



# LOCAL MATTERS

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# OUR BIRTHDAY IS COMING...

Make sure you leave Saturday, 19 November free in your diary for a special community open day to celebrate the 15th birthday of our waste operations arm, Northern Rivers Waste.

The birthday coincides with National Recycling Week and to celebrate these two occasions, Council is hosting a family fun day with lots of free activities.

There will be food and coffee to enjoy as well as lots of interesting things to see and do including:

- Bus tours of the facility including the MRF and newly opened organics processing pad
- Bin-lifting competition
- Recycled Market and Old Wares Sale
- Guided walks through the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens and our landfill rehabilitation areas
- Recycled craft and composting activities for kids
- Love Food Hate Waste cooking workshops
- North East Waste's *The Greenhouse* (fun recycling games for kids)
- Interactive water catchment model
- Free face painting
- Recycled sculpture displays
- Prizes and giveaways

Northern Rivers Waste's 15th birthday community open day is on Saturday, 19 November from 9am to 2pm at 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore. All activities are free and everyone is welcome.

*Please note: The facility will be closed to waste disposal from 9am to 2pm.*

# ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND DELEGATIONS

At its first meeting on 11 October 2016, Council resolved the following:

- That Gianpiero Battista be elected Deputy Mayor until September 2017.
- That Councillors Vanessa Ekins and Darlene Cook be elected as the Rous County Council delegates for the term of Council.
- That Councillor Bill Moorhouse be elected as the Traffic Advisory Committee delegate for the term of Council.
- That Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Adam Guise be elected as the Richmond Tweed Regional Library Committee delegates for the term of Council.

# MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

## 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, 1 November the agenda includes:

- Part road closure of Brunswick Street.
- CBD, economic development, tourism and events.
- Emergency management.

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

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8 November.

Items on the agenda include:

- Brunswick Street proposed part road closure.
- Nimbin Advisory Group appointment.
- Reconciliation Action Plan.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

# PLEASE TAKE OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY: YOUR FEEDBACK WILL HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

We are currently reviewing our Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan and invite the community to take part in an online survey about priorities for the future.

The plan was developed four years ago and was created following an 18-month community consultation. For the last four years, we have been implementing projects and actions in line with what the community told us they would like to see happening in the city and surrounding villages.

With the election of a new Council, it is time to see if people have the same priorities or would like us to take a different approach.

Every four years under NSW legislation, councils are required to review the Community Strategic Plan. This ensures Council understands the needs of its residents, and enables the new Council to plan projects and actions to undertake over the next four years.

The community-wide survey is just one component of a broader community engagement – we are also running face to face workshops with community members and hard-to-reach groups over the next few months.

All feedback will be presented to the new Council so they can make decisions on how the revised plan should look.

We will develop the plan early in 2017, with a detailed four-year Delivery Program that will list all works and projects to be undertaken between now and 2021.

We will exhibit the draft plan for public feedback in May, with a final plan to be presented to Council for adoption in June. The new Community Strategic Plan will take effect from July 1 2017.

Help us to create the best plan possible and ensure it captures what you want for your future.

Please take the survey at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) – it only takes about 10 minutes. If you do not have computer access, hard copies are available at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and at Lismore Library, 110 Magellan Street, Lismore.



Please take the survey at  
[www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au)

# VILLAGE WELL CONSULTATION TO DEVELOP PLACEMAKING STRATEGIES FOR LISMORE



Council is running a community consultation in partnership with placemaking experts Village Well to develop strategies for activating and populating our city spaces including the new Lismore Quadrangle, CBD and riverbank.

The consultation will be held in Lismore throughout November, with Village Well consultants talking to people about what defines place for them and how Council can create experiences for visitors and local residents that are fulfilling and unique to Lismore.

The consultation will include a Retailer Survey, Kitchen Table Conversations, a Place Vision Charrette and Listening Posts. These different consultation methods will give different people a chance to contribute, from CBD business owners to local residents. Consultants will discuss a range of issues, including how people would like to see the new quadrangle or 'town square' off Keen Street used into the future.

The feedback received will be used to create three strategies:

- The Quadrangle Creative Placemaking Strategy to activate the new public town square and Lismore Regional Gallery site. This will include recommendations on the management of public events and programming within the quadrangle.

- A CBD Retail Strategy to boost growth in the city centre. This will include recommendations relating to retail mix, physical improvements, programming and events for the CBD, marketing and new projects.
- A Bridge to Bridge Masterplan and Plan of Management to restore the riverbank between the two CBD bridges. There will be one plan for the CBD side and one plan for South Lismore. These plans will include looking at opportunities for creating new attractions such as artists' hubs, markets, more walking trails etc.

Lismore is already doing engaging placemaking through various events and activities such as Eat the Street, the Arty Party and the recycled Christmas tree.

With the opening of the new Lismore Regional Gallery and quadrangle in mid-2017 there is an opportunity to strategically plan how Council can best use this new town square, the CBD and our riverbank spaces into the future.

