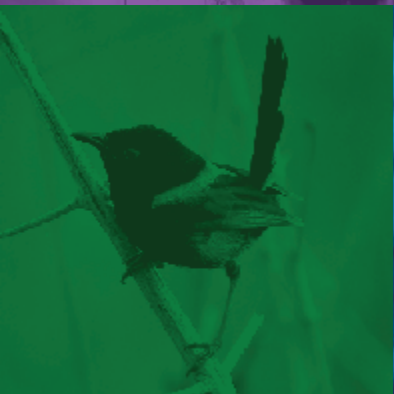




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NEW TECHNOLOGY MAKES INFORMATION MORE ACCESSIBLE

Council has recently purchased and installed ReadSpeaker technology to ensure that people with a disability can access content on Council's website.

The technology provides text to speech services enabling people to have website content read aloud at the click of a button.

For 28-year-old Lismore man John Zambelli, who is vision impaired and a member of Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Group, the new technology makes a huge difference.

"I tested it and it works brilliantly... for reading general information about something like recycling or rates and water, I just push a button and it reads the text to me. It's fantastic," John said.

"I can adjust the speed of the voice and the size of the text. The words are also highlighted, so should I wish to, I can make the text really big and follow along. It's incredibly helpful."

The installation of ReadSpeaker technology is one of many actions being rolled out as part of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2020. Making Council services and documents more accessible is a key element of the plan as well as working to improve physical barriers such as access to Council-owned buildings and public facilities.

Members of Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Group play a key role in advising Council on how best to implement actions and were strong advocates for the installation of ReadSpeaker technology.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Group is a passionate voice for people with a disability in the Lismore community. They are not shy in advocating for themselves and others, and pushing Council to make change happen.

John has been a member for six months and is proud of the work they are doing. He is very keen to see other agencies and local businesses follow Council's example.

"When we see tangible changes like this new technology, it feels like the group is really achieving something – we're making a difference in the community to ensure everyone has equal access," John said.

"It's hard to put into words, but when you need to access information from government agencies or local businesses and you can't, it feels very restrictive. Without equal access I need to ask someone else for assistance. But the thing is that people want to be independent and have information available to them no matter what their abilities are.

"We believe that providing access to information for people with disabilities should be absolutely essential. Not to mention you are definitely missing out on customers if you don't, and what sort of business doesn't want more customers?"

People can now access the ReadSpeaker technology on the Lismore City Council website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Expressions of Interest open today (7 November) for round six of the Rural Landholder Initiative project funds. Applicants will have five weeks to submit an EOI.

The Rural Landholder Initiative program has been operating for three years and is proving a success with landholders seeking small grants to boost their efforts in:

- Bush regeneration works restoring areas of native habitat or revegetation with local native plants.
- Assistance with environmental weed control and initial follow-up maintenance.
- Plantings for erosion stabilisation using local native plants.
- Purchasing fencing materials to control livestock in riparian and wetland areas, and remnant vegetation improvement.
- Purchasing off-stream watering equipment to protect waterways from stock impact.
- Stabilising stock crossing points.

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

As part of the Rural Landholder Initiative, Council hosted five field days in the Lismore Local Government Area during 2018. These free field days are very popular, with local landholders coming together to learn up-to-date techniques in weed control, restoration and best-practice farming.

A major message of these events is the importance of a well thought-out and planned project. If you are considering applying for funds, please make use of the resources available on our website to plan your project and address the questions in the application. These include using best-practice techniques, addressing priority conservation issues in our region, talking to your neighbours and connecting with others in the natural resource management community.

Our Environmental Strategies staff, along with many practitioners and natural resource specialists in the region, can help landholders with ideas, knowledge and resources. However, the single most important thing you can do to make your project more attractive for funding is to get started yourself. A simple project plan will show us what you are already doing, where you need some extra help, and what are your overall goals.

The EOI round closes on Thursday, 13 December for new projects that will begin mid-2019.

For more information or to discuss your project and eligibility, contact our Rural Landholder Initiative Extension Officer Kate Steel on 1300 87 83 87.



SAVE THE DATE FOR CAROLS!

Carols in the Heart is coming up on Sunday, 9 December from 4.30pm at Crozier Field in Lismore.

There will be singing, performances, food, fun, a special visitor kids will love and fireworks to end the evening.

Keep the date free for a fabulous afternoon of free Christmas fun!



CAROLS
in the heart

Sunday,
December 9

Crozier Field
Lismore

Gates open
4.30pm

visitlismore.com.au

lismore business promotion program

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2019 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Lismore City Council is now calling for nominations for the 2019 Australia Day Awards.

Mayor Isaac Smith said the awards were designed to recognise people who contributed to their community, volunteered or excelled in their field of endeavour.

“Australia Day Awards give us a chance to single out people in our community who make a difference to the lives of others or are achieving exceptional things in their profession,” Isaac said.

“If you know someone who is passionate, talented or works tirelessly in the community, I encourage you to nominate them.”

