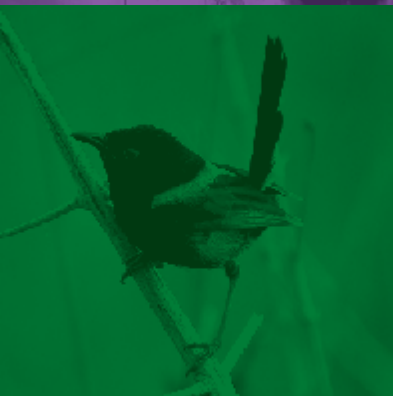




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# BIG SCRUB RAINFOREST DAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



The 2018 Big Scrub Rainforest Day is coming up on Sunday,  
21 October at Rocky Creek Dam.

This year is a celebration of 25 years of Big Scrub Landcare as well as the 20th annual Big Scrub Rainforest Day.

Prior to European settlement, the Big Scrub covered 75,000 hectares of land in our region. Tragically, 99% of this magnificent rainforest was cleared, leaving only 1% as fragmented remnants scattered across the Northern Rivers.



These remnants are internationally significant, with species whose lineage goes back more than 180 million years to the great rainforests of Gondwana that once covered Australia.

For 25 years, Big Scrub Landcare has been working to ensure these remnants survive through rainforest restoration and education.

In 1999, the Big Scrub Rainforest Day was conceived. It was designed to enhance community awareness of the rainforest, its beauty, its rich biodiversity, its tragic history, and the need for community-led restoration in order for it to survive.

A few hundred people attended the first event and over the years it has grown into Australia's largest annual Landcare, environment and community celebration.

In 2001, the event found a permanent home at Rocky Creek Dam (the source of our regional water supply) where Rous County Council has been conducting restoration of lowland subtropical rainforest for more than 30 years.

The 20th anniversary Big Scrub Rainforest Day will include the usual format of walks, talks, workshops, presentations, stalls and information in a festival-style day in the Rocky Creek Dam picnic grounds.

Featured talks include *Rainforest Restoration and Resilience* by Professor Ian Lowe of Griffith University and *Climate Change and Australian Ecosystems: What we are Losing* by Professor Lesley Hughes of Macquarie University.

There are lots of other practical workshops and talks by leading ecologists, bush regenerators, naturalists and scientists. Topics cover everything from weird and wonderful rainforest insects and the role of native bees in pollination to planting a rainforest garden, dealing with pests and weeds, restoration successes and failures, and incentives available for landholders.

## **Other highlights of the day include:**

- Guided bird, plant and rainforest restoration walks.
- Fabulous food and entertainment including face painting.
- Information, displays and stalls.
- Community tree planting.
- Fun environmental activities including weaving and creative botanical drawing.
- Children's Bush School with craft, walks and discovery activities all day.

**Entry is by gold coin and you can BYO a picnic or buy food and beverages at the event. For more information and the full program, visit [www.bigscrubrainforest.org](http://www.bigscrubrainforest.org) or [www.rous.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rous.nsw.gov.au).**



# SMALL GRANTS BRING BIG COMMUNITY BENEFITS

## Several local community projects have been completed recently thanks to funding through Council's Annual Community Grants Scheme.

As part of the scheme, Council provides grants of between \$500 and \$10,000 to community groups each year to undertake small projects in the Lismore Local Government Area.

The Lismore CWA received \$6835 from this year's grant round for a 3kW solar array, which was installed last month at the Lismore CWA Rooms in Spinks Park.

The ladies are thrilled to be powering their operations free from the sun and reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and electricity bills.



Showing off the new solar panels at the Lismore CWA rooms are members and volunteers (l-r) Bev Payne, Lyn Daly, Margaret Seydel, Jan Clifford, Lorraine Wallace and Robyn Stewart.

“Anything that reduces our running costs is money that can go back into the community – that’s more funds we can donate to local individuals and group causes,” Lismore CWA member Margaret Seydel said.

“For us, low overheads is really key. All our members are focused on ensuring we have as much money as possible for community projects.

