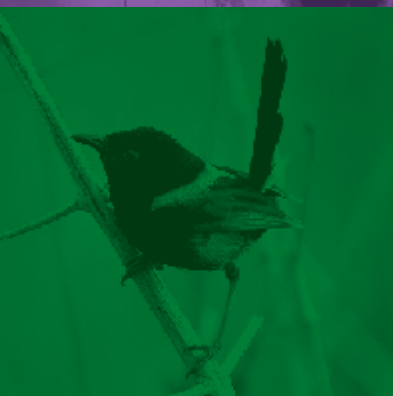




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UPCYCLE YOUR HOLIDAYS... A FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT

Council's third annual Upcycle Your Holidays event is coming up on Thursday, 13 July with free fun for all ages during the school holidays.

The event was going to be held in April but was cancelled due to the flood, but we are now ready to go again.

The day will run from 9.30am to 1.30pm at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road, with visitors able to explore, create, repair, plant and have fun while learning more about recycling and our local native plants and animals.

Activities include the following:

- Follow the journey of your waste on a bus tour as it gets separated, sorted or turned into nourishing compost at our Materials Recovery Facility.
- Explore the local environment with nature activities and guided walks in the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens.
- Operate a rubbish truck, climb in and see how it works.
- Take a bird's eye view of what goes down the drain to our rivers and out to the ocean with the 3D catchment model.
- Take a closer look at our stingless native bees – taste their sugarbags and find out about their vital role in local food pollination.
- Make your own bag from old T-shirts – no sewing needed!
- Construct a pot from paper and plant a seedling to take home.

Kids can also 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 with John on 0408 282 224.

While the kids are getting a bike, parents might like to browse in the Revolve Shop for a second-hand treasure you can buy and take home to repaint, reuse or remake.

Upcycle Your Holidays is a great day out with lots to learn and be involved in. All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult, and please bring a hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinking water. You can also bring along 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.



SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY DESIGN COMP NOW OPEN

The 2017 Sustainable House Day Design Competition is now open, with architects, designers and people with clever building ideas urged to enter.

The theme for this year's Sustainable House Day Design Competition is 'Build it Local' and challenges entrants to build an urban structure using materials from our collective backyard in the Northern Rivers.

A good example of this was designed in 2016 by Michael Leung, who entered the professional category and won the People's Choice Award for SkyFarm, a rural studio he and his family built outside Mullumbimby.

After losing Michael's father-in-law to asbestosis, both he and his wife wanted to build a 'healthy' home created from hemp, recycled timber and other non-toxic materials.

As a result of the build, Michael met two builders who would become his business partners and they created the vision for his business Balanced Earth. He said the Sustainable House Day Design Competition and Expo played an important role in helping his new venture get noticed.

"I put 200 business cards out and they were gone in half an hour. It was incredible," he said.

"It's important that our work gets seen by the public because that will bring more awareness to living healthily, as well as sustainably."

Event Coordinator Andia Cally said she was excited to see what local designers could create from local and recycled materials.

"Most of us are familiar with the concept of food miles where our embodied energy footprint is reduced as a result of growing and transporting food locally, but embodied energy is often overlooked in the building sector," she explained.

"We are a region that is rich in local materials like bamboo, basalt, clay and camphor to name a few, as well as having an abundance of recycled materials."

Entries for the 2017 Sustainable House Day Design Competition are open until 1 September. The 2017 Sustainable House Day Expo will be held on Saturday, 16 September at Tweed Seagulls Club, where all entries from the design competition will be displayed.

Visit www.sustainablehousedaynr.org for entry details.

The 2017 Northern Rivers Sustainable House Day is a joint project by Lismore City Council, Byron Shire Council, Ballina Shire Council, Tweed Shire Council, Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre, TAFE NSW, Self Seed Sustainability and Dorrroughby Environment Educational Centre.



