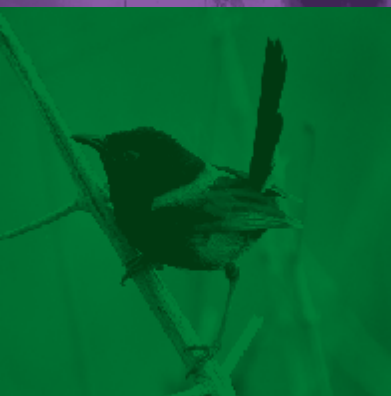




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# CREATE A NEW YOU THIS YEAR... MAKE THE SWITCH TODAY

Most of us have probably over-indulged over the last week or two, and now often thoughts turn to getting healthy and making some life changes.

Our new 24-hour gym SWITCH is currently running a promotion called *New Year, New Goals, New You* with great specials if you join the gym.

Located at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre, SWITCH opened on 1 November to offer both personalised gym services as well as the opportunity for people to workout 24-7.

SWITCH features a modern and spacious gym floor with full gym facilities, a brand new functional training centre and over 45 group fitness classes.

As part of the promotion, SWITCH is offering people the chance to buy a 12 or 18-month premium membership at a discounted rate. The premium membership includes full gym access as well as entry to all group fitness classes, so you can pick and choose what works best for you. The premium membership also gives you the chance to choose between two state-of-the-art swimming pools, with access to the Goonellabah pool and the Lismore Memorial Baths.

A 12-month premium membership is just \$18.50 per week, while an 18-month premium membership is only \$17 per week. When you sign up you also get a one-month membership for a friend, which they can use at any time.

Both of these deals also include an extra incentive. If you complete the membership term you receive one month membership free on the 12-month deal and three months free on the 18-month deal.

The *New Year, New Goals, New You* deal is not available forever... this is for people who want to start the year with a goal to improve their health and fitness over the next 12 to 18 months.

The **New Year, New Goals, New You** promotion runs until the end of February.

For more information phone 6625 5370, visit [www.switchfitness.com.au](http://www.switchfitness.com.au) or drop into SWITCH and talk to our friendly reception staff.



# AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR HAS A TALE OR TWO TO TELL...

Former SBS TV *Toyota World Sports* presenter Liz Deep-Jones has been named Lismore's 2016 Australia Day Ambassador.

Deep-Jones has a long list of credits to her name including television journalist and presenter, author, producer, broadcaster and public speaker.

Recently Liz turned her talents to producing television and online programs for SBS TV, including *A Living Black Special* for the NITV free-to-air launch where she secured a video message from the UN's Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon.

Liz has also met and secured many other high-profile interviews with prominent personalities including Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, Geoffrey Robertson QC, Prince Albert of Monaco, Serena Williams and many others. She has also enjoyed success as author of the Lucy Zeezou teen novels.

"It's an honour to be an Australia Day Ambassador and I look forward to sharing my story with the community as a proud Australian," Liz said.

**The Australia Day Awards ceremony is on Tuesday, 26 January at Lismore City Hall from 8.30am. The community is invited to come and help pay tribute to those ordinary people being recognised for doing extraordinary things in our community.**



# LOCALS CHOSEN FOR RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE

**Council has chosen 11 projects for the Rural Landholder Initiative, with each of the landholders receiving \$5000 for on-ground works including stock fencing, weed control and tree planting.**

As well as restoring habitat and improving the environment on their properties, the landholders will become 'champions' to spread the word about good land management practices.

In 2016, free demonstration days will be held at each property where other landholders will be invited to see the works first-hand and learn about techniques to use on their own farms.

The landholders come from a range of backgrounds, from beef and dairy farmers to sugar cane croppers, macadamia orchardists and rural lifestyle holders. Some of the champions will be improving and stabilising riverbanks to limit erosion and improve water quality, and some will be removing weeds and replanting native species for habitat restoration.

Developed in partnership with Southern Cross University, the Rural Landholder Initiative is a cornerstone of Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy, designed to conserve biodiversity hotspots on private land through education and incentives.

The project has been funded by a \$100,000 grant from the NSW Environmental Trust, with Council chipping in \$50,000 for the 11 landholder projects.

