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OUR 2019 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS



Well-known community volunteer Aliison Kelly has been named Lismore's 2019 Citizen of the Year.

Aliison was one of 10 individuals and groups recognised at the Australia Day Awards ceremony on 26 January at Lismore City Hall, where Mayor Isaac Smith also welcomed 19 new Australians in the annual citizenship ceremony.

Aliison has volunteered her time, energy and skills over many years with community groups in the arts, events, koala conservation, horticulture and bush regeneration. ★

This includes working with Friends of the Koala and Lismore Lantern Parade organisers LightnUp as well as being festival manager for the annual Lismore Friendship Festival held in Spinks Park and working with the volunteer organising committee of Carnevale Italiano at New Italy Museum.

Aliison is passionate about the natural environment and has worked with councils and landowners in the region to improve land management practices as well as designing effective waste management and water-saving programs at events she facilitates.

She also uses her extensive skills in logistics, placemaking, site management and administration to train volunteers so they can better organise and operate their own community events.



“She has given her time and energy to many local causes and willingly shares her professional skills with community groups and volunteers to build capacity within those organisations,” Mayor Isaac Smith said.

“Anyone who knows Aliison knows that she always contributes with a smile, and genuinely loves working with others in the community. She is driven by a love of people and a totally unselfish desire to make her community a wonderful place to live, connect and celebrate. She is a truly deserving winner of this year’s award.”

Other 2019 Australia Day Award winners were:



Young Citizen of the Year: Lily Harrison

Lily started volunteering when she was just 15 and continues to advocate and help people in need. She collects sanitary products and basic toiletries to make into care packs called PeriodPacks for homeless and vulnerable women and has made thousands to distribute in the Northern Rivers.

Lily has also been an ambassador for OneGirl.org raising over \$5000 to provide educational scholarships for girls in Sierra Leone and Uganda.

In 2019 she will be studying her HSC but will continue collecting, making and distributing PeriodPacks.

Aboriginal Citizen of the Year: Malachi Canning

Malachi Canning, 12, is a para-athlete who lives with an intellectual disability and grew up in foster care. He suffers from foetal alcohol syndrome and ADHD, but that hasn’t stopped him excelling in athletics.

In 2018, some of his achievements included winning gold for discus and achieving three personal bests at the PSSA State Athletics in Sydney; winning a Premier’s Sports Certificate for Athletics; competing in six events and winning six medals at the CIS State School Athletics in Sydney; and being named Lismore’s Little Athletics Athlete of the Year 2017/18.

Malachi is well on the way to achieving his dream of representing Australia at the Paralympics.



Services in Community (Individual): John Maloney

John has been a bell ringer at St Carthage’s Cathedral for 35 years and part of the St Andrew’s bell ringing team for more than two decades.

He has also volunteered in community radio broadcasting for 35 years and is the founder of the popular Facebook group ‘The good old days

of Lismore' which has 14,000-plus members. This format of sharing photos and history about Lismore was so successful that John started 'The good old days of Casino' Facebook group and it has now led to the organisation of a 'Good old days' band concert.



Services in Community (Group): 1979 Terania Forest Blockaders

This year marks the 40th anniversary since the successful protest action that saved a piece of pristine rainforest and led to the eventual creation of the World Heritage-listed Nightcap National Park.

The Terania Creek protest marked the first time citizens physically defended a rainforest by placing themselves in front of police and loggers.

Those participating in the blockade in 1979 developed a new technique of non-violent direct action, which has been used worldwide over the past 40 years including successfully at the Bentley CSG blockade in 2015.

Sportsperson of the Year (Senior): Paul Leadbeater



Paul is president of Far North Coast Hockey and was instrumental in the success of Lismore hosting the Australian Men's Masters Hockey Championships in September/October last year.

Paul had a busy year in 2018 with many outstanding achievements in hockey including representing Australia in Spain and in the over 60s NSW Men's Masters Team.

He is a life member of Far North Coast Hockey and the Northern Star Club, which is testament to his commitment not only to the sport but to the local sporting community.

Sportsperson of the Year (Junior): Matilda Elliott



At the age of 15, this netballer is already achieving her sporting dreams.

Her accomplishments in 2018 include winning the North Coast Academy Darrell Chapmen Athlete of the Year award; receiving the prestigious Young Sportswoman of the Year award at St John's College Woodlawn; and being named a NSW Institute of Sport scholarship recipient, allowing her to train in Lismore and Sydney over the next 12 months.

For much of 2018, Matilda travelled to Sydney most weekends as part of the trial and selection process for the Under 17 NSW State Team while also completing her school work – often in airports! She has been named one of 20 players in the 2019 NSW Talent Development Squad.

