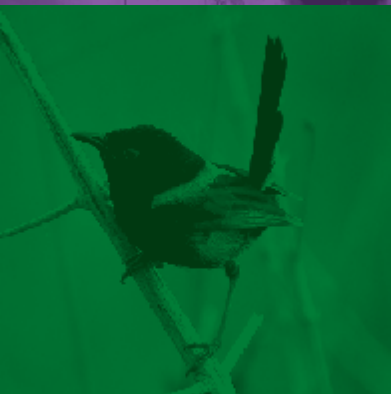




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PATIENCE URGED AS ROAD REPAIRS COULD TAKE MONTHS



Council is urging patience from rural residents as some of the major road closures caused by the recent natural disaster could take months to repair.

All residents now have emergency services access and can get to Lismore, however, for some this means a longer trip than usual.

Council is now compiling detailed damage assessments for a disaster relief application to the Commonwealth-State National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). Rough estimates suggest the total damage bill from the flood could be well over \$40 million.

Once our assessments are finalised, the NSW Government will need to assess Council's claim and undertake geotechnical reports before disaster relief funding can be issued.

This is not a process Council can speed up, except to ensure that Lismore's claim is submitted to the NSW Government as soon as possible so the natural disaster funding process can get underway.

"We understand for some residents this seems like a long time, but disaster recovery is a lengthy and complicated process, and the work must be done right," Council's General Manager Gary Murphy said.

"Some of the landslips we are dealing with are quite serious, and are also very expensive to repair. We are relying on disaster relief in order to complete these works."



Council has now restarted its regular roadworks program, which Gary says is good news for local ratepayers.

"Council's own resources used during 'normal' work hours aren't eligible to be covered under the natural disaster funding," he explained.

"Using our crews on the regular roadworks schedule and contracting out the flood repairs gives ratepayers the best bang for their buck. Council acknowledges this will be frustrating for some ratepayers, but it is ultimately the best outcome for the Lismore Local Government Area."

ROADS STILL SUBJECT TO CLOSURE ARE:

- Boatharbour Road (culvert collapse).
- Cawongla Road (landslip).
- Keerrong Road (landslip).
- Koonorigan Road (landslip).
- Oakey Creek Road (culvert washed away).

Road patching remains ongoing with our focus on emergency/safety pothole patching at this stage. Our planned roadworks schedule has started again with work at Lismore South Public School (see story right).

For more roadworks information, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

ROADWORKS IMPROVE SAFETY AT LISMORE SOUTH PUBLIC

One of the first jobs being undertaken now that our roadworks schedule is being resumed is improvements at Lismore South Public School to calm traffic and improve safety.

Principal Nickie Bartlett said the P&C Association and parents had been concerned for child safety prior to Christmas following completion of the Wilson Street Bridge and anticipated increases in traffic. Children at Lismore South Public School have to cross the road frequently, with the school split into two sites – classrooms on one side of the road and their multipurpose area, playground and oval on the other.

The roadworks include formalising on-street parking in Kyogle Street with a 26-bay carpark for parents and upgrading Wilson Street to slow traffic. Council will also remove on-street parking to improve visibility to the pedestrian crossing, although some of this work has been postponed as Council staff and the school work around flood repairs and access issues. Council will continue working with the school to make sure the improvements are complete as soon as possible.

Nickie said the construction of Wilson Street Bridge had caused deep concern within the school community and she was very pleased to see the new safety measures being put into place.

“We are excited that we will have some proper parking for parents on Kyogle Street given that Wilson Street will become a no parking zone,” she said.

“This will definitely improve visibility of the crossing and therefore the safety of our students.”



Lucia Bartolo and Ashlan Mills are kindergarten students at Lismore South Public School.



Before the flood hit, Council visited the school to give kindergarten students a Council’s ‘Little Helper’ high vis vest as a thank you for the school’s patience in awaiting an outcome... and to make sure the little tackers can be seen a mile away!

The works are funded through a Schools Pedestrian Safety grant from the RMS.

FLOOD HELP AVAILABLE...

Council has been made aware that some flood-affected residents do not realise there is help and support available.

Here is a snapshot of some of the assistance people, businesses and community groups can access. For detailed information, forms and links, go to www.emergency.nsw.gov.au.

Residents

Eligible individuals and families whose homes and essential household items have been destroyed or damaged by a natural disaster can access grants. Phone Disaster Welfare Services on **1800 018 444**. There is also a separate one-off Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Payment, a non-means tested payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for eligible children. Phone **180 22 66**.

Small businesses

Grants of up to \$15,000 and loans of up to \$130,000 are available at a concessional rate to small businesses. Phone the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on **1800 678 593**.

Sporting clubs

Assistance of up to \$12,000 including a grant of up to \$2000 and the rest as a loan is available to sporting clubs. Phone NSW Treasury on **(02) 9228 5062**.

Churches and non-profit organisations

Loan assistance is available to churches and voluntary non-profit organisations for the restoration of essential facilities. A maximum of \$25,000 at a concessional interest rate is available. Phone the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on **1800 678 593**.