Last year's Sustainable House Day Design Competition People's Choice Award winner, SkyFarm, a rural studio made of hemp, recycled timber and other non-toxic materials.

TAKE THE PLASTIC FREE JULY CHALLENGE

Joining the Plastic Free July challenge is easy... simply choose to reuse and say NO to single-use plastic bags this month.

Council has joined this campaign and encourages everyone living in the Lismore Local Government Area to make the commitment to carry reusable shopping bags with them and refuse single-use plastic bags.

Here are a few statistics that might surprise you:

- Every bit of plastic ever made still exists in the world.
- In the first 10 years of this century the world has produced more plastic than the entire 1900s.
- Plastic ends up in waterways and the ocean – scientists predict there will be more tonnes of plastic than tonnes of fish by 2050.
- Plastic manufacturing consumes 6% of the world's fossil fuels.

Being part of the solution is actually easy and just takes a little bit of planning. Once you get used to saying no to plastic bags, we hope you'll continue to do so even after the Plastic Free July campaign is over.

You could make a reusable shopping bag at home, buy one from a local store, join the Boomerang Bag movement locally (search on Facebook) or simply find a few good-sized bags of your liking to use as shopping bags. Carry them with you wherever you go, and you'll never need a plastic bag again!

For more information on how to live plastic free, including great tips and tricks on everything from cleaning to gardening and pet care, visit www.plasticfreejuly.org.



RESIDENTS URGED TO APPLY FOR NEW TIP VOUCHERS

Residents are reminded that they can now apply for three new tip vouchers.



Residential households are entitled to three free visits to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre each year but a new application is required to receive the free vouchers. Please note that all vouchers issued for the 2016/17 financial year expired on 30 June.

While we encourage people to use the electronic system wherever possible, those with no computer access or email can apply in person or over the phone.

Residents can dispose of one ute or trailer load of waste in each visit, with the following maximum volumes accepted.

- 200 kilograms of mixed general waste (not sortable)
- 333 kilograms of self-sort waste (50% recoverable)
- 714 kilograms of green waste
- 1,666 kilograms or 1.6 tonne of scrap steel
- One gassed whitegood or two un-gassed whitegoods
- Five car/4x4 tyres or one truck tyre

People who bring more than these amounts will incur standard waste disposal charges, and no asbestos or commercial quantities of chemicals are allowed.

To apply for a voucher, visit www.northernriverswaste.com.au.

You can also apply over the counter at Council's Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, or by phone on 1300 87 83 87.

Tip visitors note: Please stop at the stop sign before proceeding onto the weighbridge when there is a vehicle already on the bridge at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. We are having a lot of trouble with two cars being on the bridge at one time because people fail to heed to the stop sign. This means our staff cannot weigh vehicles correctly and it holds up the tip entry process. So please, stop at the stop sign!

LISMORE URGED TO DISCARD TAKEAWAY AND CHOOSE TO REUSE

Council has developed a range of colourful reusable cups for staff and the community in a bid to reduce waste and eliminate the ubiquitous takeaway coffee cup.

Earlier this year, Council resolved to show leadership in the use of reusable coffee cups and water bottles at all Council facilities, reducing the huge amount of these items polluting the environment.

Council now has its own reusable cup range in 12 vibrant colour combinations (all sporting the slogan 'Choose to Reuse') and a line of water bottles is in the pipeline.

The cups are provided to all Council staff and can be purchased by community members for \$15 at the Lismore Revolve Shop and at the Save 'n' Waste Store in Shopbaby at 126 Woodlark Street, Lismore.

Council is encouraging cafés and coffee shops to get involved and order their own Choose to Reuse range. Council can provide the artwork free and businesses can entice customers by offering a discount for those who bring their own cup.

"Imagine if every café and coffee shop got involved and Lismore became a takeaway cup free city," Council's General Manager Gary Murphy said.

"Lismore is at the forefront of so many sustainability initiatives, and this is another very simple and practical thing our businesses and residents can do to make a real difference."

