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NEW VOUCHER SYSTEM TO REPLACE TIP FREE DAYS

Council will no longer hold Tip Free Days and instead implement an electronic voucher system that entitles residents to three free tip visits each year.

All owner/occupiers or tenants in the Lismore Local Government Area will be eligible for the three tip visits. Each visit entitles the person to dispose of one trailer load of waste.

Residents will need to apply online or phone Council's Customer Contact Centre to obtain a voucher. A new online booking system is currently being developed, with plans to launch on 1 August.

"It was clear to us that the Tip Free Days were no longer working as intended," Commercial Services Coordinator Kevin Trustum said.

"Traffic was hard to manage, people had to endure long delays and it was becoming very difficult for our staff to sort the volume of material. In order to recover as many materials as possible and reduce landfill, a steady stream of materials throughout the year is much better for us than a huge load all on one day.

"This system will be more convenient for local residents, as they can deliver waste on days that suit their lifestyle or coincide with life events, such as moving house. It was high time we got rid of Tip Free Days and switched to a convenient and easy system that caters for everyone."

In past years, Council has provided one free tip voucher annually to all ratepayers and held four Tip Free Days each year. The take up of vouchers was around 50%.

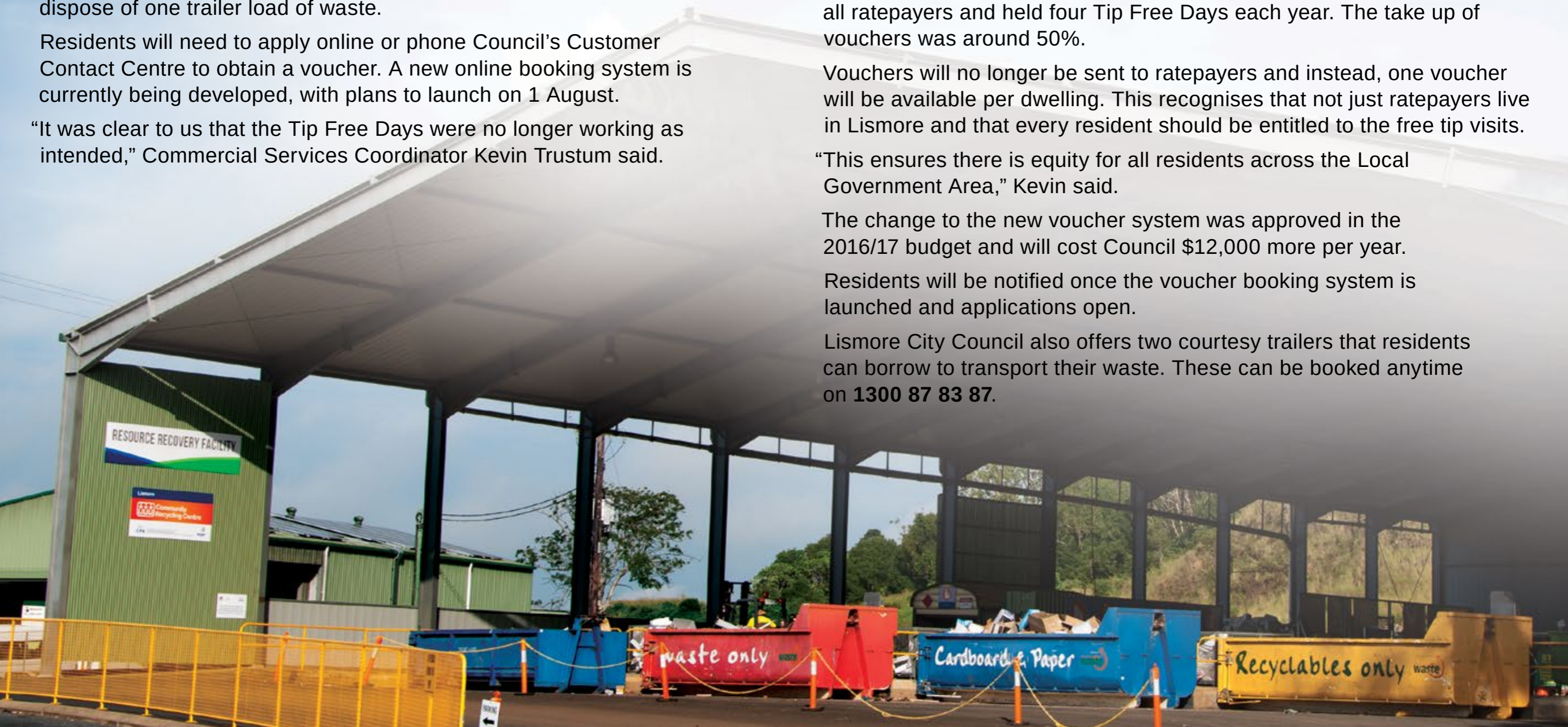
Vouchers will no longer be sent to ratepayers and instead, one voucher will be available per dwelling. This recognises that not just ratepayers live in Lismore and that every resident should be entitled to the free tip visits.

