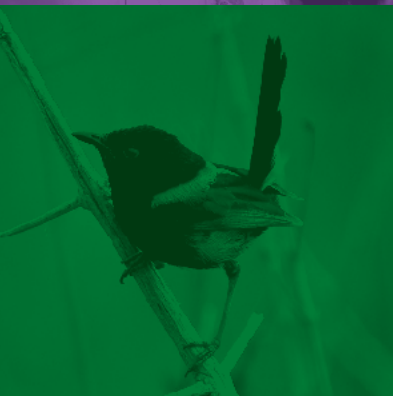


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PROSPECTUS PROMOTES GROWTH FOR LISMORE

Lismore City Council has positioned itself to lobby for big ticket public funding and private investment with the development of the new *Lismore Prospectus*.

Lismore City Council presented the document to our local state and federal politicians at a launch on 8 October in the hope it will end up on the desk of cabinet ministers in Canberra, senior civil servants in Macquarie Street and private investors throughout Australia.

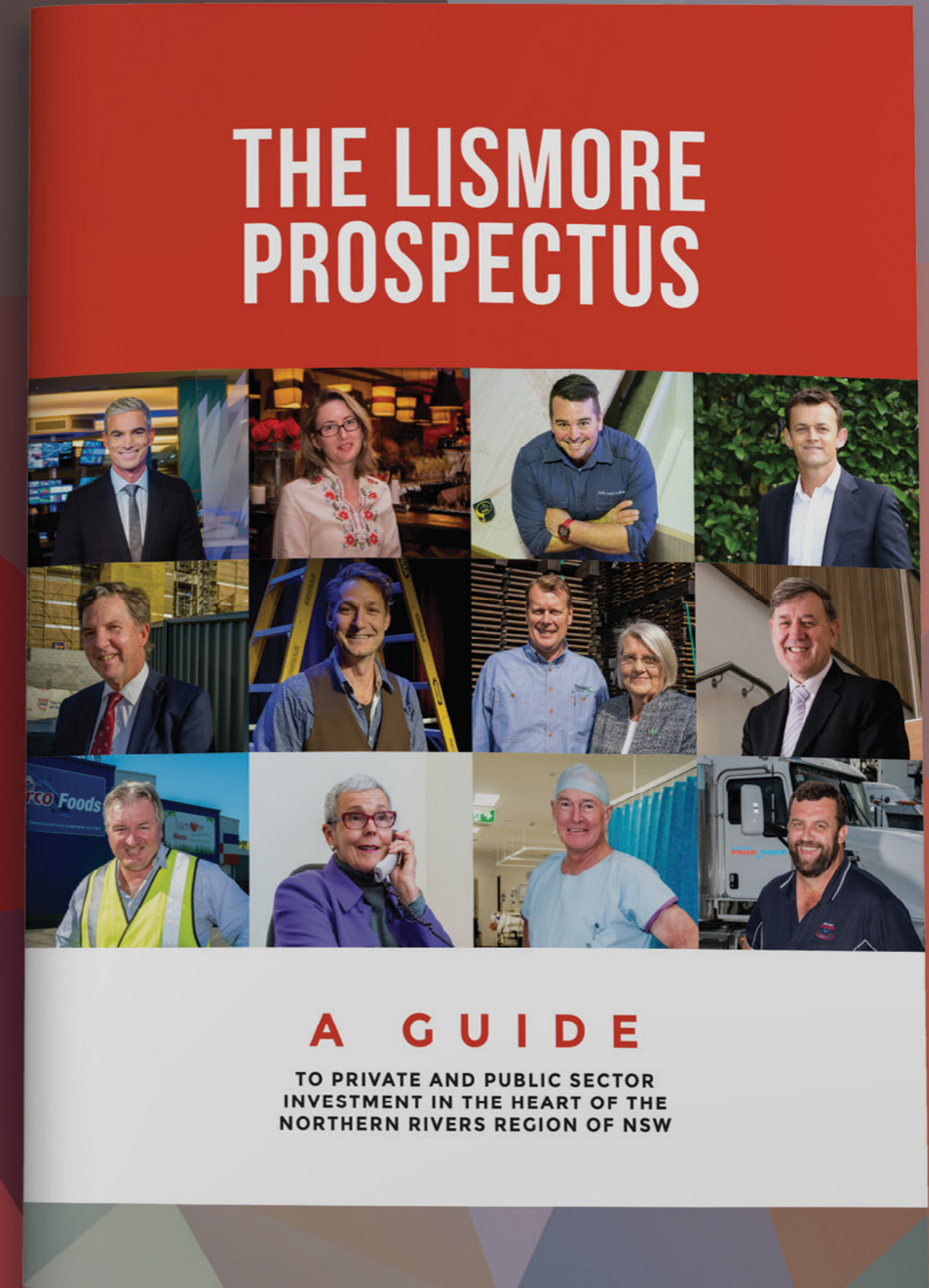
The 32-page *Lismore Prospectus* provides a comprehensive guide to private sector investment and public sector funding in a bid to attract multi-million dollar investments and projects to the city. It is designed to make investors and governments sit up and take notice.

