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# WATER WEDNESDAY AT ROCKY CREEK DAM

To celebrate the school holidays, Lismore City Council is inviting families to Water Wednesday at Rocky Creek Dam on 9 October.

Come to the Rocky Creek Dam picnic area from 10am to 2pm to explore, create and learn through a series of outdoor activities about water, water saving, our water catchment and the plants and animals of the Big Scrub.

Normally our school holiday activities are held at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre but this is not possible at the moment due to the recent fire, so we have moved the event to one of Lismore's most special places – Rocky Creek Dam. This also gives us a chance to think more about where our water comes from and using it wisely.

## Free fun on the day includes:

**Nature activities:** Take a close-up look at the rainforest plants of the Big Scrub.

**Backyard birds:** Identify local birds and their calls. Come along for info and get involved in the Aussie backyard bird count.

**Koala watch and habitats:** When does a koala need our help? Where does our wildlife live and why?

**Catchment creation:** Why do we need trees? Find out in this great learning activity.

**Water walk:** Take a guided walk across the dam wall. How does the water get from the dam to the tap and back?

**Information Tent:** Ask about what's on and play the giant water-saving game.

**3D working Catchment Model:** How can we help to keep the water clean and healthy?

**Water science:** Try some water experiments to make lilies, stars and giant bubbles.

**Be waste wise:** Draw your own design on a reusable bag to take home and shoot the 10c container basketball hoop!

Ample parking is available or you can catch the free bus from the Lismore Visitor Information Centre. It leaves at 9.30am and returns to Lismore at 1.30pm. Bookings are essential – phone 1300 87 83 87.

Children must be accompanied by a supervised adult at all times and please be safe and aware when walking in the carpark. Bring a hat, sunscreen and drinking water.

**You may also like to bring a picnic to have with the beautiful dam views or amongst the rainforest.**

# SUBLIME EXHIBITIONS NOW ON SHOW

Lismore Regional Gallery always has a changing program of exhibitions and interesting events and activities for the community to enjoy.

Two of the current exhibitions on show are *The Dark Sublime* by **Emma Walker** and *Comes from Shadow* by **Jumaadi**.



*Dark Sublime* by Emma Walker. Photo: Michelle Eabry.

**Emma Walker** is a Northern Rivers based artist and her abstracted landscapes are an ode to the shadowed beauty and crucial relevance of forests and what lies beneath the surface.

Her paintings are as much about the medium

of paint and the process of painting as with an experience of nature. They explore the connections between the natural world, memory and the subconscious through texture and the interplay of light and dark.

Her work features in several major public and corporate collections and in private collections in Australia, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom and the United States.

*The Dark Sublime* is on show until 20 October.

*Comes from Shadow* by Indonesian artist **Jumaadi** brings together a collection of powerful and beautiful works evoking birth and death.

One of Jumaadi's major influences is the Indonesian art of shadow theatre, or wayang kulit. This is evident in several aspects of his art, including works that have been delicately cut from buffalo hide, the traditional medium of the wayang

puppets. The exhibition also includes one of his earlier works from 2011, commissioned for the 14th Jakarta Biennale, which references the criminal cases of two Indonesian serial killers who confessed to killing 26 children in Jakarta, many of them street children. This powerful work made a pointed commentary on the government's failure to keep the streets safe for vulnerable children.

*Comes from Shadow* is on exhibition until 17 November.

The gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm and Thursday from 10am to 6pm. It is closed on Monday. Entry is by \$5 donation.



*In the garden 2* by Jumaadi. Image courtesy of the artist and King St Gallery, Sydney.

# HAVE YOUR SAY ON RATES PROPOSAL NOW!

A final reminder to all residents that if you wish to have a say on the current Lismore rates consultation, the deadline for feedback is 30 September.

The consultation asks residents and ratepayers to consider a proposed permanent Special Rate Variation that would apply to all Lismore ratepayers and raise additional funds for roads and economic development.

Residents and ratepayers have three options to consider and we encourage people to take the survey and provide feedback.

Your input will help Council make an informed decision.

Please go to [yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au) before 30 September to read the detailed information and complete the survey.

You can also find hard copy information and surveys at our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and the Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries.



**Your Say Lismore**

## COUNCIL DECIDES...

At the 10 September ordinary meeting, Council decisions included the following:

Council resolved (9/2 in favour) to elect Councillor Darlene Cook as the new Deputy Mayor. Cr Cook will hold the position until the next local government elections in September 2020.

All relevant business papers, minutes and live webcasts can be found at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).



## Upcoming meetings

The next ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council will be held on Tuesday, 8 October from 6pm in the Council Chambers.



## Save the date for Lismore Show!

Save the date in your diary for the 134th North Coast National from 17-19 October at Lismore Showground.

