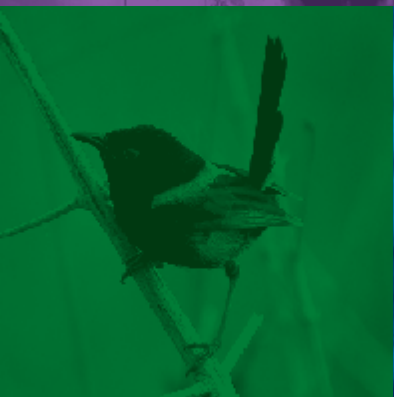




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BE A GOOD SPORT AND YOU'LL FIT RIGHT IN AT MASTERS GAMES

Registrations are now open for the 11th Lismore Workers Club Masters Games, which is celebrating its 20th year in 2019.

More than 1500 competitors will descend on Lismore from 27-29 September to socialise, renew lifelong friendships and enjoy three days of good-natured fun. There may even be a little sport played!

“We absolutely love the Masters Games – the vibe of this event is so positive,” Council’s Events Officer Leanne Clark said.

“All our competitors love their sport but it’s certainly not all about winning. It’s about taking part, hanging with your mates and just enjoying the camaraderie that sport offers.”

Leanne said the Games would be extra special in 2019 as they celebrated 20 years and there would be additional highlights and events to celebrate the milestone.

“We cannot believe this event has been going for two decades! Some of our youngest players when we started are now our senior Masters. But that’s how much people love the event – many have been coming since it started back in 1999,” she said.

Council’s Tourism and Events Manager Mitch Lowe said the Masters Games also provided an important economic boost for the city, with around \$1 million injected into the local economy.

“In the last 20 years the Lismore Workers Club Masters Games has gone from strength to strength and in 2019 we have competitors flying in from right across Australia,” Mitch said.

“The weekend provides a huge boost for our accommodation providers as well as for our retail sector and our pubs, clubs and eateries. We encourage all businesses to take advantage of this event and create Masters Games specials or open longer hours to cater for the influx of visitors.”

The Lismore Workers Club Masters Games will be held from the 27-29 September across Lismore’s many sporting venues.

There are 20 sports people can choose to register for:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lawn bowls
- Mountain biking
- Netball
- Oztag
- Fitness challenge
- Football
- Five-side football
- Softball
- Swimming
- Rugby Union
- Masters Mini Games (euchre, darts, pool and indoor bowls)

The 11th
Lismore Workers Club
Masters Games
September 27-29 2019

Early bird registrations close on 28 June 2019.

To register for the Masters Games, visit www.lismoremastersgames.com.au

NEW GM ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL OVERHAUL FOR FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY

Lismore City Council's new General Manager Shelley Oldham recently announced a major overhaul of Council's finances following a larger than expected deficit recorded in February.

The quarterly budget review statement reported to the 26 February Council meeting revealed a cash deficit of \$6.1 million. In September 2018, the cash deficit was reported as \$258,400.

The larger than anticipated deficit was discovered following a two-month due diligence study by independent consultants Grey Advantage that uncovered a series of previously unreported costs.

Several factors contributed to this:

- Northern Rivers Waste compliance, transport and safety costs.
- Beardow Street landslip remediation.
- Northern Rivers Quarry operating and compliance costs.
- Revenue from sale of property, plant and equipment lower than forecast.

Ms Oldham said her charter as the new General Manager was to look at the Council's overall financial position and ask the tough questions.

"The due diligence study has revealed a genuine need to look at management practices and address a lack of oversight around our commercial areas of operation," Ms Oldham said.

"We need to modernise our technology and systems, improve our accountability and project management capability, and tighten controls around governance, compliance and risk. Much of what has occurred could have been avoided if we had better project and risk management in place.

"I will work with the Mayor and Councillors in the coming months to get Lismore City Council back on track."

Council is developing a transformation plan with a short-term goal to improve cash flow and a long-term goal to reduce the deficit.

This plan is likely to include:

- A review of plant and fleet utilisation and maintenance as well as changes to procurement practices to immediately improve cash reserves.
- Deferral or cancellation of projects that are not in the four-year Imagine Lismore Delivery Program or do not have allocated funding.
- A reconfiguration of the organisation and workforce assessment.
- Internal changes including improved project management capability and new governance, reporting, risk and compliance controls, and an evaluation of the leadership group.
- The development of a 10-year rating strategy.

