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LOCAL MATTERS

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YOUR 2016/17 RATES

Rates are calculated each year via a combination of land valuation and charges put in place by Council to provide a range of services.

Some of these services are:

- Urban and rural roads
- Public amenities
- Waste collection
- Leisure centres
- Parks and gardens
- Footpaths/cycleways
- Art gallery and libraries
- Traffic and city safety
- Sporting facilities
- Playgrounds
- Flood and emergency services
- Regulation and enforcement
- Skateparks
- Street lighting
- Stormwater drains
- Community services
- Kerbing and guttering
- Airport/aviation services
- Environmental planning/protection
- Town planning
- Bus shelters
- Memorial Gardens and cemeteries
- Tourism
- Food/business compliance
- Quarries
- Community and cultural events

Paying your rates

Your 2016/17 rates are payable in full by 31 August 2016 or by instalment on the following dates:

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| First instalment: 31 August 2016 | Third instalment: 28 February 2017 |
| Second instalment: 30 November 2016 | Fourth instalment: 31 May 2017 |

You can pay your rates via any of the following methods:

- Online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.
- In person using cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa at our Corporate Centre, any branch of the Commonwealth Bank (deposit slip required) or any branch of Australia Post.
- By mail to PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.
- Using BPay phone and internet banking. See account notice for details.
- By direct debit. An application form is available on our website or one can be mailed/emailed to you.
- By Post billpay. You can make online payments using your Mastercard or Visa, or phone 131 816 and pay by credit card over the phone.

Australia Post Digital Mailbox

In an effort to reduce Council postage costs and limit the amount of paper we use, we're inviting people to pay their rates and water through the Australia Post Digital Mailbox.

Digital Mailbox allows ratepayers to receive their rates and water notices electronically and pay them with ease. It is free to use – sign up today at digitalmailbox.auspost.com.au.

New Land Valuation

In 2016/17 rates are being calculated using new land values that have been supplied by the Valuer General.

Notice of valuations were issued to landowners from the Valuer General in January/February 2016. For more information see your Notice of Valuation or visit www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au.

Access to the Water Meter

It is important that your water meter and the adjoining meter stop tap are easily accessible for reading, maintenance and regulating the water flow. Can you please ensure that the area in the immediate vicinity of your meter, plus any hydrants and maintenance covers on your property, are kept clear of vegetation, landscaping and rubbish. Please do not bury them, disguise them or build a fence near them. Keeping these areas clear saves valuable time when we are repairing or maintaining your services, or if they are needed to fight fires.

If we cannot access the meter we estimate your bill. However, if you have a leak or problem we won't know and it could end up costing you lots of money. Please ensure we can access your meter so this doesn't occur.

RECYCLED MARKET AND BOTANIC GARDENS OPEN DAY

Families are invited to a huge day of fun activities at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Saturday, 20 August.

The day will feature the Lismore Recycled Market as well as a special Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens Open Day to celebrate Science Week.

This month, the Recycled Market will once again feature the Suitcase Showcase, where kids under 14 sell their upcycled creations out of old suitcases. It was a great success at the July market and more children are encouraged to register for the August event.

As well as the usual assortment of innovative stallholders selling goods from shipping containers there is yummy food and coffee, and this month kids are invited to make recycled terrariums using organic compost.

Council staff will also be running tours of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and newly expanded organics processing facility at 10am, 11am and 12pm, leaving from the nearby Environment Education Centre, which is HQ for the Botanic Gardens Open Day.

The open day is being held to celebrate National Science Week, August 13-21, with a full day of activities for all ages.



There will be plant viewing under the microscope, catching water critters to assess water quality, displays by Friends of the Koala in the eucalypt forest, plant potting with organic compost, walking trails to explore and discovery activities for children.

People can also bring a picnic or food for the BBQ and enjoy lunch in the beautiful gardens, surrounding by regenerated rainforest and maybe even a koala or two.

Lismore City Library is also getting involved in National Science Week, running experiments with their Science Kit throughout the week – timetable details are available on the library website.

Both the Lismore Recycled Market and the Botanic Gardens Open Day run from 9am to 1pm and all activities are free.

If you are interested in being part of the Suitcase Showcase or having a stall at the Lismore Recycled Market, contact Market Coordinator Robyn Kelly on 0418 272 685.



COUNCIL KEEN TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PRIDE PROJECTS

When Jen Wright rang Council to ask if her students could paint the local bus shelter, the Upper Coopers Creek Public School principal expected to have a bureaucratic fight on her hands.

Instead, she got free paint.

“When we rang to ask permission we kind of expected a battle but Council was so supportive of our idea and offered to provide all the painting materials,” Jen said.

“It was so nice to have that support, and to be given the paint was very generous – we weren’t expecting that.”

The painting of the bus shelter was a whole school project, with all eight students at Upper Coopers Creek Public School getting a chance to add their artistic touches.



