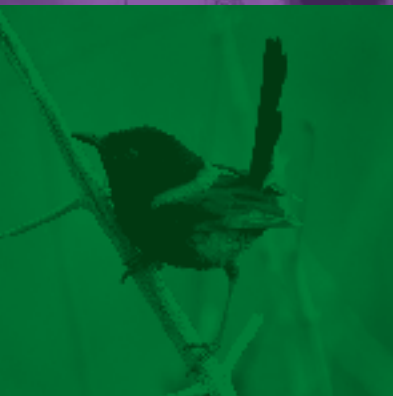




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ROSEBANK RURAL LIFESTYLE

BIODIVERSITY FIELD DAY

Friday, 29 April, 8.45am to 2pm (includes morning tea and lunch)

Are you new to the rural lifestyle in the Lismore City Council area?
Has your property got a weed infestation problem with camphor, lantana, privet or vines?

This field day is for landholders who want to make a start or find support for bush regeneration on their rural properties in the Rosebank, Corndale, Clunes and Eltham areas.

Learn from experienced bush regenerators, witness and hear about tried and true methods, and find inspiration to tackle that seemingly insurmountable weed problem. Learn skills and know where to start, plan and implement a bush regeneration project.

The day will be hosted by Rosebank landholders Sandra Heuston, Terry Gliddon and Bernadene Sward, and Mary and Gary O'Brien.

These neighbours have been working together to improve the connectivity of Big Scrub rainforest habitat on their properties and are keen to discuss:

- How planning can help you tackle the jungle of weeds with strategies and actions.
- The benefits and challenges of long-term restoration works.
- Sharing local knowledge and local action.
- How staged restoration on a small rural block fits into the broader landscape.
- How to access grants.

Please note the properties we are visiting have steep slopes and may present some risk for low-agility participants. Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants for safety. Alternative activities will be possible for people not able to access the steep banks.

Please bring a hat, water bottle and personal sun/insect protection. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Numbers are limited, so please RSVP to our Environmental Strategies Officer Vanessa Tallon on 1300 87 83 87.

This workshop is one in a series of 11 workshops being run throughout 2016 as part of Council's Rural Landholder Initiative.



From left: Rosebank rural lifestyle landholders Mary O'Brien, Bernadene Sward, Terry Gliddon and Sandra Heuston.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

SCHEME OPENS SOON

Applications for the 2016/17 Annual Community Grants Scheme open on 18 April and interested parties are invited to a free information session on Thursday, 14 April.

There is more than \$100,000 to share between community organisations in the Lismore Local Government Area, with grants of up to \$10,000 available to undertake worthwhile community projects or activities.

Projects can vary widely in scope, as evidenced by last year's successful applicants. Projects included Rainbow Region Community Farms purchasing 13 new garden beds (to grow vegies for Lismore's Food Bank), pet therapy at the Lismore Psychiatric Unit, revitalisation of the Lismore City Concert Band and an upgrade of the Clunes Preschool chicken coop and garden, as well as a new stingless native bee hive.

"The spirit of the grants scheme is to fund projects or activities that enrich our community," Partnering and Community Engagement Officer Flora Zigterman said.

"We know that community groups can often use a small sum of money to implement projects that have far-reaching impacts. We urge all community groups with good ideas and a passion for improving Lismore to apply."

Successful community groups will be those that demonstrate projects and activities that help Council achieve the community's *Imagine Lismore* vision. This vision identified seven themes: arts, youth, community, sport, environment, economy (social enterprise) and partnering.

As part of the Annual Community Grants Scheme, \$2000 per annum automatically goes to 29 rural halls to assist with insurance and maintenance costs, while the 19 rural halls subject to rates charges will have these waived.

Organisations are encouraged to read the Annual Community Grants Scheme Guidelines at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au before making an application. Interested people are also invited to attend our free

information session on Thursday, 14 April in the Council Chambers from 10am, to run through the guidelines and application process. To register, phone Flora Zigterman on 1300 87 83 87.

