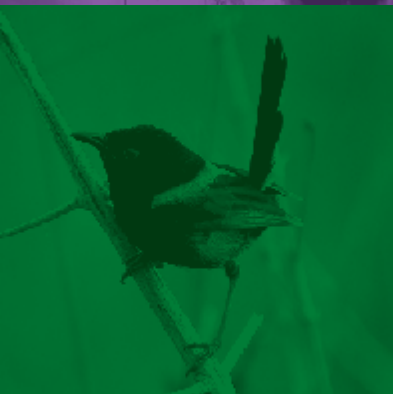




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# TINY HOMES CENTRE STAGE AT SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY

## Entries for the 2016 Sustainable House Day Northern Rivers Design Competition are now open.

The 2016 theme is 'Tiny Homes', tapping into the growing tiny house movement that has captured people's imaginations with promises of debt-free living and utility bills as low as \$10 a month.

Tiny homes are gaining popularity around the world as people become increasingly interested in freedom from debt, minimal environmental impact and the opportunity to live simply.

The annual housing design competition is now open to residents, architects, designers and young people in the Northern Rivers. The three categories are: Tiny Homes – A Pocket Neighbourhood, A Tiny Home and A Teeny Tiny Home.

Event Coordinator Sandi Middleton from the Sustainable House Day Northern Rivers Collaboration said previous competitions have seen over 80 entries submitted, with more than 1500 people viewing the final designs.

She hopes to see some truly creative thinking this year with the unusual 'Tiny Homes' theme.

"A tiny home in footprint is far smaller than a traditional home and is sustainable in the sense that we have only used as much room as we need and as little building materials as possible," Sandi explained.



"Add simple design criteria with creative and talented local designers and we should have a fantastic array of designs to choose from."

The 2016 design competition will culminate in a Showcase Awards and Expo at Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Saturday, 17 September. Residents will be able to view the entries, meet the designers and vote for their favourite design.

A new feature this year is a special 'Speed Date a Designer' segment where community members will be able to talk to leading designers and receive unbiased advice.

**There is over \$5000 in cash and prizes to be won. To enter or find out more, visit [www.sustainablehousedaynr.org](http://www.sustainablehousedaynr.org). Entries close 1 September.**

*The 2016 Sustainable House Day Northern Rivers Design Competition is a joint project by Lismore City Council, Byron Shire Council, Ballina Shire Council, Tweed Shire Council, The Green Building Centre, Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre, North Coast TAFE, Self Seed Sustainability and Dorrroughby Environment Educational Centre.*





## JULY FIELD DAYS FOCUS ON RIVERBANK HEALTH AND ORCHARDS

Lismore City Council is holding two more Rural Landholder Initiative field days in July, focusing on riverbank health on lowland properties and rainforest restoration on productive orchards.

The free field days are being held on the properties of 20 landholder 'champions' who have undertaken habitat restoration works with Council support. The sites are now being used for the landholder field days so that other farmers and producers can see the benefits of modern farming techniques in practice.

*Whian Whian farmer Bruno Bertolo is hosting one of our field days.*



There are 11 field days being held throughout 2016. The next two events are:

### [South Gundurimba Lowland Cropping and Biodiversity Field Day](#)

**When:** Friday, 22 July, 9am to 2pm

**Focus:** Riverbank restoration and whole farm planning for biodiversity and habitat connectivity.

**Who should attend:** Floodplain farmers and lifestyle landholders along the Wilsons River interested in restoring riverbanks and habitat through tree planting and low-disturbance bank stabilisation techniques.

### [Whian Whian Mixed Orchard and Biodiversity Field Day](#)

**When:** Friday, 29 July, 9am to 2pm

**Focus:** Restoring Big Scrub rainforest habitat, health and connectivity in a productive orchard.

**Who should attend:** Orchardists in the Dunoon-Whian Whian area interested in restoration of a farm's natural and biological assets including biological and chemical control techniques of weeds in sensitive ecological sites.

