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LISMORE'S FIRST COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM SWITCHES ON

Council's Lismore Community Solar project is now up and running with the first solar farm installed and generating energy on the roof of the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

Lismore Community Solar is a collaboration with Farming the Sun, a not-for-profit renewable energy facilitator, to build two 99kW solar farms in Lismore – a rooftop solar farm at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and a floating solar farm at the East Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant.

The community energy project uses a financial model which is the first of its kind in Australia. Two companies each with 20 local investors raised the funds which were loaned to Council to build the solar farms. The investors will see a return on investment slightly better than that of a bank.

“These solar farms are Australia’s first council/community solar farms and we believe the floating solar system will be largest floating solar farm in Australia,” Council’s Environmental Strategies Officer Sharyn Hunnisett said.

“After several years of hard work between Council, Farming the Sun, and locals committed to renewable energy, it’s really exciting to see this first solar farm now powering one of our biggest facilities.

“We have had a lot of interest in this project both nationally and internationally. Council was a guest speaker at the national Community Energy Congress in Melbourne earlier this year and we delivered a workshop to share our model for this project. We had 110 participants from local government and community groups, which shows the interest in this type of community energy project.”

The solar farms are one of many measures in Council’s Renewable Energy Master Plan to achieve the bold goal of self-generating all Council’s electricity from renewable sources by 2023.



Local solar installer Rainbow Power Company was the successful tenderer for the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre solar farm while the innovative floating solar system will be installed by Suntrix.

The floating solar farm is expected to be installed by the end of July.

Both solar farm projects have been assisted by funding from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage Growing Community Energy grants program.



STRATEGIC PLANS AND ANNUAL BUDGET ON EXHIBITION

Council is seeking community feedback on its new suite of strategic documents and 2017/18 budget, which are now on public exhibition for 28 days.

The draft Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 details the community's 10-year aspirations for Lismore and sets the scene for what the community wishes for its future.

The four-year Delivery Program is Council's action plan for achieving the community's vision while the accompanying one-year Operational Plan is Council's annual budget.

The State Government requires all NSW councils to develop new Integrated Planning & Reporting documents at the beginning of each new council term.

Council is now seeking the community's feedback on the documents before they go to Council for final adoption next month.

"These plans have been in the making for many months and represent every department of Council planning for the next four years to provide services to residents and ensure we have a rich and vibrant community life," General Manager Gary Murphy explained.

"These plans are not without challenges though and we have made some tough decisions to ensure we are being financially responsible into the future."

Gary explained that while costs to deliver services throughout Lismore continue to rise, revenue is not keeping pace. This meant investigating ways to reduce costs throughout Council's operations and increase revenues.

Council made savings internally of approximately \$2.5 million this year with every department required to contribute. Council is now proposing two Special Rate Variations within the four-year Delivery Program to increase revenue.

The first is a continuation and expansion of the Special Business Rate Variation Levy of \$220,000 to fund business promotion and marketing activities, beginning in 2018/19.

The second is a \$3 million Special Rate Variation proposed for commencement in 2019/20 that will go directly toward road maintenance and start addressing Council's significant infrastructure backlog.

Council has to find around \$7 million per year to ensure it can maintain assets adequately into the future and deal with its infrastructure backlog.

In relation to the 2017/18 budget, the total is \$159.034 million, which includes \$33.6 million for roads and associated infrastructure, or 21%.

A total of \$55.404 million in capital works is included in the 2017/18 financial year, which includes \$20 million in upgrades of wastewater infrastructure; \$10.8 million on new capital roadworks; \$4.5 million in water infrastructure; and \$2.5 million for a Container Deposit Scheme.

There is also \$721,200 for footpaths in the CBD, \$735,000 for improvements at Lismore Regional Airport and \$633,000 for CCTV cameras in Lismore's CBD.

In relation to the typical residential bill, water will increase to \$864 (an increase of \$36 or 4.3%), wastewater to \$886 (an increase of \$31 or 3.6%) and integrated waste to \$297.70 (an increase of \$4.40 or 1.50%).

The general rate (after applying the full rate pegging increase of 1.5%) will increase the average urban residential rate by \$18 to \$1,169. This means the total average urban residential rates bill would rise to \$3,292.

Submissions on the Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan and the combined Imagine Lismore Delivery Program and Operational Plan must be received by 4pm on 7 June 2017.

Submissions can be made online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or mailed to the **General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480.**

ANNUAL ITALIAN CELEBRATION IS COMING

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The event is an Italian-inspired 'Piazza in the Park' to celebrate the special connections between Lismore and the cities of Conegliano and Vittorio Veneto in northern Italy, as well as Lismore's strong Italian heritage.