The shelter was first painted 12 years ago by local school children, and those former students were invited back with their own kids to help with the project.

The new design is influenced by the work of Indigenous artist Bronwyn Bancroft and a T-shirt made by local artist Rose McKinley at the school in the mid-80s. The shirt features a linocut print of the palm trees and black cockatoos so prolific in the Upper Coopers Creek catchment.

Jen said it was a very happy coincidence when Rose drove past on a painting day recently, and stopped to add a few bees to the nature and wildlife-inspired artwork.

“Everyone has said they love it and people have stopped to paint, to clean the shelter, to help out in any way they can,” Jen said.

“It has been such a positive project and the whole community has been involved. It has really brought everyone together.”

Council is very keen to support projects that help Council maintain community infrastructure and bring colour and fun to local communities.

If you have an idea or a project you’d like to discuss, phone Carolyn Moynihan on 1300 87 83 87.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION VOTING INFORMATION

The 2016 local government election is coming up on Saturday, 10 September. Pre-poll voting will commence on Monday, 29 August.

The pre-poll voting centre is located at 154 Molesworth Street, Lismore.

The hours of operation are:

- Monday to Friday, 29 August to 2 September, 8.30am to 5.30pm.
- Saturday, 3 September, 9am to 5pm.
- Monday to Thursday, 5-8 September, 8.30am to 5.30pm.
- Friday, 9 September, 8.30am to 6pm.

People should be aware there is no absentee voting for local government elections, and you must either pre-poll vote or vote on Saturday, 10 September in the Lismore Local Government Area (LGA).

Postal voting is available for those who will be away and cannot attend a pre-poll voting centre or vote within the LGA on election day. You can download a postal voting application form at www.votensw.info.

Following are the locations of polling booths that will be open for the 10 September election.

- Bexhill Hall
- Caniaba Public School
- Clunes Public School
- Dunoon Public School
- Eltham Public School
- Goolmangar School of Arts
- Goonellabah Community Centre
- Goonellabah Public School
- Lismore Heights Public School
- Lismore High School
- Lismore Public School
- Lismore South Public School
- Modanville Public School
- Nimbin Central School
- Richmond River High School
- Rosebank Public School
- St Paul's Memorial Hall, Lismore
- The Channon Hall
- Tregeagle Public School
- Trinity Catholic College
- Woodburn CWA Rooms
- Wyrallah Public School

NEW COMMUNITY PRIDE TRAILER

Council has launched a new Community Pride Trailer to help communities keep their places and spaces neat and tidy.

The Community Pride Trailer is available free to community groups who would like to undertake working bees or special community projects.

The trailer includes a mower, brushcutter, blower and wheelbarrow as well as a fuel drum, handsaw, toolbox, shovels, broom, rake and WHS equipment.

Jally Hawthorn from Dunoon, a member of Council's North East Community Panel and President of the Dorrobee Grass Reserve Trust, said the group plans to borrow the trailer to help out at regular working bees.

"The Community Pride Trailer is a great idea for small community groups to have some Council resources at their fingertips," Jally said.

"Extra equipment will make our working bees much more effective."

People can borrow the trailer to continue ongoing maintenance projects or for one-off working bees or beautification projects such as creating a community garden or erecting village planter boxes.

People using the trailer must be registered volunteers of Council or an incorporated community group. To book, phone us on 1300 87 83 87. Please have your licence and registration details to hand.



Jally Hawthorn from Dunoon and Council's Community Services Coordinator Casie Hughes with the new Community Pride Trailer.



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.

16/34-2 31 Joy Street, Goonellabah Section 96(1A) modification to re-position dwelling 1.5m towards the southern boundary.

16/118 175 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah
Dwelling, retaining walls and removal of two trees.

16/173 70 Orion Street, Lismore
Garage and workshop.

16/177 11 Toongahra Circuit, Goonellabah
Dwelling.

16/182 70 High Street, Lismore Heights
Covered terrace addition, relocation of carport roof, new carport, new verandah roof and external stair and internal alterations.

16/191 25 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba
Dwelling.

16/192 3 Sunshine Place, East Lismore
Shed.

16/201 12 Gum Tree Drive, Goonellabah
Covered deck.

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.

TRAFFIC ALERT

Temporary closure of Conway Street, Lismore

We are fixing the road in Conway Street between its Keen Street and Dawson Street intersections in the CBD.

This work will take six to eight weeks, during which we will temporarily close parts of Conway Street and detour traffic around the site. We hope to be finished work around the start of the September school holidays.

During stage one of roadworks in August, we will close Conway Street between Farmer Charlies and Dawson Street (see map below). Traffic control will be as follows:

- Detour via McLennan Lane (this includes access to Farmer Charlies).
- On-street parking in McLennan Lane will be restricted to the southern side only.
- Access to Little Keen Street will be from McLennan Lane only.