The Rural Landholder Initiative is funded by a \$100,000 grant from the NSW Environmental Trust and \$50,000 from Council. It is a core project in Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy and is designed to help landholders improve biodiversity hotspots as well as overall farm health.

In addition to on-ground works and field days, Council has produced a series of education booklets for four land management types – healthy landscapes and waterways (for all rural landholders), beef graziers and dairy farmers, orchardists (e.g. macadamia growers), and floodplain croppers (e.g. sugarcane growers).

These education booklets include a self-assessment tool on how landholders can progressively adapt their land management towards innovative practices.

**Morning tea and lunch is provided at the field days but bookings are essential. RSVP to Kate Steel on 1300 87 83 87.**

# NEW BUDGET ADOPTED

Council resolved (8/3 in favour) to adopt the Imagine Lismore 1 Year Plan (2016/17 budget) at its meeting on Monday, 20 June.

The 2016/17 budget is \$158 million, which includes \$36.5 million for roads and associated infrastructure, or 23% of the budget.

A total of \$57.14 million in capital works is included in the 2016/17 financial year. This includes:

- \$19.1 million upgrade of the South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant;
- \$14.5 million on new capital roadworks;
- \$6.8 million in water infrastructure; and
- \$5.3 million for the Lismore Quadrangle project, which includes a new Lismore Regional Gallery.

There is also \$1.3 million for waste sorting machines to further improve recycling rates, almost \$700,000 for improvements at Lismore Regional Airport and \$380,000 for council/community solar farm projects. Council will also spend \$380,000 on upgrading CBD footpaths – the first of four instalments to refurbish the inner footpath around the CBD block.

In addition, Council resolved to borrow up to \$400,000 to fund a lift for the Richmond River Historical Society in the old Municipal Building on Molesworth Street.

In 2016/17, fees and charges will generally increase by CPI. In relation to the typical residential bill, water will increase to \$828 (an increase of \$46 or 5.9%), wastewater to \$855 (an increase of \$47 or 5.8%) and integrated waste to \$293.30 (an increase of \$6.30 or 2.19%).

The general rate (after applying the full rate pegging increase of 1.8% and the Biodiversity Management Strategy special rate variation increase of 1.8%) will increase the average urban residential rate by \$42 to \$1151. This means the average urban residential rate bill will rise to \$3204.

# DISCOVER BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS AT RECYCLED MARKET

The monthly Lismore Recycled Market is coming up on Saturday, 16 July with more new stallholders selling upcycled goods.

The market is a great place to find things you need for home, from outdoor furniture to beautiful timber chopping boards, timber lamps and wrought-iron kitchenware.

There are fashions, jewellery, art and sculpture... and because the stallholders change each month, there is always something new to see.

You can also stop for some food, coffee and listen to live music, or browse for second-hand bargains at the Lismore Revolve Shop.

The Lismore Recycled Market is all about encouraging sustainability and giving old materials and products a new life. And you will find some very creative and clever things on display.

The Lismore Recycled Market runs from 9am to 1pm at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road.

Are you interested in becoming one of our stallholders? We would love to hear from you. Contact us on 1300 87 83 87 for more information.



# HOSPITAL PARKING CHANGES TAKE EFFECT

The Lismore Base Hospital Car Parking Strategy has commenced in conjunction with the opening of the multi-storey carpark opposite Lismore Base Hospital on Uralba Street.

The strategy was developed in partnership with the Northern NSW Local Health District to provide turnover in parking and free up spaces for hospital visitors. It was designed to ensure an equitable cost structure for all public parking within the carpark and surrounding streets.

Signage at the new multi-storey carpark entry indicates the number of parking spaces available for staff and visitors. The carpark provides secure long-term parking 24 hours a day in close proximity to the hospital.

Council has now installed parking meters with the latest technology and signage in the hospital precinct, and roadworks including formalised parking spaces are now in place in Dalziell, Dibbs and Hunter streets.

Council has erected permanent information boards on parking options at main entries to the health precinct. Hospital visitors are urged to follow all signage and time restrictions to avoid fines.

