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PORTRAIT PRIZE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The 55 finalists in the 2015 Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize have been announced from a field of 183 entries by a panel of three local judges.

It has also been revealed that this year's judge is renowned Australian artist and previous *Archibald* winner Fiona Lowry, who will announce the prize-winning works at the opening on 31 October.

The *Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize* is a biennial exhibition and continuation of the *Northern Rivers Portrait Prize*. The prize has now expanded from the original brief, of portraits of subjects from the Northern Rivers, to include a portrait of any subject. It has also changed to include all media with the exception of photography.

One of the intentions behind extending the scope of subjects was to strengthen national connections with contemporary artists. This seems to have had the desired effect already, with entries by previous *Archibald* finalists including Claire Bridge, Anh Do, Paul S Miller and Mirra Whale.

Lismore Regional Gallery Curator Kezia Geddes said there are still plenty of locals among the finalists, and the standard continues to improve each year.

“The breadth and quality of the finalists is exceptional,” Kezia said.

“This prize started as a humble idea to promote portraiture in the Northern Rivers and it just keeps growing – it has previously been the best-attended exhibition of the year. There is something about portraiture that people really connect with and a great example of that is the popularity of the *Archibald*. The *Archibald* toured to Lismore this year and we can't wait to see how our local exhibition compares to that.”

The *Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize* features a \$10,000 acquisitive prize (sponsored by Hurford Hardwood), a \$1000 prize for the best subject from the Northern Rivers (sponsored by Walters Solicitors) and a \$1000 People's Choice Award (sponsored by the Far North Coast Law Society).

