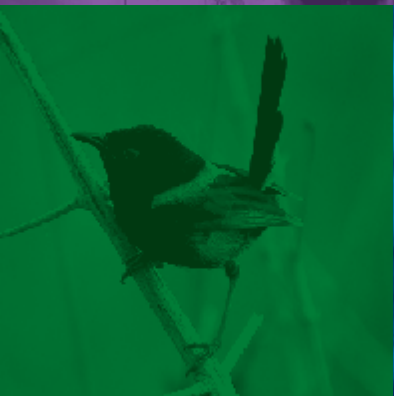


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# ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

## SCHEME OPENS 5 APRIL

Applications for the 2017 Annual Community Grants Scheme will open on Wednesday, 5 April at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

The Annual Community Grants Scheme provides grants of up to \$10,000 to community organisations that wish to undertake worthwhile community projects or activities in the Lismore Local Government Area.

Successful projects have varied widely in the past, from a new kitchen for a rural hall and a new sign for a local school to a cubby for kids at the local botanic gardens and a grant to fund a youth film competition.

The Lismore Toy Library was a successful recipient in last year's funding round, receiving a grant of \$4000. President Kate Behan said it was grants like these that allowed the Toy Library to grow.

"We used the grant to buy tactile sensory toys and gross motor toys to stimulate body movement," she said.

"We also had new signs made and we were able to promote the Toy Library through some advertising. It was fantastic – it helped raise our profile and attract new members. The money we receive from members just pays the rent and insurance, so we rely on other funds such as grants to improve the Toy Library.

"We are fully run by volunteers, mostly mums, and we are always in need of new volunteers if anyone is interested!"



Anyone interested in joining the Toy Library as a member or as a volunteer can pop in during opening hours on Tuesday and Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am. The Toy Library is located on the ground floor of Lismore Library at 110 Magellan Street.

The 2017 Annual Community Grants Scheme opens on 5 April for one month and only online applications will be accepted. You can find the application forms under 'Community Grants' at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au). Successful applicants will be notified after the July Council meeting.

**For more information or if you have any queries regarding the application process, phone Partnering and Community Engagement Officer Kath Parry on 1300 87 83 87.**

*Image: Having a tea party at the Lismore Toy Library are (l-r) Lismore City Council's Partnering and Community Engagement Officer Kath Parry, Laura Shaz and daughter Aya, Andrea Soler and daughter Matilda O'Brien and Toy Library President Kate Behan and daughter Jemma Austin.*

# FREE LANDHOLDER FIELD DAYS IN 2017

**Our Rural Landholder Initiative – a major project under Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy – continues in 2017 with five more free field days for local landholders.**

These field days are designed to help local farmers, growers and lifestyle landholders to network and meet others facing similar issues and challenges on the land, and learn techniques for best-practice methods that aid biodiversity, production and farm health.

Since the Rural Landholder Initiative was launched in 2015, we have held 12 field days attended by more than 350 landholders.

If you're a rural landholder join us for one of the field days below. They are all free, and morning tea and lunch is included. Please RSVP to **1300 87 83 87** and we will let you know the location.

## **Grazing Technology and River Restoration Field Day** **Saturday, 8 April, 9am-2pm, South Lismore**

Local graziers, dairy farmers and landholders on the floodplain are invited to a practical demonstration of riverbank restoration at a property on Leycester Creek. We will discuss weed control techniques, species selection and approaches for revegetation with time for questions about your project. Koala and fox detection dog 'Jet' will demonstrate innovative detection techniques and we will also present information on the use of technology for farm efficiency such as drones and virtual fencing.

## **Macadamia Orchards and Biodiversity Field Day** **Friday, 19 May, 9am-2pm, Whian Whian**

Join local macadamia growers and graziers working to improve soil health, productivity and manage native habitat and pest animals on their properties in the upper catchment. Hands-on advice about soil carbon and soil health as well as discussion on ways to improve koala corridors through farms and orchards, and planning successful bush restoration projects. Landholders seeking help with wild dog management will be interested to see a demonstration of options available.