This a free family event that is classic Italian – you will find food, music, conversation, games,

local produce, workshops, car and bike displays, dancing, and of course more food! A new addition this year will be the inclusion of a tug-o-war as a nod to the Italians who participated in the very successful Nimbin tug-o-war teams in the 60s and 70s. This year's version will involve teams from various groups around town including the Italo Stars soccer teams. Other groups have been approached and organisers think it will go nicely with the bocce, the music, the wine and the authentic Italian food being served up on the day.

Keep your calendar free on Sunday, 25 June for the annual Piazza in the Park from 10am to 3pm. Everyone is welcome and entry is free!

Ron and Linda Basai and Peter Bortolin, who started the sister city relationship with Conegliano in 1989.



LIVE STREAMING

Forget *Seinfeld* re-runs and *Masterchef* eliminations, Council is now live streaming its monthly meetings!



The ordinary monthly meetings

will be live streamed via Council's website and an archive of meetings will be available for those who wish to view past decisions and debates of Council.

Live streaming allows people to tune in from home and ensures that people in rural areas and those with home commitments can still engage in local democracy and the issues that are important to them.

To access live streaming, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and click on 'Meeting Webcasts' in the Council and Engagement tab.

MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

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. These sessions are open to the public.

On Tuesday, 30 May the agenda includes: Council reports and Investment Policy. Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm.

On Tuesday, 6 June the agenda includes: Community Strategic Plan update, Edible Streetscapes Strategy, rating structure overview. Held in the Council Chambers from 6.30pm.

For more information about meetings and briefings, phone Jane Torr on 1300 87 83 87.

SAVE THE DATE: LISMORE AVIATION EXPO

Save the date in your diary now for the third annual Lismore Aviation Expo coming up on Saturday, 17 June.

Building on the popularity of the 2015 and 2016 events, the Lismore Aviation Expo will be bigger and better with more flying machines, automobiles, family fun and displays.

The headline feature will be a spectacular display of aerobatics by Paul Bennet Airshows and there will also be aircraft flyovers and hot air balloons.

Other highlights include joy flights, aircraft displays, drones and model aircraft, vintage cars and motorcycles, street machines, and emergency services and defence force displays.

The event is a family-focused day with loads of children's entertainment, market and food stalls, and interesting displays of aircraft and automobiles from the 1900s right through to the modern day.

The Lismore Aviation Expo runs from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, 17 June at the Lismore Aviation Centre, Three Chain Road, South Lismore. Entry is \$5 with children under 16 free.

The Lismore Aviation Expo is a fundraiser for the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter.

For more information, go to www.visitlismore.com.au.



BOTANIC GARDENS OPEN DAY

Don't forget the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens annual Open Day this Sunday, 28 May from 9.30am to 12pm.

The gardens are located next to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre out on Wyrallah Road and the day is free with activities for young and old.

The program is as follows:

9.30am onwards

- ▶ Bring your picnic and teddy bear for a picnic in the gardens, learn about our planned Cool Cubby project (a sustainable display cubbyhouse), and enjoy stories and games on science, plants, people and our ecosystem.
- ▶ Tim Roberts – Kids botanic art at the Visitor Centre.
- ▶ Pot a plant to take home in the eucalypt forest.
- ▶ Self-guided walks – brochures available in information boxes and at the Visitor Centre.

9.45am

- ▶ Launch of the Cool Cubby eucalypt forest.

10am

- ▶ Guided walk of Useful Plants Garden – meet your guide at the Visitor Centre at 9.45am.

10.30am

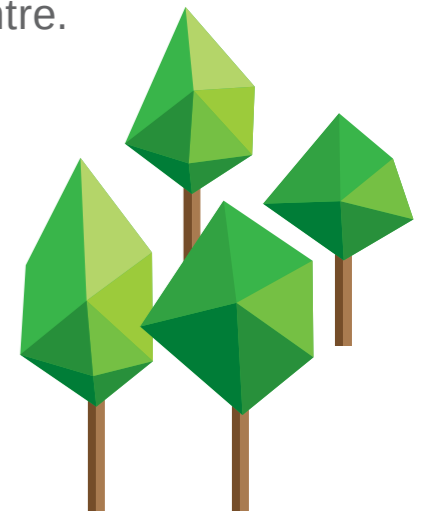
- ▶ How to encourage native bees into your garden with Peter Swain.
- ▶ Learn to make your own bee box with Don Woodley – meet at Visitor Centre at 10.25am.

There will also be a plant stall, cards and books for sale, and a coffee van and cake stall.