"This ensures there is equity for all residents across the Local Government Area," Kevin said.

The change to the new voucher system was approved in the 2016/17 budget and will cost Council \$12,000 more per year.

Residents will be notified once the voucher booking system is launched and applications open.

Lismore City Council also offers two courtesy trailers that residents can borrow to transport their waste. These can be booked anytime on **1300 87 83 87**.





BOOK NOW FOR LANDHOLDER FIELD DAYS

Council has five free Rural Landholder Initiative field days coming up in 2016, and with one already booked out, people are encouraged to secure a spot quickly.

The field days are for farmers and rural landholders who wish to see what other land managers in their industry are doing to sustainably manage their properties. Morning tea and lunch is provided and there is a range of guest speakers talking on topics of interest to people living and farming on the land.

Farmers and landholders can also take home a new farm health self-assessment tool to help determine if practices are dated, common practice, best practice or aspirational. These can be found on Council's Rural Landholder Initiative webpage at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

South Gundurimba Lowland Cropping and Biodiversity Field Day (BOOKED OUT)

Friday, 22 July, 9am-2pm

Focus: Riverbank restoration and whole farm planning for biodiversity and habitat connectivity.

Who should attend: Farmers and graziers along the Wilsons River interested in restoring riverbanks and habitat through tree planting and low-disturbance bank stabilisation techniques.

Whian Whian Mixed Orchard and Biodiversity Field Day

Friday, 29 July, 9am-2pm

Focus: Restoring Big Scrub rainforest habitat, health and connectivity in a productive orchard.

Who should attend: Orchardists in the Dunoon-Whian Whian area interested in restoration of a farm's natural assets, including biological and chemical control techniques of weeds in sensitive ecological sites.

Coraki Lowland Cropping and Biodiversity Field Day (Cane)

Friday, 12 August, 9am-2pm

Focus: Floodplain riverbank restoration and maintenance on a productive cane farm.

Who should attend: Cane and other crop farmers on the Lismore floodplain with an interest in river health and how to undertake weed control, revegetation and maintenance along the riverbank.

Lindendale Mixed Land Use Biodiversity Field Day

Thursday, 25 August, 9am-2pm

Focus: Big Scrub remnant protection and restoration.

Activities: Local landholders with an interest in the history of the Big Scrub and remnant rainforest restoration. New lifestyle landholders in the Marom Creek catchment seeking advice on how to sustainably manage small properties (weed identification and control, native species identification, active maintenance, and how to incorporate productive uses into small farms).

Boatharbour Beef Grazing and Biodiversity Field Day

Saturday, 17 September, 9am-2pm

Focus: Wilsons River catchment revegetation, maintenance and grazing management in riparian areas.

Who should attend: Local cattle graziers and lifestyle landholders in the Wilsons River catchment seeking to contribute to water quality improvements and habitat values on their properties.

Bookings for the field days are essential. RSVP to Kate Steel on 1300 87 83 87.

You can find more information, download educational materials and watch a short video on the field days at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY... YOU MIGHT GET A PHONE CALL!

Every four years, Council is required by state legislation to review its 10-year Community Strategic Plan. Many of you will know this plan as the Imagine Lismore 10-year Plan.

The plan sets the framework for all Council's activities and programs, and is designed to help Council work toward achieving the long-term vision of the community.

The local government election scheduled for September has triggered the need for Council to undertake a review of the current 10-year vision. This will enable the incoming Council to see if the community's vision remains the same as four years ago and will help it to align future activities and budgets with what the community wants.

This is where you come in.

