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# FREE COMMUNITY GATHERING MARKS FLOOD ANNIVERSARY

Lismore City Council is hosting a community gathering – One Year On – at the Lismore Quadrangle on Saturday, 7 April to mark one year since the March 2017 flood.

The afternoon will give people a chance to share stories and connect with one another while honouring the resilience and strength of the Lismore community.

There will be live music with Luke Vassella, Lady Mondegreen and The Button Collective, a barbecue, community arts activities and stalls by emergency services and community organisations.

At 6pm there will also be a performance of *The Overtopping* – a site-specific multisensory theatrical experience based on stories of the 2017 flood and its aftermath.



*The Overtopping* is a creative investigation into disaster, recovery, trauma and resilience based around cyclone Debbie, which showcases some of the best emerging and professional artists of varying abilities working in Lismore. It was performed in Lismore's back alleys during the Artstate festival last December and includes dance, puppetry, sound art, projection, creative lighting, live storytelling and water art.

The work was devised by local creative agency RealArtWorks, a community group whose own studios were filled with floodwater during the March 2017 disaster.

A free courtesy bus will be provided to and from the One Year On community event, and people are encouraged to bring the family and picnic rugs to spend the afternoon relaxing in The Quad.

Community members are welcome to purchase food from the CBD and bring it along, enjoy the BBQ provided for a gold coin donation, grab something from the Slate bar and café (which will be open all afternoon) or stay for dinner at one of Lismore's many CBD restaurants.

One Year On begins at 2pm on Saturday, 7 April in The Quad.



## Free courtesy bus timetable

### Loop start

Goonellabah – Oliver Avenue bus stop in front of Council

Rous Road Shopping Centre – Pleasant Street

Wyrallah Road Shopping Centre

Lismore Square – Uralba Street

Trinity College – Leicester Street

Quad drop off – Magellan Street

### Continue pick up

Union Street – Railway Station

South Lismore Primary School – Phyllis and Wilson Street

Terania Street – Northern Rivers Hotel

Molesworth Street – Transit Centre

Quad drop off – Magellan Street

**Pick-up at 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm**

Loop starts from Goonellabah

**Drop-off from Quad at 5.30pm, 6.30pm and 8pm**

Reverse loop to Goonellabah

# BOOK NOW FOR FREE RURAL LANDHOLDER FIELD DAYS

**Our Rural Landholder Initiative – a major project under Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy – continues in 2018 with free field days for local landholders.**

These field days are designed to help local farmers, growers and lifestyle landholders network and meet people living and working on the land and learn techniques for best-practice methods that aid biodiversity, production and farm health.

If you're a rural landholder join us for one of the field days below. They are all free and lunch is included.

## Vine Weeds and Healthy Creeks

**Saturday, 21 April, 9am–2pm, Jiggi**

Landholders battling to manage vine weeds in bushlands and creeks are invited to this event.

The day will feature options available for integrated management of weeds, including biological controls for cat's claw creeper, Madeira vine, and other environmental weeds on a local cattle property.

Practical demonstrations with the safe use of chemicals in the riparian zone will be provided.

Learn how to make a self-assessment of the health of your creek and access help to plan your own restoration project. Includes creek bank and paddock walk.

## Fire & Biodiversity Forum at Nimbin

**Friday, 1 June, 10am–2.30pm**

In collaboration with the Northern Rivers Fire and Biodiversity Consortium, council invites people from Nimbin and surrounding rural communities to join fire ecologists and planners at a forum aimed at improving understanding of on-ground fire management practices.

Targeted information and local examples will assist landholders to develop knowledge about:

- What is 'Ecological Fire'.
- Fire dependency versus fire sensitivity of habitats and the impacts of too little fire versus too much.
- Understanding and managing the fire-related needs of local flora and fauna.
- The rules of burning – ecological and human.
- How to integrate hazard reduction planning, community safety and cultural practices interest with plans for ecological burning.
- Steps to gaining approval and getting a burn done.
- Where to go to get help or learn more.

**Held at Nimbin Town Hall – please RSVP by Friday, 25 May.**

## Planning your Restoration Project

**Friday, 13 July, 9am–2pm**

Rural landholders who are new to the land often inherit old problems that need managing alongside inherent site risks. This day will help you identify priorities and limitations on your own property and plan management actions to achieve long and short-term goals.

Using a local property as a case study, experts from a range of organisations will discuss how a planned approach can support sustainable projects, whether that is alternative land uses, primary production, weed control or improving biodiversity.

