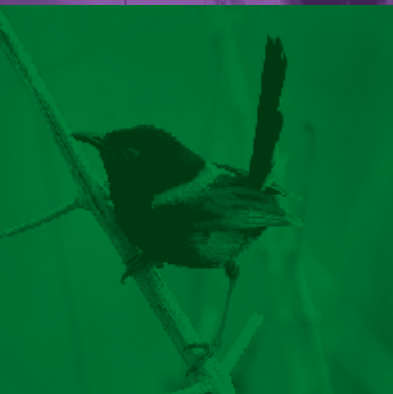


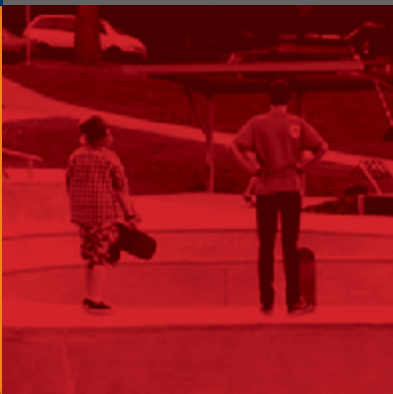


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FLOOD CLEAN-UP CONTINUES BUT STILL LONG ROAD AHEAD...

#Lismore Flood Appeal

The Lismore CBD is once again clean and we are making good headway with flood waste pick-ups in residential areas, but the city and broader local government area will continue to feel the aftermath of the flood for many months yet.

Hundreds of residents and business owners have lost all they have, and Council's major concern is to help these people get back on their feet.

Council has launched the Lismore Flood Appeal to help raise money for the worst affected and we urge people to give generously at www.gofundme.com/lismorefloodappeal. A committee of the Mayor and community leaders will determine how best to distribute the funds.

It is estimated local infrastructure will take a hit in the order of \$40 million. Because Council was declared a Natural Disaster Area on 2 April, Council can apply for disaster relief under the Commonwealth-State National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements. However, it is fair to say that Council's infrastructure and the budget will be worse off once everything comes out in the wash.

What we do know is there will be a cash injection into Lismore as recovery takes place and money is spent to rebuild. This effort will provide jobs for tradies and workers, and millions of dollars will be spent in the local community on everything from coffee to accommodation. This will help businesses at a time when they need customers more than ever.

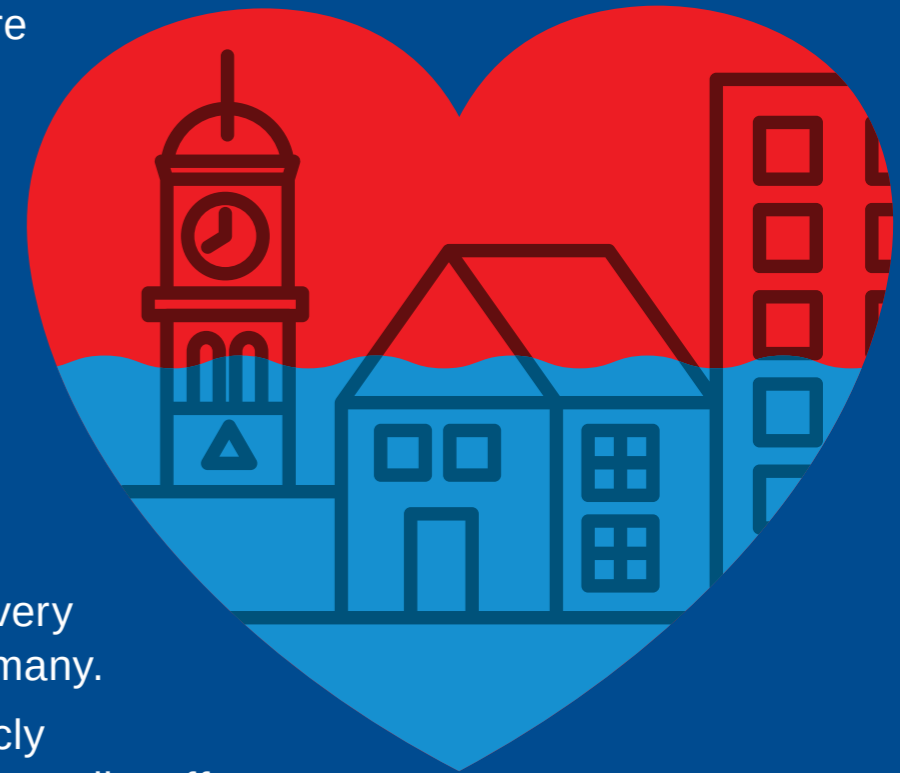
However, money is not what it's all about.