Sports Team: Lismore Swans Australian Football Club Women's Team

The Lismore Swans Australian Football Club was established in 1984 and was always a premier team for Lismore, however, it was the decision to form a women's team in 2015 which saw an influx of fresh ideas from new members who were eager to assist the club and drive it forward.

Since then the team has won the last two Queensland Women's Football Association Northern Rivers Premierships, including the inaugural 2017 Premiership. They are the first women's team established between the Gold Coast and the Central Coast.

The members of this local sporting squad are great role models for team spirit, good sportsmanship and proving that hard work can pay off.

Sustainable Environment: Vivian Martin

Vivian is one of the founders of the South Lismore Duck Pond and the longest serving volunteer at the site.

He has been instrumental in turning the South Lismore Duck Pond from an overgrown an unused mess into a beautiful recreation park with the removal of more than 1000 coral trees and the planting of more than 2500 trees and shrubs.

Vivian has also been the Lismore coordinator of National Tree Day for the past five years, is curator of the Tursa Art Prize at the North Coast National, and volunteers at the Fox Photo Den Studio Café.



Arts/Cultural: Ted Trudgeon

For almost 50 years, Ted has promoted local history through his professional work as a teacher and his voluntary work with the Richmond River Historical Society, which he joined in 1972.

He held the office of president for 18 years from 1983 to 2001 and was honorary secretary from 2001 to 2004.

After stepping down from these positions, Ted has continued to play a central role in the society's work as museum coordinator, membership secretary, public officer, keeper of organisational memory and, most importantly, a font of local historical information. He has produced many historical exhibitions, given talks, and produced a number of books.

Ted also conducts tours with around 300 primary school children and 250 high school students each year, inspiring them with local stories.

Congratulations to all our 2019 award winners!

THE BEST WAY TO RECYCLE IS TO AVOID WASTE!

Late last year we launched our #RecycleRight campaign asking residents to make some changes to recycling practices at home.



While recycling helps us divert material from landfill, the process of recycling still costs money and produces pollution through remanufacturing and the use of transport, electricity etc.

The best thing we can all do for the environment is avoid waste altogether and purchase items that are made from recycled or reused materials.

It can feel overwhelming, but simple changes can make a big difference. Try these tips for reducing your waste – once they become habit they are easy to maintain!

Choose your packaging

It is easier to reuse and/or recycle cardboard and glass than plastic. Look for items that aren't over-packaged. Buy food in glass jars rather than plastic ones, pasta in a box rather than a pasta bag, and detergents in boxes rather than bottles. Not only are you reducing the plastic you use, you're sending a powerful message to the makers of those products that you don't like plastic packaging.

Change to reusable coffee cups

Buy a reusable coffee cup or two and keep them in your car so you always have one handy when you want a hit of caffeine.

Wipe out plastic water bottles

Grab a reusable water bottle and keep it with you. Great for walking, exercise, work, and even rinsing out your reusable coffee cups!

Say no to straws

Single-use plastics are a huge problem and straws are a big offender. Say no, drink out of the glass or carry a reusable straw.

Bring your own bags

While most of us are used to shopping without plastic bags already, smaller plastic bags and packaged vegies still pose a huge problem. If you don't like to place your vegies in a reusable bag loose, try carrying some smaller netted bags or paper bags for beans or smaller items.

Let your dollars do the talking

Choose to shop with retailers or at local markets where plastic is limited. Buying local saves on transport pollution and helps local growers. You will often find it also saves money!

Plan ahead

We often end up buying packaged foods or plastic because we need something fast and easy. If you plan your meals at the start of the week, it's easy to avoid packaging and take lunch in reusable containers. Not only do you avoid plastic packaging, but home cooking is often yummiier, healthier and cheaper.

Rethink your storage

Many people use cling-wrap, sandwich bags or plastic food containers to keep things fresh. Instead, grab some reusable wax wraps for covering leftovers and wrapping cheese, and buy glass containers or jars for storing food.

Upcycle

Think of new uses for old items rather than discarding them. Can you give them to a friend to use? Or hold a garage sale rather than going to the tip? Keeping household items in use is a great way to divert material from landfill.

Please visit www.northerriverswaste.com.au for more information on the #RecycleRight campaign or pick up a free fridge magnet at our Corporate Centre or the Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries.

ELECTION RULES: SIGNAGE AND CANDIDATE SUPPORT

Council is appealing to the community and election candidates to be aware of the regulations regarding election signage in the lead-up to the 2019 state and federal elections.

Council is asking people to do the right thing to avoid Council resources being diverted from core business to manage signage and undertake enforcement.

People should be aware of and heed the following regulations:

- Election signage must not be more than 0.8m² in area.
- Election signage must not be attached to a heritage item.
- Election signage must only be displayed for five weeks preceding election day.
- Election signage must only be displayed for one week following election day.
- Election signage must not be displayed on a trailer parked on a road or road-related area.
- Election signage must not be displayed on a trailer parked on land other than a road or road-related area, but visible from a road or road-related area, without development consent.
- Any election signage or materials placed on property owned or controlled by Council such as road reserves or public land including carparks and sporting fields is unlawful.

