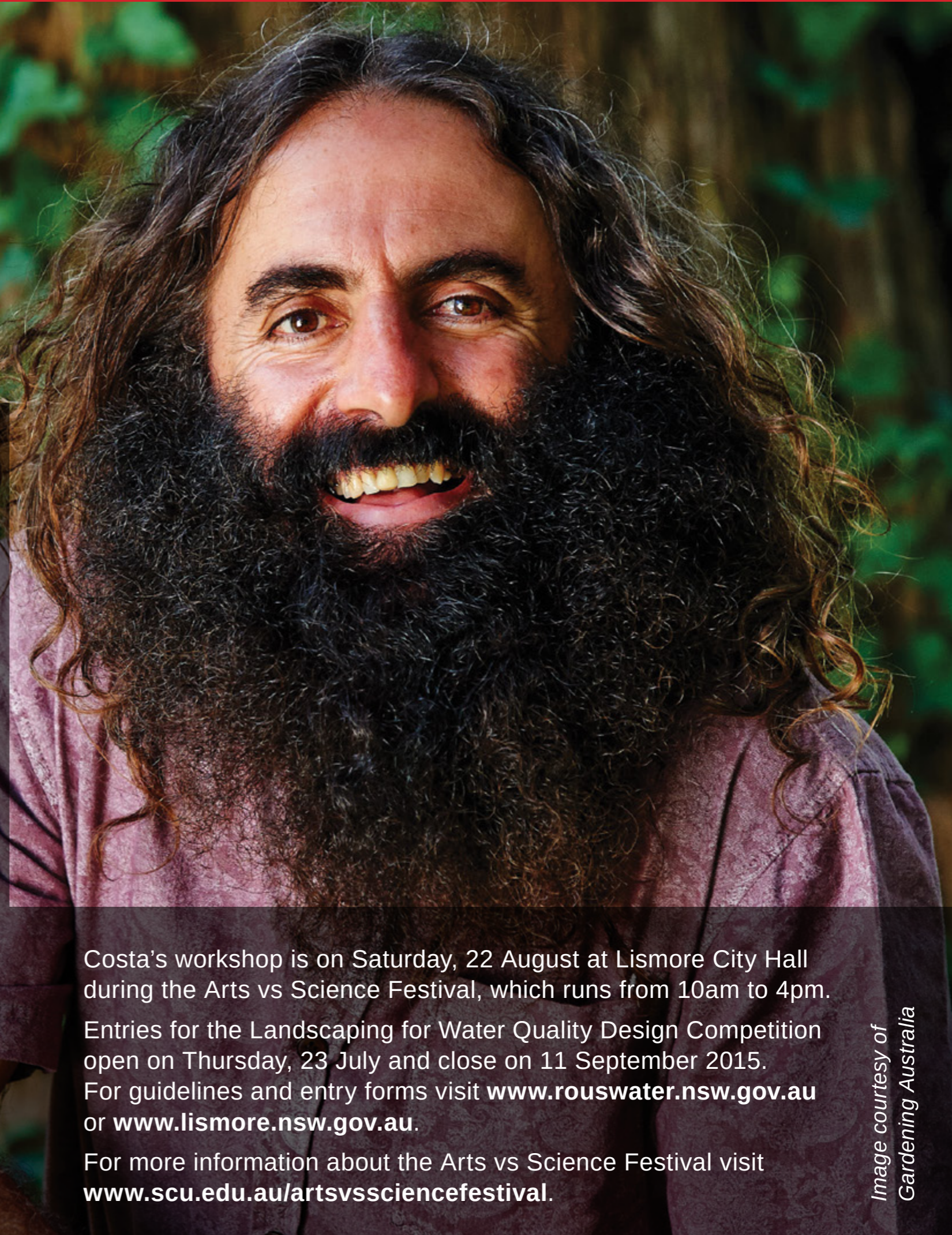
Lismore homeowners are invited to use their imagination and redesign their backyard to be functional and beautiful using Big Scrub rainforest plants and water quality landscaping techniques.

The winner will receive \$1000 of landscaping goods including plants and gravel, a \$1000 rainwater tank and the muscle of a Rous Water bush regeneration team to do the backyard makeover.

“This is a phenomenal prize for the winning homeowner – all you have to do is redesign your backyard using principles in our Landscaping for Water Quality Guidelines and you could win yourself a whole new garden,” Rous Water’s Shannon Greenfield said.