Isaac said often the only way for Council to hear about the extraordinary achievements of ordinary citizens is for colleagues, friends or family members to nominate them.

“Inevitably, people who deserve reward never seek it, so we need your help to find the wonderful local people doing good deeds or achieving great things in our community,” Isaac said.

“It only takes 5-10 minutes to complete an online nomination, and it brings great joy to watch hard-working people receive a little of the recognition they deserve.”

Categories in 2019 are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Aboriginal Citizen of the Year, Services in Community (Individual), Services in Community (Group), Sportsperson (Senior), Sportsperson (Junior), Sports (Team/Group/Organisation), Sustainable Environment and Art/Cultural.

Nominations close on Thursday, 13 December 2018. Council now only accepts online nominations. Please visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au to apply.



SAVING KOALAS ONE SIGN AT A TIME

People in Lismore are incredibly lucky to live amongst a significant koala population.

There are not many urban places where you can go for a drive or look in your backyard and see such an iconic Australian species.

But what people may not know is that koalas are listed as vulnerable to extinction in NSW.

Living close to humans places koalas at greater risk of injury and death from cars and dogs, which are the two greatest threats to their survival after habitat loss and disease.

To try and limit these koala deaths, Council is installing signage and pavement markings along the Wyrallah Road/Tuckurimba Road koala blackspot area. This section of road has the highest known rate of koala deaths due to vehicle strikes in Lismore.

Drivers will be made aware that koalas are about and urged to slow down to the posted speed limit of 80km/hr. This can greatly reduce the chances of hitting a koala as well as making the roads safer for all motorists.

Other things to keep in mind when driving:

- Koalas are constantly moving between habitat areas across the landscape. They are most active during their breeding season from September to March.
- Dusk and dawn are the peak times for wildlife to be moving between trees and bushland across the landscape. This is when drivers should be most vigilant.

“September to March is when Friends of the Koala receives its highest number of calls for assistance for injured or dead animals,” Council’s Environmental Strategies Officer Wendy Neilan said.

“Driving at the speed limit of 80km/hr as opposed to 90km/hr in the Wyrallah Road blackspot area may extend your travel time by less than one minute. We hope that the community will consider this a small price to pay to help save our beautiful koalas.”

Friends of the Koala has a new *Koalas and Roads* glovebox guide that tells people what to do and who to call if they see a koala on the road or know that one has been hit.

To report sick or injured koalas, phone the Friends of the Koala hotline on 6622 1233.

To get a copy of the *Koalas and Roads* glovebox guide phone the Friends of the Koala Care Centre on 6621 4664.



On 4 October, a member of the public rang the Friends of the Koala hotline to report a koala sitting in the middle of Wyrallah Road at Tucki after being hit by a car.

The koala was slumped over, bleeding from the ear and left to die. The person who rang, Scott, waited by her side until help arrived.

Quazzi received multiple abrasions to her face and tongue and a fractured cheek bone as well as several lacerations to her left arm and eye, a busted eardrum and other internal

injuries. Friends of the Koala carers didn’t expect her to survive.

Quazzi was taken to Currumbin Wildlife Hospital where the vet discovered she was lactating, however, after a thorough search of the area where Quazzi was hit, carers were unable to locate the joey.

After three long weeks of rehabilitation. Quazzi is back with Friends of the Koala and they are caring for her until she is strong and well enough to be released back into the wild again.

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.

10/280-5 28 Alternative Way, Nimbin: A 22-lot subdivision comprising 21 residential lots and one residue lot and associated civil, landscaping and regeneration works.

17/9-2 7 Julie Crescent, Goonellabah: Dwelling with retaining wall forward of the building line.

17/413 9 and 12 Black Road, Terania Creek: Subdivision (boundary alteration).

18/209 62 Virtue Road, Bexhill: Erection of a dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy and installation of an inground swimming pool.

18/232 57 Ross Street, Lismore: Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house to create an attached dual occupancy and the strata subdivision of the attached dual occupancy, comprising the following stages: Stage 1 – erection of the car port and provision of driveway access to proposed Unit 2 from Ross Street; Stage 2 – internal alterations to create proposed Unit 1 and Unit 2; and Stage 3 – strata subdivision to create Unit 1 and Unit 2 and common property.

18/254 54 Bridge Street, Wyrallah: Shed – amended site location.

18/276 12 John O'Neill Circuit, Goonellabah: Dwelling addition (covered deck).

18/299 39 Alternative Way, Nimbin: Dwelling.

18/319 151 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore: Demolition of existing detached garage, addition of carport and awning to existing dwelling, construction of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy and strata subdivision.

18/320 373 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill: Dwelling and plunge pool.

18/324 187 Munro Road, Dunoon: Change of use of a farm shed to a dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy.

18/342 1/110 Woodlark Street and 43 Keen Street, Lismore: 'Dollars for Dust' fundraiser to be held on Sunday, 14 October 2018 from 12pm to 8pm.

18/353 8 Lucia Crescent, Howards Grass: Dwelling addition (covered deck).