## **Rural Farmland Ecology Field Day** **Friday, 30 June, 9am-1.30pm, Tuncester**

Join ecologists and bush regenerators on an informative tour of a grazing property on a spur of the Caniaba plateau, a landscape with both wet and dry forest types and unique ecological features. There will be practical demonstrations of woody weed control techniques and remote camera equipment for wildlife and wild dog management, as well as traps for Indian myna control. An earlier start for bird watchers is on offer but RSVPs are essential.

## **Practical Property Planning Field Day** **Thursday, 3 August, 9am-1.30pm, Jiggi**

Farmers, graziers and rural landholders are invited to a fourth generation grazing property to see property planning in action. Topics covered will help you identify natural resource priorities (soil, water, vegetation) on your own property and plan management actions to achieve long and short term goals. Using this property as a case study, experts from a range of organisations will discuss why and how you can start a plan, how to estimate costs of fencing and revegetation, and how to access funding. Whether it is making improvements to grazing management, weed control or improving biodiversity, a property plan is a good land management tool that deserves attention.

## **Rural Lifestyle/Landholders working together for Biodiversity Field Day** **Saturday, 7 October, 9.30am-1.30pm, Terania Creek**

Rural landholders in the upper catchments are faced with a range of issues when looking after small to medium-sized lifestyle blocks. Fast-growing weeds, creek bank erosion and habitat fragmentation are a few issues impacting across property boundaries. This field day will demonstrate how a group of neighbours are working together to restore degraded rainforest areas and control weeds across their boundaries. Professional bushland regenerators will be available to discuss options for restoration, including no and low-chemical techniques. Koala habitat restoration is also occurring amongst the neighbourhood and the group is keen to share the experiences of the work they are doing.



# GO ON A PUB DATE WITH TWO EXOTIC SPECIES: CARP AND CORAL TREES

Carp and coral trees will be the focus of the next Science in the Pub event happening this Friday, 31 March at Lismore City Bowling Club.

It is well known that two of our biggest pest problems in the Northern Rives are carp and coral trees. Once introduced, they were able to take advantage of our cleared and degraded waterways, finding a perfect environment to flourish from the upper reaches of Wilsons Creek and all the way to Ballina. What are the facts, potential solutions and techniques to tackle these widespread ferals?

This special Science in the Pub event starts at 5.30pm with free finger food to be followed by a discussion that includes the science of how these pests thrive in our region and how, through science and sustained effort by landholders, we can reduce infestations and assist the recovery of native species.

The featured speaker on the night is Dr Matt Landos, Director of the Future Fisheries Veterinary Service. Dr Landos has provided veterinary services to commercial aquaculture and wild fisheries since 2005 in Australia, New Zealand and Brunei, and is an honorary lecturer and associate researcher at Sydney University.

He has worked in many areas trying to solve nasty pest problems including working to eradicate the Noosa two-headed bass as well as providing services during the Gladstone dredging and the abalone viral outbreak in Victoria.

His presentation will cover a lot of topics: Are carp why the river is muddy? What came first, the native fish decline or carp? Will release of the herpesvirus eradicate carp? These and many other questions will be answered.

Meanwhile, local bush regeneration experts Georgina Jones and Virginia Seymour will tackle the coral tree issue and provide advice on how to control this invasive weed tree.

**Get along to Science in the Pub this Friday, 31 March from 5.30pm at the Lismore City Bowling Club. Entry is free.**



# EASTER AND ANZAC OPERATING HOURS

Easter is coming and this is a heads up that most Council offices and facilities, including the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre and Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries, will be closed over the Easter break from Friday, 14 April to Monday, 17 April inclusive. Normal operating hours will resume on Tuesday, 18 April.

Operating hours for the Lismore Memorial Baths and Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre are as follows. Please be aware that the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre pool is closed for essential maintenance from Sunday, 9 April until Tuesday, 18 April. The Lismore Memorial Baths will be open throughout the entire school holidays.

