



# LOCAL MATTERS

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## NIMBIN NOW ON LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

### **Level 2 water restrictions have now been introduced in Nimbin.**

The restrictions are necessary as the water level in Mulgum Creek continues to fall and the long-term forecast shows little signs of any consistent rainfall in the near future.

The rest of the Lismore Local Government Area is supplied via Rocky Creek Dam, which is managed by Rous County Council, whereas Nimbin has its own water supply managed by Lismore City Council.

Rous County Council has announced that the Lismore Local Government Area will go to Level 1 water restrictions when Rocky Creek Dam capacity falls to 70%. You can find out more at [www.rous.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rous.nsw.gov.au).

By introducing Level 2 water restrictions in Nimbin now, Council is hoping to delay implementing Level 3 or 4 restrictions.

### **Under Level 2 water restrictions, Nimbin residents should observe the following:**

- Only use micro-sprays and drippers/sub-surface irrigation for a maximum of 15 minutes.

- Hand-held hoses with an on-off nozzle can only be used for half an hour every second day, between the hours of 4pm and 9am on odd or even days matching your house number.
- Other irrigation, such as sprinklers and unattended hoses, are banned.
- Filling of new swimming pools is permitted, but topping up is allowed only between 4pm and 9am using a hand-held hose with on-off nozzle.
- Top-up of fountains and water features is not permitted except to maintain fish life.
- Washing of driveways, paved areas, walls, windows, roofs and paths permitted prior to sale or lease of property only with Council approval. Not permitted for any other reason, except for health and safety. Must use high-pressure/low-flow rate cleaner.
- Washing of cars permitted with buckets or hand-held hose for 10 minutes only between 4pm and 9am on odd and even days matching your house number.

### **The same restrictions apply to commercial premises with the exceptions that:**

- Sprinklers can be used for up to 30 minutes per day for sports fields between 5am and 7am.
- Market gardens, orchards and nurseries can use sprinklers or sprays for one hour a day between 5am and 7am, or 5pm and 7pm.

**For more information on water restrictions in Nimbin, including frequently asked questions, visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**

# COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR RATE INCREASE

At its 19 November extra-ordinary meeting, Council voted (5/3 in favour with three absent) to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a permanent Special Rate Variation that would apply to all Lismore ratepayers.

The Special Rate Variation application is for a permanent increase in the rate base of 7.5% in year one (2020/21), 9.4% in year two (2021/22), 3.9% in year three (2022/23) and 3.2% in year four (2023/24) inclusive of the annual rate peg.

If the application to IPART is successful, these funds will be used to fund road improvements and economic development.

A rescission motion was lodged following the 19 November meeting to contest the decision, however, this was defeated (5/5 against with one absent, Mayor's casting vote against) at the 26 November Council meeting. Council will now proceed with the application to IPART.

In accordance with IPART's requirements, an Addendum to the Imagine Lismore Revised Delivery Program 2017-2021 has been placed on Council's website.

Council will make its application to IPART in February 2020 and the community will have another opportunity to comment and make submissions direct to IPART at this stage. IPART will hand down its decision in May 2020.

If the application is successful, the rate increase will come into effect on 1 July 2020.

# COUNCIL MEETINGS

The final ordinary meeting of Council for 2019 will be held on Tuesday, 10 December from 6pm in the Council Chambers.

Council does not meet in January. The first ordinary meeting for 2020 will be held on Tuesday, 11 February 2020.

Members of the public can book in to speak at the beginning of Council meetings, on any agenda item, for up to four minutes. People may also request an AUSLAN interpreter for Council meetings.

For more information and/or bookings please phone **1300 87 83 87**.

For business papers, minutes and live webcasts visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).





# visit santa's wonderland

## TAKE A MAGICAL JOURNEY INTO SANTA'S WONDERLAND

Throughout December in Lismore, there is a magical place to visit with the kids at 142 Molesworth Street, Lismore.

Santa's Wonderland was a great success last year and has returned to bring festive fun to the Lismore CBD and encourage people to shop in Lismore and support local businesses this Christmas.