Council has also launched a Resident Parking Scheme for the health precinct and residents are now able to apply for Resident Parking Permits. For more information, phone 1300 87 83 87.

# APPLY NOW FOR HERITAGE GRANTS

Council and the NSW Heritage Office are offering grants of up to \$2000 to carry out conservation works on listed heritage items or items within conservation areas listed in the Lismore Local Environmental Plan.

Projects previously funded included refurbishment of street murals in Nimbin; reinstatement of decorative architectural features; repainting; and window, fence and verandah repairs.

The closing date for applications is 20 July. Application forms are available at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

# LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION WEBSITE NOW LIVE

## Information for prospective councillors

The NSW Electoral Commission's local council elections website is now live at [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info).

The 'planning to be a candidate' link on the homepage provides important information and application forms needed for the six-step process to becoming a candidate.

Prospective candidates should be aware that they must register and nominate for the election, and that these two steps are separate.

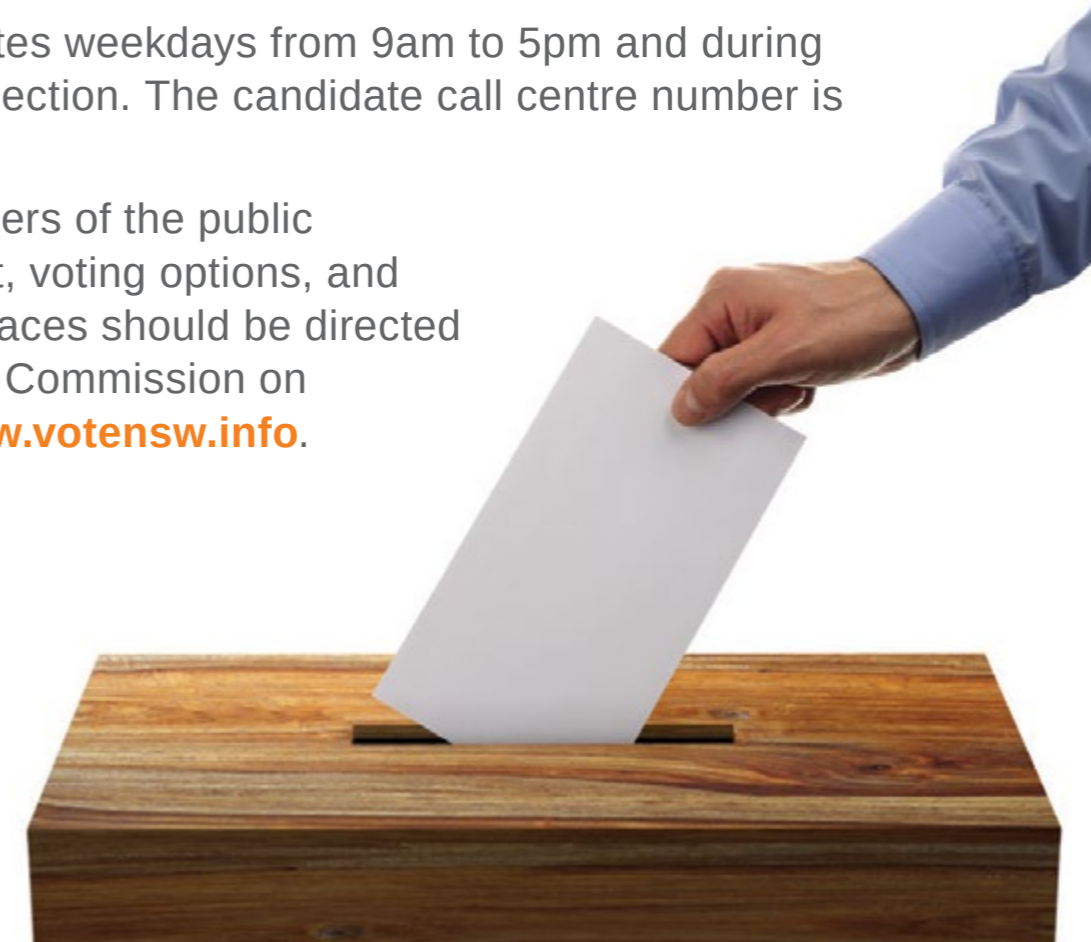
Candidates and groups must be registered with the NSW Electoral Commission and appoint an official agent before accepting political donations or making payments for electoral expenditure.

