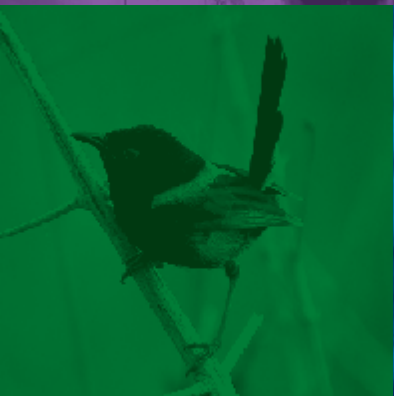




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# LAST CHANCE! APPLY NOW FOR 2018 RURAL LANDHOLDER FUNDING

## Do you need help restoring biodiversity on your property?

Grants are now available for environmental weed control, revegetation and habitat improvement on private property. The work will be undertaken by professional bush regenerators who can provide skilled land management advice to successful landholders.

The funding is available through our Rural Landholder Initiative expression of interest process, which remains open until 25 January 2018.

If you're wondering about eligible or need some help to apply, please phone our Extension Officer Kate Steel on 1300 87 83 87.

Assistance of up to \$5000 is available for primary works and maintenance in the first year, with complex restoration projects eligible for second year funds of up to \$2500. Landholders on floodplain riverbanks can apply for up to \$10,000 if works include fencing and off-stream watering.

Restoration works that aim to address flood damage to creeks and riverbanks, hillslopes and bushland are also eligible for funding, however these projects must also address the long-term biodiversity benefits that can be achieved.

This Rural Landholder Initiative grant opportunity is a great way to access funds for works to improve your property, but don't leave it too late – the deadline is just three weeks away!

Expressions of interest are open until 25 January 2018.

To access the online application form go to [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and click on 'Landholder Grant Funding NOW OPEN' under the green 'Environment & Sustainability' tab.

# FLOOD ROAD REPAIRS UPDATE

**Let's not beat around the bush here folks, the wait for flood road repairs has been painstakingly slow, and we are well aware that residents are fed up and want to see some action.**

Nine months of inaction is a very long time and we respect and understand how residents are feeling.

Unfortunately, the process to apply for natural disaster funding from the NSW Government is lengthy, and once our funding (around \$30 million) was approved, we then had to issue tenders to get suitable contractors. Council crews are not allowed under state law to undertake flood repair work – instead, we are required to employ contractors. This may seem like a convoluted and less than logical process, but it is the way the natural disaster funding system works.

The good news is, we can now report that contractors are on the ground and work has commenced. Here is a snapshot of what is currently taking place.

## ROADSIDE DEBRIS CLEAN UP

This includes the 'minor' roadside landslips in locations such as Newton Drive near Nimbin, Upper Tuntable Falls Road, Tuntable Creek Road and Mountain Top Road that are passable but need more work for full road reopening. Contractors are now mobilising to clear remaining roadside debris (trees, soil, rocks etc that are still blocking/restricting roads). This work will take several crews months to complete across the whole Local Government Area as the debris is widespread, but work is now underway.

## GRAVEL ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPAIRS

We have now got contractors working across the Lismore Local Government Area repairing flood-affected gravel roads while our Council staff continue our regular gravel maintenance schedule. Residents should see plenty of work taking place in many different areas. Below is the schedule of roads to be repaired in January 2018.

- Webber Road
- Abbey Road
- Town Road
- Gwynne Road
- Grennan Road
- Graham Road
- Mountain Top Road
- Lodge Road
- Izzard Road
- Standing Street
- Nimbin Street
- Wallace Road
- Upper Tuntable Falls Road

## MAJOR ROAD REPAIRS/LANDSLIDES

As you can see from the table below, we have a lot of work on landslips/major repairs to do. We are organising schedules with contractors now and should be able to provide a full schedule with more specific dates for repairs by the end of January.

Road	Location reference	Status update
Boatharbour Road	1.3km	Temporarily repaired. Open to traffic. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Caniaba Road	7.4km	Completed.
Keerrong Road	12.87km	Completed.
Keerrong Road	13km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Koonorigan Road	8.05km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Koonorigan Road	8.23km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Mountain Top Road	1.19km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Mountain Top Road	4.9km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Oakey Creek Road	0.65km	Remains closed. Design for repair and date for repair to be finalised.
Terania Creek Road	3.08km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Terania Creek Road	6.78km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Terania Creek Road	7.9km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Terania Creek Road	8.06km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.
Tuntable Creek Road	8.5km	Temporarily repaired. Design for repair finalised. Date for permanent repair to be finalised.