The Lismore Prospectus promotes the benefits of Lismore: the business centre of the Northern Rivers, a stable and skilled workforce, the largest retail and professional services sector in the region, a business-friendly council and excellent transport links to Sydney and Brisbane.

The prospectus also includes advocates for Lismore, drawn from sectors such as health, education, business, development, the arts and sport. The latter features endorsements from Adam Gilchrist and Craig Foster, who grew up in Lismore and have added their voices to support the city's future growth prospects.

Potential private investment opportunities in Lismore include a medi-hotel and serviced apartments for the medium-density health precinct around Lismore Base Hospital; a large transportation hub in South Lismore; a major events and entertainment centre on the outskirts of the city; and large greenfield developments to provide housing for Lismore's projected population increase of 5900 people over the next 20 years.

Public sector funding opportunities include the Lismore Quadrangle project that encompasses relocation of the Lismore Regional Gallery; Lismore Park being redeveloped as a destination park such as Hyde



Park in Sydney; and major infrastructure upgrades such as a bridge over the Wilsons Rivers on the edge of the CBD, to service North Lismore Plateau, and a major new road, the Goonellabah Link, which is planned to alleviate traffic density on Ballina Road and the Bruxner Highway.

You can view *The Lismore Prospectus* at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

LARNOOK KIDS WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

Larnook Public School has been crowned winner of our 2015 Schools Waste Wise Challenge, winning \$2000 for their school to undertake environmental initiatives.

Larnook is one of nine schools in the Lismore Local Government Area that participated in this year's Challenge, which involved completing a range of tasks such as a waste audit, litter-free lunch day, a performance based on *The Dirty Dozen – 12 Recycling Rules for Your Yellow Bin*, and improvements to waste management, documented in a journal.

All schools went on a trip to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, where they were able to see first-hand how their recycling is sorted and separated at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), as well as how organics are processed into compost and how their actions at home and school have a real impact.

Lismore City Council's Waste Education Officer Danielle Hanigan explained that the prize money was awarded based on the performances, as well as the journal the schools presented, which demonstrated actions the school has undertaken to reduce waste throughout the year.



“Larnook put together a very effective performance, with the younger students dressing up as the kids in the *Dirty Dozen* campaign. They have also made their school a Satchel Recovery Centre – a collection point for our Resource Recovery Collection Satchels for the recycling of problem wastes such as batteries, mobile phones and printer cartridges,” Danielle said.

“Larnook Public have set up bin stations throughout their playground to separate waste, recycling, organics and soft plastics, and have undertaken to hold a ‘nude food’ day each week.”

Second place in the Waste Wise Challenge was tied between Bexhill and Tuntable Creek Public Schools.