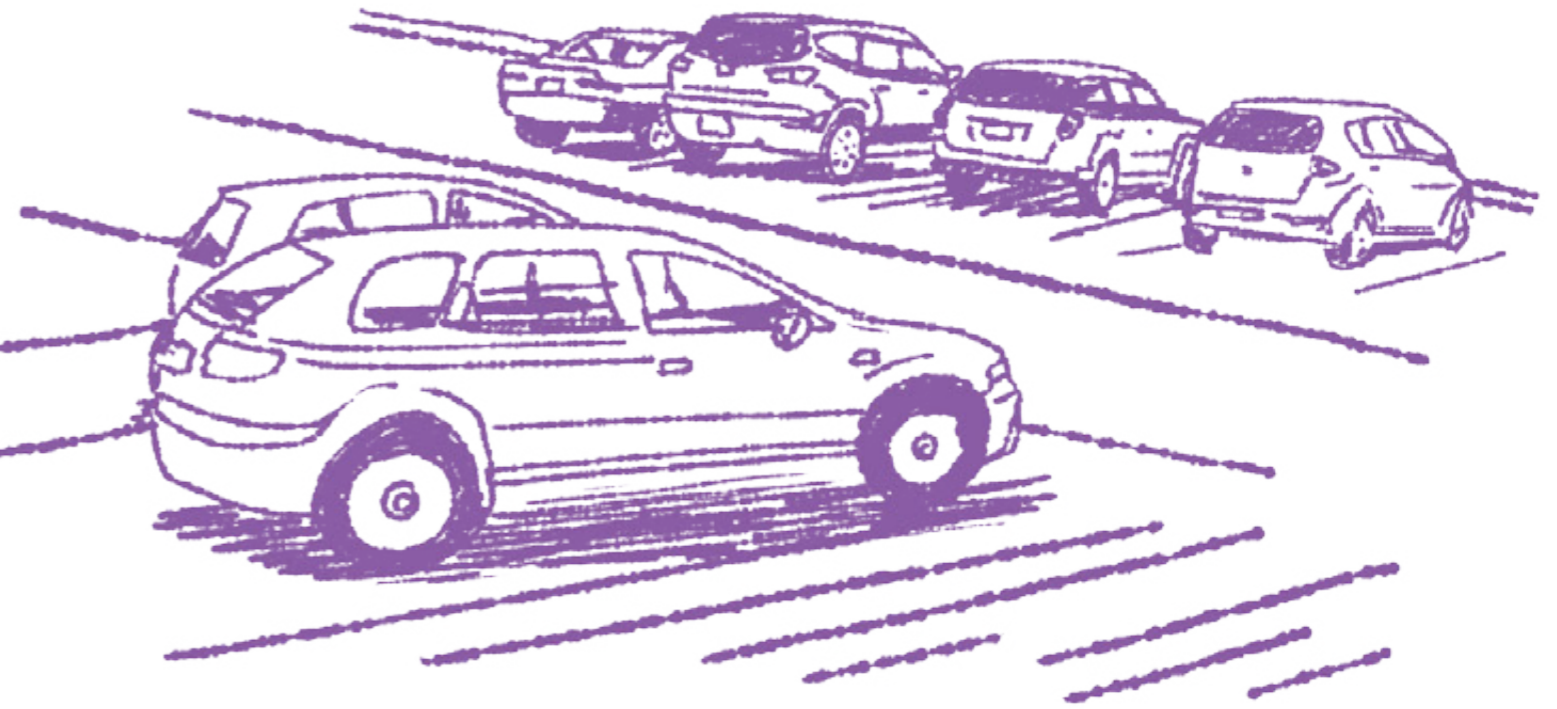


Image: *Sanctuary* by Claire Bridge, one of the 2015 finalists.

The exhibition of finalists runs from 31 October to 28 November at the Lismore Regional Gallery, with the official opening on Saturday, 31 October at 3pm, which includes the announcement of winners. Entry to the community event and exhibition is free. All welcome.

LISMORE HOSPITAL PRECINCT CAR PARKING STRATEGY OPEN FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT

NSW Health Infrastructure and Lismore City Council are seeking community feedback until 16 November on new parking arrangements for on-street parking in the Lismore Hospital Precinct. Council wants to hear your concerns, ideas and suggestions for parking management issues within the precinct as hospital services expand significantly in the near future.



The new car parking strategy for the redeveloped hospital is designed to ease car parking congestion around the hospital and complement the new multi-level carpark under construction, ensuring everyone is paying comparable prices for parking within the precinct.

The proposal suggests on-street paid parking around the hospital should match the rate that will be charged within the multi-level carpark, and other on-street areas should be time restricted. A variable rate starting at \$3 per hour is the basis of this strategy.

This position has been reached for several reasons, including:

- Existing parking arrangements are highly inadequate for staff, users and residents alike.
- The multi-level carpark is funded by NSW Treasury under a funding model that determined capital must be paid back by the Northern NSW Local Health District within 20 years. If on-street parking is not consistent with the multi-level carpark pricing and the carpark does not pay for itself, this could impact funding for other health services.
- If on-street parking is not consistent with multi-level carpark pricing, congestion in the surrounding streets will get worse.
- At this point in time, only the first stage of the multi-level carpark is being built. Construction of stage two is not funded at this time and demonstrated use of stage one will be one of the prerequisites to its consideration.

Research shows the suggested parking cost matches prices at hospitals like Coffs Harbour and the Gold Coast. It is also designed to respond to local community concerns that current management of car parking around the hospital is inadequate.

Resident parking permits will be available for local residents without access to parking, and there will be all-day paid parking options for hospital staff in Dalziell Street for \$7 per day. Proposed new parking meters would feature the latest in technology so people can tap and go.

It is being recommended that all money raised by Council from on-street parking around the hospital be used for road and infrastructure improvements within the hospital precinct.

Full details including the draft strategy and FAQs can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or at the Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Submissions can be made online, posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions are due by 5pm on 16 November.



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2016

Nominations now open

Council is now calling for nominations for the 2016 Australia Day Awards. The awards are a great way to recognise people who contribute to the community, volunteer their time or excel in their field of endeavour.

Categories in 2016 are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Aboriginal Citizen of the Year, Services in Community (Individual), Services in Community (Group), Sportsperson (Senior), Sportsperson (Junior), Sports (Team/Group/Organisation), Sustainable Environment and Art/Cultural.

Nominations close on 23 December 2016. Nomination forms are available on Council's website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or from our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah.

For more information, phone 1300 87 83 87.

NAMING OF ROAD IN SUBDIVISION

Myall Court

Roads Act 1993, Section 162

Council received a proposal to name the new road dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lot 217 DP 1169314, 9 Fredericks Road, Caniaba, as shown below:

New Road: Myall Court

Location/Description: Roadway commences at a junction with Lomandra Avenue, heads north and finishes in a cul-de-sac.

No objections to the proposed name were received therefore Council's delegated officer has named the new road accordingly.

