



# LOCAL MATTERS

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## FEBRUARY FLOOD DECLARED NATURAL DISASTER BY STATE GOVERNMENT

Lismore's recent moderate flood has been declared a Natural Disaster by the State Government, which provides disaster assistance for Councils to repair damaged infrastructure as a result of the extreme weather event.

We have suffered significant damage to our sealed road and unsealed road networks throughout the Local Government Area. Some of the damage includes roadside landslips, scouring of unsealed road pavements, culvert washouts, fallen trees and damage to causeways.

Council is currently assessing the damage sustained to road infrastructure due to this event. Some urgent repair works are now being undertaken by local contractors, including tree and debris removal, pavement scour repairs and pothole repairs.

Residents and motorists are asked to be patient during this time while essential repair works are assessed and approved for funding by the State Government. Once funding has been approved by the State Government (Office of Emergency Management), Council will be in a position to engage private contractors to undertake any necessary repair works to restore assets to their pre-existing condition.

**If you are unsure if a particular road is on Council's list for repair, please call our Contact Centre on 1300 87 83 87.**

# RESTRICTIONS LIFTED BUT PLEASE USE WATER WISELY

Water restrictions across the Lismore Local Government Area, including Nimbin, have been lifted with all dams now at full capacity thanks to the recent heavy rain.

Level 2 followed by Level 3 water restrictions were imposed in Nimbin last December. Water restrictions for the rest of the Lismore Local Government Area came into force shortly afterwards.

Rous County Council, which manages the water supply for the region, with the exception of Nimbin, said both Rocky Creek Dam and Emigrant Creek Dam were now at 100%.

Lismore City Council's Director of Infrastructure Peter Jeuken said the water capacity of Nimbin's DE Williams Dam was also over 100% with strong waterflow in Mulgum Creek that feeds the Dam.

**“Council would like to thank the community for adhering to the restrictions and reducing their water consumption,” he said.**

“While the lifting of restrictions is great news, I think the recent long dry spell is a reminder of the need to be water wise and consider our daily water use on an ongoing basis.”





# EAT the street 2020



## SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020

Eat the Street is a food, arts and music event celebrating the cosmopolitan and eclectic culture of Lismore. Now in its sixth year the event attracts 'foodies' and 'culture' buffs from far and wide and is fast becoming a highlight on the North Coast's event calendar as an event not to be missed!

The event is held in the Lismore's Central Business District (CBD) with the two main roads in the heart of the city closed to traffic and transformed into a sea of beautiful white marquees with over 50 fabulous food & wine and art & craft stalls.

Inspired by a world of street food styles our local and regional cafes and restaurants showcase fresh regional cuisine proving fabulous tasting plates priced at \$5 and \$10. There are tempting treats from every corner of the globe, luscious libations from our region's boutique beverage purveyors and stalls brimming with spectacular local product.

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



International Women's Day



# Luncheon

An equal world is an enabled world.



## Friday March 6

## 2020 Noon to 2pm



Fountain Room - Lismore City Hall, Bounty Street, Lismore

Keynote Speaker **Fay Jackson** (Director of Vision In Mind)  
Panel Session / Light Luncheon

Cost \$50 individual ticket / Table of 6 - \$45 each  
For tickets visit [www.visitlismore.com.au](http://www.visitlismore.com.au)

# SPECIAL DISASTER LOANS FOR BUSHFIRE AND FLOOD VICTIMS

Low-income earners, primary producers, small businesses and not-for-profit organisations affected by the recent bushfires and flooding may be able to access special disaster loans.

Individuals and families whose homes and essential household contents have been damaged by a natural disaster may be eligible for Disaster Relief Grants.

Small businesses and not-for-profits may also be eligible for grants of up to \$50,000 if they suffered direct damage to their premises or equipment and, intend to re-establish in the community.

**Elegibility includes, but is not limited to those which have suffered:**

- A. Significant damage to assets as a direct result of the eligible disaster; or
- B. Significant loss of income as a direct result of the eligible disaster (such as a loss in trade due to evacuation, road closures and reduced visitor numbers).

Low interest concessional loans of up to \$500,000 are available to eligible primary producers, small business and not-for-profits affected by the recent bushfires.

To find out more information regarding eligibility criteria, terms and conditions visit: [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance)



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# COUNCIL TURNS PURPLE IN FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Council's Corporate Centre joined many local businesses in turning purple last week ahead of the Lismore and Village's Relay for Life event in March.



Purple balloons, purple streamers and the odd purple hat greeted visitors at council's front desk.

It was all in good fun to increase awareness about the annual Relay for Life charity event that raises money in the fight against cancer.

Businesses were encouraged to dress their shopfronts purple during 'Purple Week' to inspire participants in next month's relay and hold small fundraisers like office morning teas and team barbecues.

The annual Relay For Life is an overnight, community event for thousands of Australians who, relay non-stop as they celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost, and fight back against the disease by raising important funds.

About 50 teams and 300 participants have already registered to take part in the Lismore Relay this year, along with almost 70 survivors and carers.