The Botanic Gardens have been built up over many years by a team of hard-working volunteers who have created a lush rainforest showcasing native species indigenous to an area within 200km of Lismore.

Come and enjoy the gardens, meet the volunteers, enjoy some fun activities and look for a koala in the treetops.

The event is free and everyone is welcome.





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.

DA No.

12/76-3 29, 33, 37 and 49 Cecil Street, Nimbin: Section 96 modification to extend consent for three years, modifying condition 3.

13/117-4 33 Rous Road and 14 Pleasant Street, Goonellabah: Section 96(1A) modification to change the arrangement and use of the pathology, radiology and pharmacy rooms and to amend the hours of operation of the medical centre.

14/197-2 79C and 116 Fischer Street and 39 Casuarina Drive, Goonellabah: Section 96(1A) modification to adjust the sequencing and thus the timing of certain conditions.

17/29-2 17 Julieanne Place, Bexhill: Section 96(1A) modification to vary the orientation of the dwelling.

17/63 976 Keerrong Road, Keerrong: Inground swimming pool.

17/68 38 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah: Shed.

17/71 27 Lincoln Avenue, McLeans Ridges: Dwelling.

17/73 90 Oakley Avenue, East Lismore: 1.8m white picket fence to front and side.

17/76 7 Donaghue Street, Dunoon: Dwelling.

17/90 55 O'Flynn Street, Lismore Heights: Garage.

17/92 11 Donaghue Street, Dunoon: Dwelling.

17/93 6 Gum Tree Drive, Goonellabah: Carport with building line variation to 0.7m to Gum Tree Drive.

17/109 12 Chilcott Street, Monaltrie: Outdoor area, bathroom and laundry.

17/110 279 Gwynne Road, Jiggi: Inground swimming pool.

17/116 31 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba: 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.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

As the consenting authority, Council has received the following development applications (and/or applications for modifications to existing consents) for consideration.

DA NUMBER: 17/138

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 26 Dibbs Street and 7, 9, 11 and 15 Gardner Avenue, Lismore (Lot 100 DP 790136, Lot 19 DP 22350, Lot 1 DP 615132, Lot 2 DP 615132 and Lot 16 DP 22350).

APPLICANT: Ardill Payne & Partners.

DESCRIPTION: Residential development for 'in-fill self-care housing' under SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004, consisting of 26 x 1 bedroom and 9 x 2 bedroom dwellings (with building line variation to Gardner Avenue) and associated structures, civil infrastructure, earthworks, tree removal, landscaping and a subdivision including a boundary adjustment and consolidation of five lots to create two lots.

CLOSING DATE: 7 June 2017.

Section 96(2) Application to Modify Consent 5.2009.83.2 (Corndale Quarry)

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 368 and 406 James Gibson Road, Corndale (Lots 32 and Lot 31 DP 1090294).

APPLICANT: Smith Hire Service Casino.

DESCRIPTION: Section 96(2) application to modify consent 5.2009.83.2 (Corndale Quarry) to laterally expand the approved quarry footprint by 2000m², without proposing to increase the annual extraction rate or the total extraction volume of the quarry. The original Development Application (DA) was integrated development in accordance with S91 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and required approval from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for Environmental Protection Licences (Sections 43(a), 43(b), 43(d), 47, 48, 55 and 112 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*). Given the original DA was integrated development, the proposed Section 96(2) application to modify consent has been referred to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for their approval. The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

CLOSING DATE: 7 June 2017.

The above applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah or via DA Tracking at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Further information relating to written submissions is available on Council's website. There are laws regarding the mandatory disclosure of political donations in relation to planning matters. Political donations disclosure reporting forms are available from the Department of Planning at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

Fourth round of reclassifications of certain Council-owned land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*

Pursuant to Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Public Hearing was held into the reclassification of selected Council-owned land from 'community' to 'operational' under the Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 on Thursday, 4 May 2017.

The report on the Public Hearing, prepared by the person who presided at the hearing, may be viewed on Council's website under 'On Public Exhibition' at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal office hours.

The public hearing report will be considered by Council in the coming months, along with all written submissions relating to the proposed reclassification with some rezoning under the Lismore LEP 2012.

ON EXHIBITION

Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environmental Plan at 270 Dunoon Road, North Lismore

At its ordinary meeting on 11 April 2017, Council resolved to support a Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to change the LEP minimum lot size at 270 Dunoon Road, North Lismore, in accordance with the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The site is currently in Zone R5 Large Lot Residential. The planning proposal is to amend the Lismore LEP 2012 minimum lot size from 2ha to 1.5ha to enable the creation of one additional allotment for a dwelling.

On 3 May 2017, the Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination with conditions. The Minister for Planning has delegated finalisation of the LEP to Council.