The good news is that no lives were lost in the Lismore Local Government Area and we have seen incredible displays of kindness, resilience and generosity. Friends, neighbours, businesses, NSW Fire Service volunteers from across the state, the SES and countless other agencies and volunteers have helped in the disaster relief.

The Lismore Recovery Centre is now open at the Public Works office at 120 Dalley Street, East Lismore, and we urge residents and business owners to access services provided. From having a driver's licence reissued to counselling services, business support and financial assistance for residents, the Lismore Recovery Centre will offer lifelines for many.

Lastly, we would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of Council staff during this time. Some staff have worked round the clock for more than two weeks straight to get our city back on its feet. The job is far from done and we have some very fatigued but determined people working to rebuild our city. Whatever your thoughts about Council, these amazing men and women have shown incredible heart and resilience since the flood event took place. They deserve our thanks for their efforts.

To every resident out there, stay strong and seek out help during this time. It does exist, so do not be afraid to ask. If you can't find what you need, call us on 1300 87 83 87 and we will help direct you to the right place to get help.



LISMORE CITY COUNCIL – FLOOD APPEAL ACCOUNT
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

As the recovery from the flood continues, there are certain things all residents should be aware of around rubbish collection, waste and roads.

We are doing our level best to get as much waste to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre as possible on a day-to-day basis, often collecting around 500 tonnes a day. But with an estimated 10,000 tonnes deposited in the CBD and on roadsides after the flood, it is a big job.

Below is some key information all residents should be aware of:

Waste and rubbish pick-up

- Residential kerbside pick-ups are continuing as fast as possible. Steel and whitegoods **MUST** be collected first as these **CANNOT** go to landfill. We then come through and collect all waste except dangerous goods including gas bottles, chemicals and tyres. A final trip is made to collect dangerous goods.
- All rotting food in green bins or roadsides should be reported to **1300 87 83 87** for immediate pick-up.
- Rural kerbside pick-ups will occur in flood-inundated villages.
- The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre is open over Easter from 9am to 4pm for anyone who wants to drop-off flood waste. Drop-off is free.
- Bins that were lost in the flood will be replaced. Phone **1300 87 83 87**.

Roads

Inspection of the road network continues with access for residents the top priority. Once major roads have all reopened Council will start work on minor roads. There were more than 60 landslips, bridge washouts, culvert and causeway losses recorded throughout the network. The immediate priority is to complete work so that emergency services can access all homes. We then need to have the road network assessed and apply for disaster relief funds. The work to properly fix all the flood damage could take years.

All roadworks planned before the flood have been postponed until further notice. This week we will begin planning how and when this schedule can resume.



EASTER AND ANZAC OPERATING HOURS

Most Council offices and facilities will close as normal for the Easter period, however, the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre will be open over Easter from 9am to 4pm for flood waste drop-offs.

Council will also continue residential kerbside pick-ups on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Our staff will have Saturday and Sunday off to recuperate after working non-stop since the flood, and this will also give us time to separate the enormous piles of waste at the facility before more loads come in.

The Lismore Library and the Lismore Memorial Baths are closed until further notice while flood clean-up and repairs take place.

Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre is open and all Learn-to-Swim lessons and holiday swimming intensives are now at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre, which has extended operating hours as follows over the Easter period:

Sunday, 9 April: 10am to 5pm

Monday, 10 April: 6am to 8pm

Tuesday, 11 April: 6am to 8pm

Wednesday, 12 April: 6am to 8pm

Thursday, 13 April: 6am to 8pm

Good Friday, 14 April: CLOSED

Easter Saturday, 15 April: 8am to 5pm (creche open as usual)

Easter Sunday, 16 April: 8am to 4pm

Easter Monday, 17 April: 8am to 4pm

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

POP-UP SHOPS AND VOLUNTEERING

Clyde Campbell Carpark pop-up shops

Banks and some other service providers have opened temporary pop-up shops in the Clyde Campbell Carpark until their businesses can reopen. A few of the major banks have so far taken up this offer and others are likely to follow suit as their buildings and businesses sustained substantial damage that needs repair.

You will find several banks and other essential services set up there until they can get their businesses back up and running.

Volunteering

The Lismore Helping Hands Hub is now open at the old Railway Station in South Lismore. If you have free hands and any spare time, please sign up to volunteer. If you have been affected by the flood and need to access volunteer support for cleaning and rebuilding, this is the place to go. The Lismore Helping Hands Hub is open daily from 8am to 5pm. You can also ask for help or register as a volunteer at <https://lismore.recovers.org>. More than 6000 volunteers have so far registered to help.

Insurance claims

The Insurance Council of Australia has contacted Lismore City Council and advised that people with insurance in flood-affected areas who do not specifically have flood coverage should still make a claim as it may be covered under storm damage. If people encounter problems with their insurer, phone the Catastrophe Event Insurance Hotline on **1800 734 621**.

Ongoing updates

Council will continue to provide information as the recovery effort takes place. Please subscribe to 'media releases' on the Lismore City Council website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or like the Lismore City Council Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

HELPING BUSINESS TO BOUNCE BACK

Shop local... PLEASE!!!

If you were lucky enough to be high and dry during the floods and want to help your local community, the best thing you can do is buy local. Buy EVERYTHING local. Go down to the Lismore CBD and other flood-affected areas and see what shops are open. Make a point of buying your goods from these people. Get a coffee, go to dinner, buy your petrol, get your groceries, whatever. Businesses that are reopening need customers and they need them now.

Seek out business support

The Lismore Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Council are working to provide information and support to local businesses. This is a really hard time for many businesses and we urge you to get the full facts on what help and support is out there, and access everything you can.

The state and federal governments are providing concessional interest rate loans for businesses and primary producers, grants to non-profit organisations, and freight subsidies to farmers. We are yet to hear if there is more support to come but as a Council we will continue to lobby for our businesses to try and get as much support as possible.

For loans and freight subsidies phone 1800 678 593.

For business assistance phone 1800 678 593.

The Lismore Chamber of Commerce & Industry is providing a hub of information for businesses and they can direct you on how best to proceed. Businesses can access information on advice and support, business gatherings and local meetings, tax exemptions and loans, free legal advice and more. You can phone the Lismore Chamber of Commerce & Industry on **0448 833 806** or email **admin@lismorechamber.com.au**.

If you cannot find the information or support you desperately need, phone us at Council on 1300 87 83 87 and we will help.

COMMUNITY PRIDE TRAILER AND WASTE TRAILERS AVAILABLE FREE

Lismore City Council has two courtesy waste trailers and a Community Pride Trailer available for community use.

These are possibly needed now more than ever following the recent flood. Council is offering free disposal of flood-damaged goods at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre until further notice, and residents and community groups are welcome to book the trailers to move their waste.

The Community Pride Trailer can be borrowed by any group interested in doing some recovery work, beautification or a special working bee. The trailer includes a mower, brushcutter, blower and wheelbarrow as well as a fuel drum, handsaw, toolbox, shovels, broom, rake and WHS equipment.