Primary producers

Loans of up to \$130,000 are available at a concessional interest rate as well as transport freight subsidies of up to 50%. Phone NSW Rural Assistance Authority on **1800 678 593**.

ORDER YOUR FREE MATTRESS NOW

The Diocese of Lismore and Council are working together to provide comfort to Northern Rivers residents who lost mattresses in the recent flood.

The Regional Mattress Distribution Project is open to any flood-affected resident. People can order a single, double or queen mattress for free and have it delivered to their home.

Already more than 400 orders have been taken and flood-affected residents are encouraged to phone the Mattress Hotline on 0403 736 490 or go to www.lismore.recovers.org to place an order.

“While travelling throughout the Diocese following the flood, I was moved by how many mattresses I have seen on the piles in front of people’s houses,” Lismore Bishop Gregory Homeming said.

“Having a dry and safe place to sleep is a basic human right and we are offering a new mattress to everyone who lost a mattress in the flood.”

David Martin from Instyle Sleep Centre is helping to coordinate the appeal and mattresses are being purchased through the store. His shop in Lismore’s Woodlark Street was flooded during the deluge but he is now back in business and glad to be doing something positive for those in the community who have lost their basic possessions.

Anyone affected by flooding across the Northern Rivers can easily and quickly order a mattress through this initiative. Phone **0403 736 490** or go to www.lismore.recovers.org.

Coordinators of the project will organise delivery across the Northern Rivers as soon as possible.

Image: Lismore Bishop Gregory Homeming with David Martin from Instyle Sleep Centre promoting the mattress drive for flood-affected residents.



COUNCIL SAYS THANK YOU

Australian cricket legend Adam Gilchrist made a surprise visit to Lismore recently to serve sausages to local emergency services personnel who worked and volunteered in the recent flood.

Council hosted the BBQ at Oakes Oval to say a heartfelt thank you to the emergency services personnel for their hard work and support during the natural disaster.

Emergency services both locally and interstate mobilised to help Lismore before, during and after the flood including the NSW SES, NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire & Rescue NSW, Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter, NSW Police and the Ambulance Service of NSW.

“These volunteers deserve our most humble and grateful thanks,” Council’s General Manager Gary Murphy said.

“These amazing men and women have helped save lives, evacuate people, rescue animals, hose down homes and businesses, and generally look after those in need in whatever way possible.

“This was simply a disaster too big and too unprecedented for one agency or organisation to handle. Emergency services staff came to our aid when we needed it most.

“Through the incredible work of the Lismore Helping Hands Volunteer Hub we have also seen our community mobilise to volunteer and help one another in a way that we have never witnessed before. It has been truly inspiring. We are deeply grateful to every single individual for their community spirit and generosity during this time.”



WASTE AND RECYCLING UPDATE

The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre has returned to normal hours of operation from 7am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday.

We have finished kerbside flood waste pick-ups in urban and rural areas and we have almost finished delivering replacement bins to those who lost them. If you have bins that don't belong to you or appear to have washed up, phone us on 1300 87 83 87 so the bins can be retrieved.

Compostable kitchen caddy bags (Biobags) can be purchased at the ShopBaby pop-up at Lismore Square. The Lismore Revolve Shop (which also sells the bags) will reopen on Thursday, 27 April and the Brewster Street Drop-off Centre is now operating as normal.

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.

On Tuesday, 2 May the agenda includes: Northern Rivers Rail Trail; Quarterly Budget Review Statement; Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan; and Nimbin Parking Strategy and CBD Cycleway Strategy.

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

A special ordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday, 8 May at 6pm in the Council Chambers. Items on the agenda include: Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

The next ordinary Council meeting is on Tuesday, 9 May at 6pm in the Council Chambers. Items on the agenda include: Lismore Lake Pool.

For more information phone Jane Torr on 1300 87 83 87.



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.

15/155-2 39 Lindendale Road, Lindendale: Section 96(1) modification to delete condition 4.

15/357 354 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba: To use an approximately 2ha part of the site as an Industry (the manufacture of concrete posts), for a limited period of five years and to undertake the construction of an associated gravel car park.

16/239-2 16 Industry Drive and 23 Rifle Range Road, East Lismore: Section 96(1A) modification to remove one additional tree and to modify conditions 1, 20, 21, 22 and 26.

16/365 163 Bangalow Road, Howards Grass: Change of use of existing approved farm shed to detached dual occupancy.

16/410-2 127 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour: Section 96(1A) modification to extend the existing shed by 3.5m.

16/426 243 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah: Change of use from light industrial to a Place of Public Worship and an internal fitout.

17/8 8 Huntingdale Road, Lismore: Alterations and additions to create a secondary dwelling in an existing dwelling house.

17/12 43 Floral Avenue, East Lismore: Bathroom addition to existing dwelling.

17/13 14 John O'Neill Circuit, Goonellabah: Dwelling and retaining walls with variation to Element 4.5 of Chapter 1 of the DCP.

