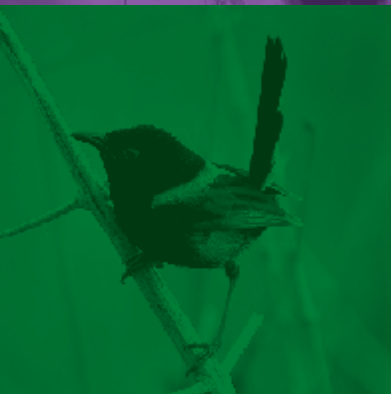


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NEW CHRISTMAS TREE CARRIES ON RECYCLED TRADITION

Lismore is the proud owner of a new recycled Christmas tree in 2016 – a gift from Lismore City Council to the community.

The recycled Christmas tree made by Council staff in 2015 was such a resounding success that management and staff thought it should become an annual tradition.

While last year's tree was made of recycled bicycles, this year's CBD centrepiece on the corner of Keen and Magellan Streets is made of old car



tyres and hub caps painted by Council staff and their families.

Meanwhile, the bicycle Christmas tree has found a new home in Clunes – a gift to village residents and a chance for visitors entering the Local Government

Area to get a taste of Lismore's personality.

"We love the idea of doing a tree each year made of recycled materials," General Manager Gary Murphy said.

"The trees represent everything Lismore is about. They are sustainable, resourceful, colourful and quirky. We think it suits the personality of our city and our region, and judging from the positive reaction, the community agrees."

The 5.5 metre recycled Christmas tree was made with around 150 car tyres, 100 hub caps, 80 litres of paint donated by Dulux, almost half a tonne of steel, 120 1.25L plastic bottles to form the star, four bales (or 88,000) crushed aluminium cans as presents around the base of the tree, around 40 old lights from the Lismore Airport runway, and a lot of love and Christmas spirit.

Adding to this year's decorations is a new Merry Christmas sign at Lismore City Hall, which was painted by children at the Lismore City Council display during this year's North Coast National.

"Council doesn't always get things right, but we love our community and do our very best to make it a great place to live. Christmas gives us a chance to share our Christmas spirit and give something back from the heart," Gary said.

"The tree is our way of saying thank you to our community. It is the extraordinary people who live here that truly make Lismore great... and we wish every one of you a very happy and safe Christmas."



NEW BRIDGE OPENS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

The \$2.45 million Wilson Street Bridge was officially opened by federal, state and local politicians last week and will be open to public traffic by Christmas.

The new bridge over Hollingworth Creek, linking Wilson Street to Wilson Street South, provides an alternative route to the South Lismore Industrial Estate for heavy freight vehicles, commuters and shoppers.



The project was funded with \$875,000 from the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, a special purpose grant of \$875,000 from the NSW Government and \$700,000 from Council.

“This has been a mammoth undertaking for our bridge crew over the last eight months and we are very proud of their efforts,” General Manager Gary Murphy said.

“Their hard work and tenacity has ensured the new bridge will be open just in time for Christmas. This is a great gift for all Lismore residents.”

The South Lismore Industrial Estate is a key area generating heavy vehicle and freight movements through Lismore but is bisected by Hollingworth Creek.

“The Bruxner Highway is the main connection however a significant pinch point exists where the highway is reduced from four lanes to two lanes at the Hollingworth Creek Bridge,” Gary said.

“The Wilson Street Bridge and link road should go some way to alleviating this problem and provide an alternative evacuation route during flood. The project will also cater for future traffic demand as the industrial estate grows.”

The Wilson Street Bridge is 36 metres long, 13 metres wide, has a four-metre clearance of Hollingworth Creek and includes 200 metres of new road.



Lismore City Council Bridge Carpenter Vernon Keys, who will celebrate his 20th anniversary with Council in January, with his mum and dad Grace and Wilf at the opening of the Wilson Street Bridge.

CORNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL A WASTE WISE WINNER

Corndale Public School has been crowned winner of Council's 2016 Waste Wise Schools Challenge, with a prize of \$1500 to spend on further sustainability initiatives.