The waste trailers are free for any individuals or community groups, while the Community Pride Trailer is available to local community groups.



To book a courtesy waste trailer or the Community Pride Trailer phone 1300 87 83 87.

UPCYCLE YOUR HOLIDAYS EVENT POSTPONED

The Upcycle Your Holidays school holiday event planned for 20 April at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre has been postponed until the next school holidays.

With the clean-up effort expected to take weeks, it was impractical to continue with the event. All tours of the facility and the adjacent Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens have also been cancelled until further notice. Thanks for your understanding during this time.



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.

07/76-4 44 Ballina Road, Lismore: Section 96(1A) modification to hours of operation.

12/469-2 182 Cross Road, Numulgi: Section 96(1A) modification to reduce the size of approved shed.

15/276-2 769 Dunoon Road, Tullera: Section 96(1A) modification to increase height of deck roof.

16/100 6, 8, 9 and 11 Willow Tree Drive, 5 and 5A George Drive and 123 Taylor Road, Chilcotts Grass: Subdivision to create 135 residential lots, four public reserves and one residue parcel including associated public road network and infrastructure services, bulk earthworks and vegetation management works and demolition/relocation of a dwelling.

16/385 31 Arkinstall Road, Tuntable Creek: Dwelling.

16/388 711 Mountain Top Road, Mountain Top: Detached dual occupancy, alterations to the existing dwelling and construction of a garage.

16/423 5 Earls Court, Goonellabah: Dwelling and retaining walls.

17/10 10 Myall Court, Caniaba: Shed.

17/14 2 Tildon Drive, Clunes: Shed.

17/15 70 Parrots Nest Road and 579 Bruxner Highway, South Gundurimba: Subdivision (boundary alteration).

17/19 75 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour: Shed.

17/20 680 Boyle Road, Koonorigan: Dwelling addition.

17/23 9 Donaghue Street, Dunoon: Dwelling and shed.

17/28 149 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour: Dwelling.

17/29 17 Julieanne Place, Bexhill: Dwelling.

17/41 14 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba: Dwelling.

17/43 14 Allen Street, Girards Hill: Covered deck addition to existing house, alterations to existing laundry and demolition of existing fernhouse, in two stages in a heritage conservation zone.

17/51 406 Fredericks Road, Spring Grove: Farm shed.

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: 17/80

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 6 and 8 Bruxner Highway, South Lismore (Lot 1 DP 1228091 and Lot 10 DP 1017982).

APPLICANT: Malcolm Scott Consultant Town Planner.

DESCRIPTION: Expansion and additions and alterations to existing bulky goods premises, including internal extensions to bulk trade area, increased bagged goods floor space, signage, landscaping, fencing, change of hours, carparking and removal of 27 trees.

CLOSING DATE: 10 May 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.

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.



LISMORE BIODIVERSITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

It seems strange after the recent flood to be talking about anything else, but the reality is life does go on and we still have other projects ticking along.

Council is currently seeking nominations for the new Lismore Biodiversity Awards and is currently calling for nominations from the community and local organisations.

The awards are part of the Biodiversity Management Strategy and are a new way to recognise community groups, schools, rural lifestyle landholders and primary producers working to improve biodiversity across Lismore's diverse landscapes.

Whether it is tree planting and habitat restoration, weed and pest control, protecting our rivers and waterways or helping threatened species and ecosystems, we want to hear about the great work people are doing to protect our local environment.

There are three award categories in 2017 and each winner will receive cash or goods and services to the value of \$1000 with the help of sponsors including Soilcare Inc., Richmond Landcare Inc. and Fire-wheel Nursery. The award categories are:

Soilcare Inc. Primary Producer Award: For primary producers demonstrating best practice managing biodiversity alongside agricultural production.

Individual Rural Landholder: For rural lifestyle landholders demonstrating outstanding biodiversity work.

Community and Schools Group: A community group or school doing excellent biodiversity restoration or species protection work.

