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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES COMING UP

Survive & Thrive: An Expo for 16 to 18-year-olds

Thursday, 28 February – Lismore Library, 4-6pm

Do you want help finding Year 11 or HSC study resources? Are you looking for a way into the workforce or an apprenticeship? Get information on resumé writing, applying for work, apprenticeships and traineeships, employee rights, superannuation, mental and sexual health, de-stressing, staying fit and healthy, and more! This expo will introduce young people and their parents to the organisations and individuals who can help them through their HSC and/or into the workforce. Come in, check out the study resources the library has to offer and meet the people behind the organisations... and yes, there will be pizza! No need to book, just come along.

Supporting Ageing Parents and Friends

Thursday, 28 February – Lismore Library, 1.30-3pm

An information sharing and group discussion facilitated by registered nurse and aged care worker Bernadette Glass. Topics include: offering support while upholding people's rights; community services that are available; and exploring residential aged care. Bernadette has presented workshops throughout Australia. Come along and find out how you can support yourself and the elders in your family and community.

Lismore Library Book Clubs

First Monday of the month 10am; first Tuesday and Thursday 10.30am

Get out of your reading routine and mix it up. Branch out and explore something new. Come along to one of the Lismore Library Book Clubs, see what we are reading and join in the discussion. Sometimes we even get around to discussing the books! New members are always welcome, just come along and join in.

Financial Seminar: Understanding Your Pension

Monday, 4 March – Goonellabah Library, 10am

Topics covered include:

- How income and assets are assessed.
- Centrelink assessment issues.
- Concessions and other services.
- Rights and obligations.

Bookings are essential – phone Goonellabah Library on 6625 1235.

Financial Seminar: Accommodation options in retirement and Will cover

Monday, 11 March – Lismore Library, 10am

Topics covered include:

- Comparison of accommodation types.
- Financial advantages and disadvantages.
- Centrelink assessment.
- Aged care fees and charges.

Bookings are essential – phone Lismore Library on 6621 2464.

Financial Seminar: Understanding retirement income streams

Monday, 11 March – Lismore Library, 1pm

Topics covered include:

- How income streams work.
- Fund choices and investment options.
- Tax and Centrelink assessment.
- Transition to retirement.

Bookings are essential – phone Lismore Library on 6621 2464.





EAT THE STREET SERVES UP DELICIOUS FUN FOR ALL AGES

Lismore's award-winning Eat the Street food festival is back on Saturday, 9 March with all new classes, activities and live entertainment.

The festival attracted more than 18,000 people last year and Acting City Centre Manager Andrew Walker said he is hoping to see a crowd of more than 25,000 people in 2019.

"The concept is simple – after all, everybody loves food," Andrew said.

"But we also create new activities each year that showcase local produce and our talented restaurants and chefs. This year we have fun activities for kids and adults, an incredible live music line-up and new culinary classes and eating experiences."

The fun kicks off on Thursday, 7 March with a Progressive Dinner around Lismore. Diners will be transported from venue to venue, experiencing Lismore's finest culinary offerings at the city's best restaurants.

On Friday, 8 March join a Foraging Expedition led by local bushfood expert Peter Hardwick. Participants will identify an array of edible natives and taste dishes made from these local ingredients.

If drinks are more to your taste, join the new Mixology Masterclass with Howard Johnson at The Loft on Friday afternoon. Learn how to make perfect cocktails – and have fun drinking them!

Eat the Street is on Saturday, 9 March from 12pm to 9pm in the heart of Lismore. There will be more than 50 stalls offering tasting plates, boutique drinks, home-grown produce and locally made products.

The popular cooking stage will return with celebrity chef Matt Goliniski doing two masterclasses on Saturday plus a free live demonstration and Q&A. The entertainment stage will be showcasing incredible talent all day with dance group Wild Marmalade headlining on Saturday evening.

The following day (Sunday, 10 March) Lismore will host its first AFL pre-season match between the Sydney Swans and the Gold Coast Suns at Oakes Oval.

"It's a huge weekend for Lismore – when events like these take place the city is at its very best," Andrew said.

"Bring the family, invite your friends and enjoy the amazing entertainment, food and footy that's on offer."

For more information or bookings, visit www.eatthestreetlismore.com.au

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TRAFFIC ALERT: ROADWORKS

We have a busy period of roadworks until the end of the financial year. Keep an eye out for our electronic message boards for traffic control updates.