AUTHOR JUDY NUNN TO TALK AT LISMORE LIBRARY

Bestselling author Judy Nunn will visit Lismore Library to discuss her latest release, *Spirits of the Ghan*, at a special event on Monday, 16 November.

Judy Nunn had a successful career as a stage and screen actress (you might remember that face from *Sons and Daughters...*) before turning to fiction writing in the 90s, with a string of bestselling novels based on the entertainment world.

Since then she has found fame through a string of historically-based fiction novels including *Kal*, *Beneath the Southern Cross*, *Territory*, *Pacific*, *Heritage*, *Floodtide*, *Maralinga*, *Tiger Men* and *Elianne*.

With her latest novel *Spirits of the Ghan*, Nunn takes the reader into the red centre of Australia with a tale about two people involved in completing The Ghan railway from Adelaide to Darwin. There is of course mystery and intrigue along the way.

Area Librarian Lucy Kinsley encouraged people to book for the event as there has already been a lot of interest due to Judy's popularity.

"The library has multiple copies of her novels, and they are always on loan with a waiting list of borrowers."

The author event is at 5.30pm on Monday, 16 November. Tickets are available at the library or email lismore@rtrl.nsw.gov.au to register. The event is free but bookings are essential.



NEW NORTHERN RIVERS WASTE WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Lismore City Council has launched a new Northern Rivers Waste website with all the information residents need about recycling, waste and organics processing.

The website is part of a new suite of websites being rolled out, which started with the new Lismore City Council website launched in 2014.

The websites are colourful, easy to navigate and responsive, so residents can enjoy the same information and functionality from their computer, tablet or smartphone.

A standout feature of the new website is the Live Chat function so you can talk online with Customer Contact Centre staff in real time to ask tricky recycling questions or find information about any waste service in Lismore.

It also includes an updated version of What's My Bin Day? (an email reminder service for bin collection days) plus a comprehensive A-Z recycling directory so you can quickly see where to recycle different household items.

View the new Northern Rivers Waste website at www.northernriverswaste.com.au.



SEWERS ARE NOT GARBAGE BINS

Warning: do not flush sanitary wipes

We are noticing a growing trend of people using sanitary wipes. Many of these wipes are clearly labelled “flushable” but the truth is they are not and SHOULD NOT BE FLUSHED.

Unlike toilet paper, which disintegrates immediately in the sewers, these wipes remain intact and clog the sewers, sewer pump stations and treatment plants.

Each time there is a clog, there is potential for raw sewage to overflow. The blockage then has to be manually removed, which is not nice work and not cheap.

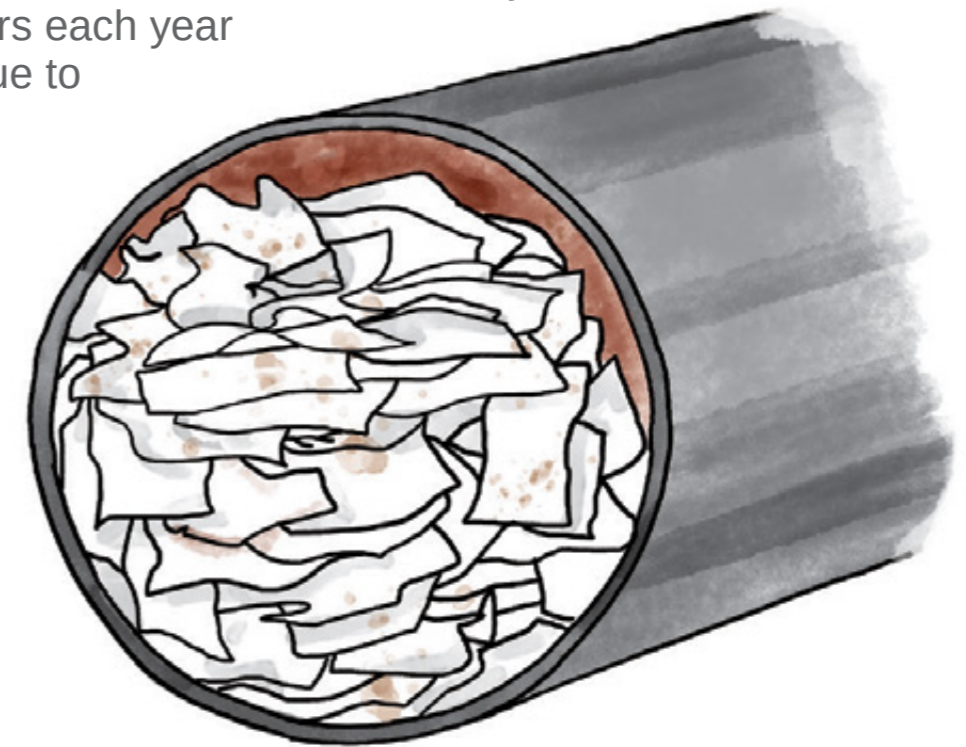
We would much prefer to spend community funds renewing the sewer system and improving the sewer service, not clearing blockages caused by things in the toilet that don't belong there.