Applications for the Annual Community Grants Scheme close at 4pm on Monday, 16 May and are only accepted online. To apply, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



Last year's Annual Community Grants recipients. The 2016/17 funding round opens on 18 April.

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

We love teaching kids about recycling not only because it's good for the environment, but because they love to learn.

We are holding our second Upcycle Your Holidays event on Thursday, 21 April, where kids get to have fun while learning about the importance of recycling.

We held the event for the first time in September last year and it attracted hundreds of young people and their parents. We now invite people to come along again to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre for this free school holiday activity.

The day includes:

- Bus tours of the facility. See our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in action and check out the machinery that sorts and separates 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.
- Recycled art and craft, and free badge making.
- Operate a garbage truck – climb in and see how it all works!
- Learn how your actions impact on our water catchment with the interactive Catchment Model.

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 come along to our Environment Education Centre, located 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 to enjoy the free fun.

Upcycle Your Holidays is on Thursday, 21 April from 9am to 1pm. The Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens is just next door, and is a cool and leafy place to enjoy a picnic, so feel free to bring some lunch and make a day of it.

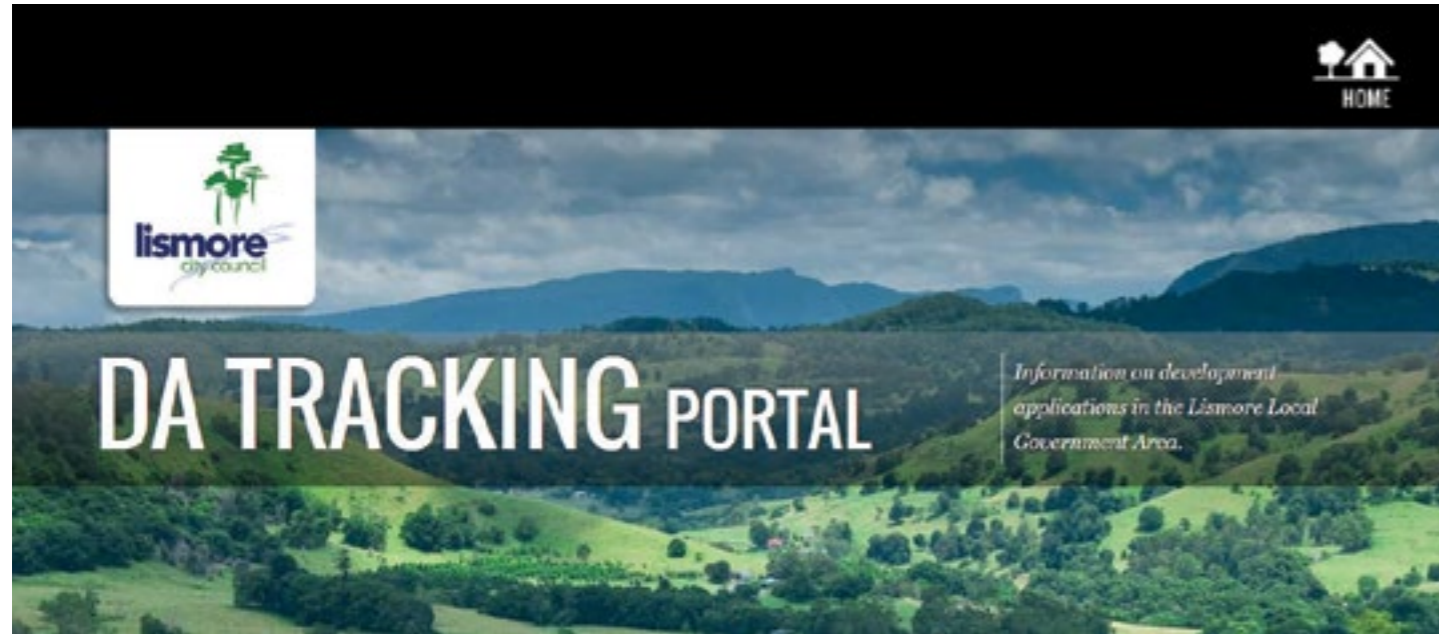


Come along to our next Upcycle Your Holidays event for free badge making, recycled art and craft, garbage truck fun and more.



