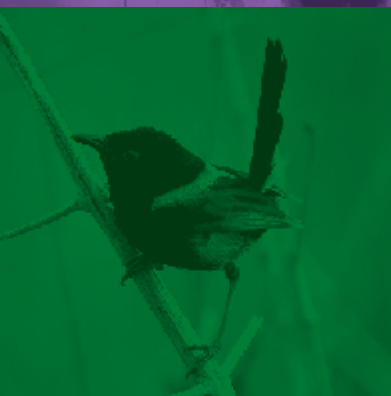




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SEE SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION AT SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY

Elaine Wood owns a little sustainability sanctuary in Dunoon and is one of several locals who will open their homes for Sustainable House Day on Sunday, 13 September.

Sustainable House Day gives people a chance to get practical ideas for the home and garden and speak to the owners about how they achieved a sustainable lifestyle.

Elaine is an owner/builder who created a solar passive, wood frame and iron-cladded clerestory design with a sprawling two-acre garden, rainwater tank, greywater system and chooks.

She grows most of her own food, including carbohydrates, lives on a pension and saves each week thanks to her low energy use and abundant garden produce.

“I have built two solar passive homes and I love this one the best. It is low maintenance with a number of things, like the kitchen, recycled and it takes advantage of natural light, ventilation and the aspect of the sun,” Elaine said. “I have much more land than I need with two acres – most of what sustains me can be created in a smaller space and certainly any suburban backyard can produce a lot of food.”

The following three homes will be open from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, 13 September:

Elaine Wood, 51 Cedar Place, Dunoon.

Simon Hartley, 2/89 Figtree Drive, Goonellabah.

The Robinsons, 182 Bentley Road, Tullera.

The following Saturday, 19 September, is the Sustainable House Expo at Lismore City Hall from 12-4pm. This is the culmination of the Sustainable Housing for Life Design Competition, with more than 35 sustainable house designs by architects, designers and young people on display.

All visitors will go in the draw to win some amazing lucky door prizes including a Light Touch 1kW solar system and a hemp masonry builder's starter kit. There will also be environmental education for children plus stalls showcasing local solar products, compost toilets, handmade furniture, sustainable building and much more.

Guest speakers on the day include the architects who won the 2014 competition plus a representative from Beyond Zero Emissions.

The Sustainable House Expo is free. For more information, visit www.sevenonsibley.com/shd2015.

Event partners include Lismore City Council, Byron Shire Council, Tweed Shire Council, The Green Building Centre, Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre, North Coast TAFE, Rous Water, Byron Community College, Dorroughby Environment Educational Centre and Self Seed.



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Lismore City Council is inviting people to join our recycling revolution these school holidays with some free fun.

Upcycle Your Holidays is on Tuesday, 22 September at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre from 10am to 3pm for children and their parents.

There will be heaps for kids (big and small) to do, bringing together fun, adventure and a little bit of learning (not that you'll notice) for the whole family.

Activities include:

- Bus tours of the facility. See our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in action and check out the machinery that sorts and separates all your recycling as well as our organics processing where we make compost from your food and garden waste.
- Guided walks through the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens.
- Free Love Food Hate Waste cooking demonstrations with internationally trained chef Daniel Lange (bookings required, phone 1300 87 83 87).
- Recycled art and craft, and free badge making.
- Dipping nets into the dam for water bugs, to check and question water health with Rous Water.
- Getting up close and personal with one of our garbage trucks – climb in and see how it all works!
- Watching how your actions impact on our water catchment with the Water Catchment Model.

You might also like to choose your own adventure with a self-guided walk through the Botanic Gardens and you can check out the newly renovated Revolve Shop and grab yourself a bargain.

Why not bring a picnic and have lunch among the koalas in our eucalypt forest!?



Important bits of info...

The facility will be open for business as usual, so there will be lots of machinery in action, which is great to watch, but we advise families to adhere to the signs to ensure your safety.

There is no need to book, just turn up on the day at our Environment Education Centre, at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult, and you need to bring hats, covered shoes and plenty of drinking water.

