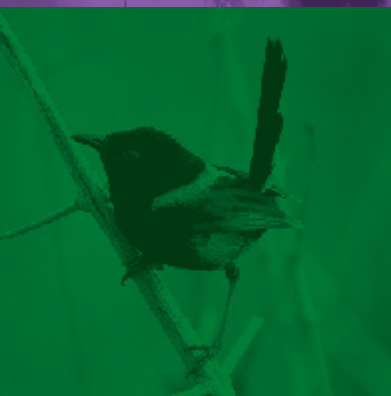


# LOCAL MATTERS

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# GM RESIGNS TO TAKE ON NEW ROLE AT CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL

Lismore City Council General Manager Gary Murphy has resigned after seven years in the top job to take up a new appointment on the Central Coast.

Gary has accepted the role of Chief Executive Officer at Central Coast Council and he and his wife Michelle will be relocating in mid-June.

Lismore Mayor Isaac Smith thanked Gary for his valuable contribution to the organisation and the community.

“We have been privileged to have such a high calibre General Manager with us for the last seven years,” he said.

“Under Gary’s management, Council has become a nationally recognised leader in waste management and recycling; he has implemented an innovative floating solar farm; set bold goals around self-generating 100% of our electricity from renewable sources by 2023; and delivered the Quad and art gallery; health precinct; and the *Lismore Prospectus*.

“His leadership and support during the 2017 flood helped the community and staff maintain resilience during a particularly difficult time. I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank him for his years of great service to both the organisation and the city of Lismore.”

Gary said he has loved his time in Lismore both personally and professionally, but was looking forward to a new challenge.

“I have been General Manager for seven years and my plan was always to do a maximum of 10 years. Timeframes and opportunities do not always coincide and I have always seized opportunities as they arise,” he said.

“The Central Coast Council role is an exciting challenge for me. It is a newly merged council with 2400 staff, a population of 335,000 and a budget of \$723 million and \$6.9 billion in assets.



**“The Northern Rivers, and Lismore in particular, has been very good to me and my family. We have been warmly received, made some wonderful friends and will treasure the times we had here.**

“Lismore City Council is a fantastic council and it has been an honour to serve as General Manager.”

Council will meet on 29 May to decide on an Acting General Manager, who will take the reins from 15 June until a new permanent General Manager is appointed.

In the meantime, Mayor Smith highlighted that work continues as normal for Council.

“We have an ambitious four-year Delivery Program and are focused on delivering fantastic results for our community,” he said.

“I want to assure the people of Lismore that we will continue to work hard over coming months to meet the commitments made to you in our Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program.”

# FREE EVENTS FOR LANDHOLDERS

**Free landholder field days are coming up in July and September as part of Council's Rural Landholder Initiative as well as a special workshop in Nimbin on 1 June to discuss fire and biodiversity.**

The Rural Landholder Initiative is a major project under the Biodiversity Management Strategy that aims to help farmers, graziers, orchardists and lifestyle landholders to improve biodiversity and farm health through a series of informative free field days and forums.

Field days cover a diverse range of topics relevant to grazing, horticulture and lifestyle properties. They provide landholders with an opportunity to find out about best-practice techniques and technology as well as ask questions and get free advice from experienced land managers and presenters.

The upcoming field days and the Nimbin workshop are free and lunch is included. Please RSVP to 1300 87 83 87.

## Planning your Restoration Project Field Day

**Friday, 13 July, 9am to 2pm, Booerie Creek**

Preparing a property plan is an important process for successfully managing your property, enabling you to identify management issues and prioritise work effort.

This workshop will provide you with the knowledge and tools to prepare a property plan to achieve short and long-term goals. Using the host property as a case study, experts from a range of organisations will discuss how a planned approach can support sustainable projects, whether primary production, cultural or biodiversity focused. Topics include:

- Weeds and feral animals.
- Subtropical farm forestry.
- Erosion management and stabilisation.
- Grazing management.
- Waterways and wetlands.
- Restoration and regeneration.
- Monitoring and documentation.
- Costing and resourcing projects.
- Landcare, funding and partnerships.



## Rainforest Restoration Field Day

**Saturday, 15 September, 9.30am to 2pm, Rosebank**

This rainforest restoration and revegetation event will showcase low-cost strategic approaches to restore rainforest along habitat corridors. The host property has areas of remnant rainforest which have been restored over the past 20 years and the owner will take us on a guided walk to see the results.

Professional bush regenerator Darren Bailey from Bailey Environmental will guide a walk and demonstrate camphor and other weed control techniques.