**We will continue to provide updates in future editions of *Local Matters* as more details and schedules become available, so stay tuned.**

# COMMUNITY PANELS BRING POSITIVE CHANGE TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

Our seven rural Community Panels have been working hard throughout 2017 to improve their local communities.

With help from Council staff, each of the Community Panels has developed a Community Plan, which details improvements and community projects that local people wish to undertake.

To thank the Community Panels for their effort and persistence throughout the year, Council recently held a BBQ at the new Lismore Quadrangle to say thank you.

Here are just a few of the many achievements our Community Panels made in 2017.

## NORTH CENTRAL PANEL

- Beautification at The Channon common.
- Upgrades to Koonorigan Hall.
- Purchase of defibrillator for The Channon community.

## SOUTH EAST PANEL

- Celebrated 150th anniversary of Wyrallah Public School.
- Established monthly pizza nights at Tregeagle Hall.
- Supported a Sewing for Charity group at Wyrallah Hall.

## NORTH EAST PANEL

- Worked with Council to install a new playground and outdoor gym at Blazer Park, Dunoon.
- Held an environmental storytelling event at Dorrobee Grassland, Dunoon.
- Purchased a defibrillator for Whian Whian Hall and hosted first-aid training.

## EAST PANEL

- Held an art show at McLeans Ridges Hall showcasing 40 artists.
- Hosted a food swap at Clunes Park with locally grown produce.
- Held a family fun day at Bexhill Hall with 50 people playing old-fashioned games.

## WEST PANEL

- Established a website that includes stories for locals by locals and advertises local hall events, facilities and fees, as well as local trades.

## SOUTH PANEL

- Held a family games night at South Gundurimba Hall.
- Combined halls joined forces to host country music star Fanny Lumsden on her rural hall tour.
- Created a community newsletter.

## NIMBIN ADVISORY GROUP (NORTH WEST)

- Organised community consultation regarding the Nimbin Parking Strategy.
- Involved in consultation process for Nimbin Fitness Park.
- Collected visitor data to assist with future funding application for Rainbow Walking Trail.

**If you live in a rural community and would like to get involved in your local Community Panel, please contact Council's Partnering and Community Engagement Team on 1300 87 83 87.**



# RTRL SIGNS DEED OF AGREEMENT AFTER 46 YEARS

**The Richmond Tweed Regional Library (RTRL) has officially entered into its first Deed of Agreement in almost half a century.**

More than 70 staff and representatives from the four constituent councils – Tweed, Lismore, Byron and Ballina – gathered at Tweed Heads Library late last year to sign the Deed of Agreement and celebrate the occasion.

The RTRL first came into existence in 1971, but there has never been a formal agreement between all four councils.

The RTRL Committee has overseen operation of the library service under a handshake agreement since its inception. In 2010, the library service was officially brought under the administration of Lismore City Council for legal reasons.

The new Deed of Agreement gives all four member councils certainty about the library's future governance and direction.

RTRL Manager Jo Carmody said the signing marks a new era with all member councils focused on building and improving the library service both in the short and long term.

“This Deed of Agreement provides genuine stability around managing the library service and planning a strategic direction,” Jo said.

“We now have a common goal and with all councils interested and engaged, we can focus our collective strengths on building a modern and vibrant library service that meets the needs of our diverse communities across the Northern Rivers into the 21st century.”

The Richmond Tweed Regional Library has more than 100,000 members and the biggest population served by a regional library service in NSW. It is visited by more than one million people each year and also has the highest circulation rates in the state with 1.8 million items borrowed in 2015/16.

*Celebrating the signing of the RTRL Deed of Agreement is RTRL Manager Jo Carmody (front and centre) with library staff and Council representatives.*





# TRAFFIC ALERT: ROADWORKS

Please be aware of the following roadworks due to commence mid January.