**Local landholders chosen to participate in the Rural Landholder Initiative are:**

- Tony and Lindy Margan, Monaltrie beef cattle farmers
- Bruno Bertolo and Stephen Genrich, Whian Whian macadamia farmers
- Josh and Teresa Wilson, Bexhill dairy farmers
- Keith Graham, Boatharbour cattle farmer

- Ken Williams and Adrian George, Georgica rural lifestyle landholders
- Luke and Damian Gooley, Coraki sugar cane farmers
- Phillip Terry and Rod Bruen, South Gundurimba soy bean and cattle farmers
- Ernie and Janice Taylor, Tregeagle macadamia farmers
- Charles and Jenny Handley, Lindendale macadamia and cattle farmers
- Vanessa and Stan Pelly, Robin Garner and Jeni Allenby: Blue Knob rural lifestyle landholders
- Sandra Heuston, Terry Gliddon, Bernadene Sward, Mary and Gary O'Brien: Rosebank rural lifestyle landholders

**The Rural Landholder Initiative projects will begin in February and are expected to be complete by September. Stay tuned for information on the upcoming free demonstration days.**



*Some of the successful applicants in the Rural Landholder Initiative with Council's Rural Landholder Initiative Extension Officer Kate Steel (front left).*



# TRAINEESHIPS TURN INTO FULL-TIME CAREERS

Two Aboriginal trainees have been made full-time employees at Council, demonstrating that the traineeship method of recruitment is working well.

Malcolm Saunderson began as a school-based trainee who has now completed four years training while Joe Gordon undertook a one-year traineeship at the age of 25. These young men are role models to their community as traineeship graduates who have gone on to become permanent employees – Joe as a Customer Service Officer and Malcolm in the Parks & Gardens team.

Joe recently began relieving in the Infrastructure Services department and says the fact that Council offers career pathways could be great for his future.

“I enjoy this job heaps. It’s challenging, you get to help the public out, and it can also be very difficult. There’s always something different and the career choices from here are wide ranging,” Joe said. “A lot of people are scared to take on traineeships or apprenticeships, and they think 12 or 24 months is gonna be it... but the reality is there are often opportunities after that. It’s not a dead-end, it’s a beginning.”

Malcolm said signing up for a school-based traineeship is one of the best things he’s ever done.

“To have a permanent job makes me feel over the moon... it’s opened up my future and it’s setting up my life more than I ever thought it would be,” Malcolm said.

**“I really wish more young Indigenous kids in high school and on the streets would take part in traineeships.”**

As part of its Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Council recently employed nine new trainees across different Council departments. This is part of Council’s goal to make its workforce reflect the percentage of Lismore’s workforce that is Aboriginal. To achieve this, Council must have a 6% Aboriginal workforce by 2017.





# NEW YEAR ROADWORKS PLEASE READ... THIS COULD AFFECT YOU!

## Pleasant and Fischer Street roundabout, Goonellabah

We are putting in a roundabout at the intersection of Pleasant and Fischer Streets, Goonellabah, which will require us to close the road for at least one week starting on 9 January. This will affect a lot of traffic as this route is used by many people to reach Goonellabah from downtown.

These roadworks effectively mean you cannot drive to Goonellabah via Cynthia Wilson and Invercauld Road, so please use Ballina Road ONLY if you are travelling to Goonellabah during this time.

From mid-January there will still be roadworks going on, but the road should be open. Just be mindful that there will be delays. We encourage people to travel to Goonellabah via alternative routes up until work is complete.

## Casino Street, South Lismore

We are reconstructing Casino Street (Caniaba Street west to the city limit) in early January. There will be traffic control in place and minor delays are expected.

## Dalziell Street and Dibbs Street, Lismore

We will be temporarily closing Dalziell Street in early January to formalise new car parking places as part of the Lismore Base Hospital Car Parking Strategy. We also need to relocate a water main. Dibbs Street (at the Uralba Street intersection) will have traffic control.

## Zadoc Street, Lismore

Roadworks from Keen Street to Dawson Street will take place in early January. The road will be reduced to one-lane for around four weeks

(approximately two weeks for each side). Detours will be in place for entry/exit from Keen and Dawson. Please be mindful of potential delays and follow traffic control on site.

