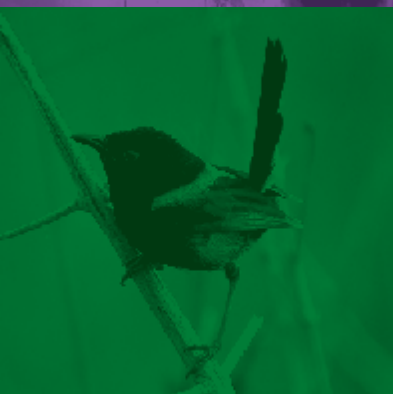




LOCAL MATTERS

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YOUR NEW COUNCIL

A new Council has been declared following the September 10 local government election.



The 11 Councillors are elected for a four-year term. The new Council will be led by Mayor Isaac Smith. The 10 other Councillors are:

- Gianpiero Battista
- Greg Bennett
- Elly Bird
- Nancy Casson
- Darlene Cook
- Vanessa Ekins
- Adam Guise
- Eddie Lloyd
- Neil Marks
- Bill Moorhouse

The Deputy Mayor will be elected at the first meeting of the new Council on 11 October and Councillors will be nominated and appointed to positions on various advisory committees.

Your new Council: Pictured (front l-r) Elly Bird, Eddie Lloyd, Mayor Isaac Smith, Vanessa Ekins and Nancy Casson, and (back l-r) Bill Moorhouse, Neil Marks, Gianpiero Battista, Greg Bennett, Adam Guise and Darlene Cook.

Our schedule of meetings, briefings and interviews

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Council Chambers, Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah. Meetings are open to the public with the exception of confidential matters.

The first meeting of the newly elected Council is on Tuesday, 11 October.

Public access: A public access session is held at the start of every meeting. People can speak for five minutes on any agenda item included in the business paper. Bookings are essential for the public access session.

Public question time: A public question time is held following public access. There is no need to book. People who wish to ask a question may put up their hand and the Mayor will call each in turn. The question may have to be taken on notice should an immediate answer not be able to be given.

Councillor Briefings

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings so staff can provide background on issues and Councillors can brainstorm and discuss.

Briefings are held in the Council Chambers from 6pm and are open to the public unless a matter is commercial in confidence.

Councillor Interviews

Councillor interviews give members of the public a chance to meet and speak face to face with their elected representatives. Interviews will recommence in November following the Councillor induction process.

CBD lunchtime interviews

CBD lunchtime interviews are held on the third Thursday of each month between 12.30pm and 1.30pm at the Lismore City Library. Two Councillors attend on a roster and bookings are essential.

After hours interviews

After hours interviews are held first and third Monday of each month commencing at 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre. Two Councillors attend on a roster and bookings are essential.

For bookings, phone Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87.

Councillor Contacts

If you would like to discuss local issues with your elected representatives, you can get in touch with them via the contact details below. You can also send correspondence to any of your Councillors care of Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

For general enquiries, phone Lismore City Council on 1300 87 83 87, email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or visit our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.



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COLOURFUL CARAVANS HELP TO STAMP OUT GRAFFITI

You may have recently noticed colourful new site offices at our roadwork sites as part of a new project to stamp out tagging and spread art throughout the community.

The first caravan – now known as the Bat Mobile – was painted by local artist Jeremy Austin and there is currently a team of local artists working to paint all seven of Council’s roadwork site offices.

The seventh caravan will feature another artwork by Jeremy Austin, which he will paint live over two days at the North Coast National in late October.

The caravans are normally white, and therefore a magnet for taggers. This means they often end up looking pretty horrible, making our roadwork sites look unkempt and ugly as people drive past.

Transforming the caravans into canvases for local street artists is designed to deter this tagging, save Council money on cleaning and promote local artists and their talent. The revitalised caravans will also brighten up the city whenever roadworks are taking place.

“It’s simple and effective – and it’s good exposure for our many local street artists,” Executive Director Infrastructure Services Gary Murphy said.

“Lismore has really embraced street art through the Back Alley Gallery and this carries that through into other aspects of the city. This project is so positive on so many levels – it’s bright, it’s colourful, it employs local people and it celebrates the talented artists that live and work here.”

SAVE THE DATE: BIG SCRUB RAINFOREST DAY

The 18th annual Big Scrub Rainforest Day is coming up on Sunday, 16 October at Rocky Creek Dam.

The day will include a keynote address by environmentalist Bob Brown at 11.15am.

There are also guided bird, plant use and rainforest restoration walks; practical workshops; talks facilitated by some of Australia’s leading ecologists, bush regenerators, naturalists and scientists; food and entertainment; and information displays and stalls.

There are also free activities for families such as face painting, a storytelling tent for children under eight, live music under the trees, cooking demonstrations and more.

The Big Scrub Rainforest Day runs from 7am to 3pm and entry is by gold coin donation. For a full program visit www.bigscrubrainforest.org.au.