The day is open to anyone across the Northern Rivers – you don't have to be a resident of Lismore. We process recycling and organics from neighbouring councils including Ballina, Byron and Richmond Valley Council, and we particularly encourage families from these areas to join us. It's a great chance to learn about our recycling facility and see how all the recycling changes you make at home are helping to reduce landfill and re-use precious resources.

We have had open days before, which have attracted lots of people, but this day will be targeted more at families, with even more ways for kids to get involved.

Upcycle Your Holidays runs from 10am to 3pm and entry is free!



ATTENTION ALL HOMEOWNERS: WIN A NEW GARDEN!

Homeowners in the Lismore Local Government Area have just over a week left to enter the Backyard Big Scrub Makeover: Landscaping for Water Quality Design Competition.

Rous Water and Lismore City Council are giving homeowners the chance to win a backyard makeover worth thousands of dollars – all you need to do is redesign your backyard using landscaping for water quality techniques.

Our message to homeowners is simple – have a go! You don't need drawing technique or previous experience. What we're saying is, it's not rocket science – after all, every good garden should begin with a simple design.

All you have to do to enter is:

- Draw your backyard as a simple plan showing 'Existing Site Conditions'.
- Dream up your landscape design into a plan that shows your 'Landscape Concept'.
- Write a dot point explanation of how the design and your approach addresses the basic principles of landscaping for water quality.

Grab your pen and paper and get designing... You have to be in it to win it! And remember, a garden shrub can just be a circle on the page and a fence can be a straight line. It really is that simple.

First prize includes landscape design materials to the value of \$1000, a rainwater tank and one day's landscaping assistance from the Rous Water bush regeneration team to make your design a reality. The runner up will receive \$250 worth of Big Scrub rainforest plants.

Entries close on 11 September. For guidelines and entry forms visit www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au or www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Note: The landscape design must be for a residential home garden.



AGRIBUSINESS WORKSHOP TARGETS ANYONE LIVING ON THE LAND

Lismore City Council is partnering with the NSW Department of Industry to host an agribusiness workshop to help farmers improve returns and encourage landholders to take advantage of opportunities available for under-utilised land on their properties.

Even if you've never considered farming but have some available land, the agribusiness workshop could provide some food for thought.

In 2010/11 agricultural output in Lismore City was \$76 million, however experts say it is an industry that requires innovation and diversification to remain strong.

Council and the NSW Department of Industry are appealing to people who are keen to reinvigorate their rural properties by establishing new incomes and markets.

The workshop will examine how to boost production capacity in traditional farming sectors such as dairy, beef and horticulture but also identify opportunities in niche sectors, such as bushfoods or bio-dynamics.

The workshop will feature industry presentations with speakers including representatives from the Department of Primary Industries, Local Land Services, Freshzest, Nimbin Valley Pecans, the NSW Sugar Milling Cooperative and Norco as well as 'The Five Acre Farmer' Will Cotteril, who will talk on productivity on small-scale farms.

The workshop will also include information about various programs and support available to the farming community.

The agribusiness workshop is on Wednesday, 16 September from 8.30am to 4.45pm at the Coleman's Point Function Centre (Greyhound Track, 1 Molesworth Street, Lismore).

Attendance is free but you must register by Wednesday, 9 September on 1300 87 83 87.



HEALTH PRECINCT SHOWS PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

Lismore City Council conducted a comprehensive Imagine Lismore community consultation process between 2011 and 2013 in order to find out what kind of future people wanted for the place they live, work and socialise in.

This process resulted in the development of a series of Imagine Lismore Plans which distilled the Lismore community's vision for our future and are guiding Council's direction over the next decade. These plans led to a series of Imagine Lismore projects – community partnerships generating positive outcomes for Lismore and surrounds.

One of the most successful is the Lismore Health Precinct partnership, which has brought health representatives together for the first time to grow one of our largest and fastest-growing economic and employment sectors.

The Lismore Health Precinct partnership is an Australian first and its members consist of the Northern NSW Local Health District, the University Centre for Rural Health, St Vincents Private Hospital and Council. It aims to maximise the benefits of this sector in terms of greater local business buy-in, employment, housing choice for health workers and better urban design outcomes.

