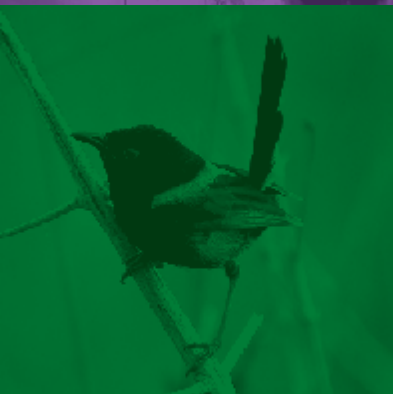




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## EXHIBITIONS HAIL END OF AN ERA FOR GALLERY



René Bolten's *French onion soup: gruyère cheese*.

### The end of an era is approaching with the last exhibitions at Lismore Regional Gallery in Molesworth Street before the move to the new gallery commences.

After 63 years in the current building, the last four exhibitions are being held before Lismore Regional Gallery reopens its doors at the Lismore Quadrangle in late 2017. The below exhibitions are all on show until 4 February.

**Gallery 1** will feature the highly anticipated solo exhibition *Paintings & Drawings* by local painter René Bolten. René is a highly regarded local painter who won the *Northern Rivers Portrait Prize* in 2013. Born in The Hague, Netherlands, and studying at the Amsterdam Academy for Visual Art Education, he has exhibited nationally and internationally in numerous solo and group exhibitions. This exhibition brings together a recent body of work including delicate and brooding still lifes, abstract drawings, figures and faces.

### **Workshop: René Bolten Still Life Painting Workshop**

*Sunday, 22 January, 10am to 4pm, Lismore Regional Gallery, \$90*  
Bookings essential to Lismore Regional Gallery on 6622 2209 or [art.gallery@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:art.gallery@lismore.nsw.gov.au).

**Gallery 2** features local emerging artist Nathan Gooley's *Superheroes and Monsters*. Pop culture images of his favourite superheroes and old school movie monsters combine with self-portraits of Nathan as an 'X-Man'. Nathan uses a variety of inventive techniques to create art in his studio at disability support organisation RED Inc Studios. In recognition of his talent and passion, Nathan received a 2016 Accessible Arts Small Arts Grant to realise this project. You can support Nathan by buying original works on paper, limited edition screenprints, tea towels, T-shirts and badges.

### **Workshop: Superhero for a day!**

*Saturday, 14 January, 10.30am to 1.30pm, Lismore Regional Gallery, \$8 per person or \$20 per family*

Come to Lismore Regional Gallery and join Peggy Popart for a 'Super Tour' of the exhibition *Superheroes and Monsters*. Followed by superhero-themed games and art activities in Spinks Park. Come as your favourite superhero or super villain.

Bookings essential to Claudie Frock on 6622 2209, 0432 400 753 or [claudie.frock@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:claudie.frock@lismore.nsw.gov.au).

The **Upstairs Gallery** sees the 20-year retrospective *Widjabul Dreaming* by Bundjalung painter Adrian 'Cheesy' Cameron. Adrian's mastery of colour and bold compositions reflect self-discipline and dedication. Art has been instrumental for Adrian in healing from a traumatic childhood and early life in gaol. His artworks can take as long as six months to paint using a matchstick.

Meanwhile in the **Vicki Fayle Gallery**, Melbourne husband and wife duo Madeline Kidd and Masato Takasaka are exhibiting *Playroom*. They have transformed the walls, floor and ceiling of the gallery space with colourful and playful paintings, prints and constructions.

Visit Lismore Regional Gallery in Molesworth Street over the summer and say farewell to the old building with these final exhibitions. The gallery is open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday and 10am to 2pm Saturdays.

## A NEW YEAR... A NEW YOU!

SWITCH 24-hour gym is offering memberships from just \$11 per week as part of its New Year, New You campaign.

The staff at SWITCH 24-hour gym at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre are passionate about helping people reach their fitness goals, whether that's losing weight, building strength and muscle, becoming more flexible, or just feeling energised and healthy.

As a community gym, SWITCH understands that everyone is different, and provides lots of exercise options. You can work out in the state-of-the-art functional training centre and gym, enjoy aqua and pool options, choose from more than 40 Group Fitness classes and much more.

“We have qualified trainers who can help with setting realistic goals and doing personalised programs, or grab a 24/7 access tag to work out whenever you want,” Gym Manager Roberta O’Brien said.

“Increased exercise is proven to reduce your risk of illness and disease, help you live longer and improve mental health and energy levels.”

Phone 6625 5370 or visit the friendly staff at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre. Join before January 31 and receive a free 24/7 access tag. Offer ends February 14.

Terms and conditions apply.