**For more information go to [www.cancercouncil.org.au/lismorerelay](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/lismorerelay)**

**Start time:** 3.00pm, Saturday, 28 March 2020

**End time:** 9.00am, Sunday, 29 March 2020

**Where:** Southern Cross University

# 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.

### Application Details

**DA15/161-2 374 Keen Street, East Lismore:** Amended house plans for Section 4.55(1A) modification to relocate an existing house in lieu of construction a new dwelling.

**DA19/048-2 88 Keen Street, Lismore:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to permit outdoor dining.

**DA19/313 71 and 81 Cullen Street, Nimbin:** Addition to Community Centre Building (verandah room addition to Building B known as Bottle Brush).

**DA19/342 98 Nielson Street, East Lismore:** To change the use of the shop to form part of the existing dwelling.

**DA19/401 3 Ida Place, Goonellabah:** Retaining wall with building line variation to 200mm to Pignat Place and 2m to Ida Place.

**DA19/417 61 Newbridge Street, South Lismore:** Shed.

**DA19/419 7 Gordon Blair Drive, Goonellabah:** Detached dual occupancy with a building line variation to 4m to Gordon Blair Drive and strata subdivision (staged development).

**DA19/434 9 Tulsi Lane, Nimbin:** Shed.

**DA20/6 449 Ballina Road, Goonellabah:** Demolition of existing dwelling and removal of driveway and footpaths within the property.

**DA20/10 71 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah:** Change of use of a shed to a Secondary dwelling.

**DA20/23 277 Mackie Road, Rosebank:** Dwelling alterations and additions and inground swimming pool.

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).

# A WELCOME GIFT FOR NEW CITIZENS

Forty families who became citizens on Australia day were given a rich insight into our local history, thanks to a generous donation from the Richmond River Historical Society.

Each family received copies of two books *Men and a River: Richmond River district, 1828-1895*, a foundational history book of the region, by Louise Tiffany Daley, and *Then & Now* by Maurice Ryan.

Each family also received the message:

"Welcome. We at the Lismore museum acknowledge the commitment which you are making today.

We offer you two books, *Men and a River* and *Then & Now*, to help in your understanding of our past. We do this in the hope that this knowledge helps in your planning for your place in Lismore's future."

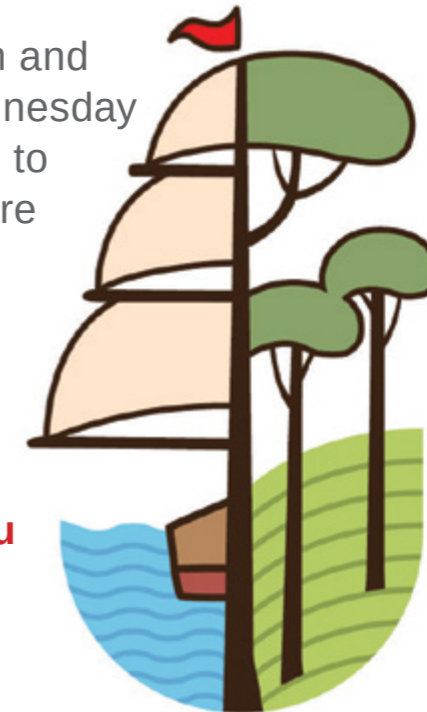
The Society's president Robert Smith said the museum made the donation, valued at \$1500, because "understanding our shared history as a community helps people feel more connected with our community."

The Lismore museum, fully operated by volunteers of the Society, is located at 165 Molesworth Street, opposite the Rous County Council building.

It is open between 10am and 4pm, on Monday to Wednesday and Friday. It would love to open more days, but more volunteers are needed.

New members and volunteers are always welcome. For more information go to

[www.richhistory.org.au](http://www.richhistory.org.au)



**RICHMOND RIVER  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

# RE-EXHIBITION

## AMENDED Planning Proposal to Amend the lismore local environment plan at part of 1A & 1B northcott drive, Goonellabah

At its Ordinary Meeting on 9 October 2018, Lismore City Council resolved to support a planning proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2012 to rezone part of 1A and 1B Northcott Drive, Goonellabah (Lot 2 DP 777930 and Lot 1 DP 1213247) from Zone RU1 Primary Production to Zone R1 General Residential in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to facilitate residential development.

Following public exhibition in January 2019, the Planning Proposal has been amended by increasing the minimum lot size for land proposed to be rezoned to Zone R1 from 40ha to 700m<sup>2</sup> and applying a building height of 8.5m to part of the land consistent with other R1 zoned land. The amount of land proposed to be rezoned to Zone R1 has been increased by a small amount to meet bushfire requirements.

On 29 October 2019 the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued an Alteration of Gateway Determination with conditions including the requirement for additional community consultation. The Minister for Planning has delegated the finalisation of the LEP to Council.

The Amended Planning Proposal is on public exhibition from 26 February 2020 to 27 March 2020. Copies of the planning proposal, Gateway Determination and technical studies are available at the front counter of Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah and on Council's web site [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) by following the 'Your Say Lismore' link.