- **Dawson Street between James and Parkes Streets, Girards Hill (new water main)**
The water main will be replaced in this area over the next 12 weeks under traffic control. Work will progress into Parkes Street between Dawson and Cathcart Streets as well as Allen Street during this period.
- **Nimbin Road, north of Boyle Rd, Goolmangar (fixing the road)**
Traffic delays will continue on Nimbin Road as we fix another section north of Boyles Road. Works are expected to take six weeks.
- **Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable Creek (fixing flood-damaged road)**
Traffic delays can be expected on Tuntable Creek Road north of Arkinstall Road as we repair the road edge that slipped during the March 2017 flood. Works are expected to take two to three weeks.
- **Bangalow Road, east of Eltham Road, Bexhill (fixing the road)**
Traffic delays will continue on Bangalow Road as we progressively fix this section of road on behalf of NSW Roads and Maritime Services over the coming months.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

Fifth round of reclassifications of certain Council-owned land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Pursuant to Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a public hearing was held into the reclassification of Council-owned land at 619 Skyline Road, Goonellabah, from 'community' to 'operational' under the Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 on Thursday, 14 February 2019.

The report on the public hearing, prepared by the person who presided at the hearing, may be viewed on Council's website under 'Your Say Lismore' at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and at our Corporate Centre in Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal office hours.

The public hearing report will be considered by Council in the coming months, along with all written submissions relating to the proposed reclassification with some rezoning under the Lismore LEP 2012.

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 12 March 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.

Councillor Briefings are held most Tuesday evenings so Councillors can discuss upcoming issues and projects, and be presented with detailed background information on future Council reports.

You can check the details of what is on the Councillor Briefing agenda in the calendar on our website. Agenda items are usually posted on the website about one week prior to the briefing.

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.

For bookings at Council meetings or briefings, 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.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSING UNDER SECTION 38B ROADS ACT 1993

Notice is hereby given that Lismore City Council proposes to close part of Nimbin Road adjoining 12 Jiggi Road, Goolmangar (plan available upon request). Upon closure of the road, Council intends to give the land as compensation under Section 44 of the *Roads Act 1993*. This proposal flows from a road re-alignment.

Any person can make submissions on this matter to the General Manager of Lismore City Council by 27 March 2019. Under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is complete, Council will consider all submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

Council Ref: CDR19/127.

For enquiries phone Olivia Munro on 1300 87 83 87.

NATIONAL AFL COMES TO LISMORE!

Lismore sports lovers have the unique opportunity to see a national AFL pre-season match when the Sydney Swans clash with the Gold Coast Suns at Oakes Oval on Sunday, 10 March.

National AFL matches have been made possible thanks to the \$2.8 million upgrade of Oakes Oval in 2018 and Council hopes this inaugural event is the first of many national competitions held at the sportsground.

Grandstand seats for the match have already sold out but general admissions tickets including family passes are still available.

The event kicks off at 1.10pm on the Sunday afternoon and is being held the day after Lismore's popular food festival, Eat the Street.

"This is a chance to see your favourite AFL stars up close and personal and experience a national AFL match on our redeveloped Oakes Oval playing field," Council's Tourism and Events Manager Mitch Lowe said.

"This is a fantastic event for families and is a real coup for Lismore. We hope the redevelopment of the oval marks the start of many AFL pre-season matches being played here in our city, which is the sporting hub of the region. We are proudly now offering facilities that can attract these kind of elite matches and we encourage Lismore people to come along, have some fun, and enjoy the thrill of live national AFL."



This match is part of the JLT Community Series that promotes and brings national AFL to regional areas.

Ticket prices:

Adult: \$20

Concession/pensioner/student: \$15

Junior (6-14 years): \$5

Family passes: \$40

For ticket bookings, go to www.visitlismore.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.

13/28-4 2/114 Keen Street, Lismore: Section 4.55(1A) modification to allow food service through the front window of café and to change the hours of operation.

17/74-3 161 Keen Street, Lismore: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify the allowable hours for roasting coffee to between 9am and 7.30pm Monday to Sunday.

17/373 680 Boyle Road, Koonorigan: Farm shed.

18/12-2 20 Spring Avenue, Goonellabah: Section 4.55(1A) modification to amend Condition 1 to refer to revised plan prepared by Heather Fraser Architect and provision of off-street parking prepared by Greg Alderson and Associates; and amend Condition 2 to provide for the increase in the number of students at any one time to 60.

18/57 46 May Street, Dunoon: Subdivision to create two lots.