Compliance Coordinator Matt Kelly said the regulations should be observed by all election candidates and their supporters.

“Compliance with the legislation ensures all candidates are subject to the same requirements and provided with fair and equitable opportunities to advertise their participation in the election,” he said.

“Election signs erected on private land, with the owner’s consent, which complies with all of the above requirements, are exempt from Council approval requirements.

“Council has already received of a number of complaints regarding inappropriately placed election signage. In some instances, unapproved and illegal placement of signage has the potential to create a hazard particularly when placed on road reserves and roundabouts.

“Council may take enforcement action if unlawful placement of election material takes place.”

Enforcement action can include the following:

1. Unlawfully placed signs may be impounded, attracting a release fee of \$86.
2. A penalty infringement notice for \$330 may be issued for signage placed without approval or contravening the regulations.
3. A penalty infringement notice for \$553 may be issued for signage in a road reserve that poses a safety issue.
4. A penalty infringement notice of \$3000 (individual) or \$6000 (corporation) can be issued for carrying out a development without consent, including the placement of unlawful signage.

“To avoid the need for any additional follow-up action, it is requested that all election signage be removed from Council controlled and owned land as a matter of urgency,” Matt said.

“We urge residents to exercise their democratic right responsibly and adhere to the rules around signage when supporting their preferred candidates.”





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.

12/50-2 120 Bank Street, North Woodburn: Section 4.55(2) modification to re-site dwelling including additional living room, new decks and enclosing the subfloor area to create a double garage and laundry.

17/270 8 Sexton Road, 55 Dunoon Road and 3, 30 and 48 Old Quarry Road, North Lismore: Subdivision of land to create a total of 433 residential allotments, a commercial allotment, open space and areas for environmental management. The proposed development will be undertaken as follows. Precinct 1: Total of 95 residential allotments, local centre allotment, open space and provision for environmental management. Precinct 2: Total of 295 residential allotments, open space and areas for environmental management. Precinct 3: Staged development consent sought in accordance with Section 83B of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* for the creation of 43 residential allotments.

18/380 13 Hollingsworth Street and 16 Taylor Street, South Lismore: Construction of an awning, loading dock and ramp, including associated infrastructure works.

18/411 16 Three Chain Road, South Lismore: Relocation of an existing industrial activity to the rear tenancy and change of use to a vehicle repair station with associated works comprising internal building alterations, formalised car parking, landscaping and signage.

18/419 21 Earls Court, Goonellabah: Dwelling and retaining walls.

18/451 649 Ballina Road, Goonellabah: Dwelling addition and alteration (extension to existing covered deck).

18/453 65 Rous Road, Goonellabah: Erection of five building identification signs.

18/458 676 Ballina Road, Goonellabah: Shed.

18/459 58 Dalley Street, East Lismore: Demolition of existing garage and construction of new carport.

18/462 14 Eleanor Place, Boat Harbour: Dwelling.

97/296-3 32 Pendarra Crescent, Howards Grass: Subdivision to create nine residential lots incorporating three stages being: Stage 1 – previous Lots 1 to 3; Stage 2 – new lots 1 to 3; and Stage 3 – new lots 3 to 4.

Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at our Corporate Centre during business hours or via DA Tracking at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



TENDER 2018-31: QUARRY CRUSHING AND SCREENING EQUIPMENT

Council is inviting submissions for quarry crushing and screening equipment. The purpose of this tender is to compile a panel of approved contractors offering dry hire specific items of plant to Council at a fixed rate for the contract period.

The contract will be for a period of two years with an additional option of one year.

Council is encouraging smaller owner/operators or individual plant and equipment contractors to make submission.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 21 February 2019.

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

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



COUNCIL BEGS RESIDENTS: CHARITY DUMPING MUST STOP

Council is appealing to the community to stop dumping unwanted items outside charity shops.

Environmental Compliance Officer Stuart Thomson said the problem was so bad at one CBD location over the Christmas break that motorists could not drive along Eggins Lane as it was blocked by items left outside the Salvation Army building.

Four truckloads of waste were taken away and local business owners were unable to access the lane for deliveries.

Stuart warned that leaving items outside op shops or charities when the organisation is closed may constitute an offence in regards to the unlawful disposal of waste, which carries penalties from \$2000.

Most of the major charity buildings are monitored by CCTV cameras and Council intends to look at footage with a view to issuing fines for future offences.

“This practice costs charities thousands of dollars each year in tip fees and volunteers spend countless hours cleaning up and sorting rubbish and transporting this waste to the tip,” Stuart said.