Submissions to the Amended Planning Proposal outlining grounds of objection or support must be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore or emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au). **For enquiries, please contact Sally Slater, Strategic Planner on phone: 1300 87 83 87.**

Submissions must be received by close of business on Friday 27 March 2020.

# ON EXHIBITION

## Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 5th Round of General Amendments

Council resolved to support the Fifth Round of General amendments to Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 at its ordinary meeting of 8 October 2019 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued a Gateway determination (preliminary approval) on 12 November 2019.

Lismore City Council periodically reviews the LEP 2012 with amendments involving correction of minor mapping anomalies; minor zone changes; adjustment of the land use table; and refinement of clauses or schedules as required.

This proposal includes minor amendments to the Land Use Table; Clause 4.2B *Erection of dual occupancies and dwelling houses on land in certain rural and environmental protection zones*; Clause 6.8 *Rural landsharing community development*; Schedule 2 *Exempt Development*; Schedule 5 *Environmental heritage*; Additional Permitted Uses Map; Drinking Water Catchment Map; Floor Space Ratio Map; Heritage Map; Height of Buildings Map; Land Reservation Acquisition Map; Lot Size Map; and Land Zoning Map.

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has not delegated the making of this LEP to Lismore City Council under section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The planning proposal is exhibited for public comment from 26 February 2020 to 27 March 2020. Copies of the draft amendment are available on Council's web site at [www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or at the front counter of Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah. Submissions relating to the planning proposal outlining grounds of objection or support should be sent by email to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore. **For enquiries, please contact Council's Senior Strategic Planner, Greg Yopp on phone: 1300 87 83 87.**

Submissions must be received by Council by close of business on 27 March 2020.

# ON EXHIBITION

## Deferred Matter Rezoning Planning Proposal – Stage 2 Urban

Council resolved to support a planning proposal for *Deferred Matter (DM) Rezoning - Stage 2 Urban* at its ordinary meeting of 11 June 2019 in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued a Gateway determination (preliminary approval) on 15 August 2019. An alteration to the Gateway was issued on 13 November 2019.

The Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 was made on 22 February 2013 with lands adopted by Council as environmental protection zones shown on the LEP maps as DM. Such lands are currently zoned in accordance with the LEP 2000. Council has since been operating under two LEPs and two Development Control Plans (DCPs), which is an overly complex system of land use planning.

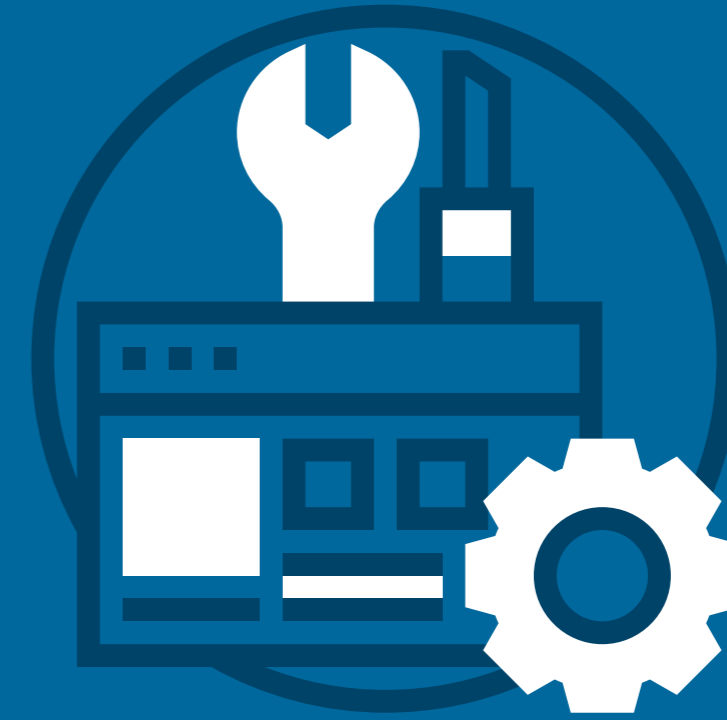
This planning proposal seeks to rezone 70 urban DM lots/part lots (138ha) under Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 and is the second stage of Council's proposed DM rezoning. The proposed rezoning of DM land also involves the consequential amendment of numerous other LEP maps. An overview of the proposal is provided below:

Landowner	DM area	Existing zone (LEP 2000)	Proposed zone (LEP 2012)
Council or Crown	91.1ha	7(a), 7(b) & 6(a)	E2 & E3
Southern Cross University	23.4ha	2v(a), 7(b) & 5(b)	SP2 & E3
Private	23.5ha	1(a) & 2(a)	R1, RU2 & E3

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## UPGRADE OF COMPUTER SYSTEM

**Council is upgrading its computer systems to improve customer service.**

Council online services will not be available between 4pm Thursday, 20 February and 9am Tuesday, 25 February.

Payments can still be made at our Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, through Australia Post or BPay during this time.





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