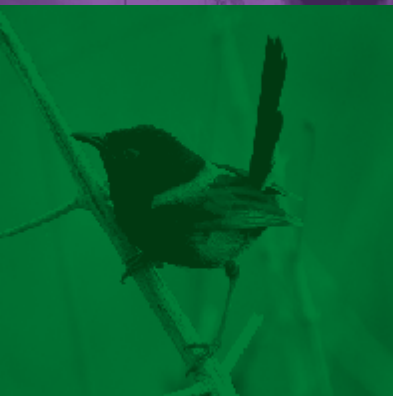


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MERRY CHRISTMAS LISMORE!

Lismore City Council would like to wish our whole community a very merry Christmas.

As is now tradition, we erected our annual Christmas gift to the community on the corner of Keen and Magellan Streets earlier in December – our third recycled Christmas tree.

The idea began in 2015, when Council staff created a Christmas tree from old bicycles, and continued in 2016 with a tree made from old tyres.

This year's effort is a 7.3-metre tree made from more than 200 old road signs and includes a Christmas star shaped from eight give-way signs. The tree boasts over 100 decorations made from recycled corflute and it lights up with 140 metres of lights featuring 2900 LED bulbs.

The steel frame was kindly donated by Onesteel and staff also created a few cheeky road signs to surround the tree.

“We have become very proud of our Christmas tree tradition because it gets people talking, promotes recycling and, on the whole, our community seems to love it,” Council’s Executive Director Infrastructure Services Gary Murphy said.

“This year, we would like to thank Kyogle and Richmond Valley councils for helping us with extra road signs.

“While many staff helped make the 2017 tree a reality, a special mention must go to Vernon Keys and our wonderful bridge crew. That team put in hours of their own personal time and worked tirelessly to make the tree a reality.

“The tree is our Christmas gift to the community – we love Lismore and this is our way of showing it.”

May you and your loved ones enjoy a peaceful, joyous and safe holiday season.

See you in 2018!

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*Bridge Carpenter Vernon Keys,
the driving force behind the
2017 recycled Christmas tree.*

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CBD RAINBOW PROJECT AND SIGNATURE TREE

Lismore City Council is calling on residents to vote on rainbow pavement markings in the Lismore CBD as well as a new signature tree for Lismore.

Both consultations are open until 15 January 2018 and people can go online at www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au to provide feedback.

Here is a little info on both the projects.

Rainbow project

Council resolved on 8 November 2016 to investigate the feasibility of creating a rainbow pedestrian crossing or rainbow structure/image in the Lismore CBD as a tourist attraction and tribute to cultural diversity and the Rainbow Region.

Council now has three options and costings for locations in the CBD:

- 1/ Magellan Street shared pedestrian zone.
Cost: approximately \$7500 annually.
- 2/ Lismore Regional Gallery entrance path.
Cost: approximately \$18,500 annually.
- 3/ Carrington Street shared pedestrian zone.
Cost: approximately \$7500 annually.

Residents are being asked to vote yes or no for the rainbow project and also to rank the options in order of preference.



Signature tree

The concept of a signature tree for the city was originally proposed by the ABC's Gardening Guru Phil Dudman and was adopted by Council in February 2017.

A signature street tree is designed to beautify the city and be a tourist attraction, much like Grafton's jacaranda.

A series of suitable species have been chosen from Council's Street Tree Masterplan, and Lismore residents are now being asked to vote on their preferred tree. The options are:

- Illawarra flame tree (*Brachychiton acerifolius*)
- Tree waratah (*Alloxylon Flammeum*)
- Hoop pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*)
- Silky oak (*Grevillea robusta*)
- Coolamon tree (*Syzygium moorei*)

Remember, you have until 15 January 2018 to vote on both these projects. Visit www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au and have your say!



COUNCIL DECIDES...

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

- Council resolved (7/3 with one absent) that Council hold a workshop early next year with the intention of progressing the expansion of Lismore Shopping Square. The workshop is to consider, but not be limited to: the minimum footprint requirements for the expansion of Lismore Shopping Square; the full impact that the expansion of Lismore Shopping Square would have on Humbley Oval; opportunities to mitigate the impact that an expansion might have on the Lismore CBD; all options for the funds raised from the sale of Council-held community land (should the expansion include the sale of such land); and alternative options including expansion of the shopping centre not involving the sale of Council-held community land.

