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WHY AND HOW WE RECYCLE GLASS LOCALLY

There has been lots of discussion in the media recently about the stockpiling of recycled glass in warehouses around Australia because it's cheaper to import glass than to recycle it.

This type of situation is exactly why finding local solutions to recycling our own waste products is so vital.

At Lismore City Council, we built the Materials Recovery Facility in 2014 to recover glass and then process it through a glass crushing plant to produce glass sand.

Some of this glass sand is sent to Blakebrook Quarry, where it is mixed with other materials into road base. We are also finding new uses all the time, the most recent being in drainage works and pipe bedding as a cost effective, sustainable alternative to metal dust and sand.

The photos below show glass sand being used in the initial site works of the new \$2.5 million Commercial Sorting Plant, which we are building in the 2017/18 financial year. This plant will allow us to divert approximately 50% of our current incoming commercial waste from landfill.

As part of these works we have mixed glass sand with gabion rock to form the sub-base of a road that required widening to improve access, as well as using it to backfill a retaining wall, which was then top covered with our 10mm compost and planted out with lomandra.

The other great thing about recycling glass this way is we can capture more products. Conventional glass recycling has only ever allowed for the recycling of glass jars and bottles, whereas when we crush it into sand, we can repurpose glass bottles and jars as well as plate glass, drinking ware, crockery and pyrex.

As well as ensuring more glass can be recycled, transforming glass back into sand reduces the need to mine virgin material for road base. This decreases road resealing costs, limits truck movements and uses considerably less energy and water, as well as reducing air pollution.

We are even winning awards for the use of glass sand, with Council and our contractors, Diona and Calibre Consulting, awarded the Civil Contractors Federation NSW Earth Award in June this year. This recognised excellence in civil construction for the Caniaba Street Sewage Pump Station and particularly the use of recycled glass in its construction.

We hope this provides some insight into our glass recycling, and please remember to place all your old glass, crockery, pyrex, plate glass, drinking glasses etc in your yellow recycling bin. The only type of glass not suitable for recycling is windscreen glass.

Next on our wishlist: Finding ways to recycle plastics locally and make new products! Watch this space.



GIVE BLOOD AND HELP SAVE LIVES THIS WINTER

We are currently part of the Red25 Councils Blood Challenge, run by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, which is an annual drive to encourage local government employees to give blood and plasma.

The competition runs until 30 September and Lismore City Council is currently coming fourth in Australia, which is a pretty good effort considering we are up against some councils with much larger staff numbers and populations.

There is still one month to go and we would like to encourage others in our community to give blood and help save lives.

“It’s just a friendly competition of course, but we thought why not ask others to give blood too and join in the spirit of the competition,” Council’s competition organiser Steve Dillon said.

“The fact we are fourth in Australia at the moment has really got staff revved up. We were 10th not long ago so we have already jumped a big way up the ladder. We are now pretty determined to get a podium finish.

“This competition is held every year during winter as that’s when blood is most needed... supplies get short and every donation counts.”

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service website explains that there are about five litres of blood in the human body and it’s made up of several useful components. You may be able to donate whole blood or plasma, and each type of donation is used for different medical treatments.

Blood is surprisingly versatile. The blood you donate can be made into 22 different medical treatments and can be used for cancer, blood diseases, haemophilia, anaemia, heart disease, stomach disease, kidney disease, childbirth, operations, blood loss, trauma and burns.

Steve explained that every blood donation can save three lives, and that most donors come away saying it wasn’t as scary as they thought.

“People of all walks of life need blood products. Some need it to get them through a serious event in their lives, like cancer or a dangerous pregnancy, while others have medical conditions which mean they need blood products regularly to stay alive or be healthy,” Steve said.

“You basically have a one-hour appointment with really nice people, enjoy a milkshake and a cookie, and walk away knowing you have saved three other lives. That’s pretty incredible and it’s so easy.”



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To book an appointment at the Lismore Blood Bank in Bounty Street phone 13 14 95.



INAUGURAL BIODIVERSITY AWARDS RECOGNISE ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

The inaugural Lismore Biodiversity Awards were held on Friday, 25 August, with local people working to protect and enhance our environment being recognised and rewarded for their good work.

The new annual awards night is part of the Biodiversity Management Strategy and a commitment from Council to thank people in the community who are acting to improve our environment.

The awards recognise exceptional community groups, schools, primary producers and rural landholders, with an emphasis on those who are improving biodiversity values that support healthy habitats and native wildlife.

Each of the winners received \$1000 in cash or goods and services, as well as the honour of being named winners of the very first Lismore Biodiversity Awards.

“Our winners show great passion for the environment, and an enduring love for the land that is demonstrated in the legacy they are creating,” Council’s Environmental Strategies Officer Vanessa Tallon said.

“Our winners this year are people who have strived for years to improve the local environment, and you can see the results of that labour in the forests, parks and rainforest remnants they have planted and nurtured, which are full of diverse local species and home to many native animals. It’s fantastic what they have achieved.