## Lismore Memorial Baths

Friday, 14 April: Closed  
Saturday, 15 April: 10am-5pm  
Sunday, 16 April: 10am-5pm  
Monday, 17 April: 10am-5pm

## Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre

Friday, 14 April: Closed  
Saturday, 15 April: 8am-3pm  
Sunday, 16 April: 10am-3pm  
Monday, 17 April: Closed

**All Council facilities, libraries and pools will be closed for the Anzac Day public holiday on Tuesday, 25 April.**

# NOMINATE FOR NIMBIN ADVISORY GROUP

Nominations are now open for the Nimbin Advisory Group (North West Community Panel).

The Nimbin Advisory Group prioritises and implements actions established by the group, identifies funding and partnership opportunities, and works in partnership with Council and local community groups. The group meets quarterly.

If you are a passionate Nimbin community member who would like to make a difference locally, we urge you to nominate today.

**For further information phone Tina Irish on 1300 87 83 87.**

**Nomination forms are available at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au). Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday, 26 April.**

# FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Our third annual Upcycle Your Holidays event is coming up on Thursday, 20 April with free fun for all ages.

The day will run from 9.30am to 1.30pm at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road, and all children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Visitors will be able to explore, create, repair, plant and have fun while learning more about recycling and resource recovery and our local native plants and animals.

Follow the journey of your waste on a bus tour as it gets separated, sorted or turned into nourishing compost. Explore the local environment with nature activities and guided walks in the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens.

Take a closer look at our stingless native bees, taste their sugarbag and find out about their vital role in the pollination of our local food.

You can also operate a rubbish truck, climb in and see how it works, and take a bird's eye view of what goes down the drain into our creeks, our rivers and out to the ocean with the 3D catchment model.

Make a cool new bag out of an old T-shirt – no sewing needed – or make a pot from paper and plant a seedling to take home.

You can also create your own bag design to enter in Council's Plastic Free July reusable bag competition.

Buy a bike at the Revolve Shop then get help from John to get it repaired and working for an extra \$5. Please book a time between 9.30am and 11.30am by calling John on 0408 282 224.

You can also browse in the Revolve Shop for a second-hand treasure to take home to repaint, reuse or remake.

Please bring a hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinking water. You may also like to bring a picnic to have in the botanic gardens as you watch out for a koala.

**The day is open to anyone across the Northern Rivers – you don't have to be a resident of Lismore to enjoy the fun!**



**ENTRY IS  
FREE FOR  
ALL AGES.**

# COUNCIL DECIDES...

At the ordinary meeting of 14 March 2017, Council decisions included the following:

- A rescission motion regarding the decision on environmental protection zones (E zones) that was resolved at the 14 February Council meeting was defeated (7/4).
- Council resolved (8/3 in favour) to conduct a workshop regarding urban street trees with a view to including a tree register in the Community Strategic Plan and options for funding in the 2018/19 budget.
- Council resolved (9/1 and one absent) to adopt the 2017–2018 Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Council resolved (9/2 in favour) to adopt the recommendations of the Lismore Business Panel Selection Committee and appoint the following people to the Lismore Business Panel: Michael Haddin (City Centre Zone representative), Kaylene Hopf (City Centre Zone representative), Peter Fowler (City Centre Zone representative), Nathan White (City Centre Zone representative), Deborah Benhayon (Outer Zone B representative) and Jamie Fell (Outer Zone B representative). They also noted the three assigned positions representing the Stella Network, the Lismore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Lismore Shopping Square, as well as Councillor Gianpiero Battista and the Executive Director Sustainable Development Brent McAlister (non-voting member) as appointed Council representatives of the Lismore Business Panel. They also accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committee that Outer Zones A and B be reassessed as part of the next Lismore Business Promotion Program Business Plan.
- Council resolved (9/2 in favour) to approve a development application for a 133-lot subdivision with four public reserves at Chilcotts Grass.