Intensive workshops over the past 18 months have addressed opportunities and challenges triggered by the expansion of Lismore Base Hospital and growth prospects within the precinct. We've held 'coffee cart' meetings with nearby residents and kept locals abreast of development activities and future plans to date.

Through close collaboration, the Lismore Health Precinct partnership has been able to achieve several outcomes. These include:

- Enabling local businesses to secure lucrative local government and health contracts through the online tendering portal Buy Local Project Northern Rivers.
- Facilitating changes to the \$180 million staged Lismore Base Hospital upgrade design.
- Helping to secure funding for a multi-level carpark with an eventual capacity for 520 vehicles.
- Making progress on medium density rezoning to enable greater housing choice in the precinct.
- Producing a Health Workforce Plan to address the medical skills shortage at both Lismore Base and St Vincents Private hospitals.

In mid-2015 the Lismore Health Precinct collaboration won a NSW Local Government Excellence Award in the 'Partnerships for Growth' category.

This is just one of many Imagine Lismore projects that are coming to fruition. Stay tuned for more.



**IMAGINE
LISMORE
PROJECT**

Community
partnerships
in action





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.

12/318-2 12 Napier Street, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to subdivision layout.

14/357-2 27 Lincoln Avenue, McLeans Ridges

Section 96(1A) modification to increase depth of excavation by 250mm to improve drainage.

15/68 39 Basil Road, Nimbin

Subdivision to create two lots.

15/103 1709 Wyrallah Road, Tuckurimba

Environmental facility (koala interpretive centre and walking tours).

15/105-2 117 Upper Tuntable Falls Road, Nimbin

Section 96(1A) modification to amend the requirement of a 'Risk Assessment' prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate and make it due prior to the issue of the Occupation Certificate.

15/114 26 Dibbs Street, Lismore

A housing for seniors development including 1 x 2 bedroom and 20 x 1 bedroom dwellings, associated structures and improvements.

15/128 44 Uralba Street, Lismore

Prefabricated storage building.

15/131 14 Dunromin Drive, Modanville

Partial change of use from existing dwelling for the purpose of bed and breakfast accommodation and home business being raw food vegan classes.

15/133 4 Sunny Valley Place, Modanville

Extension of kitchen and dining rooms and new roofed deck.

15/138 43 Funnell Drive, Modanville

Dwelling and carport with a building line variation to 3m to Funnell Drive plus ancillary structures.

15/147 480 Coraki Road, South Gundurimba

Dwelling and carport.

15/164 11 Doyle Place, Goonellabah

Dwelling addition (deck and awning).

15/188 74 Muldoon Road, Loftville

Farm shed and building line variation to 9m to Muldoon Road.

15/189 34 Bellevue Avenue, Lismore Heights

Install a fascia mount insulated patio roof over existing deck.

15/190 38 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah

Dwelling.

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. 15/206

LOCATION DP LOT: 686 Dunoon Road, Tullera (Lot 32 DP 856398).

APPLICANT: Visionstream Pty Ltd.

DESCRIPTION: Telecommunications facility comprising a 35m monopole and ancillary equipment and infrastructure as part of the NBN network.

CLOSING DATE: 16 September 2015.

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah 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 at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8 September. Items on the agenda include:

- Trinity Drive Planning Proposal.
- Lions fountain and City Hall art project.
- Election of Deputy Mayor.
- 2015 Sport & Rec Fund recommendations.

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

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, 15 September, items on the agenda include:

- Comparison of road contractor rates.

This briefing is in the Council Chambers from 6.30pm. 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, 7 September interviews will be conducted by Councillors Greg Bennett and Isaac Smith. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 4 September.

On Monday, 21 September interviews will be conducted by Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Jenny Dowell. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 18 September.

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, 17 September interviews will be conducted by Councillors Vanessa Ekins and Neil Marks. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 15 September.

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



BRIEFS

Ballina Street Bridge update

Roads and Maritime Services is continuing work on Ballina Street Bridge in Lismore. The bridge is being repainted as part of a \$5 million project to future-proof it from corrosion.

Sandblasting recently started on the lower trusses and western approach to remove the old coating before the structure is repainted.

A small section of Taylor Road under the bridge will be closed for up to 12 months to allow for maintenance work.