The review takes the form of a Community Satisfaction Survey similar to one we did four years ago. This allows us to ask the same questions, and compare where there are differences and see if the community's priorities have changed.

Around 500 residents within the Lismore Local Government Area will be randomly selected to take part in this survey and will receive a call in the next two weeks from a company called Micromex.

The survey takes around 20 minutes, and we know time is precious, but we strongly urge you to take part. This information directly affects you as a resident and/or ratepayer, and the future of our city, villages and rural communities.

The survey is the first step in a community engagement process to inform new Councillors and help them decide what its priorities, projects and budgets look like in the future.



LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

New laws promoting integrity in the local government electoral process commenced on 1 July 2016. There are three main changes affecting those participating in the upcoming local government elections:

Caps on political donations

Effective 1 July, the caps are \$5,900 for any political donation for the benefit of a registered party or a group, and \$2,600 for any political donation to an unregistered party, elected member, candidate and third-party campaigner.

Regulation of third-party campaigners

Individuals and entities that incur more than \$2,000 in electoral communication expenditure during the local government expenditure period for a local council election must be registered with the NSW Electoral Commission and appoint an official agent.

Political parties to keep a campaign account

Political parties that incur electoral expenditure for a local government election must keep a campaign account.

Don't forget, if you wish to be a candidate you must first register at www.elections.nsw.gov.au/fd/registration.

For more information go to www.elections.nsw.gov.au/fd. For further help or advice phone 1300 022 011 or email fdc@elections.nsw.gov.au.

Candidate Helpdesk

The NSW Electoral Commission Candidate Helpdesk is now operational from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Candidate enquiries should be directed to the Candidate Helpdesk on 1300 088 942 or emailed to nominations@elections.nsw.gov.au.

Nomination Period

Nomination forms and other candidate-related forms including the Candidate Handbook are available at www.votensw.info under the 'Planning to be a Candidate' link on the homepage.

It is important to note that while nomination forms can be completed now they can only be lodged during the period from Monday, 1 August up until midday on Wednesday, 10 August 2016.

OWN YOUR OWN PIECE OF COUNCIL HISTORY

Three cedar 1920s desks up for sale

We are currently conducting a tender for some very special pieces of local history – three solid cedar desks.



We knew there must be a story to tell behind these desks, so we recently rang the Richmond River Historical Society to find out more.

The desks were originally a set of four, built in 1928 for the new municipal building in Molesworth Street. They were made for the town clerk, the engineer, the valuator and the health inspector.

The desks were crafted in local cedar by Brown and Jolley at a cost of £885. Council at the time went against the preferred tender of the architect, a Mr V. J. Gilroy, who recommended a tender for the desks to be made in Queensland maple at a price of £956.

These beautiful old desks have rattled around the halls of Council for more than 85 years – they are big, solid, serious pieces of furniture.

The reality is that we cannot accommodate desks of this size with the amount of people we have in our office space today, so sadly it is time they found a new home.

We are now looking for people to make an offer. You can bid on one, two or all three desks.

Email your offer to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au with the subject header 'Desk Tender' or write to Bryan Moss, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. The closing date for offers is 20 August 2016.

People are welcome to inspect the desks anytime during the tender period. Simply drop into the Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

YOUR ROADS IS COMING...

Residents should keep an eye out for the second edition of *Your Roads* in the letterbox next week.

This annual publication is designed to help you understand our strategy toward fixing roads and give some insight into the challenges we face.

Your Roads includes the full 2016/17 roads schedule for urban and rural sealed roads, so you can check out if your road is on the list.

Some good news is that we have received funding under the Australian Government's Black Spot program for a number of road safety projects.

This includes several roundabouts where there is an accident history:

- Casino and Union Street intersection, South Lismore
- Leycester and Hindmarsh Street intersection, Lismore
- Rous Road and Pleasant Street intersection, Goonellabah
- Oliver Avenue and Phillip St intersection, Goonellabah

We will keep adjoining landholders informed as we plan for these projects and update everyone prior to starting construction.

T2016-21: DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL VEHICLES

We are disposing of the following vehicles by tender:

- 2 x Mitsubishi Triton GLX 4x4 dual cab utility with canopies
- 1 x Mitsubishi Triton GLR 4x4 dual cab utility with canopy
- 1 x Isuzu D-Max 4x4 dual cab utility – style side
- 1 x Hyundai Santa Fe

Vehicles are available for inspection (sorry, no test drives) from 11.30am to 1.30pm on Monday, 1 August at the Revolve Shop carpark at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

Bid sheets will be available. Submissions must be in writing and 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.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 4 August 2016.