Landholders looking for practical help from a range of local experts will find this a useful event. Numbers are limited. RSVP essential by 20 June.

**To RSVP for any of the field days, phone us on 1300 87 83 87.**



## COUNCIL DECIDES...

At the 13 March ordinary meeting, Council decisions included the following:

\* Council resolved (7/3 in favour with one absent) to agree in principle to write off \$2,329 in ground hire fees requested by Marist Brothers (Lismore Old Boys Rugby League Football Club Incorporated). This proposal is now on public exhibition until 28 April for community feedback. Submissions can be made online at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) via the 'Your Say Lismore' community consultation portal, emailed to [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. Submissions must be received by 28 April 2018.

\* Council resolved (6/5 in favour) to inform the Minister for Local Government of endorsement for the establishment of a Northern Rivers Joint Organisation, and that it be established to cover the Local Government Areas of Lismore, Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Richmond Valley and Tweed. Council will also write a letter of support for the inclusion of Rous County Council as an associate member (non-voting representative) of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation.

\* Council resolved (10/1 in favour) to allocate \$100,000 from pocket park divestment strategy funds towards the Kadina Park upgrade to be combined with a Stronger Country Communities Fund matching grant and \$20,000 from the Rotary Club of Goonellabah.

Business papers, minutes and live webcasts of Council meetings can be found at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

## Upcoming Council meetings and briefings

The next ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council is on Tuesday, 10 April from 6pm in the Council Chambers. The agenda is placed on our website one week prior to the meeting. Members of the public can book to speak in at the beginning of the meeting, on any agenda item, for three minutes.

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings and details of agenda items are available in the calendar on our website, usually one week prior. Members of the public can book time to speak/ask questions of Councillors during a public forum session at the start of each briefing.

**For bookings, please phone Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87.**

## PLEASE HEED RECYCLING CHANGES

As mentioned last fortnight, a clamp down by China on its recycling policy means that we are no longer sending plastics, cardboard or paper to be recycled overseas.

However, please be clear – this does not mean any recycling is being sent to landfill. That is a myth.

We are currently finding new markets for our recycling in Australia and stockpiling some products we cannot sell. We know we have to clean up our act – the cleaner our recycling streams, the easier it is to find new markets for sale and remanufacture.

While the policy change in China is presenting challenges for councils across Australia, the good news is that it's a catalyst for innovation and change within the industry. Governments are now looking for solutions to process recycling on-shore, which is good for jobs and ultimately better for the environment.

We are also exploring possibilities within the Northern Rivers to remanufacture plastics, paper and cardboard, and develop entirely closed-loop systems.

Good examples of current closed-loop systems are our organics and glass recycling. All food and garden waste collected from green bins is composted and sold to gardeners and farmers across the region, while all glass from kerbside bins is crushed and used in pipe bedding, drainage and road bases. The materials are processed locally and used locally, creating a closed-loop system with no waste or environmental cost from transport.

While we investigate solutions, the best thing we can do as a community is avoid over-packaged products and choose to reuse (think reusable coffee cups and drink bottles, and saying no to plastic bags).

**We are now asking residents to follow the simple rules below.**

- Keep your recycling clean. Most things that are fairly clean are fine, like an empty beer bottle, but if something has lots of food in it, please give it a rinse.
- Keep it simple: recycle aluminium, steel, glass, hard plastic, bagged up soft plastics, paper and cardboard.
- Do not put anything smaller than business card size into your recycling bin.
- Keep stuff like hoses, pipes and anything that has many different types of materials in it (e.g. a plastic toy with bits of steel) out of your recycling bin.
- Keep contamination out. The main offenders are: dirty nappies, clothing, shoes and things that get tangled up such as rope, hose and fairy lights.

# CALLING ALL SENIORS... JOIN OUR FREE CLASSES!

SWITCH 24-hour gym and the Swimsations team at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre are celebrating NSW Seniors Week in April with free classes and morning tea for all seniors.

The theme for Seniors Week 2018 is 'Let's Do More Together' so grab a friend and come along to the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre to try out a fitness class. Feel good, meet new people and celebrate being healthy and happy in your senior years.

SWITCH Gym Manager Roberta O'Brien said exercising and having fun in a social setting is a great way to stay young at heart and feel healthy in body and spirit.

She said gentle weekly exercises can reduce the risk of diseases such as heart attack and stroke, and ensure that older people continue to feel flexible and enjoy a good range of movement.

"Research has shown that even small amounts of exercise can have enormous physical and mental benefits," she said.