UPGRADED DA TRACKING PORTAL

We have recently launched an upgraded DA Tracking portal so residents can easily and quickly look for development applications (DAs) in the Lismore Local Government Area.



The upgrade has been partially funded by the NSW Department of Planning in a bid to make DA information more accessible and ensure everyone has ample opportunity to comment on new development proposals.

The new DA Tracking portal had improved functionality, including a Google mapping function allowing people to see where new developments are proposed. It also enables people to search for different types of DAs based on key words and a variety of other information.

Our old DA Tracking portal was well and truly out of date, and quite unwieldy for people to use. The upgraded portal is designed with the latest software available to councils.

It is Council's responsibility to ensure our residents can find information they need at their fingertips in order to keep track of DAs and make an informed and well-considered submission to Council.

The new DA Tracking portal is now live at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

MULTIMILLION DOLLAR SEWAGE UPGRADE BEGINS

The planned \$25 million upgrade of the South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant began last week, with the official release of the tender for construction works.

The upgrade will transform the 80-year-old plant into a modern facility with an increased capacity of 45%.

At present the South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant can service around 15,000 people. The upgraded plant will be able to service 22,500 people, catering for expected population increases including growth on the western side of the city due to the North Lismore Plateau.

“The South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant has a 3.6 megalitre per day average dry weather flow and this will be increased to 5.4 megalitres per day. It's the kind of capacity that will more than cater for Lismore's needs for at least 30 years,” Project Manager Paul Smith said.

“One of the benefits of the upgrade is it will also significantly improve environmental impacts. The technology that will be used to build the plant is a far cry from what we had back in the 1930s.”

Work is expected to begin in late 2016 and will take around two years to complete.





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.

12/153-2 35 Alternative Way, Nimbin

Section 96(1A) modification to extend the lapse date of the consent by 12 months.

15/203-2 40 Rayward Road, Dunoon

Section 96(1) modification to amend condition 15.

15/311 263 Tuckurimba Road, East Coraki, and 191 Tuckurimba Road, Tuckurimba

Subdivision (boundary alteration).

15/341 1266 Wyrallah Road, Tucki Tucki

Detached dual occupancy with a building line variation to 10.5m to Wyrallah Road and second driveway.

15/344 43 Brunswick Street, Lismore

Change of use of an existing dwelling to a Group Home (Permanent).

15/351 13A Dalley Street, East Lismore

Removal of one tree in a heritage conservation area.

15/353-2 89 Dudley Drive, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to change pad height and extend the length of retaining wall.

15/355 17 Standing Street, The Channon

Demolish existing enclosed verandah and construct an open verandah and extend front room 1m with a building line variation to 2.52m to Standing Street.

15/358 1/8 Graeme Avenue, Goonellabah

Dwelling addition(timber deck).

16/3 168 Dawson Street, Girards Hill

Removal of one liquid amber tree in a heritage conservation area.

16/16 6 Zadoc Street, Lismore

Removal of three trees in a heritage conservation area.

16/25 70 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah

Dwelling additions (deck and awning).

16/33 66 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah

Dwelling and inground swimming pool.

16/35 3 Alfred Place, Goonellabah

Insulated patio awning, following demolition of existing awning.

91/216-2 157 Keen Street, Lismore

Section 96(1A) modification for an addition of an espresso bar and seating to the existing hair salon (barber shop).

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: 16/57

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 57 Deegan Drive, Goonellabah (Lot 2 DP 1097828).

APPLICANT: Ardill Payne & Partners.

DESCRIPTION: Erection and strata title subdivision of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising 10 x 2 bedroom single storey dwellings.

CLOSING DATE: 13 April 2016.

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

AFTER HOURS COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for interviews on the first and third Monday of each month from 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre.

On Monday, 18 April interviews will be conducted by Councillors Jenny Dowell and Graham Meineke. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 15 April.