18/344 9 Schurr Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling, garage and retaining walls (with a minor building line variation to the front retaining wall).

18/364 116 Mountain View Drive, Goonellabah: Two-storey dwelling with retaining walls requiring variation to DCP Chapter 1-Element 4.5.

18/381 193 Casino Street, South Lismore: Change of use from a storage shed to a light industrial development.

18/414 430 and 460 Whian Whian Road, Whian Whian: Subdivision (boundary alteration).

18/422 101 Wilson Street, South Lismore: Change of use of part of a warehouse to a transport depot.

18/428 13 Eleanor Place, Boat Harbour: Dwelling.

18/441 159 Orion Street, Lismore: Dwelling addition (covered patio).

18/455 4 Jacobson Road, Georgica: Additions to an existing NSW Rural Fire Service facility.

18/456 30 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore: Commercial alteration (enclose existing verandah).

18/465 704 Blue Knob Road, Blue Knob: Alterations and additions to existing dwelling.

18/466 704 Blue Knob Road, Blue Knob: The construction of new dwelling to create a dual occupancy.

18/471 290 Keen Street, Girards Hill: Dwelling alterations and additions.

18/472 302 Lindendale Road, Lindendale: New dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy.

19/1 28 Dougan Road, Caniaba: Inground swimming pool.

19/2 198 Corndale Road, Bexhill: A new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy.

19/11 142 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill: Dwelling and shed.

19/12 1 Withers Street, Bexhill: Inground swimming pool and spa with building line variation.

19/26 16 Cassia Crescent, Goonellabah: Dwelling addition (insulated awning).

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.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

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

DA NUMBER: 19/41

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 60A and 62 Cullen Street, Nimbin (Lot 1 DP 587552 and Lot 13 DP 5446).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

DESCRIPTION: To undertake the redevelopment of 60A and 62 Cullen Street (former Nimbin Museum site), which was the subject of a fire in 2014 and has remained vacant for a period of over four years. The redevelopment seeks approval for: A mixed use development comprising retail shops, food and drink premises, a health services facility (medical centre), outdoor communal space areas (outdoor seating, deck, garden, landscaping, and garden pavilion area) and associated civil works, infrastructure services, vegetation removal, landscaping and the demolition of on-site structures (*NOTE: the rear garden pavilion building of the proposed development has a height of 9m, which exceeds the 8.5m height limit of the site*); and the staged strata subdivision of the development into 16 lots.

CLOSING DATE: 27 March 2019.

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

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at our 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 from the Department of Planning at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.



#RecycleRight

Keep it simple. Keep it clean. Keep it coming 'round.



YOUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Late last year we launched our new #RecycleRight campaign asking people to make some simple changes to recycling routines at home.

Lots of people have been asking 'Why?' Here are some answers to you most frequently asked questions.

Why have the recycling rules changed?

Changes to China's recycling rules in January 2018 affected the recycling industry across the world.

For a long time, China was the largest importer of the world's recycling, accepting over 30 million tonnes every year and ultimately having the capability to drive recycling prices and practices worldwide.

Until a few years ago, China accepted recyclables with a relaxed contamination level of around 5% (contamination being incorrect items mixed in with the material to be recycled). This meant China accepted a large proportion of the world's waste, which was then their problem to deal with.

The 'National Sword Policy' introduced in January 2018 enforced a strict contamination limit of 0.5%, which sent the global recycling industry into shock – much of the world's recycling could not meet this new export standard.

On the up side, the National Sword Policy is a catalyst for change, forcing us to recycle better, develop new technologies to better sort our recycling, and develop new industry within Australia that supports the processing and manufacture of goods using recycled content.

More materials are now being recycled in Australia – but we need very clean recycling to ensure it can be processed and remanufactured into new products.

The #RecycleRight campaign is all about ensuring we have clean and uncontaminated recycling.

Why can't we recycle soft plastics anymore?

Unfortunately, there are no processors in Australia that will accept our soft plastics for recycling.

Also, we found contamination at our Materials Recovery Facility was a big problem. Soft plastics such as plastic bags, cling wrap, pasta and biscuit packets, bread bags etc would often come through the facility loose, and get tangled up in the machinery or cross-contaminate other recycling. In order to get the cleanest recycling, we needed to remove soft plastics altogether. Additionally, when loose plastic bags and soft plastics get tangled in our recycling machines, they stop the sorting process and require staff to remove the problem waste from the machinery using ropes and harnesses.

However, there is still a solution to soft plastics recycling!