The Lismore Show offers three-days of fun for the whole family with a jam-packed program featuring 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 available as well as free kids activities, a community music stage, reptile shows and more.

Save the date for this fantastic annual event – more details coming soon!

# FREE EVENTS EXPAND THE MIND DURING MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To mark Mental Health Month, Council and partners are holding two events to help nurture the soul and open the mind.

The first event is part of our Feel blue Touch Green project, and is called Healing with Nature. It is a sharing circle for women on mental health and healing with nutrition, natural therapies and nature. It will be held at the Lismore Community Garden on Wednesday, 9 October from 10am to 12pm with free morning tea for all participants.

This day is for women to share and learn about how we can improve our mental health and care for our environment with guest speakers including a local naturopath and a bush regenerator and bush therapist working with clients in environmental sites.

The second event is a special Thursday Night Live! on World Mental Health Day (Thursday, 10 October) at Lismore Regional Gallery.

World Mental Health Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of mental health issues and to mobilise efforts in support of mental health and suicide prevention.

Globally, every year close to 800,000 people take their own life, and there are many more people who attempt suicide.

Every suicide is a tragedy that affects families, communities and has long-lasting effects on the people left behind.

Suicide occurs throughout life and is the second leading cause of death among 15 to 29-year-olds globally.

With all of this in mind, the topic for the Thursday Night Live! event is 'Opening Hearts and Minds – how do we talk about suicide?'

Thursday Night Live! is a free and accessible event. Please contact the gallery on 6627 4600 to request an Auslan interpreter.

Slate cafe and bar opens at 5.30pm. The panel conversation commences at 6pm. Following the conversation will be an open Q&A session.

**This is a free event, ticketed for seating purposes. Reserve your seat here: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/opening-hearts-and-minds-how-do-we-talk-about-suicide-tickets-72035164115](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/opening-hearts-and-minds-how-do-we-talk-about-suicide-tickets-72035164115)**

# 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.**

**17/264-2 34 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to add a window to the living area (south west wall).

**19/101-2 4 Holland Street, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to amend Condition 3 of the consent relating to the standard of geotechnical certification of the building pad.

**18/230 4 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin:** Subdivision to create 33 residential lots, associated infrastructure and demolition of an existing structure(s).

**18/338-2 46 Tulsi Lane, Nimbin:** Section 4.55 modification to internal layout, windows, widen north deck, install 4 x 5000 litre water tanks instead of 2 x 10,000 litre water tanks and stage the development.

**19/016 65 Rous Road, Goonellabah:** Garage.

**19/103 285 Rose Road, Tuntable Creek:** Change of use of former original dwelling to use as a dwelling; change of use of existing farm building to detached dual occupancy; and change of use of dwelling to farm building (storage).

**19/121 52 O'Flynn Street, Lismore Heights:** Secondary dwelling.

**19/172 25 Miriam Street, Wyrallah:** Storage shed.

**19/202 43 Krauss Avenue, Loftville:** To undertake the staged filling of the subject land (maximum height of RL 12.25m) and associated vegetation removal.

**19/206 247 McBrien Road, East Coraki:** Shed and associated earthworks.

**19/222-2 100 Ingram Road, Wyrallah:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to approved lot boundaries.

**19/244 63 Tregeagle Road, Wyrallah:** Detached dual occupancy dwelling.

**19/247 9 Three Chain Road, South Lismore:** To undertake: a) the use of subject premises and part of the adjoining road reserve as a vehicle sales or hire premises and a two-workbay vehicle repair station (John Deere Dealership); b) alterations and additions to the existing premises; and c) business identification signage, including a pole/pylon sign in the road reserve and a wall sign on the existing building.

**19/253 13 Newhaven Drive, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and retaining walls.

**19/256 11 Earls Court, Goonellabah:** Two-storey dwelling.

**19/262 708 Dunoon Road, Tullera:** Farm shed.

**19/266 6 Ewandale Close, Clunes:** Inground swimming pool.

**19/267 19 Sunset Drive, Goonellabah:** Dwelling addition (deck).

**19/270 1133 and 1149 Jiggi Road, Jiggi:** Consolidation of two lots and the subdivision of the consolidated lot into two new lots, one of the lots being a primary production lot with no dwelling entitlement.

**19/279 1 Eleanor Place, Boat Harbour:** Inground swimming pool.

**19/281 110 Magellan Street and 11 Rural Street, Lismore:** Temporary placement of a shipping container for use as storage for an exhibition from 12 August 2019 to 20 February 2020.

**19/283 591 Tregeagle Road, Tregeagle:** Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including new carport.

**19/285 418 Dunoon Road, Tullera:** Farm shed.

**19/286 24 Grace Road, Bexhill:** Inground swimming pool.

**19/288 10 Gum Tree Drive, Goonellabah:** Carports with a building line variation to 0m to Gum Tree Drive.

**19/291 84 Trinity Drive, Goonellabah:** Dwelling addition (carport).

**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).**

# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

As the consenting authority, Council has received the following development applications (and/or applications for modifications to existing consents) for consideration.