Corndale was one of 12 primary schools that took part in the Challenge, which teaches students about reducing waste, recycling correctly, reusing items at school and at home, and understanding the impact their actions have on the environment.

As part of the Challenge, each participating school had to:

- Conduct audits of their classroom and playground bins.
- Come up with ways to improve their waste management and then develop a short film showcasing what they achieved.
- Create a recycled sculpture.
- Become a Resource Recovery Satchel Collection Centre.
- Visit Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre to see first-hand how recycling is sorted and separated, and how compost is made from food and garden scraps.

Corndale Public School set up a special recycling station with four dedicated bins for recycling, waste, organics and soft plastics (so these could be bagged and put into the yellow recycling bin).

The school also established a system for collecting small plastics such as straws in a 2L juice bottle, made their own signage for each bin, and expanded their efforts to after school care and the gardening staff.

The school now holds Waste Free Lunches once a week, and have eliminated poppers, plastic cutlery and disposable cups and plates from their canteen.

“Corndale took on board the recycling tips we gave them and really made them their own to suit their school environment,” Council’s Waste Education Officer Danielle Hanigan said.



“While Corndale was selected as the overall winner, every participating school should be commended for their efforts. These students are leading the way in reuse and recycling, and their recycled sculptures were a huge hit at this year’s North Coast National. Their ideas and use of materials was totally ingenious. The ‘Corn Cob of Corndale’ was a massive corn cob made from soft drink cans painted yellow and old silage wrap. All the sculptures exceeded our expectations.”

Corndale Public School will use its \$1500 prize money to purchase a chicken coop and chickens so they can provide eggs for baking days and the canteen.

Participating schools in 2016 were: Corndale Public School, St Carthages Primary School, Larnook Public School, Whian Whian Public School, Tuntable Falls Community School, Goolmangar Public School, Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School, Friends of St Vincents Early Learning Centre, Albert Park Public School, Caniaba Public School, Bexhill Public School and Wilsons Park Public School.

Lismore City Council will be running a similar program in 2017. Any schools that would like to register should phone Council on 1300 87 83 87.

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.

Lismore Revolve Shop

The Lismore Revolve Shop will close at 1pm on Saturday, 24 December and reopen at 9am on Tuesday, 3 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.



For all emergencies, phone our 24-hour line 1300 87 83 87.

FINAL GALLERY EXHIBITIONS ON SHOW

The final four exhibitions in the current Lismore Regional Gallery building are now on show until 4 February. After 63 years in the current building, the Lismore Regional Gallery is moving to the Lismore Quadrangle in late 2017, and must close for a time while the move takes place. Catch these exhibitions while you can!

Paintings & Drawings by local painter René Bolten. A winner of the *Northern Rivers Portrait Prize* in 2013, René has exhibited nationally and internationally. This body of work includes still lifes, abstract drawings, figures and faces. **Workshop:** René Bolten *Still Life Painting* on Sunday, 22 January, 10am to 4pm at the gallery. Cost \$90. Bookings 6622 2209.

Superheroes and Monsters

by Nathan Gooley. This exhibition combines pop culture images of his favourite superheroes and movie monsters with self-portraits of himself as an 'X-Man'. **Workshop:** *Superhero for a Day!* on Saturday, 14 January, 10.30am to 1.30pm at the gallery. Peggy Popart will do a 'Super Tour' of the exhibition followed by games and art activities in Spinks Park. Come as your favourite superhero or super villain. Cost \$8 per person or \$20 per family. Bookings 6622 2209 or 0432 400 753.



The other two exhibitions are **Widjabul Dreaming by Bundjalung painter Adrian 'Cheesy' Cameron** (a 20-year retrospective) and **Playroom by Melbourne husband and wife duo Madeline Kidd and Masato Takasaka**, who have transformed a gallery space into their own unique and colourful playroom.

Lismore Regional Gallery is open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday and 10am to 2pm Saturdays. It will be closed from 4pm on Friday, 23 December until 10am on Tuesday, 3 January.