Save the date: community open day

There will be a special community open day at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Saturday, 19 November to celebrate the 15th birthday of Northern Rivers Waste.

The free family fun day includes bus tours, garbage truck competitions, recycled markets and old wares sale, craft and composting activities for kids, face painting, food and coffee, and prizes and giveaways.

Please note: *The facility will be closed to waste disposal.*

Browns Creek toilet closes for refurbishment

Please be aware that following the school holidays the Browns Creek Carpark toilets will be closed for refurbishment.

The \$140,000 project will see a complete fit out of the building, including new baby change table. While the work is being undertaken, temporary port-a-loos will be available on site.

The refurbishment is expected to take around four weeks.



NEW SCULPTURE EXHIBITION A UNIQUELY LISMORE EXPERIENCE

Sydney-based artist Kenzee Patterson will explore his ancestral links to Lismore in his new exhibition *A tree branches, so does a river* opening this Saturday, 1 October at Lismore Regional Gallery.

Kenzee's family has significant links to Lismore with his ancestors involved in the logging of red cedar during the mid-19th century and the construction of the old Lismore Post Office clock tower.

"My draw to this art nouveau structure stems from a family rumour that one of my ancestors was employed in the construction of the clock tower. Specifically, it was my great great grandfather whom is supposed to have contributed to the ornate wrought iron belfry, which sits atop the tower," Kenzee explained.

"I am fascinated by the overlap between the work potentially undertaken by my ancestor over 100 years ago and my own contemporary art making."

As part of his exhibition, Kenzee has created a series of steel sculptures that relate to the material and process of the wrought iron belfry.

Patterson is also fascinated by history's ability to blur fact and fiction, and explores the "slippery nature of time and memory" and the effect this fluidity has on the recounting of histories.

"The Lismore Post Office clock tower is a rich symbol of the difficulties inherent in abiding by a linear understanding of time," he said.

"Newspaper articles from the period soon after its construction decried the clock's inability to keep regular time, and in 1900, the same year that it was finished, a worker attempting to fix the wayward clock mechanism fell from the top of the clock tower and fractured his skull.

"Other newspaper reports from the same era lamented the discordant chime bells that were housed in the clock tower. A newspaper article from February 1902 summed up the community's feeling about the bells: '... as a colonial-made article they have been a great disappointment.'

"Before they were installed, they were a source of great pride to the people of NSW, as they were cast in Sydney at the Paragon Foundry.



A new exhibition by Kenzee Patterson at Lismore Regional Gallery explores his ancestor's relationship to Lismore through the cedar trade and construction of the old Lismore Post Office clock tower.

"Due to the fact that the bells could not be tuned, they were removed from the clock tower, and thought to be lost. Through my research I have discovered what actually happened to them, and my exhibition explains this mystery."

Kenzee is hoping to organise a ringing of the clock's striking bell during his exhibition, a resounding that will be heard throughout Lismore. This bell has not been struck for more than 15 years.

As part of *A tree has branches, so does a river*, Kenzee considers the cultural and ecological impacts of the arrival of non-Indigenous people in the area, the traditional lands of the people of the Bundjalung Nation. He also focuses on the imperceptible connections and complex ecological relationship between red cedar trees and the cedar tip moth. The forms of his sculptures echo the chemical structures of pheromones released by the trees and the moths.

This uniquely Lismore exhibition runs from 1 October to 3 December at Lismore Regional Gallery. Kenzee Patterson will give an artist's talk at the gallery at 11am on Thursday, 6 October and will then host a kids workshop that afternoon from 2pm as part of the free Arty Party kids art festival in Spinks Park.



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.

08/320-2 20 Funnell Drive, Modanville: Section 96(1A) modification to add an awning to the approved shed.

15/4-4 154 and 154A Ballina Road, Lismore: Section 96(1A) modification for a review of the Section 94 levies to reflect the number of units.

15/58 11 Hurley Street, Lismore: Alterations and extension to an existing dwelling to create a dual occupancy.

15/252-2 54 Wanda Drive, East Lismore: Section 96(1A) modification to add a window to the rear (back) wall of shed.

16/51-2 629 Cowlong Road, Eltham: Section 96(1A) modification to approved dwelling by minor changes to internal configuration (non-structural) and to increase the size of the deck.

16/130 237 Gungas Road, Nimbin: Dwelling.

16/134 73 Fig Tree Drive, Goonellabah: Attached dual occupancy with a building line variation to 5.14m to Fig Tree Drive.

16/161 149 Laurel Avenue, Lismore: Strata subdivision, construction of a dwelling, demolition of existing dwelling and earthworks, tree removal and associated infrastructure connections within two stages.

16/168 51 May Street, Dunoon: Detached dual occupancy.

16/169 4 Kallee Place, Goonellabah: Residential flat building including three units (triplex) with a building line variation for retaining walls and bin storage.

16/178 95 Cullen Street, Nimbin: Dwelling with carport.