“We are very lucky in this area to have a council that encourages sustainability and provides incentives to support renewables. This project has been a great education for our members – we’re all learning about the benefits of renewable energy. Everyone was very keen to realise the financial savings for our community. I’ve had 80-year-old members asking me ‘When are we getting our panels?’ It’s really nice.”

Out in Dunoon, a new sign was recently erected by the North East Community Panel using a community grant of \$750.

The ‘Welcome’ sign in Tamarind Park was a project identified in the panel’s Community Plan. It includes history on the village, a visitor map and historical photos including one of the late Duncan Currie, the bullock-driver turned farmer who gave Dunoon its name, after his own birthplace in Scotland.

The Annual Community Grants Scheme opens to community groups each April with successful recipients announced in August.

**If you would like to discuss project eligibility, phone Partnering and Community Engagement Officer Katherine Parry on 1300 87 83 87.**



# SPECIAL STORYTIME SESSION LOOKS AT MOTOR DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

Parents and carers of preschool-aged children are invited to a special Storytime session with children's physiotherapist Adrienne Kniha at Goonellabah Library on Tuesday, 6 November.

This free event will focus on motor skills development for children and ways to support that development in early learning.

Storytime sessions encourage early literacy and provide young children with a fun and relaxed space in which to develop a love of books and reading that will stay with them for life.

Every so often the library team hosts special sessions with local experts, giving parents and carers free exposure to services and information they may otherwise not be able to access.

"We believe in enriching the lives of children through learning, literacy and play, and we often call on local professionals to attend our sessions to provide greater awareness for parents and carers around the lifelong benefits of early education," Lismore Librarian Lucy Kinsley said.

**"It's a very relaxed environment and parents are always welcome to join us at any session."**

The special Storytime session with Adrienne Kniha is being held on Tuesday, 6 November at 10.30am at the Goonellabah Library.

**No bookings are required for Storytime sessions. Regular weekly Storytime sessions are as follows:**

**Tuesday – Goonellabah Library, 10.30am**

**Wednesday – Lismore Library, 10.30am**

**Thursday – Lismore Library, 10.30am**

**For more information, visit**

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

**or phone**

**6621 2464.**



# FUN FOR ALL AGES AT LISMORE SHOW

The 133rd annual North Coast National (Lismore Show) will be held from 18-20 October at Lismore Showground, with three-days of fun and entertainment for the whole family.

This year's theme is 'Your Show, Your Community' and the program is jam-packed with non-stop entertainment, rides, displays and arena shows.

You will find all the traditional elements of a country show at the North Coast National including prize animal shows and petting zoos, working dog trials, horse and cattle events, the popular woodchop competition, fine arts and craft exhibitions, car and bike displays, trade stalls and much more.

Side Show Alley and carnival rides will be open every day and this year there will also be the Big Top Entertainment circus, free kids activities, a community music stage, reptile shows and more.

A new highlight this year is DockDogs – the popular canine aquatics competition. Watch dogs run, jump and swim in the 'Big Air', 'Extreme Vertical' and 'Speed Retrieve' competition categories.



Each night in the arena there is also a huge show as follows:

## Thursday

- 5.30pm Fireworks
- 5.35pm Speedway 'Race'
- 5.45pm Community Tug-O-War
- 6.15pm Quad Bike Race
- 6.45pm Globe of Death
- 7.00pm Monster Trucks
- 7.15pm Burn Out
- 8.45pm Fireworks

## Friday

- 6.00pm Opening
- 6.30pm Showtime FMX
- 6.50pm Globe of Death
- 7.05pm Speedway 'Race'
- 7.15pm Quad Bikes
- 7.45pm Showtime FMX
- 8.05pm Monster Trucks
- 8.30pm Fireworks

## Saturday

- 5.45pm Quad Bikes
- 6.15pm Globe of Death
- 6.30pm Quad Bikes & Anthem
- 6.40pm Rodeo
- 8.30pm Fireworks