The Waste Wise Schools Challenge will start again in Term 1, 2016. Any schools in the Lismore Local Government Area wishing to participate should contact Lismore City Council on 1300 87 83 87.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS: GET THEM IN QUICK!

Despite what we said in the last edition of *Local Matters*, Australia Day Award nomination are NOT in fact open for 14 months until 23 December 2016!

Sorry for any confusion folks – award nominations for the 2016 Australia Day Awards, presented on 26 January 2016, are open until **23 December 2015!** This means you have about seven weeks to get your entries in.

The Australia Day Awards are a great chance to show outstanding members of our community that their good deeds or exceptional efforts do not go unnoticed.

Nominate a special person today! Categories are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Aboriginal Citizen of the Year, Services in Community (Individual), Services in Community (Group), Sports person (Senior), Sports person (Junior), Sports (Team/Group/Organisation), Sustainable Environment and Art/Cultural.

Nomination forms are available at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or from our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah.

For more information, phone 1300 87 83 87.

POSITIONS VACANT

We want skilled, passionate people in our workforce who will strive to make our area the best place it can be for our diverse and unique community. Please find below our latest employment opportunities:

Position	Salary
Executive Assistant to the General Manager	From \$1,315.00 per week plus super
Senior Development Assessment Officer (Planning) – Re-advertised	From \$1,315.00 per week plus super
Partnering and Community Engagement Officer	From \$1,280.40 per week + super
Administration Support Officer – Regional Gallery (part-time)	\$27.42 to \$31.53 per hour + super

For further information or to apply visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

COUNCIL DECIDES

At the ordinary meeting of 13 October, Council decisions included the following:

- Council resolved (5/2 in favour with four absent) to approve borrowings up to \$360,000 for the Farming the Sun initiative, otherwise known as Lismore Community Solar. The money will fund two 99kW solar farms at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and East Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant with any surplus funds to be used to fully or partially fund one or more projects identified in the *Renewable Energy Master Plan 2023*.
- Council resolved (5/2 in favour with four absent) to reaffirm part of its resolution of 13 December 2011 to:
 1. Refuse access to Metgasco and any other companies for any coal seam gas operations, seismic testing, drilling and associated activities on Council-owned and operated land.
 2. Impose a moratorium on all coal seam gas on Council-owned and operated land.

And:

3. That Council take whatever legal action necessary in consultation with Councillors to prevent Metgasco and any other exploration company from carrying out seismic testing on any of its roads that qualify as an improvement under s72 of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 (NSW)*, and under s138 of the *Roads Act 1993 (NSW)*.
 4. That Council immediately contact the Premier, the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, and local member Thomas George requesting that the government intervene to prevent seismic testing and to protect the region from unconventional gas mining. The resolution stated that “as the Premier said last week there is no social licence for unconventional gas in the Northern Rivers”.
- Council resolved (unanimous with five absent) to appoint Kaylene Hopf to the Lismore Business Panel as a Lismore City Centre Zone representative.

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

TIP FREE DAY POSTPONED...

The Tip Free Day planned for Sunday, 15 November has had to be postponed due to construction of a second weighbridge at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.

We cannot hold the Tip Free Day while construction is taking place due to safety issues. The Tip Free Day will be moved to 10 January 2016 and the next Tip Free Day on the third Sunday in February will remain the same.

Our apologies for any inconvenience.

CALLING ALL LANDHOLDERS!

Assistance is now available under the Rural Landholder Initiative, through Green Army and the NSW Environmental Trust, to help landholders in the Lismore area restore koala habitat.

Council is seeking expressions of interest from landholders in priority koala corridors or on properties that have evidence of koalas habitat who would like to have bush regeneration projects undertaken.

Expressions of Interest close on Monday, 23 November 2015. You can complete the EOI online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

PORTRAIT PRIZE OPENS

Don't forget the opening of the 2015 Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize this Saturday, 31 October at the Lismore Regional Gallery from 3pm.

2015 judge Fiona Lowry, a renowned Australian artist and previous *Archibald* winner, will announce the winners from a field of 55 finalists.