The Northern Rivers is one of the few areas in Australia where coffee cups are recycled rather than sent to landfill, but the system is not 100% perfect. There is still waste generated in the process, and Gary said there is no substitute for a reusable cup.

"A lot of manufacturers are now using a plant-based product to replace the plastic coating in takeaway cups, which is the major recycling challenge, but change is slow," Gary said.

"While Lismore recycles the bulk of these takeaway coffee cups, it is not a get out of jail free card. There is still plastic waste generated, and the water and energy used to make the cups is still creating a major environmental problem worldwide. Reusable cups and bottles are definitely the best solution.

"It's absolutely frightening to think of the millions of cups and bottles thrown away every single day around the globe," he added.

"We urge businesses to come on board and ask residents to purchase a reusable cup and make a commitment to say no to takeaway coffee cups and water bottles. We want everyone in Lismore to choose to reuse."





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.

05/878-2 116A Howards Grass Road, Lagoon Grass: Section 96(1A) modification to extend the second bedroom, add a walk-in wardrobe, convert part of existing study to an ensuite and relocate external stairs to accommodate this extension and mud room.

16/193-2 70, 86, 90 and 116 Brunswick Street, Lismore and 118 Brunswick Street, Lismore Heights: Section 96(1) modification to engineers' drawings for depot and general industry.

17/12 10 Ida Place, Goonellabah: Multi-dwelling development (5 x 3 bedroom detached dwellings), retaining walls and ancillary development (including fences, landscaping and garbage enclosure) and strata subdivision.

17/20 2 Bruxner Highway, South Lismore: Installation of solar panels and inverters.

17/32 21 Lismore Street and 14 Sandy Point Road, Monaltrie: Subdivision (boundary alteration).

17/48 759 Tregeagle Road, Tregeagle: Conversion of an existing studio/shed to a detached dual occupancy.

DA17/53 695 Pinchin Road, Goolmangar: To undertake a primitive camping ground development comprising: 6 camping sites, a composting toilet building, an amenities (showers) and kitchen building, and the upgrade of the existing vehicular access from Pinchin Road and the existing internal access road (including an upgrade of existing concrete culvert). The proposal constitutes integrated development in accordance with S91 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Approval from NSW Department of Primary Industries (Water) is required in accordance with *Water Management Act 2000*, approval from NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) is required under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, and approval from NSW Rural Fire Service is required in accordance with the *Rural Fires Act 1997*. The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

17/61 119 Ballina Road, Girards Hill: Removal of 15 Alexander palms in a Heritage Conservation Area.

17/86 37 Cecil Street, Nimbin: Primitive camping ground.

17/105 141 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah: Subdivision to create two residential lots with a dwelling on each lot and removal of trees.

17/137 165 Molesworth Street, Lismore: Addition of an internal lift located within the existing stairwell.

17/145 39 Woodlark Street, Lismore: New shop front and signage.

17/146 78 Rous Road, Goonellabah: Covered deck.

17/150 65 Molesworth Street, Lismore: To undertake internal alterations and additions to the existing heritage-listed building.

17/151 8 O'Mahoney Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling.

17/158 19 Cedar Drive, Dunoon: Inground swimming pool and fencing.

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.

CHANGES TO FLUORO, BATTERY AND PRINTER CARTRIDGE COLLECTIONS

As part of more than \$2.5 million of internal savings in this year's budget, we are reducing the number of collection points for fluoro lights, batteries and printer cartridges.

We will no longer be accepting these items at the Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries, our Corporate Centre, Summerland Credit Union, Bunnings, Haymans, Cetnaj or the SCU Uni Co-op bookshop.

Instead, we ask that people bring them to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre free of charge (excluding commercial quantities) or alternatively grab a Resource Recovery Collection Satchel.

These are free and are available at our Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries, the Corporate Centre in Goonellabah, or the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.