We understand the packaging is misleading, and there are no standards the wipe manufacturers need to meet, so they can print the word “flushable” on their wipes, when in reality they are causing serious and expensive problems.

Across the world there has been a corresponding increase in sewer blockages with the increase in popularity of these so called “flushable” wipes. The major city centres in Australia are already spending millions of dollars each year dealing with blockages due to these wipes, and we are hoping to avoid the same issues here.

Please be mindful of this and do not flush sanitary wipes down your toilet.

Thank you everyone!





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.

13/113-4 28 and 42 Bruxner Highway and 2 Krauss Avenue, South Lismore Section 96(1) modification to amend the location and timing of the installation of public art.

14/74-2 161 Keen Street, Lismore Section 96(1A) modification to include the activity of coffee bean roasting.

15/29 47 Caldwell Avenue, East Lismore Demolition of all industrial buildings on the site in preparation for future development.

15/117 8, 12, 14 and 16 Wilson Street South, South Lismore To remove existing retaining wall and construct a new retaining wall, undertake back-filling of the retaining wall and removal of trees.

15/130 18, 126 and 186A Keerrong Road, Blakerbrook, 550 and 550A Nimbin Road, Blakebrook, and 365 Booerie Creek Road, Booerie Creek To undertake a subdivision by way of boundary adjustment and consolidation of six rural lots to create five modified rural lots.

15/140 13 Rous Road, Goonellabah To undertake a change of use of the existing building to a childcare centre and associated demolition works (garage), internal and external building works, civil works (car park and drop off), fencing and landscaping, in two stages (23 children in stage one and 28 children in stage two).

15/151 9 McIntosh Road, Chilcotts Grass Extension of existing dwelling and deck.

15/161 374 Keen Street, East Lismore Detached dual occupancy.

15/192 11 Taylor Avenue, Goonellabah Subdivision of one lot to create two lots.

15/195 8 Garden Street, Girards Hill Extension of dining room on the first floor and the addition of an ensuite bedroom under the house.

15/204 11 Apo Street, Goonellabah Dwelling and retaining walls.

15/208 3 Janice Court, Bexhill Dwelling.

15/210 9 Apo Street, Goonellabah Dwelling with a building line variation to 4.77m to Apo Street.

15/228 320A Cawongla Road, Rock Valley Inground swimming pool.

15/230 16 Pine Street, North Lismore Alterations to raise an existing dwelling above flood level.

15/231 2 Melaleuca Court, Caniaba Dwelling.

15/235 1/32 Deloraine Road, Lismore Heights Inground swimming pool.

15/236 36 Phyllis Street, South Lismore Shed with a building line variation to 0.9m to rear lane.

15/240 40 Alphadale Road, Lindendale Inground swimming pool.

15/242 34 Federation Drive, Eltham Inground swimming pool.

15/249 137 Rosehill Road, Tuncester Swimming pool, associated earthworks and tree removal.

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 NUMBER: 15/255

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 39 Cullen Street, Nimbin (Lot 3 DP 1179176).

APPLICANT: Mr J Grignon.

DESCRIPTION: Change of use of a private carpark to a farmers' market to be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30pm to 6pm.

CLOSING DATE: 28 October 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 at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An extraordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20 October, for the Annual Statement of Accounts. This will be followed by the usual Councillor Briefing. Agenda items are the Lismore Base Hospital carparking strategy and Stormwater Management Plan.

Held in the Council Chambers from 6.30pm. 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, 27 October Councillors will be briefed on:

- Project design and development process.
- Service Review Working Party.