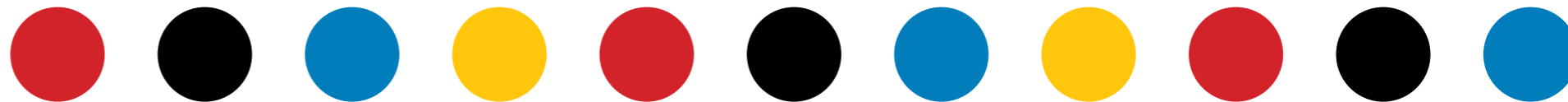
"I will work with the Mayor, Councillors and staff to mature Lismore City Council as an organisation, focus on fixing this problem and get on with the job of driving our economy and our city forward," Ms Oldham said.

"We will keep the community informed as our plans unfold."

You can read a more detailed article about this matter in the 'News' section of our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or read the full Council report and quarterly budget review statement in our 'Business Papers' section.

We will keep the community informed of how this issue is progressing and have further information in *Local Matters* on the transformation plan in the coming weeks and months.

COMMUNITY GRANT MARKS NEW ERA FOR CROQUET CLUB



Sometimes a little money can make a big difference, as the Lismore Croquet Club members will happily tell you.

Last year the club received \$1440 from Council's Annual Community Grants Scheme, which they used to purchase a laptop computer and printer for the clubhouse in Molesworth Street.

Gone are the paper scoring books and manual tournament draws – now it's all live action at the click of a button thanks to the new technology.

President Barry Waters said it marks a significant change to the way things have been done since the club first opened in 1928.

“Our new computer and software allows us to operate and score our tournaments. We get instant results live as they happen and everyone can see the standing,” Barry said.

“The accuracy of the information is also much better. Manually there is always the possibility of an incorrect addition. With this software if there is a mistake we can easily track it and change it. We can automatically run draws, which used to be quite time-consuming, and other players from around NSW can log on and see how their players are performing at our tournaments in real time. It's fantastic.”

The Lismore Croquet Club is always looking for new members young and old. You can go along and meet the players any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday at the clubhouse from 8.30am, or for an application form email lismorecroquetclub@gmail.com.

The Annual Community Grants Scheme – which opens again for new applications in April – is all about helping community groups like the Lismore Croquet Club to undertake projects or improve their facilities and services.



Grants of up to \$10,000 are available through the scheme and 2019 applications open on 1 April.

There is a Community Information Session for interested people on Wednesday, 20 March at the Council Chambers and representatives from local community groups and associations are invited to come along, find out more information and ask questions.

The Community Information Session starts at 10.30am and everyone is welcome.

For more information, phone our Community Engagement Officer Flora Zigterman on 1300 87 83 87.



Lismore Croquet Club President Barry Waters, Secretary Phyllis Waters and Club Captain Fay Ross with club members and their new clubhouse computer.



FROGS, HABITAT AND RESTORATION

The Rural Landholder Initiative is once again presenting a series of free field days in 2019 to provide valuable information to landholders and help them learn new techniques and connect with other farmers and landholders.

The first of these days is the Nimbin Rainforest Restoration, Propagation and Frog Habitat Field Day coming up on Friday, 12 April.

The day runs from 9am to 2pm and includes lunch as well as an optional nursery workshop running until 3pm.

Rural landholders in the Nimbin area are invited to come and learn about restoring dry rainforest and koala habitat, addressing gully erosion and improving aquatic habitats.

An optional hands-on plant propagation workshop for those wanting to learn the basic techniques to grow your own local species and save money is also available.

Topics covered on the day include:

- Long-term staged dry rainforest restoration and linking habitat corridors using practical weed control techniques.
- How to create frog habitat on your property.
- Remediating gully erosion with native plantings.
- The basics of native plant propagation including seed collection, seed raising and nursery hygiene.

Experts presenting on the day are:

- **Richard Burer (Bush Regenerator) and Stephen Reid (Jiggi Landcare)** will discuss the Bush Connect project, which is building the capacity of landholders to manage sites with assistance from qualified bush regenerators.
- **John Blatch (Bush Regenerator)** will discuss and demonstrate lantana and vine weed control techniques in remnant eucalypt and dry rainforest ecosystems.
- **Leon Kindermann** operates a native rainforest nursery growing local species to revegetate local properties. He will present an optional workshop on basic propagation techniques after lunch.
- **Christina Kindermann** will talk about how to make your property frog friendly with the latest research on frogs and how to build good habitat for our rare and threatened amphibians.