**Great news for all visitors in 2018. This year there is a new gate price – a flat fee of \$15 for everyone, with kids under 16 FREE!**

**The North Coast National opens at 9am daily. For more information, tickets and a full program, visit the website.**

[www.northcoastnational.com.au](http://www.northcoastnational.com.au)

# 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.

**15/165-2 224 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to amend the approved subdivision layout: (1) revise staging to increase from four to six stages; (2) realign the access road further to the north and remove the requirement for retaining walls on the northern side/part of the southern side of the access road in lieu of landscaped batters; (3) reduce the concrete pathway on Road 1 from 2.5m to 2m; (4) remove pervious link road and reduce the width of the medians; and (5) minor revisions to lot boundaries.

**17/390-2 40 and 40B Three Chain Road, South Lismore:** Section 4.55(1A) Modification to create Lot 17 within Stage 2 rather than Stage 1.

**18/119-2 99 Crown Street, South Lismore:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to add a covered deck.

**18/210-2 26 Homestead Avenue, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1A) application to modify condition No. 6 to delay the construction of an asphaltic concrete sealed driveway or equivalent surface to service proposed Lot 2 until prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate for a future dwelling; and to modify condition No. 8 so the approved lots are to be renumbered 26 and 27 Homestead Avenue.

**18/252 236 Koonorigan Road, Koonorigan:** Dwelling and inground swimming pool (staged development).

**18/279 2 Wyreema Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and carport with 0m building line variation.

**18/290 12 Peter Street, East Lismore:** Carport with building line variation to 0m to Peter Street.

**18/297 Suite 103, 75 Magellan Street, Lismore:** Change of use from an office to a beauty therapy salon.

**18/302 40 Fairfull Road, Numulgi:** Inground swimming pool.

**18/304 296 Fredericks Road, Caniaba:** Farm shed with a building line variation to 13m to Fredericks Road.

**18/305 287 Numulgi Road, Woodlawn:** Dwelling alterations and additions.

**18/308 10 Wolstenholm Street, East Lismore:** Dwelling additions and alterations (house raising and verandah additions).

**18/315 29 Hurley Street, Lismore:** Dwelling addition (covered front verandah) with a 2m building line variation to Huntingdale Road.

**18/334 3 Minshul Crescent, North Lismore:** Inground swimming pool.

**18/335 895 Caniaba Road, Caniaba:** Aboveground swimming pool.

**18/340 54 Karissa Drive, Goonellabah:** Detached outdoor covered entertainment area.

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).





# MAKE YOUR MACCAS MORE PRODUCTIVE... FREE FIELD DAY COMING SOON

The next Rural Landholder Initiative field day is on Friday, 26 October in Tregagle.



Healthy Farms and Productive Macadamias will focus on the economic benefits to macadamia production of insects and native species that are pest predators.

Growers will be shown practical ways to improve habitat for these species and the value of native bees to production will be showcased. This free event will help orchardists to control pests and achieve greater productivity.

## Presenters include:

### **Steve Maginnity (The Australian Native Bee Company)**

Steve utilises native bees for education, pollination services and for conservation. He will discuss working with growers to maximise productivity.

### **Leoni Kojetin (Australian Macadamia Society)**

Leoni is the Industry Development Manager at the Australian Macadamia Society. She is tasked with delivering the macadamia industry's innovation and adoption program which aims to raise productivity through research and development.

### **Jeremy Bright (NSW DPI)**

Jeremy is the Macadamia Development Officer. He will talk about understanding pest lifecycles better and targeting approaches to pest control through biological, cultural and chemical methods.

### **Angus Underwood (Reconeco)**

Angus is a wildlife ecologist and will demonstrate installing nesting boxes for owls and microbats, and discuss the benefits these creatures provide in orchards.

### **Jacqui Paine (Basically Bush Restoration)**

Jacqui operates a bush restoration business and can advise on the best ways to convert degraded bushland to healthy habitat.

The Healthy Farms and Productive Macadamias field day runs from 9am to 2pm and lunch is included. RSVPs are essential. Book your place on 1300 87 83 87.