## SITE OFFICES GET MUCH-NEEDED

### MAKEOVER

Over the last few months we have been working with several local artists to transform our unattractive roadworks site offices into works of art.

These site offices are used by staff when they are on-site at roadworks projects, so they find their way far and wide across the local area.

Normally the site offices are white, which makes them a magnet for tagging, costing us money and looking very unsightly sitting by the side of the road. So, we thought we'd call on some local artists to help us out.

Lismore is renowned for having a multitude of talented street artists and it occurred to us that we could paint these site offices, discourage tagging, save money on graffiti removal, and make them look better.

All seven of our site offices are now bright, beautiful and covered with an exceptional piece of street art. From fish and kangaroos to magpies, brush turkeys and flowers, there is a strong nature theme throughout.

A huge thank you goes to all our artists – Jeremy Austin, Julla, Kate Hallen, Michael White and Joanna Kambourian. Your talent is truly valued and appreciated.

Keep your eyes peeled for these site offices... and enjoy!



# NEW SOUNDTRAIL BRINGS NIMBIN TO LIFE

Lismore City Council has launched a new Nimbin Soundtrail to give visitors and tourists a unique window into the history, culture and people of the village.



**“After the festival, a few intrepid souls stayed on to continue the Aquarian dream and sow the seeds for today’s innovative and sustainable community.”**

*Left: Jeanti St Clair.*

The Nimbin Soundtrail is an immersive audio experience that enables visitors to learn about Nimbin both pre and post-Aquarius Festival through their smartphone or iPad.

Tourists will be able to download the app for free from the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre and the GPS technology will guide them to 18 ‘story sites’ throughout Nimbin village.

Created by audio documentary producer Jeanti St Clair, the Nimbin Soundtrail includes stories, music, anecdotes and historical photos that bring to life the fascinating story of Nimbin.

“In our technology savvy world, the Nimbin Soundtrail is a great way for visitors to download the cultural and historical information they are looking for straight to their devices,” Lismore City Council Visitor Services Coordinator Andrew Walker said.

Andrew said for the tens of thousands of people who visit Nimbin each year, the village’s history is of great interest.



“Visitors come to see the village from halfway across the world. That’s because Nimbin has a history unlike any other. It was a certain time and a certain political mood that birthed the Aquarius Festival and attracted an influx of university students and hippies that wanted to live differently.

“Many locals were shocked by the nudity and free-living style but appreciated the new energy and the money that came to Nimbin. After the festival, a few intrepid souls stayed on to continue the Aquarian dream and sow the seeds for today’s innovative and sustainable community.

“From Dreamtime to farming time to Aquarius time, the Nimbin Soundtrail is a sonic journey through the heart of Australia’s most famous alternative lifestyle destination.”

**To access the Nimbin Soundtrail download the ‘Soundtrails’ app for iPhone or Android and look for the Northern Rivers section.**

# CBD FOOTPATH UPGRADE BEGINS

We will begin replacing the inner footpath of Keen Street in the week commencing Monday, 16 January, as part of a \$1.5 million project to refurbish all inner footpaths in the CBD block.

There is still much planning to do, and at this stage 16 January is an estimated start date only. We do know it will definitely be the second half of January.

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 is first to be upgraded 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.

Works will be done over a six to eight week period but the main message to local residents is that shops will continue to be open for business.

We will have two construction sites that will progressively move north up the street. Pedestrian access to shops will be maintained at all times (with a few minor disruptions) and we will even have some special promotions to encourage you to shop on Keen Street throughout the works.

The new footpath will be constructed with a Western Australian paver called 'rocky road' and include tactiles for the vision impaired. This is the first time the footpath has been replaced in more than 60 years.

The choice of pavers and the timing of this project was made in consultation with the CBD/Riverbank Feedback Group, which is a group made up of business owners, CBD stakeholders and Councillors.

**Please be sure to continue shopping and enjoying Keen Street while this project takes place.**





# TRAFFIC ALERT

The new year starts with a busy period of roadworks, so please keep this in mind when on the road. We will also keep you up to date via our electronic signboards at each of these work sites.

## Roadworks underway...

### **Rous Road and Pleasant Street intersection, Goonellabah**

*(roundabout construction)*

This intersection will be temporarily closed off during January. Access to the Rous Road Shopping Village will remain from Rous Road and Pleasant Street throughout the works. Detours around the intersection are via Taylor Avenue, Fischer and Tevan Streets to the west and Ballina Road, Simeoni Drive and Oliver Avenue to the east.

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

Cathcart Street staged roadworks continue between its Magellan and Conway Street intersections. This requires temporary closure of Ewing Street at its Cathcart Street intersection. Detours around the work site will be via Brewster Street to the east and Dawson Street to the west.