The Planning Proposal is on exhibition for public comment from 25 May to 9 June 2017. Copies of the Planning Proposal, Gateway Determination and associated material are available at Council's Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on the website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

Submissions relating to the Planning Proposal outlining grounds of objection or support should be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au. For enquiries, Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by close of business on 9 June 2017.

ON EXHIBITION

Combined Planning Proposal/Development Application

Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environmental Plan at 116 James Street, Dunoon (Lot 1 DP 594309)

At its ordinary meeting of 11 April 2017, Council resolved to support a Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to rezone 116 James Street, Dunoon, from Zone RU1 Primary Production to Zone RU5 Village, amend the minimum lot size from 20ha to 1ha and apply a maximum building height of 8.5m in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The objective of the Planning Proposal is to amend the LEP so as to allow Council to assess and determine a Development Application to subdivide 116 James Street, Dunoon, from one lot into two lots.

On 1 May 2017 the Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination whereby the Minister for Planning has delegated the finalisation of the LEP to Council.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

DA NUMBER: 2016/400

LOCATION AND LOT DP: 116 James Street, Dunoon (Lot 1 DP 594309).

APPLICANT: Malcolm Scott.

DESCRIPTION: Subdivision of one lot into two lots.

The Planning Proposal and Development Application are on public exhibition from 25 May to 9 June 2017. Copies of the Planning Proposal, Gateway Determination and associated material are available at Council's Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on the website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

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Submissions must be received by close of business on 9 June 2017.

ON EXHIBITION

Infrastructure Contributions Discount Policy amendment

Council resolved on 9 May 2017 to place on public exhibition an amendment to the Infrastructure Contributions Discount Policy (5.2.32).

The amendment proposes amending Map 2 to include the B3 Commercial Core Zone as shown in the Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2012, broadening the business area to which the discount policy can be applied.

The amendment is on public exhibition from 25 May to 9 June 2017. Copies of documentation is available at Council's Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on the website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

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TRAFFIC ALERT: ROADWORKS

We are still busy with our scheduled roadworks as well as working on restoring flood-damaged roads. Please allow for more time to travel through the following roadworks:

Dunoon Road cutting at North Lismore (*road and drainage works*)

We have begun fixing this 1km section of road in stages. It will take about four months in total. Expect some delays here during weekdays.

Dunoon Road near Modanville Public School (*water main*)

We are making good progress to replace a 2km section of water main and we are about halfway through the job. Portable traffic signals will continue to be in place during work hours.

Wyrallah Road, Oliver Street to Rosedale Square, East Lismore (*water main*)

We are replacing the water main in preparation for fixing the road. Minor traffic delays can be expected and will include a temporary detour when we start fixing the road.

Union and Casino Streets, South Lismore (*new roundabout*)

We have begun widening this intersection for a new roundabout and pedestrian safety improvements under 'Black Spot' funding. Please be on the lookout as traffic controls change at each stage of construction over the next two months.

Please use the new railway carpark and walk across to the Union Street shops during works. South Lismore needs to retain your business to help recover from the floods!

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

Roads and Maritime Services are fixing this section of Ballina Road including weekend and night works. Message board trailers will keep you up to date with their works schedule.

Council recently replaced a mural structure in Nimbin's Allsopp Park, with artist Kathy Stavrou restoring her artwork *Nimbin & Environs Map* that she first painted 27 years ago.

Kathy originally painted the map with topographical features of Nimbin to commemorate the creation of koala corridors in a Nimbin Central School project, and pay homage to the beauty of Nimbin.

"The mural also celebrates Aboriginal cultural and art, with animal designs painted by local and visiting Aboriginal artists included on the map," Kathy said.

"On the back there is a land rights flag which is being repainted and local Aboriginal people are going to add handprints. I love that this mural pays homage to the Nimbin landscape and the traditional custodians of that landscape.

"The old structure was dangerous and rotted due to white ants. We are so grateful that Council has been so generous and worked with local people to restore the mural to its former glory."

Council would like to apologise to Kathy Stavrou, whose name was incorrectly printed in the Nimbin GoodTimes as Leonie Lane due to a Council error. Our sincerest apologies Kathy and thanks for your wonderful work on this community mural!

YOUR COVER

Paul Bennet visited Lismore last week to launch the Lismore Aviation Expo with a spectacular aerobatics display over Lismore. Paul and his death-defying antics will be the feature of the third annual Lismore Aviation Expo coming up on Saturday, 17 June. If you love things that fly, drive or ride, then this is the expo for you. It is also a great day for high school students interested in a career in flying. Save the date... see inside for more details.





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Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre
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