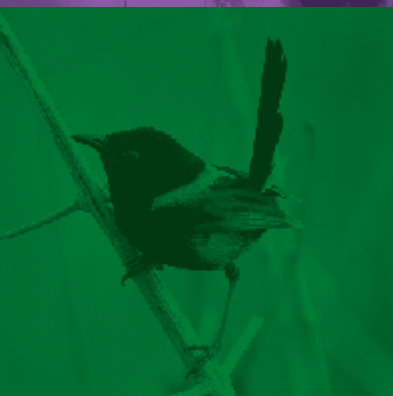


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BEACH WHEELCHAIR A TICKET TO FREEDOM

Lismore now has a beach wheelchair available for hire by local families, thanks to one woman's drive to give her son freedom and the generosity of several local organisations.

Angela Mathew first hired a beach wheelchair for her son Ashton two years ago on the Gold Coast. Ashton has very limited mobility due to a rare genetic condition, which means that family adventures like swimming at the beach or bushwalking are normally off-limits.

However with the beach wheelchair – the equivalent of a wheelchair monster truck with its oversized tyres and huge tread – Ashton's world opened up.

"I didn't want to leave Ashton at home while we all went to the beach or bushwalking – he's part of our family and we want him to be with us, not at home with a carer," Angela said.



Angela Mathew with son Ashton

"When we used the beach wheelchair it just changed everything – I saw the freedom it gave him and it was amazing to watch."

The expense of having to purchase a beach wheelchair that wouldn't get used every day was not viable for Angela, but when she approached local organisations for help they decided to join forces to purchase a beach wheelchair for Lismore families.

The Lismore City Lions Club purchased the chair for \$8300 in partnership with the Lions Northern NSW Community Trust. Lifestyle Solutions will cover the cost of ongoing maintenance and repairs, DAISI will operate the booking and hire system, and the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre (GSAC) will store the chair and act as a collection/drop-off point. Spinal Cord Injuries Australia – Northern Rivers has kindly provided training for GSAC staff.

"Some beach wheelchairs are quite large and cumbersome but this one fits into a family SUV. We are very excited that local families can hire the beach wheelchair and start enjoying the great outdoors," Council's Partnering and Community Engagement Officer Catherine Rosenbaum said.

"This project really demonstrates the power of community and organisations working together."

The beach wheelchair is available for pick-up seven days a week from GSAC at 50 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah. Summer hours for pick-up and drop-off are: Monday to Friday from 6am to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm.

The chair is available for hire for a 24-hour period and an individual is required at all times to support the wheelchair when being used outdoors.

Bookings can be made through DAISI on 1800 800 340 or email admin@daisi.asn.au. Bookings need to be made at least 48 hours in advance and a deposit of \$50 transferred by direct deposit to DAISI, which will be refunded upon return of the chair in good condition.

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FREE CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND FUN IN THE CBD



There is lots happening in Lismore this festive season to celebrate and spread the Christmas spirit.

The 2016 Shopbaby Carols in the Heart will light up Oakes Oval this Sunday, 11 December and throughout December in the CBD there is plenty of free fun for children to enjoy.

Carols in the Heart kicks off at 4pm this Sunday with children's activities including free face painting, jumping castle and letter writing to Santa. Entertainment and carol singing starts at 6pm with local school choirs and musicians plus the 2016 headline act, *X Factor* stars Matt and Jess.

Carols in the Heart will be hosted by NBN TV newsreader Paul Lobb and Santa will also make an appearance. Families can buy battery-operated candles to light the night sky and there will be food and refreshments courtesy of local charities, with all proceeds going to Jodie's Inspiration. A spectacular fireworks display will conclude the evening at 8.45pm.

The Christmas fun continues in all sorts of surprise packages in the CBD during December, with the Lismore Business Panel hosting lots of free activities.

Two 'Christmas trees' have been set up in the CBD – one at Toy Kingdom in Woodlark Street and the other at The Book Warehouse/Toy World in Keen Street – for children to decorate in the lead up to Christmas.

These trees are actually a native species (*Elaeocarpus Eumundii*) but have the shape of a traditional Christmas tree. Decorations are available for free from Toy Kingdom, Toy World and The Book Warehouse.

"We want to encourage people to come and enjoy our CBD this Christmas and spend money locally," City Centre Manager Jason Mumford said.

"There is no need to go outside of Lismore for great Christmas gifts – we have everything you could possibly want right here."

