

# LOCAL MATTERS

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# THREE NEW EXHIBITIONS HIGHLIGHT LOCAL CONNECTIONS THROUGH CONTEMPORARY ART

## RocoColonial

Until 19 April

Featuring artists: Brook Andrew, Tony Clark, Peter Cooley, Geoffrey Hannah, Deborah Kelly, Belem Lett, Jennifer Leahy, Danie Mellor, Marc Newson, Técha Noble & Romance Was Born, Joan Ross, Justin Shoulder, Esme Timbery, Jenny Watson, Louise Zhang, Renjie Teoh (cartouches)

*RocoColonial* is a colourful exhibition bringing together 17 contemporary Australian artists working across painting, sculpture, design and fashion to explore the themes of the Rococo and Colonial periods. In doing so they have created a powerful commentary on colonialism, decadence and power.

In 1770 while Marie Antoinette was marrying the future Louis XVI of France in a lavish and wasteful ceremony, Lieutenant Cook was charting the east coast of Australia on the other side of the world leading to disastrous consequences for its indigenous people.



## Blinman Slag by Grayson Cooke

Until 5 April 20

Artist in conversation:  
11am Thursday, 19 March

*Blinman Slag* is an art/science exploration of mining slag waste from the Blinman Copper Mine in the Northern Flinders Ranges of South Australia. Ballina-based artist and Southern Cross University



lecturer Grayson Cooke explores the strange beauty of mining waste as a window into the enormous forces humankind exerts upon the earth.

*Blinman Slag* is a wonderful evocation of the Earth's deep time history. Cooke's beautiful and important work captures a dramatic shift from pre-history to the time of the Anthropocene and beyond; a time when slag – the waste product of mining – becomes an object of beauty.

Supported by Southern Cross University's School of Arts and Social Sciences.

## Media Studies by Bennett Miller

Until 5 April

*Media Studies* continues Western Australian artist Bennett Miller's ongoing exploration of human behaviour in relationship to the natural world. Local audiences may be familiar with Miller's work through his five-year presentation of a fake Amish community, *Barnraiser* which was presented by Lismore Regional Gallery at Splendour in the Grass.

*Media Studies* is a series of new video works and small sculptures, many of which repurpose an existing aspect of popular culture. One example is an edit of the reality television show *Survivor* that is chopped down to feature only the moments in which an animal appears on the screen. Similarly, in a series of small kinetic sculptures, media machines are rewired to perform repetitive, often redundant tasks. In varying ways the video and sculptural works parody of the ways humans have altered the environment that surrounds them.



Admission to Lismore Regional Gallery is a suggested \$5 donation.  
Gallery opening hours: Tuesday – Sunday 10am to 4pm (Thursdays to 6pm)  
[www.lismoregallery.org](http://www.lismoregallery.org)

# WHAT'S ON AT LISMORE LIBRARY THIS MONTH

## eBook Workshop – 12 March

If you would like to be a part of the Regional Readers Book Club, or if you would just like to learn how to download an eBook, come along to an eBook workshop at Lismore Library. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. To book a place phone the Lismore Library on 6621 2464.

## Siboney Duff – 19 March

The Creative Writing Masterclass is on every second Thursday during school terms. We have a primary group run by author Zanni Louise and a high school group run by author Sarah Armstrong.

On 19 March our high school group will have special guest presenter Siboney Duff. Siboney will focus on HSC Creative Writing, but there will be fascinating insights and advice for all of our writers.

These sessions are free and...we serve pizza! Any questions, please phone the Lismore Library on 6621 2464

## Introduction to Tech, Training Sessions – 10-20 March

If you would like help understanding your smart device, features and functions, or avoiding scams, we have some great workshops coming up at Lismore Library. These sessions explain the basics in simple plain English. To book your spot phone the library on 6621 2464.



## Financial Information Services – 16 and 30 March

Presented by the Australian Government, Services Australia department, these free financial information sessions are full of useful information, and there will be time for you to ask questions.

## Quilling Group – 26 March

Quilling, or paper filigree, is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. The paper is rolled, looped, curled, twisted and otherwise manipulated to create shapes which make up designs to decorate greetings cards, pictures, boxes - anything you want! If you enjoy the art of quilling, or would like to learn, come along and join our quilling group. For adults and children 8+ years. Children with supervision please. Find us at Lismore Library. For information phone 66212464.