“We are encouraging people to only use clearly marked donation bins or to deliver items to these charities during normal operating hours where they can be received or rejected by staff. Any item which has not been accepted by the charity organisation and is left unattended in a public place will be considered waste.”

Dumping items also encourages people to rummage through the articles and take any item of value, leaving nothing but rubbish for the charities to clean up and dispose of.

“The idea of donating good quality, unwanted items to charity is to assist these charities financially so that they can help vulnerable people in our community,” he said.



“My concern is that people have begun to see dumping at op shops as some sort of entitlement and believe that these organisation have an obligation to deal with their unwanted household goods. This is absolutely not the case – and it’s got to stop.

“It is a shame that we have reached this point but it’s time for us to step in and take some action. Our message is simple – do the right thing or face a fine.”

Residents and businesses can dispose of waste responsibly for free using Council’s electronic waste voucher system. Residents are entitled to three free visits (businesses two free visits) to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre each year.

You can apply for a voucher online or over the phone, and you will have the voucher within two working days. Visit www.northernriverswaste.com.au or phone us on 1300 87 83 87.



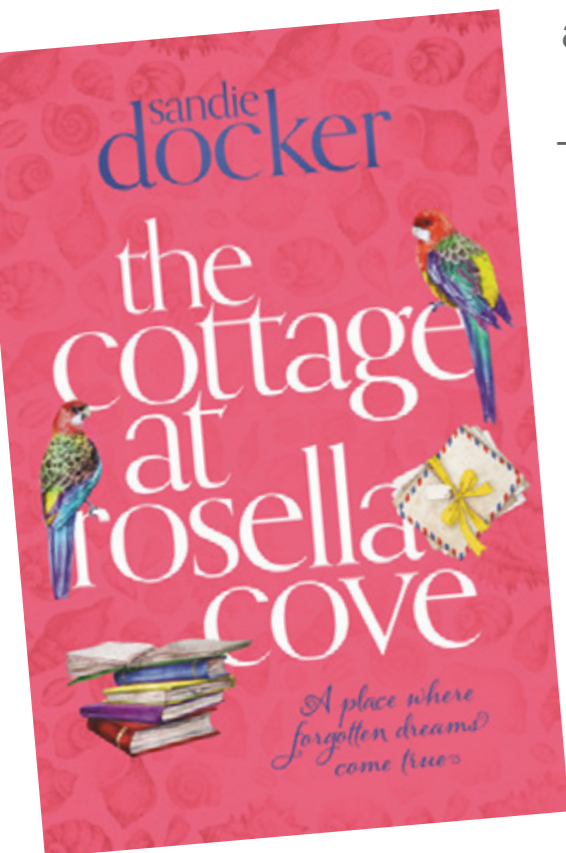
AUTHOR TALK WITH SANDIE DOCKER

Lismore Library will be hosting an author talk with Sandie Docker on Wednesday, 13 February at 6pm.

Sandie will discuss her latest book *The Cottage at Rosella Cove*, which is a touching tale about the power of friendship. It tells the story of a woman named Nicole who goes to Rosella Cove to recover from a traumatic relationship and rebuild her life. She finds an unlikely friendship with an elderly hermit named Charlie and their connection changes both their lives.



Sandie Docker grew up in Coffs Harbour and first fell in love with reading when her father introduced her to fantasy books as a teenager. It wasn't until she was taking a translation course at university that her Mandarin lecturer suggested she might have a knack for writing – an idea that sat quietly in the back of her mind while she lived overseas and travelled the world.



Sandie first decided to put pen to paper when living in London. Now back in Sydney with her husband and daughter, she writes every day. Her debut novel *The Kookaburra Creek Café* was published in 2018.

This talk is an opportunity to meet Sandie, ask questions, and learn first-hand about her experiences as a writer.

The talk is free and anyone is welcome.



COUNCIL MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

The first Councillor Briefing for 2019 will be held on Tuesday, 5 February at the Council Chambers in Goonellabah from 6pm.

Items on the agenda for the briefing include a Delivery Program review.

Members of the public can book time to speak/ask questions of Councillors during a 15-minute public forum session at the start of each briefing.

The first ordinary meeting of Council for 2019 will be held on Tuesday, 12 February from 6pm in the Council Chambers.

Members of the public can book to speak at the beginning of the meeting, on any agenda item, for three minutes. People may also request an AUSLAN interpreter should this be required.

For bookings at Council meetings or briefing, or for more information, phone Michella Wade on **1300 87 83 87**.

All relevant business papers, minutes and live webcasts can be found at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

YOUR COVER

Aliison Kelly was among 10 individuals and groups who were presented with Australia Day Awards on 26 January. The 2019 winners are a diverse bunch of fantastic people all with one thing in common – they have done extraordinary things worth celebrating! See inside for the full list of winners.





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