Residents can keep a satchel at home for the collection of printer cartridges, batteries, mobile phones and accessories, X-rays, CDs and DVDs, reading glasses, corks, electrical cords and smoke detectors. Once the Resource Recovery Collection Satchel is full, simply place it in your yellow bin.

Thanks everyone!



NEW AFL COMP HELPS BUILD WOMEN'S SPORT



Tis year the first AFL women's competition started in the Northern Rivers, following the national trend that has seen women's AFL explode onto the Australian sports scene.

The first Lismore squad to suit up was the Lismore Swans women's AFL team, now proudly sponsored by Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

"We are so thrilled to be sponsors of this new team and support more women in sport," GSAC Assistant Manager Yonika Mantel said.

"The women's AFL locally is already gaining popularity and we hope this will become a well-represented sport in the Northern Rivers. Giving young women more opportunities to participate in sport is really important. The team has young women who previously played netball, soccer, athletics... all sorts of sports. One player told us that she thought netball was her one true love, until she met AFL."

The new women's AFL competition could not come at a more opportune time, with the \$3 million upgrade of Lismore's Oakes Oval now underway

The upgrade will include expanding the on-field playing area to boost spectator capacity and make it suitable for AFL games, replacing the change-rooms and toilet facilities, and installing a new electronic scoreboard.

"Oakes Oval will become the home of AFL in the Northern Rivers and it will be the main ground for Northern Rivers AFL grand finals," Council's Manager of Major Recreation and Cultural Facilities Tony Duffy said.

"The upgrade will be completed during the second half of 2017 and we will see our first AFL grand final played on the new field in winter 2018."

The Federal Government has contributed \$1.4 million to the Oakes Oval upgrade, with AFL Queensland, Lismore City Council, Lismore Swans Seniors AFL and NSW Cricket matching the funds in cash or in-kind.

Lismore Swans have both senior and junior women's and men's AFL teams. Anyone interested in trying out AFL and joining a team should phone the Lismore Swans on **0418 264 461**, email lismoreswans@gmail.com or head to the website www.lismoreswans.com.



ONGOING SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS FLOOD INSURANCE CLAIMS

If you're a small business and your flood insurance claim has been denied, there are ongoing opportunities to be part of a bulk appeal to the NSW Financial Ombudsman Service to have these refusals overturned.

The NSW Small Business Commissioner has been providing support to small businesses in relation to declined business insurance claims following ex-tropical cyclone Debbie.

The Commissioner is preparing a bulk submission, incorporating those businesses who have already been in contact with the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner.

If your insurance is still to be determined, or your application has been declined, and you have not yet made contact with the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner, there will be opportunity for another bulk submission in future.

If your small business insurance claim has been determined, and if it has been declined, please contact **Nathalie Birt** on **0477 712 155** or email **nathalie.birt@smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au** for further support.



SAVE THE DATE FOR LISMORE AVIATION EXPO ON 29 JULY

Due to the ongoing wet weather a few weeks ago, the Lismore Aviation Expo was postponed until Saturday, 29 July.

Presented by Fast Aviation, the third annual Lismore Aviation Expo will include lots of great family fun including joy flights, planes and helicopters in the air and on the ground, vintage cars and motorbikes, drones and model aircraft, hot air balloons, and much more.

Paul Bennet Airshows will headline the day, performing his death-defying aerobatics, and there will also be food stalls, children's entertainment and lots of information for youngsters interested in careers in flying.

The Lismore Aviation Expo runs from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, 29 July at the Lismore Aviation Centre, Three Chain Road, South Lismore. Entry is \$5 with children under 16 free.

For more information, go to www.visitlismore.com.au or see our next edition of *Local Matters* for full event details.

YOUR COVER

Entries are now open for the 2017 Sustainable House Day Design Competition. This hemp house near Mullum was the 2016 People's Choice Award winner and a good example of using local materials to build a sustainable house. This year's theme is Build it Local and organisers are looking for designs that utilise recycled or local materials. More details inside.





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