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, 5 April the agenda includes:

- Lismore Business Panel.
- Richmond Tweed Regional Library update.
- Draft North Coast Regional Plan.

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 April.

Items on the agenda include:

- Proposed upgrade of Nimbin Water Supply.
- Proposed part-road closure, Brunswick Street, Lismore.
- The Buttery development application.

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

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



TRAFFIC ALERT: DIADEM AND MAGELLAN STREETS, LISMORE

We are about to build a new roundabout at the intersection of Diadem and Magellan Streets near Lismore Shopping Square.

The new roundabout is funded under the federal Black Spot program and will break up traffic flow, reduce speed and improve traffic and pedestrian safety.

This job is complex and we have to build it in three stages to minimise traffic disruptions and protect underground services. We expect it to take about 10 weeks, during which we will temporarily close different parts of the intersection under traffic control as follows:



Stage 1: WESTERN side of the intersection closed (early to late April 2016).

Stage 2: EASTERN side of intersection closed (late April 2016 to late May 2016).

Stage 3: WHOLE intersection closed (late May to mid-June 2016).

We apologise for these staged traffic disruptions, but they are necessary to build the new roundabout on a busy road. We will keep you updated with detour information in upcoming editions of *Local Matters* and with on-site message boards.



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Draft policy – Rural Connections to the Nimbin Water Supply

30 March to 30 April 2016

Council is seeking community feedback on a new policy that outlines which rural properties in the vicinity of Nimbin can connect to the Nimbin Water Supply, following completion of a proposed upgrade of the system.

Until now, further connection of rural customers to the supply has been prevented by operational constraints. These constraints will be removed upon completion of the upgrade.

The policy seeks to address current equity issues, caused by some properties being able to connect in the past but neighbouring properties being prevented from having a connection.

The policy also seeks to prevent further expansion of the rural supply network, so that the limited remaining capacity can be used to primarily service new development in the village. The policy clearly states that no further expansion of the rural supply network will occur and also places restrictions on new properties, created by subdivision, connecting to the water supply. The policy seeks to find a balance between these competing objectives.

Submissions can be made online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. Submissions are due by 4pm on 30 April 2016.

ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Council Fees and Expenses Policy 2016

30 March to 30 April 2016

The Council Fees and Expenses Policy 2016 is now on public exhibition.

Council is required to review its payment of expenses and the provision of facilities to the Mayor and Councillors annually. The review has been completed and Appendix 1 – Monetary Limits has been updated. There are also some minor changes that don't impact on policy intent.

Public submissions regarding the policy can be made online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. Submissions are due by 4pm on 30 April 2016.



NEW CAR PARKING AND TREE REMOVAL IN HUNTER STREET

As part of the Lismore Base Hospital Car Parking Strategy, Council is planning to formalise carparking on the western side of Hunter Street between Laurel Avenue and Orion Street.

As part of these works, Council is proposing the removal of 10 trees so that clearly marked parking spaces can be accommodated. Currently there are 17 trees along this section. We plan to retain seven trees and plant five new trees as replacements.

We are proposing to remove the following:

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| 2 x golden shower | 3 x bottlebrush |
| 2 x New Zealand Christmas bush | 1 x red spurge |
| 1 x Chinese tallowwood | 1 x poinciana |

The trees that are being removed are in poor health, unsuitable or causing obstruction within the construction area. The new trees will be a more suitable species for the area.

The public is currently invited to provide comment on this proposal. Post your submissions to the General Manager, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au. If you have any questions regarding the proposal, phone our Design Officer Hayley Collins on 1300 87 83 87.

YOUR COVER

This fortnight we feature the new artwork of Willow Austin created by artist Guido van Helten in the Back Alley Gallery. The little girl is the daughter of accomplished local artist Jeremy Austin, and Guido expressed his thanks to the family for providing inspiration for this piece. The new work was funded by Council's Public Art Maintenance Fund, after Guido's original artwork, painted in 2011, was vandalised in August last year. The overwhelmingly positive response to the new artwork suggests Lismore folk like this one even better than the last.





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Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre is located at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

We are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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