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.

05/106-2 19 Camelot Road, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to lower level (bedroom, rumpus/craft room, laundry and bathroom).

15/279-2 13 Ewing Street, Lismore

Section 96(2) modification to relocate the site of the dwelling 22 metres toward the back of the block and remove bathroom and storage room from the lower floor plan.

16/185-2 98, 7/98, 8/98 and 9/98 Woodlark Street, Lismore

Section 96(1A) modification to modify condition 34.

16/232 28 Pelican Creek Road, South Gundurimba

Detached dual occupancy.

16/237 145 Casino Street, South Lismore

To undertake a change of use of the existing premises to a depot and light industry and associated alterations and additions.

16/253 836, 836A and 836B Jiggi Road, Jiggi

Detached dual occupancy (re-sited dwelling) with associated alterations and additions.

16/274 54 Cullen Street, Nimbin

Removal of the southern tree only and lower level lopping of the lowest four limbs of the northern tree.

16/300 2 Cowlong Road, Lindendale

Increase the drying and storage capacity of the complex, additional floor area for processing and installation of a new fire hydrant system with ancillary water storage tanks (agricultural produce industry).

16/359 9 DA Olley Drive, Goonellabah

Demolish an existing metal/screen enclosure attached to the rear of the dwelling and replace it with a new timber deck and metal/screen enclosure for use as a sunroom.

16/362 50 Brewster Street, Lismore

To erect an awning, timber pergola, water storage tank and retain the existing shipping container within the building line to Magellan Street.

16/369 44 Ballina Road, Lismore

Alterations and additions including changes to the existing façade colours, internal chiller replacement and addition of an external condenser and screen wall to the rear service area.

16/375 17 Main Street, Clunes

Rumpus room addition to existing dwelling.

16/377 46 Dunromin Drive, Modanville

Shed.

16/378 10 Myall Court, Caniaba

Dwelling.

16/390 2 Cowlong Road, Lindendale

Alterations and additions to existing building.

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.

NEED A LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFT?

So there's four days until Christmas and you still don't have all your presents. You're working, you have to organise food, and you have no spare time. The answer to all your woes is gift packs from the Lismore Visitor Information Centre!

The beautifully wrapped gift hampers can be tailored to suit your taste and budget. There is a huge range of locally-grown produce from chocolate-coated macadamias and blueberries to delicious jams and chutneys. There's also beauty products, jewellery, toys and other handcrafted goodies.

The best thing about the Lismore Visitor Information Centre is it will be open right up until Christmas Eve, so you can pop in and get your presents right up until the last minute.

And because every gift you buy is locally produced, it means that local growers, farmers and artists will benefit.

The Lismore Visitor Information Centre is open seven days from 9.30am to 4pm daily on the corner of Ballina Road and Molesworth Street. Or you can shop and pay for it all online via the new Lismore Gift Shop at www.lismoregiftshop.com.





TRAFFIC ALERTS

Roadworks underway...

Here is a list of our current and upcoming roadworks for you to note in your travels over the Christmas/New Year period. We will also keep you up to date via our electronic signboards at each of these work sites.

Cathcart Street near Crozier Field, Lismore *(road and drainage works)*

Cathcart Street temporarily closed between its Magellan and Ewing Street intersections.

Gungas Road at Tuntable Falls Road intersection, Nimbin *(widening and resurfacing)*

Gungas Road north of the Tuntable Falls Road intersection remains under traffic control conditions.

Wilson Street south of Elliott Road, South Lismore *(widening and resurfacing)*

Wilson Street temporarily closed south of its Elliott Road intersection. *REMINDER: This work will be completed and the new Wilson Street Bridge will open by Christmas.*

Coraki Road, South Gundarimba to Coraki *(resurfacing)*

Sections of Coraki Road between the Bruxner Highway and Wyrallah Ferry Road as well as Casey Lane and the Glebe Bridge remain under traffic control conditions.

Bangalow Road at Bexhill village *(resurfacing)*

Bangalow Road at the southern end of Bexhill village will be under traffic control conditions.