This briefing is 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, 19 October interviews will be conducted by Councillors Jenny Dowell and Mathew Scheibel. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 16 October.

LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

The Lismore Business Panel will meet on Friday, 23 October 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.



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Companion Animals Off-leash Area, Goonellabah

14 October to 16 November 2015

Council has placed on public exhibition a proposal to develop a companion animal off-leash area within the Holland Street/Tucki Creek precinct in Goonellabah.

The draft proposal nominates two possible locations:

- **Site 1 – Platypus Park (between Allambie Drive and Tucki Creek).**
- **Site 2 – Hepburn Park (northern end adjoining Holland Street).**

Council is very keen to hear from residents about what site they would prefer and where people feel a companion animal off-leash area would be most used and most appropriate in Goonellabah.

The draft proposal and supporting documents can be viewed on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or at our **Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, in normal business hours from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.**

Submissions can be made online, mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480 or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions must be received by 4.30pm on 16 November 2015.

For further information, please phone our Compliance Coordinator Matt Kelly on 1300 87 83 87.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Reclassification of various Council-owned lots in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council resolved to support a planning proposal for the reclassification with some rezoning of selected Council-owned land at its ordinary meeting of 11 August 2015 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The planning proposal involves seven Council-owned allotments. It is proposed to reclassify these lots from 'community' to 'operational'. One of the lots, at 39 Casuarina Drive, Goonellabah, is proposed to be reclassified under *Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2000* as the land is affected by the Ministerial review into Environmental Protection Zones E2 and E3.

The objectives of the proposal are to: a) enable Council to lease or sell land for future development; b) comply with development consent conditions; and/or c) better reflect the current use of the land.

In accordance with Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* a public hearing will be held into the proposed reclassification of these allotments. A report identifying all the properties affected and the reasons for the proposed reclassifications is available on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

The public hearing is on Thursday, 12 November 2015 in the Council Chambers at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, at 5.30pm.

The public hearing, which will be chaired by a person independent of Council, provides any member of the public with an opportunity to make a short verbal presentation to the Chairperson. Written submissions will also be accepted by the Chairperson. Following the public hearing, the Chairperson will prepare a report on the hearing, a copy of which will be publicly available once it has been received by Council.

Individual presentations should be no longer than five minutes each.

Any person wishing to make a presentation to the public hearing should register with our Customer Contact Centre on 1300 87 83 87 on or before the date of the hearing so that an indicative timetable for the hearing can be prepared. Please advise which allotment you would like to make a presentation about.

The land proposed for reclassification from 'community' to 'operational' is listed below:

- 4 Cambrian Street, Lismore (Lot 5 DP536743)
- 6 Cambrian Street, Lismore (Lot 6 DP536743)
- 23 Rifle Range Road, East Lismore (Lot 16 DP552816)
- 9 Johnstone Street, North Lismore (Lot 1 DP539157)

- 19 Hewett Street, Lismore (F DP36026)
- 39 Casuarina Drive, Goonellabah (Lot 33 DP 841587)

For enquiries, please contact Council's Strategic Planning Coordinator Paula Newman on 1300 87 83 87.

Exhibition of additional Special Rate Variation information and amendments to Council's strategic plans

On 5 May 2015, Council resolved to apply to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to fund implementation of the Biodiversity Management Strategy.

Council sought feedback on the proposed SRV from November 2014 to February 2015. IPART now requires Council to provide the community with additional detail on the proposal and amend its strategic documents to reflect this additional information.

Council will be exhibiting the additional information and amendments to its strategic plans once IPART releases its guidelines on special rate variations.

Council will advertise in a *Saturday Weekend Star* and in *The Northern Rivers Echo* in the near future. The information will be on public exhibition for 28 days from that date.

In the next available edition of *Local Matters* following the advertisements we will also have a reminder that the information is available for viewing and comment.

YOUR COVER

Save the date! The *Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize* (formerly the *Northern Rivers Portrait Prize*) is coming up. Our cover is *Jeremy in his Rolling Stones cap* by Nigel Sense, a portrait of Jeremy Oxley. The prize is only held every two years so don't miss your chance to see who wins the \$10,000 major prize and vote in the \$1000 People's Choice Award. Entry to the Lismore Regional Gallery is free. More details inside.





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