To nominate a community group, school or landholder go to our website and click on the Biodiversity Awards. Nominations close on 19 May.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME NOW OPEN

Applications for the 2017 Annual Community Grants Scheme are open at 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.

Please be aware that flood-related relief will not be funded through this program. However, in the coming weeks flood-related funding will become available via all tiers of government. Further information will be available via our website and *Local Matters*.

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.

Organisations can apply for the 2017 Annual Community Grants Scheme at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under 'Community Grants'. Only online nominations will be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified during Local Government Week in August.

The application deadline has been extended until 19 May as Council is aware many people are still cleaning up and recovering from the flood.

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.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Council resolved to support a planning proposal for the reclassification of selected Council-owned land at its ordinary meeting of 14 February 2017 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Local Government Act 1993*. The planning proposal involves three Council-owned allotments at two sites. It is proposed to reclassify these lots from 'community' to 'operational'.

The objectives of the proposal are to: a) enable the of ownership of the land (Site 1); and b) enable the sale or lease of the land (Site 2).

In accordance with Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Public Hearing will be held into the proposed reclassification. A report identifying all the properties affected and the reasons for the proposed reclassifications is available on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, 4 May 2017 in the Council Chambers at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, from 5.30pm.

The Public Hearing will be chaired by a person who is independent of Council. The Public Hearing provides any member of the public with an opportunity to make a short verbal presentation. Written submissions will also be accepted. Following the hearing the Chairperson will prepare a report and a copy will be made publicly available.

Individual presentations should be no longer than five minutes each.

Any person wishing to make a presentation to the Public Hearing can register on 1300 87 83 87 on or before the date of the Hearing.

The land proposed for reclassification from 'community' to 'operational' is:

- Site 1 – 36A Smith Street, Clunes (Lot 2 DP 830616);
- Site 2 – 2 and 4 Cassia Crescent, Goonellabah (Lot 1 and 2 DP 630988).

For enquiries, phone Senior Strategic Planner Greg Yopp on 1300 87 83 87.



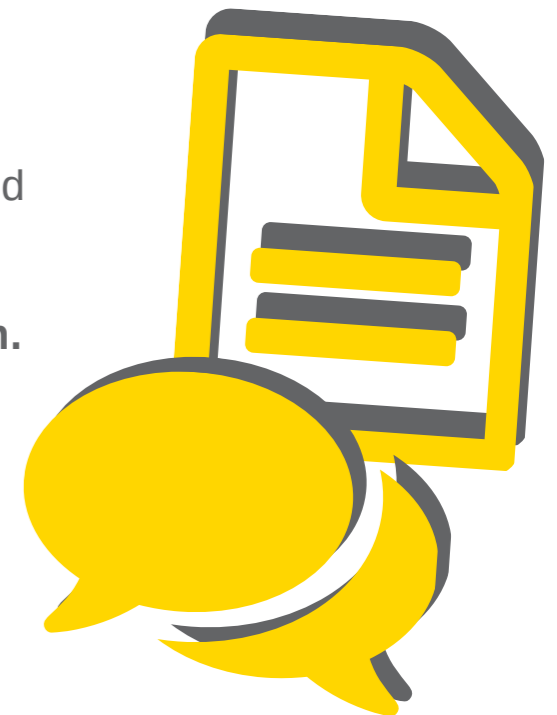
MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

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, 18 April the agenda includes: Draft Community Strategic Plan, Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan and Draft Resourcing Strategy.

**Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm.
For more information about meetings and briefings, phone Jane Torr on 1300 87 83 87.**



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

12 April to 4 May 2017

Lismore City Council has now placed on public exhibition its revised Fire Safety Policy.

Copies of the policy and associated guidelines are available for viewing online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or in hardcopy at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

Submissions outlining grounds of objection or support can be made online, posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480, or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

For enquiries, phone Andrew Weir on 1300 87 83 87.



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