95/167-2 320 Rosehill Road, Blakebrook: Section 4.55(2) application to modify development consent 1995/167 (Rosehill Road Quarry) to extend the operation life of the quarry until 5 January 2036.

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.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

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

DA NUMBER: 15/165-03

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 224 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah (Lot 1 DP 1103669).

APPLICANT: McCloy Project Management.

DESCRIPTION: Section 4.55(1A) modification to relocate the stormwater detention basin and the sewer pump station.

CLOSING DATE: 21 November 2018.

DA NUMBER: 18/401

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 658 Ballina Road, Goonellabah (Lot 4 DP 406893).

APPLICANT: GM Project Development and Management.

DESCRIPTION: Subdivision (to create 17 residential lots) and associated roadworks, earthworks, vegetation removal and civil works.

CLOSING DATE: 5 December 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. 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 at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.



CHANGES TO ROADS AND ROAD NAMING

Road closures

In accordance with Section 38B of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is given of the undermentioned proposals to close Council roads.

- Road reserve adjoining 35 and 93 Frame Road, South Gundurimba.
- Road reserve adjoining 102 and 200 Eureka Drive, Rosebank.
- Unformed pathway between 63 and 65 Fig Tree Drive, Goonellabah.

Upon closure of these roads, Council intends to sell the lands to the respective adjoining landowner.

Proposed road names

In accordance with Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is given of the undermentioned proposed road names:

Walton Drive – new road created within subdivision of 171 Wilson Street, South Lismore.

Angela Place – road located within 32 Barham Street, East Lismore.

Interested persons are invited to make written submissions concerning the road closing and naming proposals to the General Manager, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 by 21 November 2018. For more information phone our Property and Legal Services team on 1300 87 83 87.

New road names

In accordance with Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is given of the undermentioned officially named roads:

Waynes Place – road located within 40 Three Chain Road, South Lismore.

Tranquil Court – new road created within subdivision of 198 Gungas Road, Nimbin.



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan at 407 and 379A Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill

At its ordinary meeting on 14 August 2018, Lismore City Council resolved to support a planning proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2012 to rezone part of 407 and 379A Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill (Lot 1 DP 1242157 and Lot 1 DP 254131) from RU1 Primary Production to part Zone R5 Large Lot Residential (11.68ha) and part Zone E2 Environmental Conservation (3.75ha) in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The objectives of the planning proposal are to facilitate large lot residential development and conserve areas with ecological values.

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 3500m² and apply a maximum building height of 8.5m. A minimum lot size will be applied to each area of E2 that is commensurate with the size of three different areas, those being 2ha, 1ha and 3500m².

On 5 October 2018 the Department of Planning and Environment issued an alteration of Gateway Determination with conditions. The Minister for Planning has not delegated the finalisation of the LEP to Council.

The planning proposal is on exhibition for public comment from 8 November to 7 December 2018. Copies of the proposal, Gateway Determination and technical studies are available at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au via the 'Your Say Lismore' link.

Submissions outlining grounds of objection or support can be made online, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, 2480.

For enquiries, contact Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by Friday, 7 December 2018.

IDEAS WANTED FOR LISMORE WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

The Lismore Women's Festival is seeking proposals from the community for the third Lismore Women's Festival in March 2019.

But you'll have to be quick... expressions of interest are due by Monday, 12 November!

Festival organisers are looking for proposals including workshops, discussions and celebrations that strengthen, empower and support women.

If you have a great idea for an event or activity, complete the form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQG3T92.

You can also contact the Festival Coordinator on 0490 437 376, 6625 5800 or womensfestival@ywcansw.com.au with any questions or to receive an emailable form.



TRAFFIC ALERT: NORTH LISMORE

Alexandra Parade, Bridge and Pitt Streets, North Lismore

Traffic control will be in place as we replace the water main in Alexandra Parade and Bridge, Arthur and Pitt Streets.

Works will be conducted between 7am and 4pm Monday to Friday until mid-December 2018.

We will progressively install the new main along these streets and associated traffic controls will vary between temporary lane closures through to full road closures under detour.

Please keep an eye out for traffic control and expect minor delays if travelling through this part of North Lismore.

Thanks for your patience while we complete these essential works.

DO BUSINESS WITH COUNCIL ONLINE 24/7

Did you know you can make a request of Council or lodge a complaint with us online at any time of day or night?

If you notice something that needs fixing after hours while you're out having dinner or walking in the morning, you can simply jump online and let us know then and there and our staff will get to it as soon as they can.

We also offer a range of other online services giving residents convenient access 24 hours a day.

These include:

- Paying your rates, water and other Council invoices.
- Accessing DA Tracking.
- Making development application payments via the Electronic Lodgement Portal.
- Requesting a Certificate.

To lodge a customer request simply go to www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and click on Report a Problem on our homepage.

YOUR COVER

John Zambelli is 28 and has a vision impairment.

He is excited that Council has installed ReadSpeaker technology on its website – another step to increasing access and inclusion for everyone in our community. Read his story in this edition.





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

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