Australian manufacturer Replas does recycle soft plastics and they are supplied through the Redcycle collection points at most major supermarkets. You can continue to take your soft plastics to these collection points for recycling. Find your closest drop off at www.redcycle.net.au.

Please note: We did ask Replas if they would take our soft plastics but they didn't want any more supply until there is more demand from shoppers for goods made from recycled plastic.

Why can't we recycle meat and biscuit trays anymore?

Black foam meat trays have never been recyclable and now all meat trays must go in the red landfill bin.

This is because some have built-in absorption pads and they all have a thin inside lining of soft plastic, which is very hard to see. Items made of more than one type of plastic cannot be recycled.

Biscuit trays are made of a very poor quality plastic and currently the recycling factories that we send recycling to are unable to recycle it.

Why can't we recycle polystyrene in our recycling bin anymore?

At the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre our staff manually feed polystyrene into a machine that chips and melts the poly, enabling it to be made into small bales. Pallets of these bales are transported to factories in Korea and Malaysia and made into new items like picture frames.

Unfortunately, polystyrene breaks up easily and contaminates the rest of our recycling when collected through yellow recycling bins. We are now asking everyone to drop-off polystyrene (for free!) at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre or the Brewster Street Drop-off Centre.

Why can't we recycle takeaway coffee cups and lids anymore?

The linings in hot beverage cups make these items difficult to recycle. China was accepting takeaway coffee cups and lids in the paper and cardboard bales we were sending them. Their factories were able to manage the contamination in the recycling process. As they will not accept this level of contamination anymore, and there is no-one in Australia who can manage the contamination, these items must now go into red landfill bins.

New cups and lids made of plant material are being developed and in the future there is a possibility that these may be accepted in the organics bin to be composted. For this to happen the following needs to occur: the manufacturers must demonstrate that their products are certified compostable, trials need to be conducted, and the community needs to be informed and well educated on the difference between a compostable cup and a regular one.

While we wait for this to take place, there is a simple solution to this type of waste – avoidance! Get yourself a reusable coffee cup to take to the café each morning and wash it out to reuse again the next day.

Why can't we recycle lids and other small things anymore?

Anything small is unable to be sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility – it falls through gaps in the recycling machinery and can contaminate our recyclables and glass sand.

To solve this issue in the past, small items like plastic tags and ties could be put into a container. However, these items are all made of different types of plastic. These could previously be processed together but changes to the recycling industry means there is no longer a market for mixed plastics, and all different types need to be sorted and separated for recycling. These small items are simply too hard to be sorted and separated effectively.

As part of the new #RecycleRight routines we are asking you to remove lids and place anything smaller than a credit card into your red landfill bin.

Why do I have to wash containers? Won't rinsing waste water?

Keeping recyclables clean is our most important goal. So we need people to rinse out food and drink before placing containers in the recycling bin.

Rinsing containers under a running tap IS wasting water but by adding the empty containers to you daily dish-washing pile or placing into the dishwasher, they can be cleaned with the water you are already using.

Can I still put Resource Recovery Collection Satchels in the recycling bin?

Yes! These satchels are for problem household waste including household batteries, prescription glasses, printer cartridges, mobile phones, smoke detectors, corks, CDs and DVDs, electrical cords, X-rays, and small e-waste like calculators and handheld games.

Simply fill up your satchel and put it in your yellow recycling bin. Resource Recovery Collection Satchels can be picked up free from Council offices or your local library.

Why can't I place recyclable items in a bag or box?

When your recyclables reach the Materials Recovery Facility, they are loaded onto a conveyor where they are manually sorted by staff. The staff don't have time to grab bags or boxes and empty them out from the moving conveyor belt.

By putting items loose into your recycling bin you help keep the system working well and ensure we can recycle as much as possible.

Which bin do I put cardboard in?

Put clean cardboard into your recycling bin. Put dirty cardboard like pizza, noodle or cake boxes into your organics bin.

When an item has a recycling symbol, can it go in the recycling bin?

No! Not every item with a recycling symbol can be recycled. Food, drink or other containers are imported and exported around the world and there is not one global recycling symbol.

Planet Ark has developed an Australian recycling label that you will notice on products (planetark.org/recyclinglabel) but this is still not foolproof as different Council areas can recycle different things.

The best thing is to simply follow our new #RecycleRight recycling routines and you can't go wrong!

For information on the #RecycleRight campaign visit www.northernriverswaste.com.au or pick up a free fridge magnet at your local library or our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah.



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Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre
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