## Boatharbour Road, Boatharbour

We are replacing a major culvert pipe under Boatharbour Road about 3km east of Bangalow Road.

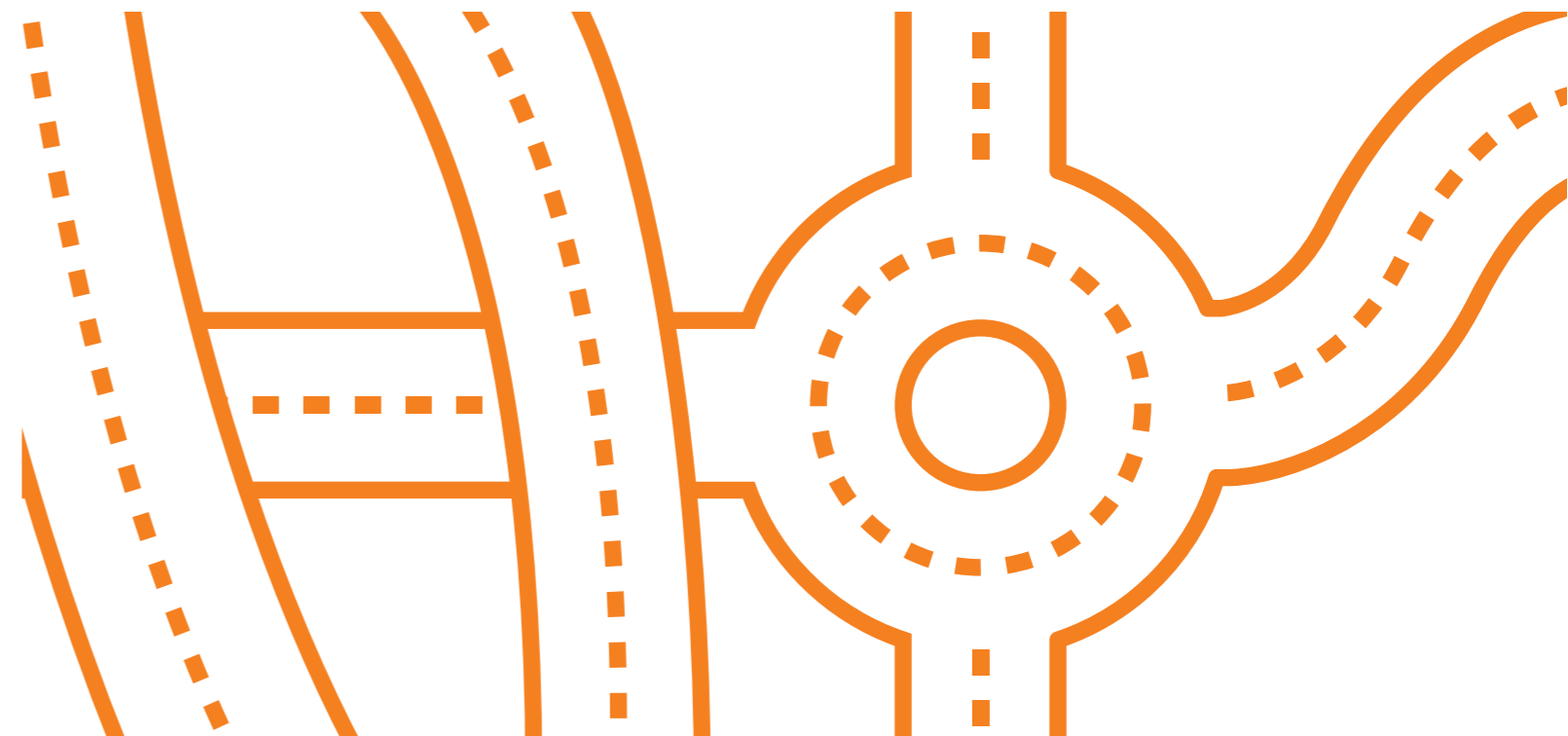
We need to close the road for up to 14 days to complete the work. Residents will need to use alternative routes during this time – Cameron/Cowlong Road linking to the Bruxner Highway to the south or Eltham Road linking to Bangalow Road to the north.