**A full list of Council resolutions is available in the Business Paper section of our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au). The next ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council is on Tuesday, 11 April at 6pm in the Council Chambers.**



## 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.

**14/349-2 66 Newbridge Street, South Lismore:** Amended plans for Section 96(1A) modification to amend the design of the mezzanine and shed and to delete conditions 2 and 3 of consent.

**16/57-2 57 Deegan Drive, Goonellabah:** Section 96(1) modification to vary the payment date of S94 and S64 contributions from Construction Certificate until the issue of Occupation Certificate stage.

**16/395 43 Just Street, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and retaining walls.

**16/399 20 Sibley Street, Nimbin:** To undertake the installation of a 34,500-litre underground fuel storage tank and associated earthworks, pipe work and reinstatement of the driveway surface above the tank.

**16/416 21 Paunelle Avenue, East Lismore:** Shed, carport with a building line variation to 2m to Paunelle Avenue and two awnings attached to existing dwelling.

**16/429 34 Union Street, South Lismore:** Change of use to bulky goods premises and associated kiosk.

**16/434 274 Mountain Top Road, Georgica:** Demolish a shed and part of an existing unapproved dwelling, construct and renovate to create a dwelling and carport.

**16/436 31 Alternative Way, Nimbin:** Dwelling.

**16/437 363 Humpty Back Road, McLeans Ridges:** Addition to existing dwelling including a family room, deck and carport.

**16/438 7 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**17/5 78 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour:** Shed including a bathroom.

**17/9 7 Julie Crescent, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**17/11 137 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour:** Dwelling with a building line variation to 6m to Cameron Road.

**17/22 4 Laine Court, Goonellabah:** Dwelling with a building line variation to 3.2m to Laine Court.

**17/25 137 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour:** Shed.

**17/26 4 Earls Court, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**17/27 15 Aurora Street, East Lismore:** Dwelling addition (covered deck).

**17/30 507 Duncan Road, Dunoon:** Inground swimming pool.

**17/31 71 Phyllis Street, South Lismore:** Dwelling addition (covered deck).

**17/33 6 McConnell Drive, Richmond Hill:** Two sheds.

**17/37 19 Miriam Street, Wyrallah:** Carport and covered outdoor area with a building line variation.

**17/39 62 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**17/42 11 Sunnybank Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**17/44 6 Russell Place, Goonellabah:** Insulated patio awning to existing dwelling.

**17/45 5 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba:** Inground swimming pool.

**17/46 3 Crandon Court, Goonellabah:** Inground swimming pool.

**17/47 12 Webster Street, South Lismore:** Covered verandah to existing dwelling with laundry, storage and bathroom area under 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](http://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:** 15/136-2

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 59 Magellan Street, Lismore (Lot 1 DP 776471)

**APPLICANT:** GM Project Development and Management.

**DESCRIPTION:** Section 96(1A) modification to review conditions 3 and 4 to enable private funeral services.

**CLOSING DATE:** 26 April 2017.

The above development 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](http://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](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au).



# WILSON STREET AND KADINA HIGH ROADWORKS

Roadworks are about to start in the Wilson and Kyogle Street frontages to Lismore South Public School as well as at Kadina High after we received two Schools Pedestrian Safety grants from the RMS.

The work at Lismore South Public School is timely following the construction of the new Wilson Street Bridge, which had caused concern about student safety among the school community.

All works will be undertaken during the April school holidays (unless we get very bad weather) and include:

## Wilson Street traffic calming

We will fix parts of the road in Wilson Street and install a central median and some rumble strips to narrow the travel lanes and slow traffic approaching the pedestrian crossing outside the school. We will also remove on-street parking here to improve sight distances to the pedestrian crossing.

## Kyogle Street parking

We will formalise on-street parking in Kyogle Street outside the school to offset lost parking in Wilson Street due to traffic calming devices. This will include bitumen sealed angle parking along the railway side and parallel parking along the school side.