## Candidate Helpdesk

A call centre has been established specifically for candidates who have questions in relation to their candidature or the election process.

The call centre operates weekdays from 9am to 5pm and during the weekend of the election. The candidate call centre number is **1300 088 942**.

Enquiries from members of the public concerning enrolment, voting options, and locations of polling places should be directed to the NSW Electoral Commission on **1300 135 736** or [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info).





# 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.

**15/308-2** 262 Molesworth Street and 97 Carrington Street, Lismore  
Section 96(1A) modification to alter the original consent including refurbish existing stairwell, cladding to exterior of east elevation walls and south wall of strong room, install a steel awning structure over entry path, additional pavement to entry with bike rack, security fencing to entry area and door opening, replace security shutter to stair entry and rearrangement of reception room and walls.

**15/352** 25 Bright Street, East Lismore  
Carport with building line variation to Bright Street.

**16/72** 441 Eltham Road, Eltham  
Shed.

**16/84** 17 Alternative Way, Nimbin  
Dwelling with associated garage and deck.

**16/103** 70 Main Street, Clunes  
Shed with retaining walls.

**16/107** 24 Harmony Avenue, East Lismore  
Carport with a 1.10m building line variation.

**16/109** 74 Cullen Street, Nimbin  
Ancillary structure to the building for the purpose of signage.

**16/115** 16 Donaghue Street, Dunoon  
Shed with awnings.

**16/116** 26 Newhaven Drive, Goonellabah  
Enclose existing deck with eight windows and two sliding doors, and replace decking and ceiling.

**16/123** 16 Donaghue Street, Dunoon  
Dwelling.

**16/124** Roseview Road, McLeans Ridges  
Farm shed.

**16/135** 10 O'Mahoney Drive, Goonellabah  
Dwelling and retaining walls.

**16/138** 22 May Street, Dunoon  
Dwelling.

**16/144** 225, 227, 229, 231, 233 and 235 Keen Street and 66 Carrington Street, Lismore  
Installation of an additional 90kW solar system to the rooftop.

**16/147** 8 Randle Road, Marom Creek  
Roof over existing deck and extend deck (no roof over).

**16/148** 1 Melaleuca Court, Caniaba  
Dwelling.

**16/150** 194 Dibbs Street, East Lismore  
Covered deck.

**16/157** 27 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba  
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](http://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:** 16/198

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 25 Sandalwood Drive, Caniaba (Lot 43 DP 1018780)

**APPLICANT:** Visionstream Pty Ltd

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed NBN telecommunications infrastructure comprising a 30m monopole, 3 x 1077mm antennas, 2 x transmission dishes and ancillary components.

**CLOSING DATE:** 20 July 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](http://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](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au).



# ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Combined Planning Proposal/Development Application to amend the Lismore Local Environmental Plan at Part 354 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba

**6 July to 20 July 2016**

At its ordinary meeting of 12 April 2016, Lismore City Council resolved to support a Planning Proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to permit an industrial land use within a 2ha part of the south-eastern corner of 354 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba, in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The objective of the Planning Proposal is to amend Schedule 1 of the LEP to allow Council to assess and determine the Development Application to use a 2ha part of the south-eastern corner of 354 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba (Lot 2 DP8877), for the industrial purpose of the manufacturing of concrete fence posts for a period of five years. The period of five years is proposed to enable Australian Concrete Posts Pty Ltd time to find an alternative permanent site they can operate from.