There will be free face painting and jumping castles in various locations throughout the CBD during December. Other Christmas activities happening within the CBD block include:

Roundabout Theatre Performances

Thursday, 22 December, 3pm to 7pm – **Santa's Scribes**
Saturday, 24 December, 10am to 2pm – **Christmas Angels**

Macadamia Castle Animal and Reptile Shows

Saturday, 17 December, 10am to 2pm
Tuesday, 20 December, 11am to 3pm
Thursday, 22 December, 3pm to 7pm
Saturday, 24 December, 10am to 2pm

Santa Appearances

Saturday, 17 December, 10am to 2pm
Tuesday, 20 December, 11am to 3pm
Thursday, 22 December, 3pm to 7pm

Happy Christmas to all and please shop locally this Christmas and support local business.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Following is a list of Christmas operating hours for Council's various sites and offices:

Corporate Centre

Closed from 4.30pm on Friday, 23 December until 8.30am on Tuesday, 3 January.

Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre

The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre will be closed on designated public holidays. This means the facility will be closed on the following days: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, 25-27 December and Sunday and Monday, 1-2 January.

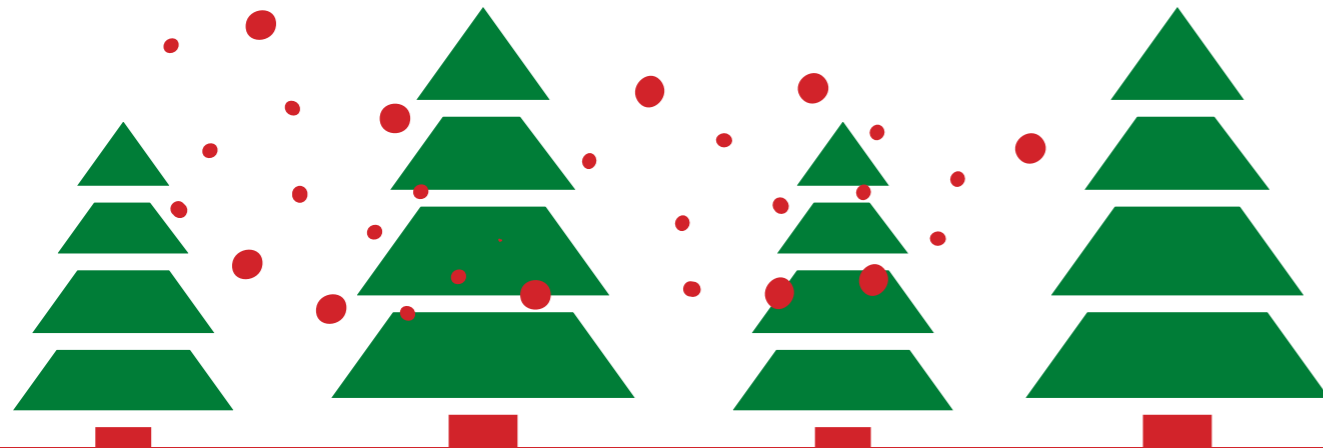
Libraries

Goonellabah Library will close at 5pm on Friday, 23 December. Lismore Library will close at 12pm on Saturday, 24 December. The Mobile Library will close at 11.30am at Bangalow on Saturday, 24 December.

Goonellabah and Lismore Libraries will reopen at 9.30am on Tuesday, 3 January. The Mobile Library will have its first stop for 2017 at Ocean Shores at 10.15am on Tuesday, 3 January.

GSAC and Lismore Memorial Baths

The Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and the Lismore Memorial Baths will be closed on designated public holidays. This means the facilities will be closed on the following days: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, 25-27 December and Sunday and Monday, 1-2 January. Normal operating hours will resume on Tuesday, 3 January.



REPAIR OF FAULTY STREETLIGHTS

The majority of streetlights within Lismore and its surrounding villages are owned and maintained by Essential Energy. We often get calls about faulty streetlights, but unfortunately this is not something we can fix.

As the owner of the street lighting network, any faulty streetlights need to be reported directly to Essential Energy. If you are aware of a damaged or non-operational streetlight in your area, phone 13 20 80 or report the fault online by visiting www.essentialenergy.com.au and clicking on 'Our Network' and then 'Streetlights'. There is a simple online form you can fill out in this section.

If Essential Energy fails to repair faulty street lighting on or before the date you have agreed with them, they must pay compensation of no less than \$15 for 'loss of illumination'. Full details of terms and conditions are available on their website.

Thanks everyone!

DA APPROVALS GO DIGITAL IN 2017

Lismore City Council's development application (DA) approvals will be signed and delivered digitally from January 2017.

All DA approvals will be recorded electronically, signed by Council staff with a digital signature and sent to applicants via email or other electronic means.

Council will no longer be issuing hardcopy DA consents unless applicants make a specific request to have a paper copy of the electronic record.

The move to e-approvals is designed to improve security in the digital age, deliver information as quickly as possible, save paper and postage costs, and reduce Council's environmental footprint.

The move to electronic DA approvals is part of a greater push to progressively make all of Council's correspondence for business transactions electronic.

DRONE TECHNOLOGY SAVES TIME AND MONEY

Council has taken another leap into the 21st century and is now using a drone for wastewater trunk main and overflow inspections.