"Exercise provides a fantastic avenue to meet others and make social connections in a fun and friendly environment. And the older we get, social connections and friendships are a really important part of staying happy and well in later life."

The team from SWITCH and Swimsations invite seniors to experience the benefits of exercise for themselves with free classes every day during Seniors Week from April 9-13. There is no need to book – simply come along and have some fun. All classes run from 9.30am to 10.30am with a free morning tea to follow.

## **Monday: Gentle Moves**

*Gentle exercises for any fitness level. A great way to meet new friends.*

## **Tuesday: Yoga at The Quad, Lismore CBD**

*Join us for a fun yoga class on the grassed Quadrangle in downtown Lismore.*

## **Wednesday: Aqua or swimming lessons**

*Choose from a fun aqua aerobics class or enjoy a swimming lesson and improve your confidence in the water.*

## **Thursday: BodyBalance**

*A fusion of yoga, tai chi and Pilates that builds flexibility and will leave you feeling centred and calm.*

## **Friday: Aqua or swimming lessons**

*Choose from a fun aqua aerobics class or enjoy a swimming lesson and improve your confidence in the water.*

**There is no need to book for our Seniors Week activities. Simply come along to the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre at 50 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.**

**For more information, see the friendly reception staff or phone 6625 5370.**



**GSAC**  
Aquatics Fitness Sports



# 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.

**11/340-3 79 Esmonde Street, Girards Hill:** Section 96(1A) modification to make construction adjustments including remove louvred screens on kitchen windows, remove southern corner windows on both units, review heights of rear verandah, extend landing, install slotted drain, and mezzanine area relocated to above garages and condition 3.

**17/107-3 67 Krauss Avenue, Loftville:** Section 96(1A) to modify conditions 6, 7, 9 and 10.

**17/153 22 Alphadale Road, Lindendale:** Detached dual occupancy and demolition of existing sheds.

**17/344 27 Clare Street, Goonellabah:** Inground swimming pool and retaining walls.

**17/390 40 and 40B Three Chain Road, South Lismore:** Staged subdivision of two aerodrome lots into 18 lots for general aviation-based land uses with associated civil infrastructure works, including roads, water and sewer and drainage.

**17/426 712 Boatharbour Road, Eltham:** Dwelling with a building line variation to 14m from Boatharbour Road.

**18/6 39 Holland Street, Goonellabah:** Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 36 storage sheds of various sizes.

**18/14 78 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour:** Inground swimming pool.

**18/30 11A Alternative Way, Nimbin:** Placement of shipping container for storage purposes.

**18/35 175 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah:** Construction of a retaining wall and fence adjacent to the southern boundary with a building line variation to 0m to Invercauld Road.

**18/44 21 Newhaven Drive, Goonellabah:** Two-storey dwelling and retaining walls.

**18/49 20 Bright Street, East Lismore:** Demolition of existing ground-floor awning and construction of first-floor covered deck.

**18/51 17 Peter Street, East Lismore:** Dwelling additions and alterations (addition of one bedroom, relocate bathroom and toilet, and convert rumpus room to a bedroom).

**18/54 20 Livotto Drive, Richmond Hill:** Shed.

**90/341-5 550 Nimbin Road, Blakebrook:** Development Consent 1990/341 approved a bitumous hotmix (asphalt) plant on the subject land. The Section 96(2) application seeks to modify Development Consent 1990/341 to enable the permanent relocation of the Asphalt Plant to the location approved on a temporary basis in 2015 and to enable the installation of an alternate mobile asphalt plant from that approved on a temporary basis in 2015. Note: If the Section 96(2) application is approved there is no right of appeal to the Land and Environment Court by any objector.

**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](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**

### Granting of lease – Lismore Pre-School Kindergarten Inc

Under Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council gives notice that it proposes to grant Lismore Pre-School Kindergarten Inc a 10-year lease plus a 10-year option over their existing leased land at 60-62 Brewster Street, Lismore, and approximately 825m<sup>2</sup> of land adjacent to the pre-school forming part of 50 Brewster Street, Lismore, for the purposes of a pre-school. Written objections are due within 28 days of the date of this advertisement to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

### Proposed Lease of Road Reserve – Three Chain Road

Council has received an application to grant a lease of two sections of road reserve adjoining Quayside Motors' property at 2 Bruxner Highway, South Lismore (being part of the grassed verge adjoining their northern boundary on Three Chain Road) for the purpose of displaying vehicles (approx. 40m<sup>2</sup>) and the unsealed far eastern end of Three Chain Road adjoining the Wilsons River for the purpose of storing cars (approx. 600m<sup>2</sup>).