Wendy Neilan, Council's Ecologist, will talk about the ecological role of camphor forests in the broader landscape, their value to rainforest fauna, and their role in restoring Big Scrub rainforest.

Dr Kevin Glencross from Southern Cross University will provide a tour of farm forestry plantations on the host property, and discuss the economics and management of this land use for private landholders.

There will also be a display of wildlife nest boxes and an installation demo.

This is a great opportunity for newcomers to the Rosebank, Dorroughby and Repentance Creek areas to network with natural resources management experts and local landholders.

## Fire for Healthy Habitats workshop in Nimbin

**On Friday, 1 June, Council will host a free workshop at Nimbin Town Hall from 10am to 2.30pm in collaboration with the Northern Rivers Fire and Biodiversity Consortium.**

Information will cover a range of topics including:

- What is an 'Ecological Fire'?
- Fire dependency vs fire sensitivity.
- Impacts of too little fire versus too much.
- Understanding and managing the fire needs of local flora and fauna.
- The rules of burning.
- How to integrate hazard reduction planning, community safety and cultural practices.
- Steps to gain approval and getting a burn done.
- Where to get help or learn more.

To RSVP for any of the listed events, please phone 1300 87 83 87.

# LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING... FIREWORKS AND FAMILY FUN

The Lismore community is invited to show its support for local sport and have some family fun at the opening of the Bendigo Bank Australian Little League Championships on Tuesday, 5 June at Albert Park, presented by the Lismore Workers Club.

The week-long competition will see 20 teams of Little League baseballers battle it out for the championship title at Albert Park, bringing around 360 young competitors and coaches to Lismore along with more than 600 spectators.

The opening event is designed as a celebration for the whole community even if you're not a baseball or softball fan. Come down to Albert Park from 4-6pm and have some fun... there will be food trucks, a jumping castle and children's activities, live entertainment, an opening ceremony and a spectacular fireworks display.

People of all ages are welcome and entry is free.

*Residents note: Pet owners are urged to keep their animals inside or secure their pets while the fireworks display takes place. It is scheduled to begin at 6pm.*



# RECONCILIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

National Reconciliation Week is coming up from 27 May to 3 June and Council is hosting a public event as well as an internal ceremony to mark the occasion and raise awareness about how to actively champion reconciliation in our community.

The 2018 theme is 'Don't Keep History A Mystery' and Australians are encouraged to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation.

Council is hosting a 'RAPS in the Region' event on Thursday, 31 May for interested local businesses, organisations and community members.

Join Council, Rous Water, Gnibi/Southern Cross University and ACON to hear about why and how these organisations developed Reconciliation Action Plans and what difference it has made to how these organisations work. The event runs from 10am to 12pm at Lismore Regional Gallery. To book a place, please RSVP to Sandra Campbell on 6625 0436.

Internally, Council will hold a special Reconciliation Week event for staff to raise awareness among employees about the history and culture of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The event will include a flag raising ceremony and morning tea, a yarning circle and a screening of the video *Occupation: Native*.

In this film, Aboriginal filmmaker Trisha Morton-Thomas looks at the role of Aboriginal and Torres Islander people through history from European arrival to today. Using comedy including skits and cartoons balanced with serious moments of reflection, the film is designed to engage audiences with a fresh look at Australia's history.

For more information on Reconciliation Week or holding an event of your own, visit [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au).

27 May - 3 June  
National Reconciliation Week 2018

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RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA

# COUNCIL DECIDES... DRAFT BUDGET NOW ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

At the 15 May ordinary meeting, Council resolved (8/3) to place the draft Imagine Lismore Operational Plan (2018/19 budget) on public exhibition for community feedback for 28 days.

The net operating result for the year is a \$16.524 million surplus. Excluding capital revenues (grants and developer contributions) the result is a \$1.583 million surplus.

While the Council's operating result is positive, a cash deficit of \$42,700 has been reported. While not considered significant, this is not in line with Council's Financial Sustainability Policy, which states there should be a \$200,000 surplus.

The 2018/19 budget is \$166.329 million, which includes \$42.5 million for roads and associated infrastructure, or 25.6% of the budget.

A total of \$52.354 million in capital works is included in the 2018/19 financial year. This includes:

- \$13.58 million for parks and recreation;
- \$12.41 million on roads and associated activities;
- \$6.72 million in wastewater infrastructure;
- \$6.40 million for plant replacement;
- \$4.93 million in water infrastructure;
- \$2.80 million for waste disposal – Landfill Cell 2; and
- \$1.67 million for footpaths – CBD and renewals.