The new DJI Phantom 4 will undertake difficult rural inspections, which can be time-consuming for staff and often requires travel through paddocks and along creeks. These sites require significant brushcutting and other works just to maintain access.

The drone cost Council less than \$3000 and is expected to save around \$25,000 annually in staff time.

“We will be able to move along creeks and through countryside to check wastewater lines from above without needing staff access,” Waste and Wastewater Inspector Joe Morrissey said.

“In future we hope to use the drone for a whole range of other activities including bridge inspections, tree inspections and before and after flyovers of major works.

“There is capacity to use this technology for a lot of different applications where jobs are dangerous or difficult. It’s great to see Council embracing technology and being innovative in approaching how we undertake our day-to-day business.”



Testing the new DJI Phantom 4 drone is Waste and Wastewater Inspector Joe Morrissey (left) and Plant Operator Blake Brewer-Charles.

LAST CHANCE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

There is only a short time left to nominate someone for a 2017 Australia Day Award.

The awards are designed to recognise ordinary people doing extraordinary things, whether it is volunteering their time, contributing to environmental or cultural pursuits, achieving in sports, or excelling in their chosen profession.

Nominations take just 10 minutes to complete online, and awards will be presented at the Australia Day Awards ceremony on 26 January 2017. Nominations close on Friday, 16 December 2016.

Categories in 2017 are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Aboriginal Citizen of the Year, Services in Community (Individual), Services in Community (Group), Sportsman (Senior), Sportsman (Junior), Sports (Team/Group/Organisation), Sustainable Environment and Art/Cultural.

To nominate someone special, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



COUNCIL HALF-DAY CLOSURE

Lismore City Council’s Corporate Centre, depots and the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre will be closed from 12pm on Friday, 16 December.

Normal hours will resume for all sites on Monday, 19 December.





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.

07/602-2 554 Ballina Road, Goonellabah: Section 96(1A) modification to amend condition 1 to alter approved use of Lot 1 from public reserve to residential, amend condition 60 to remove reference to Lot 1 and remove conditions 61 and 62.

09/77-2 51 Funnell Drive, Modanville: Section 96(1A) modification to amend the floor plan and construction material used for the previously approved dwelling.

09/415-2 139 Bangalow Road, Howards Grass: Section 96(1A) modification to move site of carport closer to the dwelling and enlarge footprint of the carport to 9m x 6m and vary conditions 20 and 21.

11/413-3 47 Muldoon Road, Loftville: Section 96(1A) modification to remove the construction of a new dwelling from the consent.

13/381-2 334 James Gibson Road, Corndale: Section 96(1A) modification to increase the number of wedding events to 25.

16/206 109 James Street, Dunoon: Strata subdivision.

16/223 269 Gungas Road, Nimbin: A new carport and connection of the enclosure of the existing deck and use of this area for the purposes of an enclosed deck.

16/229 46 Tulsi Lane, Nimbin: Dwelling and carport.

16/239 16 Industry Drive and 23 Rifle Range Road, East Lismore: Information and education facility with associated internal driveway and removal of trees.

16/258 2 Kallee Place, Goonellabah: Attached dual occupancy.

16/270 1796 Nimbin Road, Coffee Camp: Detached dual occupancy (conversion of dairy bails).

16/277 6 Tareeda Way, Nimbin: Dwelling.

16/308 11 Paterson Road, The Channon: Subdivision to create one additional lot.

16/319 15 John O'Neill Circuit, Goonellabah: Attached dual occupancy.

16/324 315 River Bank Road, Monaltrie: Dwelling.

16/327 158 Bangalow Road, Howards Grass: Change of use of a residential dwelling to a Group Home (permanent).

16/344 36 Pagottos Ridge Road, North Lismore: Dwelling.

16/344-2 36 Pagottos Ridge Road, North Lismore: Section 96(1) modification to correct errors in wording of conditions.

16/347 20 Kathryn Drive, Goonellabah: Carport roof attached to existing structure.

16/350 19 Campbell Street, Wyrallah: Shed and carport.

16/355 16 Renwick Street, Lismore Heights: Demolition of part of dwelling and addition of kitchen, living room, bathroom, laundry and deck.

16/364 9 Myall Court, Caniaba: Dwelling, shed, swimming pool and removal of tree.

16/366 46 Conte Street, East Lismore: Dwelling and retaining walls.

16/367 67 Crown Street, South Lismore: Extend existing front verandah with a 2m building line variation, new covered deck at rear and internal renovations.

16/370 5 Myall Court, Caniaba: Dwelling.

16/379 47 Muldoon Road, Loftville: 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.





TRAFFIC ALERTS

Roadworks underway

It is a busy time of year for everyone including our road and water main work teams. We thank you for your patience if travelling through these work zones. Keep an eye out for our electronic signboards as traffic control arrangements may change.