**DA NUMBER:** 15/136-03

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 59 Magellan Street, Lismore (Lot 1 DP 776471).

**APPLICANT:** Binney Family Funerals Pty Ltd.

**DESCRIPTION:** Section 4.55(1A) application to modify Condition 3 limiting the consent period for the provision of private family services from two years to a permanent basis.

**CLOSING DATE:** 9 October 2019.

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](http://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](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au).

# NEW JIU JITSU CLASS FOR WOMEN STARTING SOON

## Women of Lismore, this one is for you!

SWITCH 24-hour gym at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre is starting a new Jiu Jitsu Women's Self Defence and Empowerment Course from October 16.

Do you want to feel more confident? Do you want to feel safe? Do you want to meet like-minded women?

You can do all this and more in our new eight-week program.

As part of the Jiu Jitsu Women's Self Defence and Empowerment Course, you will learn:

- How to be comfortable defending yourself.
- How strength is a weakness.
- How intelligence and leverage is an asset.
- How to overcome your fears and feel more confident when you are alone.

This new program is for females aged 11 and over at all fitness levels.

"This course is really rewarding and would be something fantastic for mothers and daughters to do together," GSAC Assistant Manager Yonika Mantel said.

"We started our Jiu Jitsu classes in July and they have just taken off. People love it as a way to exercise the mind and body, and it's great for young people and adults."

### **The new women's self-defence and empowerment course includes:**

- High level tuition by Brazilian Jiu Jitsu instructors.
- 1 x 60-minute class per week for eight weeks (Wednesday evening at 6pm).
- Training T-shirt and drink bottle.
- Certificate of completion.
- Discounts on gym memberships and programs at GSAC.

The eight-week course starts on Wednesday, 16 October. The cost for the course is \$199 or choose to combine the eight-week course plus eight weeks of premium membership for \$299 (save \$150).

**Spaces in this special course are limited – to register your interest phone GSAC on 6625 5370 or drop in and see the friendly staff.**

**Ongoing womans classes will be held on Wednesdays at 6pm.**



# AWARDS RECOGNISE ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

Local people working to protect the environment were recently recognised at the second Lismore Biodiversity Awards held on Thursday, 12 September.

Winners were announced in an awards ceremony at Lismore City Hall with each winner receiving \$1000 as a thank you for their achievements.

The biennial event is part of Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy and provides the opportunity to recognise and reward people in the community who are acting to increase and protect local biodiversity, catchment health and demonstrate sustainable agriculture.

"All the nominees show great passion for the environment, and an enduring love for the land that is demonstrated in the legacy they are creating," Council's Environmental Strategies Officer Vanessa Tallon said.

"We are so proud of our 2019 winners. We should all be very grateful for their time and commitment to our environment."

And the winners are:

## **NSW Department of Primary Industries Primary Producer Award**

Bruno Bertolo and Stephen Genrich own a macadamia farm and mixed orchard at Whian Whian. They use large-scale composting to build soil health, constructed a wetland to filter runoff and increase biodiversity, and planted a koala corridor. They also host field days on the farm, sharing their knowledge and passion for land stewardship.

## **North Coast Local Land Services Rural Landholder Award**

Leigh Davison is a founding member of the 250-acre Dharmananda community at The Channon, once a heavily cleared dairy then banana



*Winners, nominees and sponsors at the Lismore Biodiversity Awards ceremony at Lismore City Hall.  
Cover image: Emma Stone*

farm. Leigh has worked tirelessly for decades to restore remnant rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest on the slopes and creeks, focusing on strategic lantana and camphor control, and successfully applying for many grants.

## **Community Group Award**

Friends of the Koala has been operating for 30 years. They maintain a 24/7 rescue hotline; rescue, rehabilitate and release sick and injured koalas; and operate a triage, treatment and pathology clinic as well as an education and administration centre in East Lismore. They have a volunteer base of more than 100 people, have distributed more than 150,000 koala food trees, brought more than 5000 koalas into care and released more than 1230 koalas back into the wild.

## **Educator or School Award**

Emma Stone's passions and activity stretch across the broad scope of Landcare including biodiversity, sustainable agriculture and resilient and connected rural communities. Not only does she work to restore the land on which she lives, she supports all those around her to do the same. Whether it be via a one-on-one site visit with a landholder or running a workshop with the local school, Emma gives generously of her time and expertise.

**Council would like to say a big thank you to the sponsors, nominees and winners of the second Lismore Biodiversity Awards and thank all the people who helped make them possible.**





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