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.

07/507-6 50 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to condition 131A(e) pertaining to lighting and crime prevention, seeking modified wording to reflect current circumstance.

12/329-2 12 Ubrihien Street, Lismore

Section 96(1A) modification to demolish the skillion roof over existing deck and construct hip roof.

13/186-2 5 and 5A Mayfield Street, Eltham Section 96(1A) modification to remove features approved being one toilet, decks and ramps and propose new ramp, new kitchen and change proposed roof pitch.

14/334-2 60 Cross Road, Numulgi

Section 96(1A) modification to amend condition 15 to vary the shed wall construction materials and condition 16 to enable the undertaking of a trial three-month only operation of the drying fans.

15/283-3 88 Mollys Grass Road, Tregeagle

Section 96(1A) modification to add a timber deck.

15/285-2 73 Krauss Avenue, Loftville

Section 96 modification to install a roof to the wash down bay and to modify condition 34 to state: "Prior to commencement of LTW works".

15/318 25 Walker Street, Clunes

Dual occupancy detached.

15/359 10 Rhodes Street, South Lismore

Place of Public Worship.

16/57 57 Deegan Drive, Goonellabah

The erection and strata title subdivision of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising 10 x 2 bedroom single storey dwellings.

16/75 291 Lindendale Road, Lindendale

Detached dual occupancy, alterations and additions to the existing dwelling, plus associated infrastructure including tree removal.

16/81 1 Atfield Street, South Gundurimba

Detached dual occupancy with a building line variation to 10m to Atfield Street.

16/86 80 Dalley Street, East Lismore

Change of use of part of an existing shop to allow the baking of pies and other pastries and associated business signage.

16/87 22 Cook Street, South Lismore

Construction of two free standing industrial buildings for use as a depot and general industry, signage and associated infrastructure.

16/89 19 Alternative Way, Nimbin

Relocation and erection of a modular dwelling and detached carport with a building line variation to 4m to Alternative Way.

16/102 168 Missingham Road, Dorroughby

Detached dual occupancy.

16/105 88 Mollys Grass Road, Tregeagle

Inground swimming pool.

16/121 58 O'Flynn Street, Lismore Heights

Secondary dwelling (manufactured home) with associated decks with a building line variation to 2.315m to Simes Street.

16/125 109 The Channon Road, Dunoon

Subdivision to create two lots.

16/126 211 and 213 Ballina Road, East Lismore

Change of use of an existing dwelling to a medical centre, associated internal alterations and construction of carpark at 213 Ballina Road, and change of use from partial dwelling and medical centre to only medical centre at 211 Ballina Road.

16/127 8/126 Molesworth Street, Lismore

Change of use to a takeaway food (cakes) and drink premises.

16/128 66 Magellan Street, Lismore

Change of use from retail book shop to office space.

16/133 167 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore

Reconstruction of a dwelling destroyed by fire.

16/151 63 Coleman Street, Bexhill

Addition to rear deck.

16/152 6 Pearson Road, Eltham

Inground swimming pool.

16/154 18 Beaumont Drive, East Lismore

Earthworks to fill in and decommission the existing swimming pool.

16/158 57 Pearson Road, Eltham

Replace existing fibreglass pool with concrete swimming pool and minor increase in size and minor change of alignment.

16/159 105 Brewster Street, East Lismore

Demolish existing front and rear stairs and landing, construction of new timber front and rear stairs and covered deck with building line variation to 4.9m.

16/163 683 Dunoon Road, Tullera

Inground swimming pool.

16/164 8 Myall Court, Caniaba

Dwelling.

16/174 23 James Street, Girards Hill

Removal of a golden rain tree in a heritage conservation area.

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.



COUNCIL DECIDES...