17/16 2 Nimbin Street, The Channon: Shed with a building line variation to 2m from Nimbin Street.

17/36 19 Star Avenue, Goonellabah: Excavation under existing dwelling to create a storage area and bathroom and an addition to the first floor to include an internal staircase and construction of retaining walls to create carpark space.

17/49 40 Nightcap Range Road, Dorrroughby: Dwelling and farm shed.

17/54 20 Harmony Avenue, East Lismore: Double carport with a building line variation to 954mm to Harmony Avenue.

17/56 68 Wybelena Road, Wyrallah: Inground swimming pool.

17/58 78 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour: Dwelling.

17/65 23 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah: Addition of a deck and awning to an existing dwelling and remove an existing window and replace with bifold doors.

17/84 9 Sandalwood Drive, Caniaba: Inground swimming pool.

17/88 197 Rock Valley Road, Blakebrook: 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: 17/86

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 37 Cecil Street, Nimbin (Lot 2 DP 774889).

APPLICANT: GM Project Development and Management.

DESCRIPTION: Primitive Camping Ground.

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.



CHOOSE TO REUSE DURING PLASTIC FREE JULY

Council is encouraging people to join the Plastic Free July campaign and help make Lismore a plastic-free zone by eliminating single-use plastic bags.

As well as targeting local businesses to stock reusable shopping bags instead of single-use plastic bags, Council is hosting bag-making workshops and a reusable bag design competition so the community can get involved and inspired.

“The winners of the design competition will have their designs printed on a series of reusable bags with the slogan ‘Choose to Reuse’ and these will form the centrepiece of our Plastic Free July campaign,” Council’s Waste Education Officer Barbara Jensen said.

“We will provide some of these bags free to local businesses as part of our push to encourage retailers to get on board and go plastic free.

“Single-use plastic bags are a real environmental hazard and increasingly we are seeing ingestion and entanglement of our marine wildlife, street and stormwater litter, and health and environmental impacts from micro plastics.

“Plastic is designed to last forever, yet every day we use it for disposable items which last a few minutes and are thrown away. Most goes to landfill, some is recycled and much ends up in the environment. Every bit of plastic ever made still exists somewhere. The Plastic Free July website claims that it is estimated by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the world’s oceans.”

Barbara said a good first step to reducing plastics was encouraging communities to use reusable bags and say no to plastic.



Community members are encouraged to get involved in the following activities.

Enter our Reusable Bag Design Competition

For entry forms and criteria visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Entries close at 4pm on Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

Learn to sew a reusable shopping bag with the Lismore Boomerang Baggers

Saturday, 20 May, 10am to 1pm at the Lismore Revolve Shop, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore. Come along and join the new movement to cut, sew and create new reusable shopping bags from fabric offcuts that are available at local shops to use and bring back. Fabric donations greatly appreciated too!

Design and screen print a reusable calico bag

Saturday, 17 June, 10am to 1pm at the Lismore Revolve Shop, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

Materials supplied.

To book your place phone 1300 87 83 87.





ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proposed draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2020

13 April to 10 May 2017

At its ordinary meeting on 11 April 2017, Council resolved to place on public exhibition the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2020.

The draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan is a four year framework outlining the key strategies and actions to be delivered by Council in its commitment to disability access and inclusion within the Lismore Local Government Area.

Copies of the draft plan are available at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

Submissions outlining grounds of objection or support can be made online, by email to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. For enquiries phone Council's Acting Partnering and Community Engagement Coordinator Flora Zigterman on **1300 87 83 87**.

Submissions must be received by close of business 10 May 2017.

GAZETTAL OF ROAD NAMES

Roads Act 1993, Section 162, Roads Regulation 2008

The following road has recently been named:

- New road for construction as part of subdivision: Hillside Drive, Nimbin.

**Published in the NSW Government Gazette
Folio No. 1193 on 7 April, 2016.**



TRAFFIC ALERT: DUNOON ROAD

Roadworks on Dunoon Road, 0.6km south of Modanville village

We will be starting to replace 2km of water main along Dunoon Road in stages over the coming months. The existing main is very old and prone to breakages. The first stage of works will commence in early May 2017 unless we experience bad weather.

Traffic control will include temporary closure of one lane during work hours with traffic flow alternated by portable traffic signals.

We apologise for the travel delays you may experience here in the coming months. Please allow extra travel time through this part of Dunoon Road and thank you for your patience.

RATES REMINDER

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your fourth rates instalment for the 2016/17 rateable year is due for payment on Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

YOUR COVER

'Pappy' is 87 and came from Woodenbong with his Rural Fire Service team to help clean-up during the flood. Pappy joined the RFS in 1960 and continues to volunteer, helping communities whenever he is called upon. Pappy was one of hundreds of firefighters, police, ambos and SES workers who worked tirelessly to help get Lismore back up and running after the recent disaster. Council recently held a BBQ to say thank you to emergency services personnel although many from interstate had already left the region. To all who helped before, during and after the flood, our most humble thanks. We would have been lost without your muscle, spirit and support.





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