***** A rescission motion was lodged by Crs Lloyd, Ekins and Guise. This matter will be debated at the 13 February meeting.**

- Council resolved (unanimous with one absent) to reduce the current fee structure for the use of the inflatable and waterslide at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre by 50%.
- Council resolved (unanimous with one absent) to sell a parcel of land at Clifford Park to Jarjum Centre Inc for \$25,000 to relocate their preschool to Clifford Park.
- Council resolved (8/1 with two absent) not to accept a new Swim Clubs Access Licence with the Lismore Workers Swim Team (LWST) and Summerland Racing Team (SRT) and that:
 - The matter is referred to a committee of interested Councillors for a full review of the agreement.
 - The LWST and SRT are invited to participate in the process.
 - The recommendations of that committee are brought back to Council in March for consideration.
 - That until the matter is reviewed and a new agreement adopted by Council it will remain business as usual at the Lismore Memorial Baths and Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

- Council resolved (8/2 with one absent) to make an application through the NSW Government Regional Growth Fund (Regional Cultural Fund) for a new library, open space plaza and public car parking next to the Lismore Quadrangle.
- Council resolved (8/2 with one absent) to make an application through the NSW Government Regional Growth Fund (Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund) to expand Gordon Pavilion's spectator and conferencing capacity, provide additional spectator capacity at Crozier Field, provide additional amenities, provide additional cricket practice facilities and complete stage two of the Oakes Oval refurbishment.
- Council resolved (7/3 with one absent) to make an application through the NSW Government Regional Growth Fund (Growing Local Economies Fund) for the improvement of Lismore Parkland.
- Council resolved (5/5 with one absent, Mayor's casting vote in favour) to negotiate with the Office of Sport NSW to facilitate the construction of the Winter Olympic Institute of Australia athletes training jump on a site over which Council has authority and control and that negotiations be reported back to Council prior to any definite commitment being entered into over the athletes training jump or any specific site being determined for it.

***** A rescission motion was lodged by Crs Lloyd, Ekins and Guise. This matter will be debated at the 13 February meeting.**

- Council resolved (6/4 with one absent) to approve a development application for the Lismore Greyhound Racing Club for an additional 20 race meets annually.

***** A rescission motion was lodged by Crs Lloyd, Ekins and Guise. This matter will be debated at the 13 February meeting.**

- Council resolved (5/5 with one absent, Mayor's casting vote in favour) to apply to the NSW Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal for a five-year Business Special Rate Variation at a rate-pegged level of \$120,000 per annum, commencing on 1 July 2018, for marketing and promotion activities.

***** A rescission motion was lodged by Councillors Bennett, Casson and Guise. This matter will be debated at the 13 February meeting.**

The Council meeting was suspended at midnight and items leftover on the agenda have been deferred until the first Council meeting of 2018 on Tuesday, 13 February. A full list of Council resolutions is available in the Business Papers section of our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

RETURN AND EARN: INFORMATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

The NSW Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme has commenced and it is fair to say there has already been some issues with the reverse vending machine in Lismore.

We have seen long lines of people waiting at the machine, vandalism and complaints about operating hours (Woolworths opening hours only) and people with disability have said it is inaccessible. We have also had lots of enquiries about a bulk drop-off location and when this will come online.

We thought we would take this opportunity to clear up some facts and make sure everyone understands the nature of the scheme and how it can be used.

Return and Earn is a NSW Government-imposed scheme and the reverse vending machine is the responsibility of network operators Cleanaway and TOMRA.

Council has leased land at the Brewster Street Drop-off Centre for the machine but does not have responsibility or authority over how it is set up or operates. This means if you have issues with the machine, whether it be around accessibility or reporting vandalism/mess, you must contact TOMRA on 1800 290 691 to address these issues.

The reverse vending machine issues vouchers redeemable for cash or groceries at Woolworths, credits to Paypal or bank accounts, or donations to selected charities.