These plans will eliminate any duplication of effort, and ensure that Lismore CBD is growing with a clear vision and a distinctive identity.

Community members will have a chance to provide feedback from mid-November through a series of 'Listening Posts' in the CBD where Village Well consultants will talk directly to people on the street. There will also be one held in South Lismore.

Please check out next fortnight's *Local Matters* for dates and locations where you can get involved.



## Who are Village Well?

Since 1992, Village Well have been working with communities, organisations and governments to develop distinctive places.

Village Well was instrumental in the activation of Melbourne's Flinders Lane and Degraes Street in the early 90s, a process which successfully transformed Melbourne's laneways.

Village Well has been involved with activating small towns and main streets across Australia and master planning for public spaces.

# CBD FOOTPATH UPGRADE BEGINS

Council has started consulting with local businesses about the \$1.5 million upgrade of footpaths in Lismore CBD's main block.

The upgrade will take place over four years, with the inner footpaths of Keen, Molesworth and Woodlark Streets being fully reconstructed and Magellan Street receiving some repairs.

Keen Street will be upgraded first to coincide with the \$5.8 million Lismore Quadrangle project, which includes construction of a new Lismore Regional Gallery and town square just off Keen Street.

The upgrade of the inner footpaths was listed as a priority by the CBD Citizens' Jury convened in 2014.

A CBD/Riverbank Feedback Group was then established after the Citizens' Jury as a Council advisory group that could provide guidance and feedback as projects progressed.

Council is now working with this CBD/Riverbank Feedback Group as well as businesses in Keen Street to determine what type of materials will be used and when is the best time for work to begin. Preliminary consultation suggests that pavers similar to Magellan Street are favoured and that work is likely to take place during the quieter January/February period.



*Tropicana owner Alex Coronakes with Council's CBD footpath upgrade Project Communications Officer Philip Tsourlinis (left) and Project Manager Martin Soutar.*

# NATIONAL GALLERY EXHIBITION AT LISMORE LIBRARY

Lismore Library is currently hosting Elaine and Jim Wolfensohn's travelling exhibition from the National Gallery of Australia.



*The Blue Case arrives at Lismore Library.*

In 1988 Jim Wolfensohn (the Australian-born former president of the World Bank) donated funds to enable the National Gallery of Australia to buy museum-quality works of art to travel Australia as part of an ongoing exhibition program.

The Blue Case, *Technology*, showcases the works of six contemporary Australian artists and designers. It is on show at the Lismore Library until 21 November.

# POSITIONS VACANT

Please find below our latest employment opportunities:

Position Title	Salary	Closing Date
Strategic Procurement Coordinator	\$1,566.80 to \$1,801.82 per week + super	30/10/2016
Partnering and Engagement Officer	\$1,351.80 to \$1,554.57 per week + super	30/10/2016
Team Leader Line and Signs (Civil Construction)	\$986.80 to \$1,134.82 per week + super	30/10/2016
Tourism Services Officer (Casual)	\$30.94 per hour + super	30/10/2016

**For further information or to apply visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**



## 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.

**06/854-5** 17 Mackellar Place, Goonellabah Section 96(1A) modification to delete condition 75.

**16/22** 1241 Keerrong Road, Keerrong Inground swimming pool, carport, shower room and separate laundry.

**16/139** 213 Cameron Road, McLeans Ridges Detached dual occupancy with building line variation to 11.8m.

**16/145** 151 Orion Street, Lismore Detached dual occupancy, attached carport and associated retaining walls.

**16/176** 16 Cowley Road, Dunoon Dwelling.

**16/185** 98, 7/98, 8/98 and 9/98 Woodlark Street, Lismore Change of use (three vacant shops) to a bar.

**16/186** 1241 Keerrong Road, Keerrong Detached dual occupancy (conversion of existing bales), demolition, plunge pool, alterations and additions to the principal dwelling and an expanded dwelling (principal dwelling).

**16/200** 33 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah To undertake the removal of three trees.

**16/233** 488 and 492 Rous Road, Tregeagle Subdivision (boundary alteration).

**16/260** 313 Wyrallah Road, Monaltrie Extension of the use of the existing Resource Recovery Facility, awning and relocated water tanks.

**16/268** 358 Dunoon Road, North Lismore Dwelling, shed and inground swimming pool.

**16/292** 19 Walker Street, Clunes Free standing pergola and tree pruning.

**16/302** 13 Belbourie Crescent, Boat Harbour Inground swimming pool.

**16/321** 13 Belbourie Crescent, Boat Harbour Roof extension, roof over pool and pool pump enclosure.

**16/328** 100 Mollys Grasss Road, Tregeagle Inground swimming pool.

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).



## BEXHILL DAIRY, GRAZING AND BIODIVERSITY FIELD DAY

Thursday, 10 November from 9am to 1pm (includes lunch)

Come along to take a practical look at how soil biology and biodiversity have changed the way David, Josh and Teresa Wilson work their dairy farm at Bexhill.