## **Union Street near Norco factory (water main)**

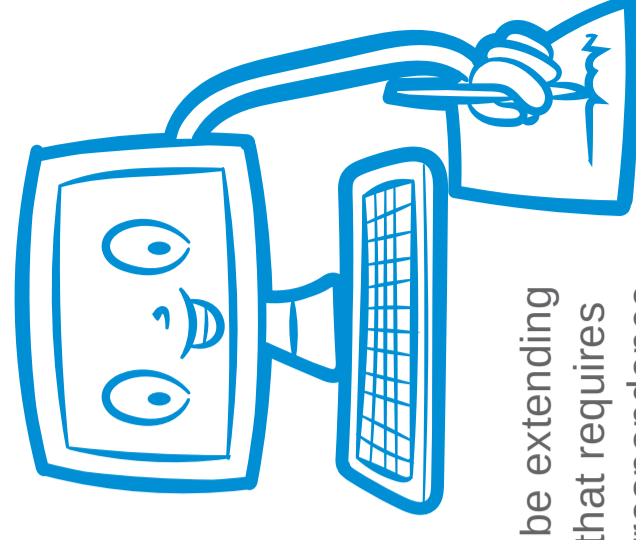
Expect minor traffic disruptions in Union Street between Elliott Road and Norco Lane from 15 January.

A contractor will be replacing sections of water main over a number of weeks. The new main will be installed using some underboring to minimise impacts on the road and traffic.

We will keep you updated as traffic control changes.

*We apologise for these traffic disruptions and appreciate your patience while travelling through our roadworks.*

# DIGITAL SIGNATURES ARE COMING TO LISMORE



Since late 2015, we have been using digital signatures on our development application consents and plans instead of ink signatures.

From the beginning of January 2018, we will be extending this practice to all outgoing correspondence that requires a signature. This means that much of our correspondence, which has borne a signature unnecessarily in the past, will no longer be signed.

Correspondence that does require a signature for legal or evidential reasons will be digitally signed. These digitally signed letters can still be printed and posted but where possible, we will send things electronically to save on paper and postage.

Thanks everyone!



# ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

## General Amendments to Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2012

Council resolved to support a planning proposal for the fourth round of general amendments to the Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2012 at its ordinary meeting of 8 August 2017 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

NSW Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination (preliminary approval) on 10 November 2017.

The planning proposal includes the following minor housekeeping amendments to:

- Rectify minor anomalies in the Land Zoning Map including various consequential amendments to the Height of Buildings Map and Lot Size Map.
- Amend the Land Reservation Acquisition Map to reflect recent land acquisitions and proposed acquisitions including associated amendment to clause 5.1(2) 'Relevant acquisition authority'.
- Update the Additional Permitted Uses Map and the associated Schedule 1 to reflect recent approved development relating to one site.
- Update the Heritage Map and associated Schedule 5 to reflect a recent approved boundary adjustment of land that includes a heritage item.
- Amend the land use table to rectify an inconsistency between LEP 2012 and SEPP (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017 with regards to *home-based child care* in Zones R3 Medium Density and E3 Environmental Management.

The Minister of Planning has delegated the making of this LEP to Lismore City Council under section 59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The planning proposal is exhibited for public comment from 3 January to 7 February 2018.

Copies of the draft amendment are available at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions can be made online, emailed [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or sent to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

For enquiries, phone our Senior Strategic Planner Greg Yopp on 1300 87 83 87. Submissions must be received by 7 February 2018.

# DON'T BE A FOOL.... BE SAFE AROUND ASBESTOS

**Did you know that Australia has one of the highest rates of asbestos-related diseases in the world?**

Being aware of asbestos and protecting your family against its hazards can save lives, and is something to keep in the forefront of your mind if you plan to do some home renovation over the summer holidays.

The safest way to dispose of asbestos if you're home renovating is with a \$30 Household Asbestos Disposal Kit. The kits are for anyone wanting to remove and dispose of up to 10m<sup>2</sup> of bonded asbestos and they include safety gear, plastic and tape for wrapping asbestos, and information on staying safe.

Products containing asbestos (and there are lots!) generally do not pose a risk if they are in good condition and are undisturbed. It is when products and materials are weathered, broken or punctured that harmful fibres can be released. Special precautions should always be taken, even for minor renovation works that don't require Council approval.

One in three Australian homes contain asbestos, which was used in a wide range of building products including fibro sheeting, roof shingles and guttering, vinyl floor coverings, and water drainage and flue pipes. All houses built before 1987 in Australia potentially contain asbestos products.

Household Asbestos Disposal Kits are available at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre at 313 Wyrallah Road and the \$30 fee includes the cost of disposal.