Meanwhile, Council is responsible for establishing a bulk drop-off centre for volumes of more than 100 containers at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre in Wyrallah Road.

We are working on this now, and want to make sure the system is working smoothly before we open to the public. We are currently installing equipment and testing, and we hope to open the bulk drop-off centre in January. This facility will be the responsibility of Council and enquiries about this can be directed to us.

The bulk drop-off centre will offer cash refunds and it will be located outside the recycling centre so people don't have to go through the weighbridge.

The bulk drop-off centre is primarily aimed at community groups, schools and sporting clubs who wish to collect containers and earn money, although community members may also use the facility if they have over 100 containers.

Residents should be aware that most 150ml to 3L drink containers are eligible for a 10 cent refund, but not all. Wine, spirits, cordial and plain milk containers are generally not eligible.

All containers must be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and have the original label attached or they will not attract the refund.

We hope this information helps local residents to navigate the new Return and Earn scheme, and we will advise residents once the bulk drop-off centre opens in January.

To report issues with the vending machine, phone TOMRA on 1800 290 691. For enquiries regarding the bulk drop-off centre, phone us 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.

DA No.

04/345-2 2/121 Keen Street, Lismore: Section 96(2) application to modify consent to increase the number of seats inside the premises from eight to 30, to add 15 seats on the public footpath as alfresco dining, to construct an accessible toilet and extend the hours of operation.

16/49-2 303 Wallace Road, Tuntable Creek: Section 96(1) modification to include connection from the approved dwelling additions to the new septic system.

16/169-2 4 Kallee Place, Goonellabah: Section 96(1A) application to modify Consent 5.2016.169.1 to include the construction of two retaining walls at the rear of the property.

16/258-2 2 Kallee Place, Goonellabah: Section 96(1A) application to modify Consent 5.2016.258.1 to include the construction of two retaining walls at the rear of the property.

17/98 7/5 Anstey Street, Girards Hill: Tree removal in a Heritage Conservation Area.

17/107-2 67 Krauss Avenue, Loftville: To undertake: (a) two-staged subdivision of one lot into three lots with associated infrastructure services; and (b) temporary use, for two years, of proposed Lot 1 for parking of vehicles associated with Lismore Toyota on adjoining Lot 83 DP1218917.

17/260 114 Keen Street, Lismore: Change of use of commercial premises for shop-top housing as well as use as an office and associated alterations and additions.

17/269 18/126 Molesworth Street, Lismore: Change of use to barber shop with associated alterations and additions.

17/274-2 12 John O'Neill Circuit, Goonellabah: Section 96(1A) modification to alter the front facade and associated floor plan at the front of the dwelling.

17/305 286 Keen Street, Girards Hill: Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including earthworks and structural retaining.

17/348 18 May Street, Dunoon: Dwelling.

17/349 57 Ashlin Road, Whian Whian: Inground swimming pool.

17/351 48 Newbridge Street, South Lismore: To undertake the erection of a first floor covered deck at the rear of the existing dwelling.

17/352 21 May Street, Dunoon: Dwelling.

17/353 5 Highview Crescent, Modanville: Carport.

17/355 16 Sunrise Crescent, Goonellabah: Shed and carport.

17/357 44 Carrington Street, Lismore: Installation of solar panels on the roof of Lismore Central Shopping Complex.

17/361 324 Coraki Road, South Gundurimba: Dwelling.

17/372 64 Oakley Avenue, East Lismore: Alterations and additions including demolition of existing enclosed patio and deck and the addition of a new main bedroom, laundry, living room and covered deck.

17/377 72 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool and deck.

17/380 55 and 57 Tweed Street, North Lismore: Dwelling addition (carport).

17/384 9 Elizabeth Street, East Lismore: Carport with a building line variation to 1.3m to Elizabeth Street.

17/386 11 Janice Court, Goonellabah: Dwelling alterations (renovation of existing sunroom).

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 consent authority, Council has received the following development applications for consideration.