We know this is a busy area where people shop, but we need to undertake these essential roadworks and we ask for people's patience and understanding during this time.

It will be business as usual for Farmer Charlies, Brad's Butchery and Network Video, which can be accessed from the rear carpark off McLennan Lane. The Conway Street entrance will be reopened in late August when we will start stage two of these roadworks towards the Keen Street intersection.

We will keep you updated with detour information in upcoming editions of *Local Matters* and with onsite message boards. Thank you in advance for your patience everyone.





MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 August.

Items on the agenda include: Brunswick Street part road closure, review of Temporary Events Policy and Reconciliation Action Plan.

An additional ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23 August.

Items on the agenda include: End of Term Report.

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

For more information, phone Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87.

BMX DIRT BIKE TRACK SUPPORT WANTED

Council has decided to see if there is any interest in forming a Nesbitt Park Dirt Bike Track Support Group.

The dirt bike track has been in operation at Nesbitt Park for almost 12 months and it has become obvious to Council that it requires regular maintenance to keep the jumps and track in safe working order.

In particular, after a rain event, the track becomes rutted and the jumps can become dangerous.

Council is looking for a keen dirt bike track enthusiast to convene this group and a number of other regular users to help maintain the basic safety of the circuit.

The group would be supported by our Civic Pride team and Council would undertake any work beyond the capacity of the support team.

Anyone interested in convening this group should phone our Sport & Recreation Officer James Voght on 1300 87 83 87.

A meeting is planned for Wednesday, 10 August to discuss the group and how it will work. If you're interested in coming along, register with James.



NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

Lismore Development Control Plan Amendment No. 20

Pursuant to Clause 21 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, notice is given that Amendment No. 20 of the Development Control Plan was adopted by Lismore City Council at its ordinary meeting on 12 July 2016. Amendment No. 20 replaces existing Chapter 1 *Residential Development* and amends Chapter 2 *Commercial Development in the CBD and Brewster Street Commercial Core Zone (Health Precinct)* to provide controls particular to development in the B3 zoned part of the Lismore Health Precinct.

DCP Chapter 1 *Residential Development* provides updated residential development controls for the Lismore LGA generally and new residential development controls for the Lismore Health Precinct in particular.

Chapter 2 *Commercial Development in the CBD and Brewster Street Commercial Core Zone (Health Precinct)* provides new controls for development in the B3 Commercial Core Zone land in the Lismore Health Precinct.

Minor amendments were made to the publicly exhibited draft Chapter 1 and 2 in response to public and state agency submissions and a review by Council technical staff.

Amendment No. 20 to the Lismore DCP comes into effect on 4 August 2016.

Chapters 1 and 2 can be viewed on Council's website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

SAVE THE DATE!

Second Hand Saturday is coming...

Second Hand Saturday is coming up on Saturday, 24 September. Join the biggest garage sale on the North Coast and help keep thousands of items out of landfill.

For registration and full event details, visit www.secondhandsaturday.com.au.

**GARAGE
SALE**



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Draft policy – Rural Connections to the Nimbin Water Supply

4 August to 5 September 2016

At its ordinary meeting on 12 July 2016, Council resolved to place on public exhibition a draft amendment to the Infrastructure Contributions Discount Policy.

Council is proposing to provide a 30% reduction in section 64 (water and sewerage) and section 94 (roads, parks etc) infrastructure contributions on developments comprising or including serviced apartments in the Lismore CBD area.

The purpose of the proposed 30% infrastructure contributions discount is to encourage the development of tourist and visitor accommodation in the CBD close to sporting and recreation facilities. The proposed discount would apply to a prescribed area as shown on Map 2 in the draft policy.

Copies of the draft policy are available at the front counter of our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

Submissions outlining grounds of objection or support can be made online, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. For enquiries phone our Strategic Planning Coordinator Paula Newman on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by close of business on 5 September 2016.

RATES REMINDER

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your first rates instalment for the 2016/17 rateable year is due for payment on Wednesday, 31 August 2016.



INSURANCE CHANGES FOR CONTRACTORS

We are introducing a Contractor Insurance Management System (CIMS) to replace our existing Trades and Services Register.

CIMS is an online system operated by Statewide Mutual where contractors register and keep insurance details up to date. Council will access the system to check insurances when needed.

From now on, in order to work as a contractor for Council, you will need to register in this system.

The CIMS system provides a single registration point for contractors working across NSW councils and all other councils in the Northern Rivers are now using this system.

To register, visit <https://statewide.e3learning.com.au/> and follow the prompts.

After you have completed your registration, please let us know via email at isadmin@lismore.nsw.gov.au or phone us on 1300 87 83 87.

We understand everyone has a different level of experience using computers and working online. If you require any information or support to help you register, email cims.support@statewide.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 9320 2771 during office hours.

YOUR COVER

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

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