HEALTHY LAND AND WATERWAYS

The day will be of interest to dairy farmers, graziers and local landholders keen on learning more about managing the natural aspects of their properties like soils, creeks and wetlands. You will learn techniques to successfully manage significant weeds, the use of dung beetles for soil health and other soil improvement actions.

The Wilsons' farm provides a practical example of how restoration of riverbanks and looking after soil biology is improving the health of the dairy herd and milk production, as well as reducing their costs.

Expert presenters include:

- John Grant (Southern Cross University): Learn about soil science and management that will challenge the way you view the importance of soil in grazing land management.
- Emma Stone (Whian Whian Landcare): Learn how dung beetles benefit pasture condition. See a practical demonstration.
- Jesse Vandebosch (BigScrub Regen): Learn how to achieve successful ecological restoration with practical hands-on advice and demonstration of weed control and revegetation techniques including species selection.
- Theresa Adams (Lismore City Council): Learn about a new tool developed for landholders to self-assess their farm health and identify best practice and innovative management practices for biodiversity.

Lunch is free but bookings are essential. RSVP on 1300 87 83 87.

*Please note: Directions to the field day will be provided when you RSVP.*



# SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

## For the year ended 30 June 2016

Notice is hereby given that at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 8 November 2016, the Audited Financial Reports and the Auditor's Report for the period ended 30 June 2016 will be presented to the public.

In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any person may make a submission to Council with respect to the Audited Financial Reports or the Auditor's Report for Lismore City Council for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Submissions close on Tuesday, 15 November 2016 at 4.30pm.

Submissions can be made online, by email 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.

A copy of the audited reports will be available for inspection at Council's Corporate Centre in Goonellabah and on Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) from 26 October 2016.

**For enquiries phone John Hartley or Amanda Binney on 1300 87 83 87.**

## A summary of the financial reports is outlined below.

Item	2015/16 (\$,000)	2014/15 (\$,000)
<b><i>Income Statement</i></b>		
Total income from continuing operations	112,005	102,815
Total expenses from continuing operations	98,079	101,940
Operating result from continuing operations	13,926	875
Net operating result for the year	13,926	875
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	3,391	(3,260)
<b><i>Statement of Financial Position</i></b>		
Total current assets	53,366	53,849
Total current liabilities	(21,386)	(23,845)
Total non-current assets	1,107,098	1,070,002
Total non-current liabilities	(41,307)	(44,776)
Total equity	1,097,771	1,055,230

Item	2015/16 (\$,000)	2014/15 (\$,000)
<b><i>Other Financial Information</i></b>		
Operating Performance Ratio	4.39%	-2.46%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	77.75%	82.61%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	1.45x	1.51x
Debt Service Cover Ratio	4.35x	3.26x
Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage	10.71%	11.38%
Cash Expense Cover Ratio	5.16 mths	5.25 mths
Building, Infrastructure & Other Structures Renewal Ratio	98.21%	94.11%
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio	21.55%	23.64%
Asset Maintenance Ratio	0.99	0.98
External Borrowings	43,218	46,669
Internal Borrowings	5,314	6,080



# TRAFFIC ALERTS FOR CBD AND CLUNES

## Roadworks: Magellan and Cathcart Street intersection, Lismore

We are fixing the road and drainage in Cathcart Street in stages over the next few months. Work is starting on the first stage at the Magellan Street end of Cathcart Street and will gradually proceed south towards its Conway Street intersection.

During this first stage of works, we will need to temporarily close Magellan Street at its Cathcart Street intersection outside Crozier Field. Temporary detours will be in place for about three weeks.

We apologise for traffic disruptions during these staged roadworks. Look for our electronic signboards for traffic control updates.

## Water main replacement: Jarvis Street and Smith Street, Clunes village

We are replacing the water main in Jarvis Street and Smith Street in Clunes village. Works will start in Jarvis Street and once these are complete, will continue in Smith Street.

Work started this week and will take about 10 weeks unless we experience wet weather.

Traffic disruptions should be minor and we would appreciate the cooperation of residents to comply with traffic control during these essential works.



# TENDER

## T2016-28: Supply of Various Materials and Services

Council is inviting submissions from suitably qualified and experienced companies or individuals to form a panel of suppliers of 'Various Materials and Services' for a period of one year, with an additional one-year option. Council's intention is to compile a list of 'approved suppliers' offering various materials and services to Council at a fixed price for the period stated.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 17 November 2016.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore) to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

**If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require further information, please phone Tenderlink on 1800 233 533.**

## YOUR COVER

Alex Coronakes is the owner of Tropicana Fruit Shop in Keen Street, Lismore. His uncle started the shop in the 1930s and his father Spero also owned the business. Alex has seen much change in Keen Street over the years and is looking forward to the upgrade of the Keen Street footpath. It is part of a \$1.5 million project to upgrade the inner CBD block, and Alex thinks it's well overdue. "It's not going to be an easy job – but it's great to see it being done. It will be nice to have it cleaned up to coincide with the opening of the new gallery." More details inside.







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