There is also \$797,200 for asset management projects; \$786,000 for stormwater management projects; \$685,200 for improvements at Lismore Regional Airport; \$633,000 for CCTV cameras in Lismore's CBD; \$584,600 for Richmond Tweed Regional Library resources; \$100,000 for Northern Rivers Quarry infrastructure; and \$100,000 for the Information Services Replacement Strategy.

In relation to the typical residential bill, water will increase to \$911 (an increase of \$47 or 5.44%), wastewater to \$926 (an increase of \$40 or 4.51%) and waste collection to \$305.15 (an increase of \$7.45 or 2.5%).

The general rate (after applying the full rate pegging increase of 2.3%) will increase the average urban residential rate by \$26 to \$1196. This means the average urban residential rate bill would rise to \$3422.

The draft budget can be viewed at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, or on our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) via the 'Your Say Lismore' community consultation portal. Submissions can be made online, 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 17 June 2018.



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

**The next ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council is on Tuesday, 12 June from 7pm 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 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.



# 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.

**15/85-2 175 Ballina Road, East Lismore:** Section 96(1A) modification to relocate the southern boundary of approved Lot 1 providing a car park and landscaped area, and the creation of a right of carriageway over the access handle of approved Lot 2 providing vehicular access from Ballina Road to the approved rear car park.

**17/160-2 30 Avondale Avenue, East Lismore:** Section 96(1A) modification to remove the external storeroom previously approved.

**17/187-2 1610 Bangalow Road, Clunes:** Section 96(1A) application to modify Consent 5.2017.187.1 to modify the first floor plan of the dwelling to enable the option for the office to also be used as a bedroom (bed four) and for the art studio to also be used as a bedroom (bed five).

**17/414 69 Cathcart Street, Girards Hill:** Dwelling alterations (new ensuite) and replacement of dilapidated boundary fence.

**18/9 11 Woodland Avenue and 8 Jansan Close, Lismore Heights:** Dwelling additions and alterations.

**18/11 9 Booyong Road, Clunes:** Dwelling (staged development).

**18/63 53 Fox Road and 2513 Dunoon Road, Rosebank:** Subdivision boundary alteration and alterations/additions to an existing farm shed (on proposed Lot 11).

**18/84 231 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore:** Erection of shed with building line variation to Conte Street from 4.0m to 0.09m.

**18/90 4 Eversham Drive, Modanville:** Shed and retaining wall.

**18/112 95 Crown Street, South Lismore:** Raise existing dwelling above flood level.

**18/117 6A McConnell Drive, Richmond Hill:** Shed with a six-metre building line variation.

**18/118 333 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill:** Shed.

**18/119 99 Crown Street, South Lismore:** Raise existing dwelling above flood level.

**18/121 81 Boatharbour Road, Boat Harbour:** Shed.

**18/125 2 Windsor Court, Goonellabah:** Dwelling addition (covered outdoor area).

**18/127 15 Remnant Drive, Clunes:** Dwelling alterations and additions.

**18/128 2 Palmers Road, McLeans Ridges:** Dwelling alterations and additions including relocated bedroom and new family room.

**18/132 25 Nimoola Road, Caniaba:** Dwelling addition (covered deck).

**18/134 83 Union Street, South Lismore:** Demolition of existing rear yard shed.

**18/144 1A Whispering Valley Drive, Richmond Hill:** Dwelling alteration (relocation of shower and vanity increasing size of laundry).

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).

# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

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

**DA NUMBER:** 95/167-02

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 320 Rosehill Road, Blakebrook (Lot 2 DP 883448).

**APPLICANT:** Santin Quarry Products.

**DESCRIPTION:** Section 96(1A) application to modify consent 1995/167 (Rosehill Road Quarry) to extend the life of the quarry operation until 5 January 2026.

**CLOSING DATE:** 6 June 2018.

**DA NUMBER:** 18/163

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 33 and 35 Holland Street, Goonellabah (Lot 29 DP262233 and Lot 30 DP262233).

**APPLICANT:** Newton Denny Chapelle.

**DESCRIPTION:** New industrial building on Lot 29 DP262263 (33 Holland Street) including changes to the car parking configuration on both Lots 29 and 30 DP262263, together with minor earthworks and retaining wall.

**CLOSING DATE:** 6 June 2018.

If you wish, you may make a submission to the Council in relation to the development application.

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during ordinary office hours or via DA Tracking at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au).



# QUOTATION 2018-14: DELIVERY OF INTERNAL PRODUCTIVITY REVIEWS

Lismore City Council has committed to internal productivity reviews.