The day will include at least two hours of strenuous bushwalking activity in steep and uneven country. A moderate level of fitness is needed to participate. Please call us if you have concerns.

Bookings are essential for the field day and we will provide the address details when you RSVP. To book your place, please phone 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.

07/540-2 102 Gibson Road, Caniaba: Section 4.55(1A) modification to change location of swimming pool.

13/141-3 171 Wilson Street, South Lismore: Section 4.55(1A) modification to adjust the terms of the consent in order to permit the installation of overhead powerlines (rather than underground reticulation).

15/285-3 67 and 73 Krauss Avenue, Loftville: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify consent to reflect certain elements approved under DA5.2017.333.1 including: the new 9m gate on the northern boundary which links the two sites; the loss of three approved car spaces to be used as a driveway access referenced in point one; and the use of three car spaces on the adjoining development to the north, being 67 Krauss Avenue.

18/5 929 Blue Knob Road, Blue Knob: Dwelling (Site 8).

18/101 4 Holland Street, Goonellabah: Construction of an additional 82 storage sheds, associated driveway access, earthworks, retaining walls and civil works.

18/391 1 Kilgin Road, North Woodburn: Construction of a farm dam and associated earthworks.

18/443 170 Dibbs Street, East Lismore: Demolition of existing carport and construction of new carport with a building line variation to 1m to Dibbs Street.

18/450 40 Woodlark Street, Lismore: Commercial alterations and additions comprising: demolish existing detached toilet facilities; construct new toilet facilities attached to the existing office building; and replace the first floor timber landing with a concrete and steel roofed landing above the new toilet facilities.

18/468 191 Dawson Street, Girards Hill: Construction of a swimming pool and surrounding deck in a heritage conservation area.

18/473 61 Waratah Way, Goonellabah: Dwelling and retaining walls.

19/3 912 Boatharbour Road, Eltham: Dwelling.

19/6 94 College Street, East Lismore: Construction of a shed and removal of a tree.

19/8 29 Baldock Drive, McLeans Ridges: Inground swimming pool.

19/14 133 and 133A Molesworth Street, Lismore: Replacement of the existing shade sail with an awning, chimney stack, replacement of business identification signage and change in trading hours.

19/21 11 Eleanor Place, Boat Harbour: Two-bedroom dwelling and attached Colorbond shed.

19/24 78 Trinity Drive, Goonellabah: Use of a pergola erected without prior consent of Council.

19/28 31 Grace Road, Bexhill: Attached carport and freestanding pavilion.

19/33 368 Fredericks Road, Caniaba: Security fence.

19/38 70 Trinity Drive, Goonellabah: Extension to existing garage.

19/42 87 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah: Dwelling alterations and additions (demolition of existing covered outdoor area and construction of new family room and covered verandah).

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.

GSAC SEEKING SPORTING GROUPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Lismore City Council is seeking to partner with suitably qualified and experienced operators for the operation/management of sport, recreational or community programs within the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre (GSAC).

Council is seeking operators who wish to hire the GSAC stadium space on an ongoing basis to run sports or after school programs, community activities, programs such as martial arts or gymnastics, dance classes, or recreational sports programs either privately or through a public organisation.

Council wants to build GSAC's sports activities and encourages local operators to apply.

Submissions close at 4pm on Friday, 29 March 2019.

For relevant documents and information, contact GSAC Assistant Manager Yonika Mantel on 02 6625 5370 or yonika.mantel@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

GSAC
Aquatics Fitness Sports



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Amendments to Chapter 6 of the Lismore Development Control Plan (DCP) to include a Structure Plan and provisions for the subdivision of land at Bexhill

Pursuant to Clause 18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, amendments to Chapter 6 – Village, Large Lot Residential and Rural Subdivision of the Lismore DCP are exhibited for public comment from 14 March to 12 April 2019.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 6 are to include a Structure Plan that will guide the future subdivision of land on the eastern side of Bexhill village. The land contains a number of sensitive/significant natural environmental attributes and characteristics, including ephemeral wetlands, endangered species and ecological communities, and steep and unstable land. The land is not serviced by reticulated water or sewer.

The amendments are to incorporate a Structure Plan along with specific provisions relating to buffers to significant watercourses and environmental revegetation and rehabilitation areas. The Structure Plan also includes indicative locations for road and cycleway/footpath links.