# BLAKEBROOK QUARRY INFO

## Proposed output increase – community drop-in session

Blakebrook Quarry is seeking to increase the total output of asphalt produced on-site.

The proposal is to increase output from 30,000 tonnes to 50,000 tonnes per annum, resulting in around six extra truck movements per day.

As part of this process, Lismore City Council invites persons with concerns or questions to raise them at a 'Drop-in Session' on Thursday, 11 October at Goolmangar Hall from 2pm–6pm.

If you are unable to make this session, questions and concerns can be directed to [phil.klepzig@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:phil.klepzig@lismore.nsw.gov.au).

# BREWSTER ST DROP-OFF CENTRE SURVEY?

## Please complete our short questionnaire

We are asking people to spend five minutes completing a survey on the Brewster Street Drop-off Centre.

We are currently trying to gauge usage of the facility as we are looking at options for where it could be located in the future. The facility is slowly outgrowing its current site and it would need to be relocated should Council receive funding for Lismore Park.

The best way for us to understand what people need and want from a drop-off centre is to ask!

Please help us and complete the survey at:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/Drop-Off-Centre](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Drop-Off-Centre).

## Don't forget – you can drop-off in Nimbin!

Just a reminder that there is also a transfer station in Nimbin where residents from the village and surrounds can drop-off rubbish and recyclables, plus it has its own Revolve Shop housing pre-loved goods.

The Nimbin Transfer Station is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9am to 3pm.

# APPLY NOW FOR PAID POSITION ON NEW AUDIT COMMITTEE

Council is establishing an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) and is looking for Expressions of Interest from qualified people to fulfil the role of independent members.

The committee will consist of three independent members (one of whom is Chair) and two Councillors.

The ARIC will meet a minimum of four and a maximum of five times per year and a fixed fee is paid to the independent members for preparation and attendance at each meeting. The term is for two years until the 31 March 2021.

**Council is looking for people with the following skills:**

- High levels of financial literacy, including demonstrated experience managing financial information.
- Demonstrated experience in planning, legal compliance, audit and/or risk management.
- Solid business acumen and commercial experience.
- Relevant experience on similar committees and/or in managerial or governance roles.
- Working knowledge of local government.
- Strong communication skills.

Desirable but not essential is a relevant tertiary degree or being a member of the Australian Institute of Directors and/or Institute of Internal Auditors and/or CPA qualified.

**To apply, please provide a resume with a cover letter addressing the selection criteria and details of two current referees.**

**Please send to Governance Coordinator Dianne Criss, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480, email to [dianne.criss@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dianne.criss@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or deliver in person to 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.**

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 19 October 2018.

# TENDERS

## T18/24: Organics Shredding

Council is inviting submissions from qualified companies/contractors who have the capability and knowledge to undertake organics shredding services of green waste and kerbside organic and timber on site at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. The contract is for two years with an option for an additional two years.

## T18/21: Supply and Installation of Geosynthetic and Geomembrane Liners and Leachate Drainage Pipework for Landfill Cell 2B

Council is seeking submissions from qualified and experienced contractors, companies or individuals for the supply and installation of geosynthetic and geomembrane liners and leachate drainage pipework for Landfill Cell 2B (a space to allow for future landfill operations for those products which cannot be recycled).

The construction of Landfill Cell 2A was completed in 2015. Since that time Council has received an increased level of waste. This has resulted in the need to bring forward the planned construction of Stage 2.

A majority of this material is commercial waste and although the commercial waste sorting facility does reduce some commercial waste going to landfill, future landfill space is important to have and will be required for what cannot be recycled.

**Submissions for the above tenders close at 2pm on Thursday, 1 November 2018. There is a non-mandatory site visit upon request option included in both tenders.**

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 tender schedules must be completed for submission of a conforming tender.

**If you experience difficulties accessing the above website or require information, phone Tenderlink on 1800 233 533.**





CONTACT US:  
**1300 87 83 87**

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

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