**Santa's Wonderland is open every day from now until Christmas Eve and you and the family can:**

- Have a photo with Santa from 10am to 2pm daily.
- Write and post a letter to Santa.

- Use the present-wrapping station.
- Find the Elves in the CBD.
- Take a break in the rest area.

Our Shop and Win campaign will also be back with more great prizes up for grabs.

Spend \$30 or more at participating retailers and drop your entry at Santa's Wonderland. There will be thousands of dollars in daily prizes given away.

Throughout December there will also be carol singers in the streets, window displays, and lots of other exciting Christmas surprises.

Show your love to our businesses this Christmas and please shop local!

**For more information, visit [www.cometotheheart.com.au](http://www.cometotheheart.com.au).**

# LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR RURAL LANDHOLDER GRANTS

Expressions of interest for Council's Rural Landholder Initiative grants program are due by 13 December.

The Rural Landholder Initiative grants are for property owners who are already focused on efforts to conserve and restore their land, but require some extra funding and mentor support.

The grants help private rural landholders undertake works for bushland restoration, habitat improvement and landscape regeneration. This might be in the form of weed management and removal, tree planting, stock fencing to protect waterways etc.

Rural landholders are welcome to speak with our Rural Extension Officer Kate Steel for more information about eligibility, project ideas and planning.

Successful applicants will receive funding to undertake projects in 2020.

The Rural Landholder Initiative is funded through Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy, which has a broad aim to improve the quality and extent of native habitat in the Lismore Local Government Area.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

If you have questions or would like to discuss your project, phone Kate Steel on **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.

**14/363-2 32 James Street, Girards Hill:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to the approved building design by (a) relocation of carport; and (b) reduction in building footprint.

**17/52-2 64 Cullen Street, Nimbin:** Section 4.55(1A) minor modification to the design and layout of the approved plans.

**17/165-4 22 Karissa Drive, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to reposition carport 2.5m from front boundary.

**19/260 360 Crofton Road, Nimbin:** To change the use of an existing dairy bales to an accessible motel unit and to undertake associated alterations and additions including: a new attached verandah awning, a bi-fold door and the fit out of a kitchen, bathroom, accessible shower and toilet.

**19/270-2 1133 and 1149 Jiggi Road, Jiggi:** Section 4.55(1) modification of subdivision boundary alteration.

**19/282 53 Habib Drive, South Lismore:** To undertake alterations and additions to the existing industrial development, including: a) industrial building addition that seeks a building line variation (from 6m to 1m) to Krauss Avenue; and b) alterations to the car parking area configuration, and loading and unloading arrangements.

**19/287 88 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah:** Carport with a building line variation to 200mm to Oliver Avenue.

**19/320 18 Earls Court, Goonellabah:** Two-storey dwelling and retaining walls.

**19/321 7 May Street, Dunoon:** Inground swimming pool and retaining wall with a building line variation.

**19/330 4/21 Conway Street, Lismore:** Change of use to a beauty salon.

**19/336 15 Atlas Street, East Lismore:** Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including kitchen, bathroom, powder room, and new deck and a carport with building line variation to 0.1m to Atlas Street.

**19/344 34 Clare Street, Goonellabah:** Strata subdivision (to create two lots).

**19/351 203 Bentley Road, Tullera:** Shed.

**19/352 25 Granger Avenue, East Lismore:** Carport with a building line variation to 200mm to Granger Avenue.

**19/356 172 Dawson Street, Girards Hill:** Removal of three trees in a heritage conservation area.

**19/358 143 Arthur Road, Corndale:** Inground swimming pool.

**19/362 232 Fraser Road, Dunoon:** Inground swimming pool.

**19/364 336 Keen Street, Girards Hill:** Aboveground swimming pool, timber deck and fencing.

**19/380 34 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba:** Dwelling.

**19/382 72 Casino Street, South Lismore:** Dwelling addition (covered deck).

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

**DA NUMBER:** 19/403

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 26 Mitchell Road, Georgica (Lot 1 DP 807999).

**APPLICANT:** Newton Denny Chapelle.

**DESCRIPTION:** Community title subdivision (seven lots).

**CLOSING DATE:** 18 December 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 our 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).