The *Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize* features a \$10,000 acquisitive prize, \$1000 prize for the best subject from the Northern Rivers and a \$1000 People's Choice Award.

The exhibition runs from 31 October to 28 November at Lismore Regional Gallery, and entry is free. Be sure to visit and vote for your favourite!

NIMBIN STREET BIN ART COMP OPEN!

Would you like to see your artwork through the main street of Nimbin?

We have recently installed six new dual bin enclosures for the disposal of waste and recyclables in Cullen Street, Nimbin. While the front of the bins is purely educational – advising the public of what can go in each of the bins – the space on the sides of the bin cabinets has been left for the creative people of Nimbin to provide a design they feel reflects the village.

As part of the Nimbin Street Bin Art Competition, we are looking for artworks that reflect the beauty, character and flair of Nimbin and its surrounds. The bin enclosures are dispersed throughout the street, and this is a simple way to display some public art, beautifying something typically seen as an eyesore. With six bin cabinets thus far, that gives us the potential for 12 pieces of artwork to be displayed.

The competition is open to all local artists, of all ages, with preference given to those that live or work in Nimbin.

The winning entries will be printed on vinyl by the Lismore Sign Shop and wrapped onto the bin cabinets.

The specifications for size and shape, as well as an entry form, can be found on the Northern Rivers Waste website at www.northernriverswaste.com.au.

Entry forms and artwork can be posted to: Nimbin Street Bin Art Competition, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480. Entries are due by 30 November 2015.





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.

09/135-2 759 Tregeagle Road, Tregeagle

Section 96(1A) modification to add one dormer to southern elevation and ensuite.

15/4-2 154 and 154A Ballina Road, Lismore

Section 96(1A) modification to carry out the development in two stages.

15/92-2 514 Rosebank Road, Rosebank

Section 96(1A) modification to remove the 30m vegetation buffer condition from the consent.

15/144 208 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah

Subdivision (to create one additional lot).

15/185 171 Cameron Road, McLeans Ridges

Addition of a covered deck and internal stairs.

15/187 141 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah

Subdivision of one lot to create two lots.

15/196 42 Elton Street, Girards Hill

Tree removal/pruning of three trees in a heritage conservation area.

15/200 222 High Street, Lismore Heights

Secondary dwelling.

15/214 6 McDonald Place, Wyrallah

Inground swimming pool and shed.

15/219 172, 172A and 172B Orion Street, Lismore

Staged development being: Stage 1 – Subdivision (consolidation and boundary adjustment of three lots to create two lots), tree removal, construction of a carport and building line variation to 4.0m to Norris Street; and Stage 2 – Demolition of garage.

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: 92/523-2

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 72 River Bank Road, Monaltrie (Lot 4 DP 701527).

APPLICANT: Outline Planning Consultants Pty Ltd.

DESCRIPTION: Section 96(2) modification to extend the quarry footprint, increase production and extend the life of the quarry.

CLOSING DATE: 25 November 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.

Q2015-28: MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY

Cleaning & Minor Equipment Maintenance

Lismore City Council built and commenced operation of our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in 2014. The plant sorts and packages up recyclables for sale. The MRF operates from 8am to 6pm weekdays and processes around 15,000 tonnes of mixed recyclables each year.

Council is currently seeking a suitably qualified company, business, persons or partnership to undertake minor maintenance and cleaning of processing line equipment within the MRF, including screens, conveyor belts, sorting tables and general housekeeping of the equipment.

There will be an on-site inspection at 11am on 30 October at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore. Please bring your own PPE.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 19 November 2015.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal www.tenderlink.com/lismore to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require further information, phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on **1800 233 533**.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 November. Items on the agenda include:

- Draft Urban Stormwater Management Plan.
- Invercauld Road subdivision for 133 lots.
- Proposed Part Road Closure Brunswick Street, Lismore.