Resident access will be maintained at all times via Elliot Road and Foleys Road and pedestrians will be able to cross the bridge at all times via one of the two footpaths.

Lismore misses out on A-League trial

After three successful years hosting an A-League trial in Lismore, the city has missed out on a pre-season match in 2015.

Three A-League clubs had wanted to come to Lismore for a pre-season match, however, differing schedules proved a challenge in getting two teams locked in for one date.

Melbourne City is a big supporter of Lismore and has indicated their intention to come back in the near future. Local organisers are confident Lismore will see A-League football again in 2016.



NEW DIRT BIKE TRACK MARKS NESBITT PARK COMPLETION

The Nesbitt Park dirt bike track in South Lismore is now officially open, marking the completion of the Nesbitt Park Master Plan.

The track was built using soil from behind the Masters store in accordance with Council’s policy that only floodplain soil can be used for earthworks in the floodplain.

The \$80,000 track is the final project in the Nesbitt Park Master Plan, which has seen a total of \$750,000 spent upgrading the park with walking tracks, exercise equipment, amenities, children’s play equipment and a playground for people with disabilities. Around 80% of that money was secured through state and federal grants.



Council’s Sport & Recreation Officer James Voght, who has been working on the Nesbitt Park Master Plan since its adoption in 2007, said it was gratifying to see the dirt bike track finally come to fruition.

“For many years residents in South Lismore complained they had no recreational facilities on that side of the river. The Nesbitt Park Master Plan was the result of an extensive community consultation and it’s wonderful to be able to say we have achieved their vision,” James said.

“Nesbitt Park is not only beautiful but it also caters for all sections of the community. It accommodates everyone from young bike riders to people doing early morning workouts and seniors who want somewhere to walk their dog.

“It’s a proud day to see the dirt bike track open and the Nesbitt Park Master Plan complete.”



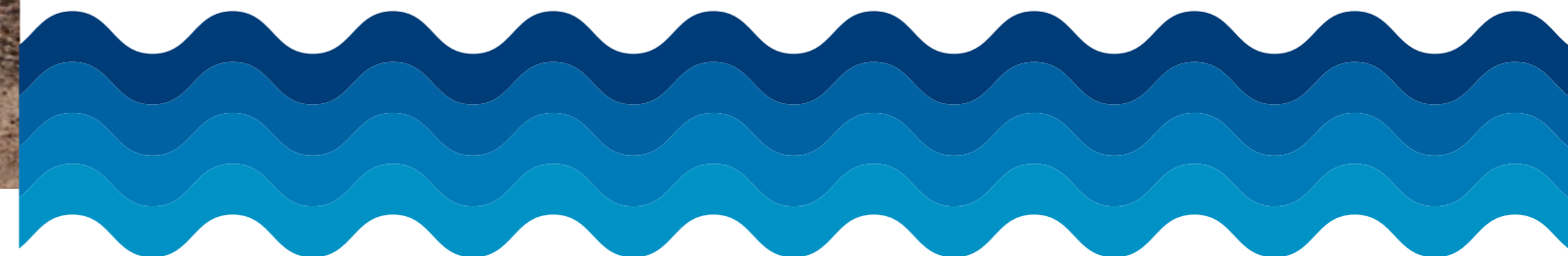
MEMORIAL BATHS REOPEN FOR SPRING/SUMMER SEASON

The Lismore Memorial Baths will reopen for the spring/summer season on Monday, 7 September.

The Baths offer heated 50m, 25m and toddlers' pools – all of which are heated by Council's biggest solar hot water system, a solar evacuated tube system, which you can see on the roof.

The Baths are open seven days a week and season memberships are available for individuals and families. The pool has access for people with disabilities and there are Learn to Swim classes available for all levels of ability.

For more information phone the Baths on 6621 6166 or visit www.gsac.net.au.



YOUR COVER

Elaine Wood is one of three local people opening their homes for Sustainable House Day on 13 September. You can check out how they live a sustainable existence and possibly implement some of their ideas and innovations in your own home. We also have the Sustainable House Expo coming up on 19 September where you can see the design entries in this year’s Sustainable Housing for Life Competition and win prizes just by turning up. More details inside.





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