At the ordinary meeting of 12 July, Council decisions included the following:

- Council resolved (5/4 in favour and two absent) that Council commit to restoring the Lismore Lake Pool at South Lismore as a free facility for the public. It will commence the project by including it in the upcoming review of the Community Strategic Plan; proceed on the basis of no lifeguard supervision; include an amount of \$55,000 in the 2016/17 budget to undertake detailed planning and investigations, prepare documentation and call tenders for the work; and proceed on the basis that all capital works funding for the project is from reoccurring income and/or grant income or a combination of both and that no new borrowings are instigated for the project.
- Council resolved (unanimous with two absent) to have the following projects included in the Northern Rivers Regional Development Australia Strategic Plan:
 1. Albert Park Baseball Complex upgrade.
 2. Lismore Park redevelopment.
 3. Bruxner Highway duplication project – Pacific Highway to Lismore.
 4. Oakes Oval upgrade – stage one (surface upgrade including minor facility upgrade) and stage two (Gordon Pavilion upgrade).
 5. Casino to Eltham Rail Trail.
- Council resolved (unanimous with two absent) to fund the following organisations through the Annual Community Grants Scheme.

Organisation	Amount
Richmond River Historical Society	\$1,050
Southern Cross LADS	\$1,994
City of Lismore RSL Sub-branch	\$2,500
Goolmangar School of Arts	\$4,900
Lifeline Northern Rivers	\$2,400
The Channon Children's Centre	\$750
Remembering and Healing	\$1,310

Organisation	Amount
Tregeagle Hall	\$550
Dunoon & District Sports & Recreation Club	\$1,000
Lismore City Lions Club	\$2,500
Sanctuary Northern Rivers	\$5,000
Ruthven Hall Committee	\$6,724
Lismore Home Garden Education Club	\$1,100
Lismore Toy Library	\$4,000
Wyrallah Public School Parents and Citizens Association	\$5,000
Rotary Club of Lismore West	\$5,500
LightnUp	\$10,000
Friends of Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens	\$942
Wilson's River Landcare Group with Browns Creek Catchment Landcare Group and Banyam Baigham Landcare Group	\$2,000
Multitask Human Resource Foundation	\$4,000
Big Scrub Landcare	\$2,500
Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers	\$2,885
Richmond Rovers Football Club	\$4,000
Lismore Thistles Soccer Club	\$6,309
Nimbin School of Arts	\$4,415
Richmond Tweed Regional Library	\$2,000

The Remembering and Healing group will also receive recurrent funding totalling \$2,620 in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

A formal presentation to community groups will be made during Local Government Week in early August.

A complete list of Council resolutions can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An additional ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 August. Items on the agenda include: Lismore Regional Gallery construction and solar farm tenders.

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 August.

Items on the agenda include: Brunswick Street part road closure, review of Temporary Events Policy and Reconciliation Action Plan.

An additional ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23 August.

Items on the agenda include: End of Term Report.

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers from 6pm.

AFTER HOURS COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for interviews on the first and third Monday of each month from 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

On Monday, 1 August interviews will be conducted by Councillors Simon Clough and Jenny Dowell. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 29 July.

On Monday, 15 August interviews will be conducted by Councillors Ray Houston and Isaac Smith. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 12 August.

LUNCHTIME COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for 15-minute interviews on the third Thursday of each month between 12.30pm and 1.30pm at Lismore City Library.

On Thursday, 18 August interviews will be conducted by Councillors Jenny Dowell and Graham Meineke. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 16 August.

For more information about meetings and briefings or to book a Councillor interview, phone Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87.



PLEASE MIND YOUR BIN ETIQUETTE...

Just a reminder to residents about bin etiquette to ensure we can pick up and empty your bin efficiently. Here's a few things to keep in mind:



- Please do not overfill your bin – lids should be shut.
- Bins cannot be emptied if they weigh more than 80kg.
- Bins must be placed at the kerbside the night prior to collection.
- Check there is sufficient clearance above your bin – no overhanging tree limbs or powerlines.
- Place bins at least 50mm apart on the kerbside.

Also, if you are having trouble fitting all your recycling in the yellow bin, you can upsize from your current 240L bin to a 360L for a one-off fee of \$50. To arrange, phone us on 1300 87 83 87.

YOUR COVER

Sienna Smith, 10, from Goonellabah was among thousands of people who attended the annual NAIDOC Celebration Day on 30 June. School groups from around the region, community members and service providers came together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and have some fun. The annual celebration is one of Council's signature events and is designed to promote reconciliation by bringing people from all walks of life together.





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Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre is located at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

We are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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