The purpose is to meet its Fit for the Future commitments (financial sustainability requirements). Council is therefore seeking quotations in the form of a 'Request for Quote' (RFQ) from suitably qualified service providers to provide several reviews in a 12-month period.

The provider/s need to be able to demonstrate expertise in:

1. 6 Sigma LEAN or similar methodology.
2. Proven ability to deliver reviews that have led to more effective and efficient business processes in a number of government (preferably local government) organisations.
3. The ability to mentor Council staff in 6 Sigma LEAN or similar methodology will be highly regarded.

Council would like to engage a provider for a period of one year with an option to extend the contract period for an additional 12 months.

**Submissions close at 4pm on Friday, 8 June 2018.**

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore) to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box. All quotation schedules must be completed for submission of a conforming quotation.

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require further information, please phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.



# BOTANIC GARDENS OPEN DAY THIS WEEKEND

A reminder that the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens open day and fifth birthday celebration is on this Sunday, 27 May from 9.30am to 12pm.

The theme for the day is 'Conserving Plants – Our Lives Depend On It' and there will be a plant stall, card and book sales, a morning tea stall and great gardening advice as well as activities for young and old.

## Open Day Program

### 9.30am onwards



- Digital microscope and other activities for the kids (Education Centre)
- Botanical art for kids and their adults with Tim Roberts (Education Centre)
- Pot a plant to take home (eucalypt forest near plant stall)
- Self-guided walks all day (brochures in info boxes at Education Centre)

### 9.45am

- Official opening of solar clock with demo of design (Sensory Garden)

### 10.15am

- Cutting of the fifth birthday cake (Education Centre)

### 10.30am to 11am

- Free guided walk (meet your guide at the Education Centre at 9.45am)

The Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens are located within the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre at 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

**The day is free and everyone is welcome.**



# SORRY SNAKES! DIDN'T MEAN TO DUMP ON YOU....



A local resident pointed out that in the last edition of *Local Matters* we incorrectly referred to snakes as vermin.

This is certainly not the case – snakes are protected in NSW by the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and we apologise wholeheartedly for our error.

The article was about illegal dumping and asking people to ‘dob in a dumper’ to help curb this behaviour. Illegal dumping takes place frequently and looks unsightly, can cause significant damage to the environment by spreading weeds, and poses a risk to people’s health (particularly when it’s hazardous waste such as asbestos).

It also encourages the spread of vermin such as rats and can provide hiding and nesting places for snakes. While they are not vermin, our waste staff often encounter red-bellied black snakes or brown snakes when clearing away illegal dumping, and this puts them at risk.

While we apologise most sincerely for unfairly labelling snakes, the message remains that we want to stamp out illegal dumping, and we need your help.

If you witness illegal dumping report it to Council immediately. If the information provided results in a successful prosecution, you will be eligible for a reward of up to \$250.

If possible, information to report includes:

- Location, date and time waste was dumped.
- What types of materials were dumped, how much and whether you believe it may be hazardous.
- Name and address or vehicle/vehicle registration details.
- Photographs of the incident.

# WANTED: CARS, STALLS AND TUG-O-WAR TEAMS FOR FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

Lismore’s Friendship Festival is an annual celebration of community that highlights the special connections between Lismore and the cities of Conegliano and Vittorio Veneto in northern Italy.

The main event and celebration of all things Italian is the third annual Piazza in the Park in Spinks Park on Sunday, 24 June, the day after Lismore’s Lantern Parade.



The festivities allow residents and visitors to ‘be an Italian for a day’ and enjoy free family entertainment with an Italian twist, authentic food and wine, Italian conversation, games, workshops, car and bike displays, dancing, local produce and merchandise stalls.

Right now, organisers are calling on people to get involved. Here’s a few ways you can join the fun.

- Sign-up for ‘Pulling Together for Lismore’ – a friendly tug-o-war competition. Organise six of your friends or colleagues to form a team and register with Christine on 0428 841 376.
- Show off your treasured vintage or contemporary Italian car or bike as part of the annual Italian vehicle display. The Fiat Club of Queensland will be special guests. To get involved, contact Festival Manager Aliison Kelly on 0428 216 079 or email [aliison@internode.on.net](mailto:aliison@internode.on.net).
- Local stallholders offering food and Italian-themed merchandise are invited to register to participate on the day. If you have something fabulous to contribute, contact Festival Manager Aliison Kelly on 0428 216 079 or email [aliison@internode.on.net](mailto:aliison@internode.on.net).

Piazza in the Park is on 24 June from 10am to 3pm and entry is free. For more information visit the website [www.lismorefriendshipfestival.com.au](http://www.lismorefriendshipfestival.com.au).

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