16/199 6 Cochran Street, Lismore: Attached dual occupancy.

16/214 16 Cochran Place, Lismore: Two sheds.

16/235 3 Myall Court, Caniaba: Dwelling and retaining walls.

16/252 51 Caniaba Street, South Lismore: Carport with building line variation to 1.85m.

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16/254 9 Corinne Place, Goonellabah: Demolition of a shed and erection of a new shed.

16/256 3 North Street, Lismore: Carport with 1m building line variation.

16/262 246 Billen Road, Georgica: Dwelling.

16/273 399 Caniaba Road, Caniaba: Additions to existing dwelling including family room, bedroom and bathroom joined by a connecting walkway.

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: 16/294

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 109A and 109 Alexandra Parade and 2, 24A, 24 and 30 Dunoon Road, North Lismore (LOT 2 DP 936240, Lot 1 DP 930931, Lot 1 DP 936240, Lot 1 DP 318745, Lot 1 DP 189297 and Lot 2 DP 548587).

APPLICANT: GM Project and Development Management.

DESCRIPTION: Primitive Camping Ground.

CLOSING DATE: 12 October 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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The first ordinary Council meeting of the newly elected Council will be held on Tuesday, 11 October.

Items on the agenda include:

- Election of Deputy Mayor.
- Councillor appointments to committees and advisory panels.

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 October.

Items on the agenda include:

- Nimbin Advisory Panel appointment.
- Community Strategic Plan review.
- Investments.

Both meetings will be 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, 25 October the agenda includes:

- Reconciliation Action Plan.
- LEP amendments.
- Planning and Rezoning 101.

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

For more information about meetings and briefings, phone Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87.



TRAFFIC ALERTS

New roundabout at Trinity Bus exchange: Leycester and Hindmarsh Street intersection, Lismore

We are commencing construction of a new concrete roundabout to replace the existing painted one under Federal Black Spot funding.

During roadworks, temporary detours will be in place to allow us to get as much work done as possible in the September-October school holidays. We will reopen the intersection to traffic on 10 October 2016.

We will then close the intersection on another weekend to finalise the works out of school hours. We apologise for the temporary detours. Look for our electronic signboard for traffic control updates.

Water main construction at Wyrallah Public School end of Nielson Street, East Lismore

We are replacing the water main in Nielson Street south of Elizabeth Street and in the adjoining Eastside Place.

Traffic control will be in place during these works, which we will complete during the September-October school holidays.

Lismore CBD: Dawson Street end of John Crowther Carpark

Works are continuing on new stormwater and sewer pipes in the Dawson Street end of the John Crowther Carpark.

A small part of the carpark and its Dawson Street driveway will remain closed. Alternative access to the carpark will be detoured to Woodlark, Zadoc and Keen Streets/Richmond Lane.

We apologise for the temporary disruption over the coming month.

Nimbin: Tuntable Creek Road and adjoining Gungas Road

Roadworks are continuing along the 0.5km section of these roads either side of the Tuntable Falls Road intersection.

We are extending the road culverts in preparation for fixing these sections of road in coming months. Thanks for your patience.



FREE FUN AND GAMES AT ARTY PARTY

The Arty Party – an annual kids art festival where you can play, create and enjoy free fun – will be held in Spinks Park next Thursday, 6 October.

This delightful school holiday event gives children the chance to enjoy a day of playful art-making with experienced local artists and performers.

Hosted by Peggy Popart, the festival features Roundabout Theatre performers, local artists, storytellers, musicians and dancers who will engage the community in fun, creative activities.

The event is free and runs from 11am to 4pm in Spinks Park, Lismore.

The Arty Party is presented by 100 Wonder Place in partnership with the Lismore Regional Gallery, the Lismore Business Panel and Lismore City Council. The event will be Auslan interpreted and is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, visit 100wonderplace.com.au.



KOALA HABITAT EOI EXTENDED

Due to some technical difficulties that left us without a website recently, we are extending the deadline for our current landholder expression of interest until Wednesday, 5 October.

The EOI open to landholders in the Nimbin, Stoney Chute, Blue Knob, Georgica, Mountain Top and Terania Creek areas that have koala corridors or evidence of resident koalas.

The expression of interest is part of the ongoing Rural Landholder Initiative, which is a key part of Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy. The Rural Landholder Initiative is a capacity-building program that assists rural landholders to manage and protect biodiversity on their properties.

Successful landholders will receive targeted tree planting and weed removal on their property.

For more information phone 1300 87 83 87 or to complete an expression of interest, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Applications close at 4pm on Wednesday, 5 October.

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.

YOUR COVER

Each spring here at our Corporate Centre, an anonymous gentleman comes and delivers a huge bunch of beautiful waratahs fresh from his garden. We can't tell you just how happy this simple gesture makes our staff and it fills the office with goodwill and warmth. Thank you Mr Waratah Man, you make us proud to call Lismore home.





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