“We are so proud of our 2017 winners. They are doing great things for our community and we should all be very grateful for their time and commitment to our environment.”

And the winners are:

Soilcare Inc. Primary Producer Award

Robert Hunter owns a 40-hectare cattle property at Corndale. Over many years he has undertaken a series of fish habitat rehabilitation projects along 2.2km of Coopers Creek. His works have included stock fencing and planting more than 4500 native trees and shrubs to improve water quality and habitat for local fish and other native animals.

Individual Rural Landholder

Ken Williams and Adrian George own a 40-hectare rural lifestyle block at Georgica that they have painstakingly turned from degraded paddocks into flourishing forest over the last 25 years. The pair have worked tirelessly to restore native vegetation, creek banks and koala habitat, doing everything from weed removal across 22 hectares and seed propagation to planting more than 4000 native trees.

Community Group or School

The Wilsons River Landcare Group has been committed to restoring lowland subtropical rainforest on the floodplain, an endangered ecological community, for more than 20 years. The group works in high-profile areas throughout the CBD such as Pritchard Park, Molesworth Street and Colemans Point (the Greyhound Track) to improve both the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. They have also inspired countless other Landcare groups through National Tree Day and other education events.

Council would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors (Soilcare Inc, Fire-wheel Rainforest Nursery and Richmond Landcare Inc), the nominees and winners of the inaugural Lismore Biodiversity Awards, and all the people who helped make it possible.



SAVE THE DATE: 2017 PIAZZA IN THE PARK

Remember to save the date for the 2017 Lismore Friendship Festival's Piazza in the Park, which was postponed in June due to wet weather and will return on Sunday, 1 October.

Piazza in the Park celebrates the 'friendship relationship' (much like a sister city relationship) between Lismore and the cities of Conegliano and Vittorio Veneto in northern Italy, as well as Lismore's strong Italian heritage.

The family fun day in Spinks Park will feature Italian food, music, games, local produce, workshops, car and bike displays, dancing and more. A new addition is the inclusion of a tug-o-war as a nod to the Italians who participated in the very successful Nimbin tug-o-war teams in the 60s and 70s.

A further highlight is a visit by the Italian Consul-General based in Sydney, Arturo Arcano, who will attend with his family. This will be his first visit to the region and he will address the Piazza in the Park crowd.

Festival goers are also invited to visit the Richmond River Historical Society's Museum, which will be open for the day. Upstairs, there will be an exhibition of images of Lismore in the 1960s with photos of Lismore locals at play in the streets for the Floral Carnival, on sporting fields and in the newly established Italo Club. The exhibition is by Tiziana Adua Moretti, who was born in Cologna Veneta (Verona) in 1935. Adua arrived in Australia from Italy in 1960 to join her family in Lismore, who had settled here earlier in 1954. She was a talented artist and photographer operating Embassy Studios in Lismore, which specialised in portrait photography and colourisation of black and white images. In 1970, Adua moved to Brisbane, where she lived until 2012.

Meanwhile, in the former Lismore Regional Gallery space, there will be another photographic exhibition, *Streets of Conegliano*, by local photographer Peter Derrett. Peter visited Lismore's sister city late last year and his exhibition celebrates the buildings, café culture and street life of this popular city in Veneto. Entry to both exhibitions is free.



Images from the exhibition *Streets of Conegliano* by Peter Derrett that will be on display during the 2017 Piazza in the Park.

Leave the date free for Piazza in the Park on Sunday, 1 October in Spinks Park. The day runs from 10am to 5pm and entry is free.





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.

17/3-2 9 Arlington Court, Goonellabah: Section 96(1A) modification to add a deck off bedroom one upstairs.

17/30 28 Homestead Avenue, Goonellabah: Carport to the side of existing building.

17/131 54A Ballina Road and 101 Conway Street, Lismore: Extension to existing awning over the service station forecourt.

17/164 8 Warrick Place, Lismore Heights: To relocate 1m high retaining wall 1.2m for the purpose of driveway widening.

17/174 31 May Street, Dunoon: Dwelling and shed.

17/182 15 John O'Neill Circuit, Goonellabah: Strata subdivision to create two lots through subdividing existing attached dual occupancy.

17/184 65 Molesworth Street, Lismore: New and replacement business identification signage and a new awning over ATM to a heritage-listed building.

17/187 1610 Bangalow Road, Clunes: Dwelling with separate garage and gym buildings and inground swimming pool.

17/204 54 Basil Road, Nimbin: Resited dwelling.

17/208 130 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank: Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and associated removal of vegetation.

17/220 86 Repentance Creek Road, Rosebank: Shed and water tank.

17/221 168 Dawson Street, Girards Hill: Carport in a heritage conservation area (as built).

17/222 19 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba: Dwelling and retaining wall.

17/242 255 Alphadale Road, Lindendale: Alterations and additions to an existing 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.

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, 5 September the agenda includes: Review of Annual Community Grants Scheme Policy, Roads KPI workshop and Richmond Tweed Regional Library Deed of Agreement. Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm.