“We invite everyone to come and be inspired by Costa’s passion and knowledge. He will be showing us how to create a Big Scrub rainforest in a suburban backyard and sharing techniques on how to improve water quality for backyard gardens.

“The workshop is a great chance to see this much-loved gardening expert in action and an opportunity to get tips for your competition design. We decided to coincide the competition with his visit because we thought budding backyard designers could learn a lot from Costa.”



Costa’s workshop is on Saturday, 22 August at Lismore City Hall during the Arts vs Science Festival, which runs from 10am to 4pm.

Entries for the Landscaping for Water Quality Design Competition open on Thursday, 23 July and close on 11 September 2015. For guidelines and entry forms visit www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au or www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

For more information about the Arts vs Science Festival visit www.scu.edu.au/artsvssciencefestival.



WASTE AUDITS SHOW COLOURFUL BINS ARE REDUCING LITTER

A series of waste audits has found that Council's 24 new dual waste and recycling bins installed in parks and sporting facilities are already reducing waste going to landfill.

The impossible-to-miss bins are colourful and seem to be having the desired effect – making it obvious what can and cannot be recycled.

Council's Waste Education Officer Danielle Hanigan said the recycling bins had less than 5% contamination and litter audits of four hotspots around Lismore Park showed a greater than 90% reduction in litter by weight, with significantly less noticeable litter in and around Browns Creek.

"We've concluded that the bins are so bright, they actually attract people!" Danielle laughed.

"We are really pleased with the figures – not only are the areas more attractive without so much litter around, but we are significantly reducing waste going to landfill and increasing the volume of recyclables we can process through our MRF for remanufacture into new products."

Council installed nine public place 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), Nesbitt Park, the Lismore Memorial Gardens, Wyrallah Park and North Woodburn.

The bins were installed as part of a \$100,000 project jointly funded by the Australian Packaging Covenant, the NSW EPA's *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative and Lismore City Council.

Council will undertake further bin audits at six and 12 months to determine if recycling rates are continuing to improve. We would like to thank the community for recycling so well away from home.





REGISTER NOW FOR SECOND HAND SATURDAY

Registrations to be part of Second Hand Saturday, the biggest day of garage sales on the North Coast, open next Monday, 27 July.

You can join the day and hundreds of others by doing a spring clean and holding a garage sale on Saturday, 26 September. Each household registering will have a garage sale address listed for free in their local paper and online at the Second Hand Saturday website, which will have a map of garage sale addresses and a search engine available for shoppers.

The Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mysecondhandsaturday) also gives people the opportunity to post questions and share valuable garage sale advice, as well as promote goodies for sale on the day.

Second Hand Saturday is a great opportunity to give unwanted belongings a second life, meet the neighbours and make some extra money. Coordinated by North East Waste and member councils, the aim of the event is to promote the reuse of goods and materials instead of disposal – saving resources and our local environment.

The event gains popularity each year and in 2014, more than 750 garage sales were registered across the region.

For more information or to register for Second Hand Saturday, visit www.secondhandsaturday.com.au, sign up to the Facebook page or phone us on [1300 87 83 87](tel:1300878387).



GM CONTRACT RENEWED

Council will renew the contract of Lismore City Council General Manager Gary Murphy for another three years from 1 August 2015.

Gary has been employed with Lismore City Council since August 2011.

Born in South Africa, Gary is a civil engineer who was Chief Executive of Buller District Council in New Zealand for seven years before moving to the North Coast of NSW.

He said he was glad the Council had expressed confidence in his leadership.

“I am looking forward to leading Lismore City Council through the Fit for the Future local government reform process,” he said.

“This process will force us to look at everything we do with a fresh set of eyes and to see where we can achieve better efficiency and financial sustainability. It will mean some tough decisions in the next two years but it will lead to better outcomes and services for the whole community.”

Gary lives in Goonellabah and is married with two daughters.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

There are many ways to engage with Council and Councillors. 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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 August. 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, 3 August interviews will be conducted by Councillors Simon Clough and Jenny Dowell.

Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 31 July.

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

YOUR COVER

Costa Georgiadis, the well-liked host of ABC's *Gardening Australia*, is coming to Lismore. Rous Water is working with us to bring him to the Arts vs Science Festival on 22 August where he will present a gardening workshop and take part in a riverbank tree planting. He's a bundle of energy and we invite everyone in the Lismore community to come and be inspired at this special event. More details inside.





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