# DON'T MISS CAROLS IN THE HEART THIS WEEKEND



Northern Rivers families are invited to enjoy Christmas carols, performances, fun, food and festive cheer at the annual Shopbaby Carols in the Heart in Lismore this Sunday, 8 December.

Award-winning country music singer Adam Harvey will be headlining this year's Carols in the Heart and there will also be a talented line-up of locals singing, dancing and performing throughout the evening.

The annual event is free and will also include face painting and a jumping castle, a visit from Santa, and lots of other Christmas fun. There will be food trucks on site with both sweet and savoury options, or you can bring your own picnic for the day.

The 2019 Shopbaby Carols in the Heart is on Sunday, 8 December at Crozier Field. Gates open at 4.30pm with performances from 5.30pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

**For more information go to [www.visitlismore.com.au](http://www.visitlismore.com.au).**

Please note glass and dogs are not permitted and fireworks will not be taking place in 2019 due to the drought/bushfire conditions. Additional activities and entertainment will be held instead.



# HIRE OUR ALL-TERRAIN WHEELCHAIR THIS SUMMER

## Did you know that you can hire an all-terrain beach wheelchair from Council for free?

The chair can be used on patrolled beaches or suitable walking tracks and can be folded for transportation in a medium-sized vehicle.

It can be picked up seven days per week from Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and bookings should be made at least 48 hours in advance. To book phone 6625 5370.

Please note that GSAC is closed on public holidays so make arrangements when booking of any extension to the 24-hour loan period.

You will be required to present photo ID to the staff of GSAC prior to hire and will need to undertake a quick safety briefing.

Individuals using the chair are required to be accompanied by a support person at all times. It is recommended that it is only used in environments where it is safe to do so such as patrolled beaches and access-friendly walking tracks.

**More information and conditions of hire can be found on our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or phone Catherine Rosenbaum on 1300 87 83 87 for more information.**



# FREE ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries have lots of fun and free activities this December that you can be part of...

## Christmas Story Time at the Square

*Every Saturday until Christmas*

Free Christmas Story Time at Lismore Square every Saturday morning from 10am up until Saturday, 21 December. This is a free event and anyone is welcome. Held in our Pop-Up Library near Boost Juice.

## Financial Information Seminar

*Thursday, 5 December at Lismore Library, 10am and 5pm*

The topic is retirement income streams so this is great for anyone who is looking to retire or already in retirement. Bookings are essential – phone 6621 2464.

## Help with the Aged Care System

*Friday, 6 December from 11am at Lismore Library*

Are you having trouble navigating the My Aged Care system? Janelle from Baptist Care is presenting this informative workshop explaining how the system works. She brings years of experience to assist you in finding the answers you need.

## Origami Christmas Decorations

*Saturday, 7 December at Lismore Library, 10am to 12pm*

Everybody who is interested is welcome! Small children must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

## Join the Summer Reading Club

Sign up at Lismore or Goonellabah Library – it's free! Anyone up to 18 years old can join. Members take home a reading log and record what they read. They return the log to receive prizes – tattoos, bookmarks and stickers – and every reading log returned goes into the draw to win an iPad Mini! This major prize is drawn at the Summer Reading Club party in February.



## Toddler Time and Baby Bounce end-of-year Parties

*Monday, 9 December at Lismore Library and Friday, 13 December at Goonellabah Library, 10.30am*

A combined celebration for both groups.

## Free Christmas Crafts

**Christmas Cards:** Thursday, 19 December at 11am, Mobile Library in the courtyard of Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre.

**Christmas Gift Bags:** Friday, 20 December from 10am – 11am at Goonellabah Library.

**Decorate a Christmas Sack:** Friday, 20 December from 2.30pm – 3.30pm at Lismore Library.

**Reindeer Craft:** Monday, 23 December from 10am – 11am at Goonellabah Library.

**Christmas Sand Art:** Tuesday, 24 December from 10am – 11am at Lismore Library.

**Come along and join in our Christmas craft activities. We have lots to make and decorate! Bookings essential for activities being held at Lismore Library. No bookings necessary for the activities being held at the Mobile Library and Goonellabah Library.**







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