We will start work and have these detours in place from 11 January unless we experience heavy rain. We are doing this work during school holidays as it is quieter and there are no school buses.

We plan to re-open the road by late January, but there will still be roadworks and people can expect delays of up to 10 minutes. We will have traffic control in place and hope to finish the works by mid-February.

*For any of the above roadworks, please keep an eye on electronic message boards on site or visit [www.mylocalroads.com.au](http://www.mylocalroads.com.au) for roadwork updates.*

*If you have any questions about the works, please contact Design Engineer **Barry Goodwin** on **1300 87 83 87** during office hours or email us at [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au).*





# FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE ITALIAN CULTURE AND CUISINE

Organisers of the newly created Friendship Festival are calling on people to take part in a 'Piazza in the Park' in 2016 to celebrate Italian culture.

The Friendship Festival will pay tribute to Lismore's 'friendship relationship' with the northern Italian town of Conegliano.

Similar to a sister city relationship, the friendship relationship with Conegliano began in 1989, and members of the Conegliano community will be invited to Lismore next year to rekindle the friendship. Conegliano Mayor Floriano Zambon recently said he was excited to revive links between the two cities and hopes for future exchange visits to share cultural and business interests.

The Friendship Festival will honour Lismore's connection with northern Italy as well as the contribution made by Italian settlers to the district over the last 100 years.

The Piazza in the Park will be held on 26 June near the Italian monument in Spinks Park, with people invited to come and 'be an Italian for a day'.

The event will feature entertainment, market stalls, workshops, games and food, introducing people to Italian musicians, artists, and producers of Italian foods such as olives, limoncello, pizza, pasta and coffee.

Organisers are currently looking for musicians, food sellers and producers as well as Italians who wish to run workshops or activities in traditional Italian pursuits. **To get involved, phone Italo Club Board member Julie de Nardi on 6624 3506 or email [juliedenardi66@gmail.com](mailto:juliedenardi66@gmail.com).**





## DON'T FORGET TIP FREE DAY THIS WEEKEND!

The Tip Free Day that was planned for November was postponed until this Sunday, 10 January 2016.

We were unable to hold the Tip Free Day while construction of our second weighbridge took place due to safety concerns. Our apologies for the inconvenience and thanks everyone for your patience.

The Tip Free Day on 10 January will run from 9am to 4pm at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

Almost anyone can take part in Tip Free Day – there are just a few simple rules:

- Bring along your rates notice or driver's licence to show you live in the Lismore City Council Local Government Area.
- Keep scrap metal, timber, green waste, household items and other recyclables separate from general waste.
- We DO NOT accept asbestos, commercial quantities of chemicals or truck/tractor tyres. Please note you cannot bring more than 12 car tyres in one load.

Tip Free Days occur on the third Sunday of August, November, February and May each year:

- 21 February 2016
- 15 May 2016
- 21 August 2016
- 20 November 2016



**You can always help out our staff and avoid delays by coming early morning or late afternoon. See you there!**



## ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

- Development Servicing Plans for Water Supply and Wastewater
- Development Servicing Plan for Water and Wastewater – North Lismore Plateau Internal Infrastructure
- Strategic Business Plan for Water Supply and Wastewater Services
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan for North Lismore Plateau

### 6 January to 16 February 2016

These documents relate to developer charges that apply across the Lismore Local Government Area as well as developer charges specific to the internal trunk water and sewer services at North Lismore Plateau.

The Business Plan for Water Supply and Wastewater Services looks at broader issues including the quality of our water and wastewater services, maintenance required for the upkeep of the infrastructure system, and how to fund these services into the future.

Items on public exhibition can be viewed on our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours.

**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](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au). Submissions should state reasons for objection or support.**

## YOUR COVER

Bruno Bertolo is a Whian Whian macadamia farmer. Bruno's property is one of 11 projects being undertaken as part of the Rural Landholder Initiative, which aims to protect biodiversity hotspots by improving the environment on private land throughout the region. See inside for more.







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