Council resolved at its ordinary meeting of 13 November 2018 to commence public exhibition of the amendments to Chapter 6 of the DCP.

The draft amendments may be viewed on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au via the 'Your Say Lismore' link or in hardcopy at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal office hours.

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

For further information, phone our Strategic Planning Coordinator Paula Newman on **1300 87 83 87**.

Submissions must be received by close of business on 12 April 2019.



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proposed amendments to Policy 5.2.23 – Temporary Residential Occupation of Land

At its ordinary meeting of 12 February 2019, Lismore City Council resolved to place on public exhibition a draft amendment to the Temporary Residential Occupation of Land Policy.

Council is proposing a permit period of 12 months for temporary occupation and that all development consents and/or construction certificate and ancillary approvals for the permanent dwelling are obtained prior to the issue of a Temporary Residential Occupation Permit.

This proposed amendment is open for public comment from 13 March to 12 April 2019.

A copy of the draft amendment to the Temporary Residential Occupation of Land Policy is available at the front counter of 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 mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

For information, phone our Assistant Development Assessment Officer Vicki Walker on **1300 87 83 87**.

Submissions must be received by close of business on 12 April 2019.



ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Planning proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan (LEP) at 65 James Gibson Drive, Clunes

At its ordinary meeting on 13 November 2018, Lismore City Council resolved to support a planning proposal to amend the Lismore LEP 2012 to rezone 65 James Gibson Drive, Clunes (Lot 1 DP 628062), from Zone RU1 Primary Production to Zone RU5 Village in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to facilitate village residential development.

The planning proposal seeks to amend the minimum lot size for land proposed to be rezoned to Zone RU5 from 40ha to 2500m² and apply a building height of 8.5m to the land consistent with other RU5 zoned land.

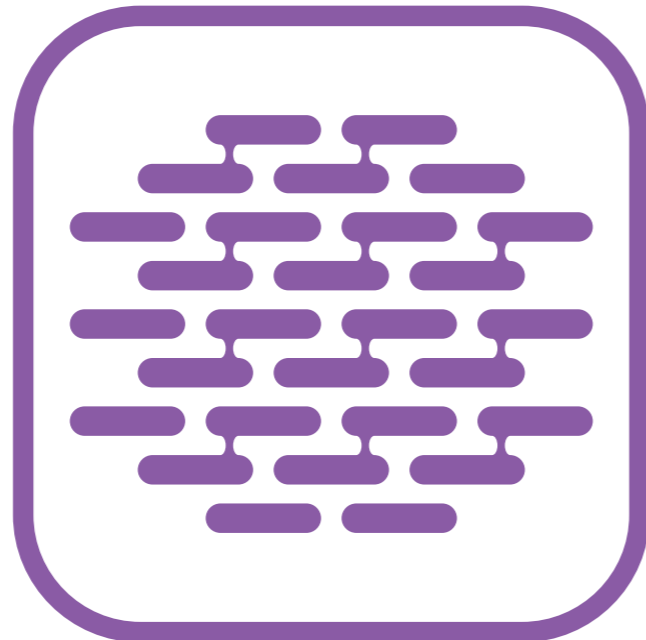
On 17 December 2018 the Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination with conditions including the requirement for additional reporting on ecology. The Minister for Planning has delegated the finalisation of the LEP to Council.

The planning proposal is on public exhibition from 14 March to 12 April 2019. Copies of the planning proposal, Gateway Determination and technical studies can be viewed on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au via the 'Your Say Lismore' link or in hardcopy at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

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

For more information phone our Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by close of business on Friday, 12 April 2019.



TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NEW BALLINA ROAD THOROUGHFARE

We will be fixing Leycester Street between Diadem Street and Eric Place over the coming months.

This will require a temporary road closure that means you won't be able to use New Ballina Road for travel to and from the city.

Detours will be via High Street or Rotary Drive. There will be some local traffic access under traffic control conditions.

We apologise for the inconvenience. Closing the road will enable us to complete the roadwork quicker and reduce damage caused if we let traffic through as we rebuild the road base.

Keep an eye out for our electronic message trailers and detour signage as works progress.

YOUR COVER

The Lismore Works Club Masters Games is back this September and registrations are now open for anyone over 30.

There are 20 sports to choose from plus a jam-packed program of social and fun events over the three days of the competition from 27-29 September.

This is the 11th Masters Games and its 20th year since inception, so it's a particularly special one.

Full details inside.





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