DA NUMBER: 17/422

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 198 Gungas Road, Nimbin (Lot 101 DP 1160622).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

DESCRIPTION: Subdivision to create 20 large residential lots, associated public roads and infrastructure services, bulk earthworks and vegetation management works.

CLOSING DATE: 8 January 2018.

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at our 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.



OUR CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS

Corporate Centre: Closed from 4.30pm on Friday, 22 December until 8.30am on Tuesday, 2 January.

Lismore Regional Gallery: The Lismore Regional Gallery will remain open over the Christmas break excluding public holidays. This means the facility will be closed on the following days: Monday and Tuesday, 25-26 December and Monday, 1 January.

Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre: The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre remains open over the Christmas break excluding public holidays. This means the facility will be closed on the following days: Monday and Tuesday, 25-26 December and Monday, 1 January.

Lismore Revolve Shop: The Lismore Revolve Shop will close at 1pm on Saturday, 23 December and reopen at 9am on Tuesday, 2 January.

Libraries: Goonellabah Library will close at 5pm on Friday, 22 December. Lismore Library will close at 1pm on Saturday, 23 December. Goonellabah and Lismore Libraries will reopen at 9.30am on Tuesday, 2 January.

GSAC and Lismore Memorial Baths: The Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and the Lismore Memorial Baths will remain open over the Christmas break. Closures are as follows:

Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre: Closed Monday and Tuesday, 25-26 December and Monday, 1 January.

Lismore Memorial Baths: Closed Monday, 25 December and Monday, 1 January.

Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres: The Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres will remain open over the Christmas break excluding Monday and Tuesday, 25-26 December. The centres will both be open on Monday, 1 January.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT KOALAS? TELL US AND WIN!

When was the last time you saw a koala?

We are interested in both your observations and your thoughts on koalas. We are collecting information about sightings of koalas as well as attitudes toward koalas in your community.

Your responses will provide valuable information about how community land could be best managed to help koalas living there.

On completing the survey, you can go into a prize draw for your choice of a two-day break at The Byron at Byron five-star resort or a 2017 iPad Pro.



Go online and make your opinion count!

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DISASTER RECOVERY EXERCISE TAKES COUNCIL OFFLINE



Lismore City Council will undertake a Disaster Recovery Exercise over the Christmas break to test its IT systems in the event of a major catastrophe.

The exercise is designed to simulate what would happen should a disaster wipe out the Corporate Centre in Goonellabah. Council's IT systems will be taken offline from Wednesday to Friday, 27-29 December, meaning many online transactions will not be available during this time from online payments to DA tracking.

Facilities such as the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre and the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre will remain open, but people should be mindful that the disaster exercise could cause some delays or unexpected glitches.

"We hope all facilities will operate as normal, but this is the first time we have ever done this type of simulation, so there are definitely unknowns," IT Manager Garth Hayhurst said.

"This will demonstrate how prepared we are for a disaster and give us an indication of our resilience should a major disaster occur. The focus is about how fast we can get back to normal business following a major event such as a fire or severe storm."

Residents are encouraged not to make payments or do online transactions with Council from Wednesday to Friday, 27-29 December. Thanks for your patience during this time.

JOIN EAT THE STREET 2018!

Eat the Street organisers are looking for new stallholders and interested people to join the food extravaganza that will be Eat the Street 2018.

The Lismore Business Promotion Panel and Lismore City Council are expanding the event throughout the CBD, and have new and exciting activities and areas planned for next year's event.

The 2018 Eat the Street food festival will be held on Saturday, 10 March – please get in contact now if you believe you can add value to our event.



You can read important stallholder information at www.eatthestreetlismore.com.au.

If you have any questions please email gpevents@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

POSITIONS VACANT

We always have new positions becoming available at Lismore City Council.

Jump online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and click on 'Positions Vacant' or sign up for our electronic job alerts in the Subscribe section at the bottom of our homepage to be emailed the latest positions. Please find below our latest positions:

Grader Operator x 2

This position plays a vital role in supporting the team leader in ensuring the efficient and effective use of plant, materials and other resources for all aspects of construction and maintenance works.

Applications close Friday, 26 January 2018 at 4pm.

To apply, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



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