Cathcart Street near Crozier Field, Lismore

Cathcart Street roadworks continue with a temporary road closure between its Magellan and Conway Street intersections. Detour options via Ewing Street to the south and Magellan Street to the north.

Oliver Avenue and Phillip Street, Goonellabah

Oliver Avenue water main works continue at its intersection with Phillip Street, Goonellabah, in preparation for a new roundabout. Alternative routes to bypass these roadworks include Ballina Road/Simeoni Drive (past the Goonellabah Shopping Centre).

We plan to start the roundabout around mid to late January 2017 and will keep you posted.

Gungas Road at Tuntable Falls Road intersection, Nimbin

Gungas Road works continue for 0.5km either side of the Tuntable Falls Road intersection.

Wilson Street south of Elliott Road, South Lismore

Wilson Street will be temporarily closed south of its Elliott Road intersection and detours will be in place via Crown and Newbridge Streets except for local traffic.

The work is part of the new Wilson Street Bridge that is planned to be open around Christmas. We will let you know when this new link road to the South Lismore Industrial Estate is open.

Planned works for January 2017

Inner CBD footpath – Keen Street between Woodlark and Magellan Streets

As part of our CBD footpath renewal program, we plan to start replacing this section of the Keen Street footpath in late January/early February 2017. We will continue to work with adjoining business owners and advise you of the plan for works once we have a confirmed start date.

Rous Road and Pleasant Street intersection, Goonellabah

We plan to start building a new roundabout here in early January 2017. This will include temporary closure of the intersection during this quieter traffic period.

Detours around the intersection will be via Taylor Avenue, Fischer Street and Tevan Street to the west and Ballina Road, Simeoni Drive and Oliver Avenue to the east (past the Goonellabah Shopping Centre). Taylor Avenue and Spring Avenue will remain open.

Ballina Road between Holland Street and Pineapple Road intersections, Goonellabah

Asphalt works are planned for this stretch of Ballina Road between mid and late January 2017. Works will take about two weeks subject to dry weather and we plan on doing some after-hours works to minimise traffic disruptions.

Boatharbour Road, Boatharbour

A reminder that Boatharbour Road will be temporarily closed 1.3km east of its Bangalow Road intersection in early to mid January. This will allow us to replace a road culvert pipe that will take about two weeks. We will then reopen the road to complete associated roadworks under traffic control.

Detours will be either via Eltham Road/Bangalow Road to the north or Cameron Road/Cowlong Road to the east. We have advised local residents and will update you once we have a confirmed start date.

Thanks everyone... stay safe on the roads this Christmas and please always follow traffic control.



QUOTE FOR OAKES OVAL REDESIGN

Council is looking for an individual or company to deliver a masterplan and detailed design plans for the Oakes Oval Redevelopment Project.

The project includes redeveloping Oakes Oval to bring the facility up to a standard that will attract national representative sporting opportunities, particularly AFL fixtures, to the Northern Rivers.

A detailed concept plan and general scope has been developed for this project which includes extension of the oval, replacement of grandstands and amenities blocks, and other improvements.

The deliverables by the contractor will include, but aren't limited to, a masterplan, a geotech report and a flood modelling report for various items, and the preparation of design plans which will be used as a specification for a future tender of the actual works.

The successful contractor will have experience in the fields of civil engineering, planning and/or landscape architecture or similar. The successful contractor will have a good working knowledge with all relevant Australian Standards, the Building Code of Australia, and other relevant best-practice guidelines.

Submissions close at 2pm on 30 December 2016.

For full submission details, please visit Tenderlink at www.tenderlink.com/lismore. Should you require any clarification, phone our Open Space Assets Coordinator Martin Soutar on 1300 87 83 87.



T2016-35: DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL VEHICLES

We are disposing of the following vehicles by tender in conjunction with Richmond Valley Council:

Lismore City Council

- 4 x Hyundai Santa Fe (3 x auto, 1 x manual) diesel

For information phone our Contact Centre on 1300 87 83 87.

Richmond Valley Council

- 1 x VW Golf TSI auto petrol
- 1 x Toyota Kluger KX-R V6 auto

For information, phone Colin Carey on 6660 0300.

Information and vehicles will be available for inspection (sorry, no test drives) from 11.30am to 1.30pm on Monday, 12 December at the Lismore City Environment Education Centre carpark located at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

Bid sheets will be available on the day. Submissions will only be accepted in writing and are required to be placed in the Tender Box in the foyer of Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

YOUR COVER

The 2016 Shopbaby Carols in the Heart are coming up this Sunday, 11 December at Oakes Oval. Join in the Christmas spirit with carol singing, free kids entertainment and fireworks. There are also heaps of free activities taking place in the CBD during December... see inside for full details.





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