On 13 May 2016 the Department of Planning and Environment issued a conditional Gateway Determination. The Minister for Planning has delegated the finalisation of the LEP to Council.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

**DA NUMBER:** 2015/357

**LOCATION AND LOT DP:** 2ha part of the south-eastern corner of 354 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba (Lot 2 DP8877)

**APPLICANT:** Newton Denny Chapelle

**DESCRIPTION:** Development Consent is sought for a Change of Use – to permit a proposed Industry, being the manufacturing of concrete fence posts, upon a 2ha part of the south-eastern corner of 354 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba, for a period of five years.

Copies of the Planning Proposal, DA and associated material are available at the front counter of our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions can be made online, emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. For more information phone Rodney Mallam on 1300 87 83 87.



# ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Lismore Development Control Plan Draft Amendment No. 19

**6 July to 5 August 2016**

Council resolved on 10 May 2016 to publicly exhibit draft amendment No. 19 to the Development Control Plan (DCP) Chapter 5A – *Urban Residential Subdivision*. Pursuant to Clause 18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the draft amendment is exhibited for public comment from 6 July to 5 August 2016.

The draft DCP amendment introduces a new structure plan to guide the residential subdivision of 87 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah (approximate lot yield of 20). Minor consequential amendments are also proposed to section 1.5 of the chapter involving reference to structure plans.

Copies of the draft amendment are available at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah. Submissions, outlining grounds for objection or support, can be made online, emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

For more information, phone Senior Planner Greg Yopp on 1300 87 83 87.

## Memorial Gardens office closes

We have closed the Lismore Memorial Gardens office but please rest assured no services will be affected.

The decision was made following a successful trial that has been in place since December 2015.

The crematorium was manned by one admin worker and, as it is physically isolated and our staff member is confronted with grief on a daily basis, it was not good for their wellbeing.

The trial has improved support for our staff member and enhanced the level of customer service people receive as we have back up administration support in our Customer Contact Centre.

Consultations for burials, cremations and memorials will continue to be conducted by Council, but will now be held in interview rooms at the Council Chambers. A room at the chapel is available for appointments when necessary, and we will soon call for expressions of interest for lease of the space.



# MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Items on the agenda include: Lismore Lake Pool, Annual Community Grants Scheme and tender for MRF optical sorting system.

Held 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 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

On Monday, 18 July interviews will be conducted by Councillors Vanessa Ekins and Mathew Scheibel. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 15 July.

## 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, 19 July the agenda includes: Art gallery tender evaluation, Policy for use of Council-owned land, Henson Road Quarry DA and two solar tenders.

Held in the Council Chambers from 6.30pm. All welcome.

## 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, 21 July interviews will be conducted by Councillors Ray Houston and Neil Marks. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 19 July.

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



# TRAFFIC ALERT REMINDERS

## Roadworks are underway near Lismore Base Hospital, Tucki Tucki cemetery and Nimbin village

Just a reminder to allow for additional travel time as there may be short delays at the following:

- *Laurel Avenue between its Hunter Street and Diadem Street intersections near Lismore Base Hospital (this will include weekends subject to dry weather).*
- *Wyrallah Road between Leslie Lane and Tucki Tucki cemetery.*
- *Tunable Falls/Gungas Road, 1km section east of Nimbin village.*

# YOUR COVER

Geoff Walker, a long-time volunteer with Friends of the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, recently turned 90. Happy birthday Geoff!

Geoff was originally a member of the Society for Growing Australian Plants and when the idea for a botanic garden was first suggested many moons ago, he immediately got involved, recruiting others to the cause.

The Friends of the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens eventually took over management of the gardens, and Geoff has continued to help grow and shape the project and the landscape.

Today, Geoff is still the first one there to open the gates for the monthly workday and he also propagates and pots new seedlings for the garden, waters plants and even cleans signage.

Geoff got a bit of a shock recently when Council tried to implement a registration of all volunteers. The forms state you have to be 90 or under to volunteer, which worried Geoff, as he had no plans of retiring at 91!

Thankfully we have sorted out this little hiccup, and Geoff is free to keep tending his beloved gardens for as long as he wishes.

Many happy returns Geoff... we hope to see you volunteering until at least 100!







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