On Tuesday, 19 September the agenda includes: Major projects briefing, water and wastewater performance, plant tenders, and groundwater extraction and on-site bottling in rural areas. Held in the Council Chambers from 6.30pm.

Please note that items at briefings are subject to change. Anyone is welcome to attend the above briefings and view presentations from the public gallery.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council is coming up on Tuesday, 12 September at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

The agenda is placed on the website about one week prior to the meeting so people can see what items will be debated.

Remember, you can also now live stream Council meetings from home via our live webcasts at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. For more information about meetings and briefings or to book in to speak at public access, phone Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87.



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan at 4 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin

Council has received a Planning Proposal that would enable the future subdivision of 4 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin, for large lot residential housing.

At its ordinary meeting of 14 February 2017 Lismore City Council resolved to support a Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2012 to rezone part of 4 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin, from Zone RU1 Primary Production to Zone R5 Large Lot Residential in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Planning Proposal seeks to amend the minimum lot size for land proposed to be rezoned to Zone R5 Large Lot Residential from 40ha to 4,000m² and 2,500m² and amend the maximum building height to 8.5m. It is also proposed to reduce the minimum lot size for residue land to the east that will remain in Zone RU1 Primary Production from 40ha to 10ha to allow the development of a dwelling.

On 9 March 2017 the Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination with conditions including requirements for further site investigations to be undertaken relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage, land contamination, ecology and flood risk. The finalisation of the LEP has been delegated to Council.

The Planning Proposal is on exhibition for public comment from 31 August to 29 September 2017. Copies of the Planning Proposal, Gateway Determination and associated material are available at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au by following the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

Submissions to the Planning Proposal outlining grounds of objection or support must be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or made online via our website. For enquiries, please phone Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by Friday, 29 September 2017.



HERITAGE PARK COFFEE/FOOD CART EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Q2017/36)

We are currently calling for Expressions of Interest from interested parties to operate a coffee/food cart in Heritage Park.

Locals and families from around the region visit and enjoy the range of playground equipment and miniature railway at the park, and its close proximity to the Lismore Visitor Information Centre also makes it a well-used rest area for visitors.

Council is keen to provide park users with the convenience of onsite food and coffee.

Expressions of interest can be received for regular usage or selected times throughout the year during busy periods.

Interested parties should have experience and proven capability in running a coffee/food cart in an environmentally friendly, safe and locally inclusive way.

Submissions close at 2pm on 21 September 2017.

For enquiries and a copy of the lodgement form contact Lismore City Council Open Space Assets Coordinator Martin Soutar on 1300 87 83 87.



DARREL CHAPMAN FUN RUN... CHOOSE YOUR RUN AND JOIN THE FUN

The annual Darrel Chapman Fun Run is coming up on Sunday, 10 September so it's time to join with friends, choose a run of your choice and help raise money for local charity.

The Darrel Chapman Fun Run has been running (pun intended...) for 20 years and raises money for Our Kids, a charity that purchases lifesaving equipment for local hospitals to ensure kids can stay close to home when receiving medical care.

You can choose to walk with friends and have a fun, leisurely morning or join in one of the competitive runs and go for gold.

Runs to choose from are:

Our Kids 4km Walk/Run

\$15 per person or \$25 per family. Register on the day.

The Lord's Taverners 10km Run

\$30 for 18 years and under or \$40 for 19 and over.

Registrations close 5 September.

The Lismore Masters Half Marathon (21km)

This is Lismore's only half marathon and open to all ages.

\$60 per person. Registrations close 5 September.

The 10km and 21km runs are timed and all competitors will have bibs and timing chips to wear.

Registrations are now open at www.darrelchapman.com.

If you want to join the 4km walk/run, simply go to the registration tent from 7am on 10 September in front of the Richmond Hotel in Woodlark Street, Lismore.



MARKET STREET RENAMED FOR ANZAC CENTENARY

Market Street in Lismore has now been renamed Anzac Close.

The proposal to change the street name was requested by the City of Lismore RSL Sub-Branch to coincide with the centenary of Anzac (2014-2018) commemorative activities.

Market Street was selected to be renamed as it is in close proximity to the City of Lismore RSL Sub-Branch office and associated commemorative plaques and statues.

The new name Anzac Close took effect on 17 August and street signs have now been changed.

Rates reminder

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your first rates instalment for the 2017/18 rateable year is due for payment on Thursday, 31 August 2017.

YOUR COVER

Steve Dillon is Council's Property Maintenance Coordinator and the co-organiser of our involvement in the annual Councils Blood Challenge, run by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, where local government employees compete to give as much blood as possible between 1 July and 30 September. To date, we have made 51 donations and each donation represents three people saved – so that's 153 lives saved and counting. We are currently coming fourth in Australia and second in the state. Winter is the most important time to give blood as supplies get short... and giving blood feels good! Phone 13 14 95 to book an appointment. More details inside.





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Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre is located at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

We are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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