## Pedestrian improvements outside Kadina High School

We will install new pedestrian safety features in Kadina Street outside the high school that will direct pedestrians to safe crossing points. This will include upgrading a pedestrian refuge, installing pedestrian fencing and bollards, and improvements to traffic signage and line marking.

If you have any enquiries please phone our Design Engineer Barry Goodwin on 1300 87 83 87 or email [barry.goodwin@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:barry.goodwin@lismore.nsw.gov.au).

# TRAFFIC ALERT

Please note projects published last week are continuing this fortnight due to wet weather delays. More updates next fortnight.



# PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROAD LEVELS

Roadworks are planned at the locations described below. In accordance with the Roads Act 1993, proposed changes to road levels associated with these works are indicated below and are open to public comment for 30 days. Submissions are due by 4pm on 26 April 2017.

Location and roadworks planned	Section of road affected	Maximum change in road levels
Wyrallah Road, East Lismore <i>Fix road pavement, street drainage and water main replacement.</i>	0.3km section of Wyrallah Road between its Oliver Street and Rosedale Square intersection.	+150mm
Wyrallah Road, Tuckurimba <i>Fix road pavement.</i>	Up to 2km of Wyrallah Road between its Dungarubba Road and Sheehan Road intersections.	+150mm

For more information phone our Design Engineer Barry Goodwin on 1300 87 83 87.

# PROPOSAL TO RENAME ROAD

Council has received a request from the Returned and Services League of Australia, City of Lismore Sub Branch to rename Market Street, Lismore, to **Anzac Close**. The proposed renaming is associated with the Centenary of ANZAC (2014-2018) commemorative activities.

Prior to any decision being made regarding the renaming of this road, Council is inviting submissions on this proposal. Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager and posted to PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au). The closing date is 26 April 2017.



## ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### Fourth Round of Reclassifications – Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2012: 29 March to 28 April 2017

Council resolved to support a planning proposal to reclassify two Council-owned sites at its ordinary meeting of 14 February 2017 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The proposed reclassifications involve an amendment to Lismore LEP 2012.

The Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination (preliminary approval) on 8 March 2017.

#### **The planning proposal includes the following:**

- Site 1 – Reclassification of 36A Smith Street, Clunes, from ‘community’ to ‘operational’ to enable the transfer of title to the Clunes Community Preschool;
- Site 2 – Reclassification of 2 and 4 Cassia Crescent, Goonellabah, to enable the relocation of Jarjum Preschool to Clifford Park.

A public hearing will also be held into the matter of reclassification in accordance with section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The public hearing will be held after the closure of the exhibition period. A public notice of the hearing will be published at least 21 days before the start of the public hearing.

The Minister of Planning has not issued delegation to Lismore City Council for the making of this LEP as the reclassification of Site 1 involves the removal of the “public reserve” status of the land and the approval of the Governor is required.

The planning proposal is on exhibition from 29 March to 28 April. Copies of the draft amendment are available at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, or at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au). Submissions relating to the draft amendment outlining grounds of objection or support can be made online, emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or sent to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480. Submissions must be received by 28 April 2017. For enquiries, phone Senior Strategic Planner Greg Yopp on **1300 87 83 87**.



## MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

### 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.

On Tuesday, 4 April the agenda includes: Rural Landholder Initiative update, Code of Meeting Practice, State of the Environment Report, Nimbin Water Supply.

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next ordinary Council meeting is on Tuesday, 11 April. Items on the agenda include: Lismore Lake Pool, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Village Well outcomes.

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

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

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## YOUR COVER

Kate Behan is pictured here with her six-month-old daughter Jemma Austin at the Lismore Toy Library. The Toy Library received \$4000 from the Annual Community Grant Scheme last year and Kate encourages local groups who need funds to run a project or purchase new equipment to apply. The annual funding round provides grants of up to \$10,000 for local community groups. The 2017 funding round is open for applications from 5 April to the 5 May. More details inside.







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