In accordance with Section 154 of the *Roads Act 1993*, any person may make a written submission to the Property and Legal Services Officer, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or email [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) clearly marked 'Proposed Road Reserve Lease – Quayside Motors' by 4pm on 25 April 2018. **For further information contact Olivia Munro on 6625 0578.**



## EASTER OPERATING HOURS

Most Council offices and facilities will be closed over the Easter period. Please see below for full details.

### Corporate Centre and libraries

The Corporate Centre, depots and both the Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries will be closed from Good Friday (30 March) until Tuesday, 3 April.

### Recycling centres

The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre (including the Revolve Shop and the Container Deposit Scheme bulk collection centre) will be closed from Good Friday (30 March) until Tuesday, 3 April. The Nimbin Transfer Station will be closed on Easter Saturday.

**Please note:** Garbage collection will continue as normal so please put your bins out as you usually would.

### GSAC and Memorial Baths

The Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre will be closed on Good Friday (30 March) but will be open Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10am to 5pm. The Lismore Memorial Baths will be closed on Good Friday (30 March) but will be open Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 9am to 5pm. **Please note:** There will be no Learn to Swim lessons. Group Fitness classes include 10am RPM and 11am BodyPump with Creche open from 9.45am-12.15pm.

### Gallery

The Lismore Regional Gallery will be closed on Good Friday (30 March) but will operate as normal on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

### Visitor Centres

The Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres will be closed on Good Friday (30 March) and Easter Monday (2 April) but will be open as normal on Easter Saturday and Sunday.



## CBD ROADWORKS: WHERE IS THE FINAL SEAL?

You may have noticed roadworks happening in the CBD and been wondering where the final seal is.

Don't worry, it's on its way!

We have now finished roadworks in Conway Street and we've got other works happening in Molesworth Street and Keen Street. The final seal for all these roads needs to be done by the one contractor, so we save a lot of money by doing the final asphalt seal on all roads at once.

The final seal for all CBD roadworks is coming in June. In the meantime, thank you for being patient and please continue to visit businesses near where roadworks are taking place. They are all open and pedestrian access is being maintained. After this stint in the CBD, we are off to other sites in the Lismore Local Government Area, so please bear with us until it's done!

## Flood repairs update

Flood repairs on gravel roads around the region are well underway with contractors now out and about, working their way around the Local Government Area. They are currently in the upper northern areas around Nimbin.

Major flood repair designs for landslips and culvert washouts are also well advanced and the first of the jobs are beginning now and will progress throughout 2018. The order of these big jobs will be as follows:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Terania Creek Road | 6. Boatharbour Road    |
| 2. Beardow Street     | 7. Stony Chute Bridge  |
| 3. Koonorigan Road    | 8. Tuntable Creek Road |
| 4. Keerong Road       | 9. Oakey Creek Road    |
| 5. Mountain Top Road  |                        |

# MIKU-CHAN TRAVELS TO LISMORE FOR 2018 LANTERN PARADE

Miku-chan is the life-sized mascot of Yamato Takada in Japan, which has been Lismore's sister city since 1963.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the sister city relationship, and a delegation of dignitaries from Yamato Takada will visit Lismore in June for the Lismore Lantern Parade – including Miku-chan!

Many local councils in Japan have adopted city mascots to help promote their region and include motifs that represent local culture, history and produce. Miku-chan was invented in 1997 to celebrate Yamato Takada's 50th anniversary.

We will soon be calling for former exchange students to join with our Yamato Takada dignitaries for the Lismore Lantern Parade, so keep your eyes peeled.

**In the meantime, our friends in Yamato Takada have asked people to show their support by liking Miku-chan on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/mikuchan4639](http://www.facebook.com/mikuchan4639).**



# SAVE THE DATE FOR FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAY

We are hosting another Upcycle Your Holidays free school holiday fun day at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Tuesday, 24 April.

The event is for all ages and will run from 9.30am to 1.30pm with fun activities for young and old.

- Tour our amazing recycling facility
- Operate a garbage truck
- Meet our stingless bees
- Make a beeswax wrap
- Have fun and learn about water with our Catchment Model
- Get to know more about koalas
- Build a cubby
- Investigate the native plants and gardens

**Everyone is welcome to enjoy this free school holiday event and learn more about recycling.**

**The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre is located at 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.**



## YOUR COVER

**Don't miss our special community gathering to mark one year since the March 2017 flood. Full details inside.**







CONTACT US:  
**1300 87 83 87**

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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