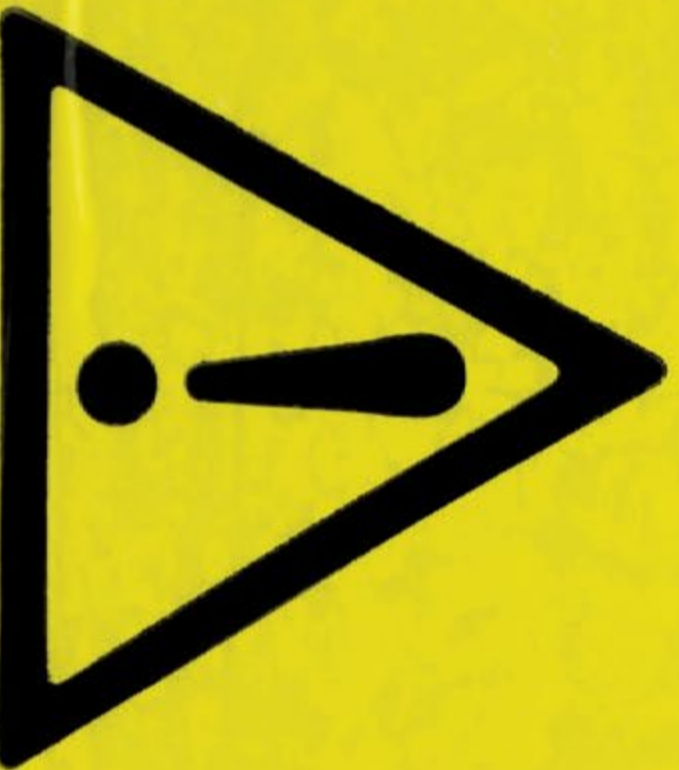
If you have more than 10m<sup>2</sup> (equivalent of three sheets of asbestos containing fibro) you are required by law to engage a licensed asbestos removal contractor. WorkCover NSW maintains a list of licensed asbestos removal contractors on their website at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au).

**We urge all home renovators to take precautions and always use a kit should you need to remove asbestos.**

Just one lungful of asbestos fibres can have deadly consequences – so please don't be a fool, and do the right thing.

For more information, see the Asbestos Awareness website at [www.asbestosawareness.com.au](http://www.asbestosawareness.com.au).

# NEVER ASBESTOS



# DANGER ASBESTOS





# SCHOOLS SHOW EDUCATION DOESN'T GO TO WASTE

Lismore South Public School and Rosebank Public School have each won \$1000 after being crowned winners of Council's 2017 Waste Wise Schools Challenge.

Eight local primary schools took part in the Challenge, which teaches students about reducing waste, recycling correctly, reusing items at school and at home, and understanding the impact of their actions on the environment. A popular part of the program is school tours of the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre to see what happens to the waste we all create.

Lismore South Public School was named a winner for their enormous resilience since the flood, which completely destroyed the school's veggie gardens and recycling systems. The school's 'Green Team' has worked tirelessly since March to rebuild the gardens (complete with new worm hotels), get recycling and compost bins back in the classrooms, implement new environmental awards, and incorporate waste management into the school's science curriculum.

Fellow winner Rosebank Public School implemented all sorts of waste wise measures throughout the year including the launch of a nude food campaign, placing colour-coded bins and posters in the school grounds, and the seniors creating a range of educational materials to teach juniors about recycling.

Meanwhile, Dunoon Public School won the annual recycled sculpture competition for 'Binyup', a creation made from unwanted and hard-to-recycle technology such as computers and old radios.

"The effort from all schools was inspiring – there are so many wonderful teachers and students who are passionate about making our waste, recycling and compost systems work," Environmental Strategies Education Officer Barbara Jensen said.

"Our recovery and recycling programs can only work with the support of our community. With the young people I have seen throughout this competition, and their genuine desire to help the environment and do the right thing, Lismore's waste management systems can only improve in the future."



*Winners of the 2017 Schools Waste Challenge (above) the Green Team from Lismore South Public School with teacher Mark Boronski and (below) the Year 4/5/6 class from Rosebank Public School with teachers Nicky Hughes (left) and Mim Burgess.*



**For more information on waste education and recycling programs, visit [www.northernriverswaste.com.au](http://www.northernriverswaste.com.au).**





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