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

Gungas Road staged roadworks continue north of the Tuntable Falls Road intersection.



## Planned works for January 2017

### **Oliver Avenue and Phillip Street intersection, Goonellabah**

*(roundabout construction)*

Temporary closure of this intersection is planned to start around mid-January. Detours will be signposted and will include driving via Cambridge Drive to the east.

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

Temporary closure of the Larkin Lane exit on the west side of its Keen Street intersection is planned from mid-January as part of footpath replacements in this section of Keen Street. Vehicles accessing this western part of Larkin Lane can still enter from Carrington Street and exit via Eggins Lane and County Lane.

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

Traffic control will be in place in parts of Diadem Street as the water main is replaced in stages. This will include temporary on-street parking and lane closures.

### **Beaumont Drive, East Lismore** *(water main)*

Traffic control will be in place along the initial 0.25km of this road from its Barham Street intersection during water main replacements in January and February.

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

Traffic control will be in place along this stretch of Ballina Road starting mid to late January, weather permitting. Some work will be after-hours to minimise traffic disruptions.

### **Boatharbour Road, Boatharbour**

This road will be temporarily closed 1.3km east of its Bangalow Road intersection starting 9 January for a road culvert pipe replacement. Detours will be either via Eltham/Bangalow Roads to the north or Cameron/Cowlong Roads to the east. This detour will be in place for two weeks. We will also be working under traffic control conditions prior to and after this temporary road closure period.

**Happy New Year and thank you for your patience while travelling through these roadworks.**



# SOUTH LISMORE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE BEGINS

The \$25 million upgrade of the South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) will begin on Monday, 9 January.

The upgrade will transform the 80-year-old plant into a modern facility with an increased capacity of 45%. The new STP will significantly improve environmental impacts and will include the installation of a 334kW solar farm on site.



“We are really excited that we can generate up to 60% of our electricity from an on-site solar farm. This farm will be the largest on the Northern Rivers and it is definitely the way of the future for powering public infrastructure,” Project Manager Paul Smith said.

At present the South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant can service around 15,000 people. The upgraded plant will be able to service 22,500 people, catering for expected population increases including growth on the western side of the city due to the North Lismore Plateau.

“The technology we will use to build the plant is a far cry from what we had back in the 1930s and the proposed design will provide high quality treated sewage as well as optimise chemical usage and power consumption,” Paul said.

For the duration of works there will be a 40km/h reduced speed limit outside the plant along Three Chain Road, as large vehicles and machinery will utilise this road for construction and deliveries to the site.

Lismore City Council urges members of the community to take additional caution driving on Three Chain Road due to this extra traffic and the changed conditions.





# DISPOSE OF PAINT, GAS BOTTLES, OIL, BATTERIES AND FLUORO... ALL FOR FREE!

The Lismore Community Recycling Centre is open year-round so people can dispose of paint, gas bottles and fire extinguishers, oil, batteries and fluoro lights.

The Lismore Community Recycling Centre is located at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road and is open Monday to Friday from 7am to 4pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4pm.

“Paint is the most common item dropped off at the centres,” North East Waste’s Community Recycling Centre Project Coordinator Karen Rudkin said.

“It’s either sold at the tip shop for reuse or collected, mixed with other waste solvents and used as an alternative to fuel in cement kilns. The metal containers are recycled. This is just one example of how the centres provide a long-term solution for disposing of problem wastes and help improve recycling and reuse rates.

“Most people have had these problem waste items stored in their garages or homes at some time. They can pose a danger to household members and the environment as they start to age and breakdown and need to be disposed of appropriately.”

The Community Recycling Centres are operated by council in partnership with the EPA. They are supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the EPA’s *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative funded from the NSW waste levy.



# 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CEREMONY

The 2017 Australia Day Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, 26 January at Lismore City Hall.

The day will begin with a special Citizenship Ceremony to welcome 15 new Australians, followed by an address by the 2017 Australia Day Ambassador, chef David Britton.

The day will culminate with the annual Australia Day Awards ceremony, which includes recognition for people’s achievements in community services, sport, environmental protection and the arts as well as presentations for the Citizen of the Year, Aboriginal Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

Morning tea will follow the official ceremony.

**The 2017 Australia Day Awards will begin at 8.30am and everyone is welcome.**

## YOUR COVER

This is a Council roadworks site office transformed by artist Justin Livingstone (Julla). Julla is a well-known local street artist and has many prominent artworks in the Back Alley Gallery and in other street art areas around the city. This site office is one of seven that have been painted in the last few months by several local artists to deter tagging, save money and celebrate the talented people in our community. More details inside.







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