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, 3 November Councillors will be briefed on:

- Quarterly Budget Review Statement.
- Servicing of North Lismore Plateau (water and wastewater).
- E Zones and conservation agreements.
- Health Precinct and a land reclassification planning proposal.

This briefing is in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

On Tuesday, 17 November Councillors will be briefed on:

- Accelerated Works Program – Borrowings.

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 & 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, 16 November interviews will be conducted by Councillors Simon Clough and Vanessa Ekins. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 13 November.

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

LISMORE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 17

Notification of Adoption

Pursuant to Clause 21 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, notice is given that Amendment No. 17 to the Lismore Development Control Plan (DCP) was adopted by Council at its meeting of 13 October 2015.

DCP Chapter 5 *Subdivision and Infrastructure – Urban Subdivision* is replaced with Chapter 5A and Chapter 5B. Amended urban residential subdivision controls are located in Chapter 5A *Urban Residential Subdivision*. The remainder of the current Chapter 5 commercial and industrial subdivision controls are relocated, unaltered (except for updated numbering, cross referencing and minor formatting changes) into a renamed Chapter 5B – *Commercial and Industrial Subdivision*.

Minor amendments were made to the publicly exhibited Draft Chapter 5A in response to public submissions and a review by Council technical staff.

Amendment No. 17 to the Lismore DCP comes into effect on 28 October 2015. The DCP can be viewed on Council's website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

T2015-40: PAY AND DISPLAY SOLAR POWERED PARKING MACHINES

Council is inviting submissions from suitably qualified, and approved for use by Roads and Maritime Services, contractors and businesses to provide 22 solar-powered 'Pay and Display' parking meters.

As part of its ongoing development of Lismore Base Hospital Health Precinct, Council is seeking tenders for the supply, installation, and ongoing maintenance and technical support for the infrastructure of 22 solar-powered 'Pay and Display' parking meters.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 16 November 2015.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal www.tenderlink.com/lismore to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require further information, phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on **1800 233 533**.



SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the year ended 30 June 2015

Notice is hereby given that at the Council meeting on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, the Audited Financial Reports and the Auditor's Report for the period ended 30 June 2015 will be presented to the public.

A summary of the financial reports is outlined below.

Item	2014/15 (\$,000)	2013/14 (\$,000)
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	102,815	100,749
Total expenses from continuing operations	101,940	95,003
Operating result from continuing operations	875	5,746
Net operating result for the year	875	5,746
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(3,260)	(3,277)
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	53,334	50,698
Total current liabilities	(23,845)	(19,954)
Total non-current assets	1,070,517	1,086,127
Total non-current liabilities	(44,776)	(48,503)
Total equity	1,055,230	1,068,368
Other Financial Information		
Operating Performance Ratio	-2.46%	-1.54%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	82.61%	80.58%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	1.71x	1.72x
Debt Service Cover Ratio	3.26x	2.34x
Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage	11.38%	11.45%
Cash Expense Cover Ratio	5.25 mths	4.65 mths

Building, Infrastructure & Other Structures Renewal Ratio	94.11%	86.70%
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio	23.64%	3.70%
Asset Maintenance Ratio	0.98	0.75
Capital Expenditure Ratio	0.84	1.36
External Borrowings	46,669	47,746
Internal Borrowings	6,080	5,780

In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any person may make a submission to Council with respect to the Audited Financial Reports or the Auditor's Report for Lismore City Council for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Submissions close on Tuesday, 17 November at 4.30pm.

Submissions must be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480 or can be emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

A copy of the audited reports will be available for inspection at Council's Corporate Centre in Goonellabah and on Council's website from 28 October 2015.

For more information phone John Hartley or Amanda Binney on 1300 87 83 87.

YOUR COVER

Ben Lamont from North Coast Cabinets is one of many successful local business people, entrepreneurs, leaders and famous exports featured in the new *Lismore Prospectus*. They add their voice to talking up Lismore in the new document, which is aimed at attracting private investment and public funding to the city. More details inside.





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