Planned roadworks for January 2017

It will be a busy start to the year as we have scheduled several roadworks projects to minimise traffic disruptions during this traditionally quieter time of year.

Rous Road and Pleasant Street intersection, Goonellabah *(roundabout construction)*

The new roundabout will require temporary intersection closure

throughout January. Detours around the intersection will be via Taylor Avenue, Fischer and Tevan Streets to the west and Ballina Road, Simeoni Drive and Oliver Avenue to the east.

Oliver Avenue and Phillip Street intersection, Goonellabah *(roundabout construction)*

Temporary intersection closure is also required here starting around mid-January. Detours will also be required around the site and may include via Cambridge Drive to the east.

Keen Street between Woodlark and Magellan Streets *(CBD footpath replacements)*

The Larkin Lane intersection with the west side of Keen Street requires temporary closure from mid-January as part of footpath replacements in this section of Keen Street. A one-way detour will be set up via Carrington Street, Larkin Lane, Eggins Lane and County Lane to service adjoining businesses.

Diadem Street between Ballina Road and Uralba Street, Lismore *(water main)*

This water main replacement between Lismore Square and Ballina Road will be completed in stages and may start around mid-January. Traffic control will be in place including temporary closures to sections of on-street parking.

Ballina Road between Holland Street and Pineapple Road, Goonellabah *(resurfacing)*

This stretch of Ballina Road will be resurfaced starting mid to late January. We plan on doing some after-hours work to minimise traffic disruptions.

Boatharbour Road, Boatharbour *(culvert pipe replacement)*

This road will be temporarily closed 1.3km east of its Bangalow Road intersection from 9 January to replace a road culvert pipe. Detours will be either via Eltham/Bangalow Roads to the north or Cameron/Cowlong Roads to the east.

***Please stay safe on the roads over Christmas.
We thank you for your patience while travelling
through our roadworks.***



GET SWIMMING THIS SUMMER!

School Holiday Intensives

We are holding school holiday intensive swim clinics at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and at the Lismore Memorial Baths to help kids improve their safety and confidence in the water. Please note that the intensive held on the week beginning 16 January is only at Lismore Memorial Baths.



Times and cost:

- Monday, 9 January to Friday, 13 January from 9am to 11.30am. Cost \$78.
- Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 January from 9am to 11.30am. Cost \$78.
- Monday, 23 January to Friday, 27 January (excluding Australia Day) from 9am to 11.30am. Cost \$62.40.

New students can book now for a free swim assessment. Phone GSAC on 6625 5370 or Lismore Memorial Baths on 6621 6166.

Summer Carnival Clinic

The Lismore Memorial Baths is holding a Summer Carnival Clinic to help youngsters prepare for school carnivals with a focus on starts, turns, finishes, and all swimming strokes.

Times and cost:

- Monday, 9 January to Friday, 13 January from 9am to 11am. Cost \$45.
- Monday, 16 January to Friday, 20 January from 9am to 11am. Cost \$45.

Book now on 6621 6166 for your free assessment.



HERITAGE PARK PLAYGROUND REOPENED

The Heritage Park playground has been reopened following the replacement of playground equipment that was destroyed by fire earlier this year.

Around \$50,000 of equipment was torched in the early hours of 15 July including two plastic slides, soft-fall, climbing ramp, timber fence and retaining walls.

We have now replaced this equipment and completed associated landscaping. The Heritage Park Miniature Railway will be running over the school holidays and there are lots of places to play and have fun as well as shady spots for parties and picnics on hot summer days. Enjoy!



YOUR COVER

While lots of staff from all sections of Council were involved in painting and creating the 2016 recycled Christmas tree, there was one man who remained a driving force throughout – Charlie Crethar from our Northern Rivers Waste team. He deserves a very special thank you for his enthusiasm, ingenuity and steadfast attitude in the face of some very interesting and never-before-encountered building challenges! Thank you Charlie and all the staff who picked up a paintbrush or lugged a tyre to help create our 2016 community Christmas gift.





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