# EAT THE STREET SERVES UP DELICIOUS FUN FOR ALL AGES

Lismore's award-winning Eat the Street food festival is back on Saturday, 14 March with all new classes, activities and live entertainment.

The festival attracted more than 25,000 people last year and Council's Acting City Centre Manager Nathan Dee said he is hoping to see great crowd numbers again this year.

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

"But we also create activities and experiences each year that showcase local produce and our talented restaurants and chefs.

"This year we will have new interactive activities for kids and adults, an incredible live music line-up and some really interesting culinary classes and eating experiences."

The fun kicks off on Thursday, 12 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, 13 March join a Farm Tour. The leisurely day includes meeting our local producers and sampling an array of produce and refreshments, including a gastronomic long-table lunch under the shade of the pecan trees at Eltham Pantry.

The food festival itself is on Saturday, 14 March from 12pm to 9pm in the heart of Lismore. There will be more than 50 stalls offering tasting plates, plus boutique drinks and beverages, home-grown produce and locally made products.

The popular Cooking Stage will return with celebrity chef Georgia Barnes presented by Northern Cooperative Meat Company sharing recipes in a free live demonstration and taking part in a Q&A.

Georgia will also be holding a masterclass at 2.30pm on the day for those interested in learning new skills and techniques face to face. There are limited spaces in the masterclass so make sure you book your tickets soon.

This year the Southern Cross University Entertainment Stage will feature an array of local talent and the Brisbane-based octet Steele Syndicate.

If the excitement gets too much and you need somewhere to relax, try the new Garden Party.

For the first time the Back Alley Gallery will be transformed into a private retreat, giving festival attendees the option to escape the crowds. Ticket holders will be treated to a private bar and facilities, lounge areas and even a private DJ. Each ticket purchased will come with \$20 worth of tasting vouchers to be used around the festival.

For more information or bookings, visit [www.eatthestreetlismore.com.au](http://www.eatthestreetlismore.com.au).



# BETTER ACCESS ATTRACTS MORE CUSTOMERS

**When Rous County Council decided to implement a Disability Inclusion Action Plan, it didn't opt for an off-the-shelf version. Rather it went to those with a disability to find out what was preventing them from accessing the services they need.**

"Daisi and Red Inc were really instrumental in giving us some practical feedback about access issues, as was the Lismore Access Committee. They have the experience and the knowledge," said Rous Group Manager Guy Bezrouchko.

"It's about asking the question of what is needed rather than us assuming what people need."

"Our Inclusion Plan is about recognising and removing barriers for members of the community to access our services as a regional service provider."

In Australia 3.6 million people, or 19% of the population, have a disability. Together with their friends and families, the number of people affected by a disability is even larger – and every one of them is a potential customer.

Closer to home, the Lismore Local Government Area has 2422 people, or 5.7% of the population, who need assistance in their day-to-day lives.

Lismore City Council has a simple one-page brochure, the *Missed Business Guide*, which helps businesses with hints, tips and simple ways to increase accessibility.

Council may also waive any development application fees associated with works that directly improve accessibility, said Lismore Council's Economic Development Manager Tina Irish.

"When you look at those numbers, you suddenly can see just how many potential customers you might be losing if your business is not accessible," she said.

Mr Bezrouchko agrees. "It is absolutely worth doing. It is important and valuable to allow as many people as possible to come and access your services."

Rous began making their offices more accessible in 2016. As the primary lessee on its Molesworth Street building, Rous worked with the landlord to install a ramp to allow easier wheelchair access.

When Rous upgraded its foyer access in 2018, improving disability access was integrated throughout the design and included tactile tiles at the top of the stairs for the vision impaired and, braille signage on doors and amenities. Desks were also installed at the right height for someone in a wheelchair.

And it wasn't just offices. Rous upgraded the public amenities at Rocky Creek Dam, installed cemented paths to provide wheelchair access to scenic vantage points, changed the traffic flow in the carpark and put in disabled parking areas.

Similar work has occurred at Emigrant Creek Dam.

Staff have also recently completed a disability awareness program.

"Staff have been quite receptive and there has been a change in mindset, re-phrasing the way they may speak to someone with a disability. They now feel better equipped and more confident they won't inadvertently cause offence," Mr Bezrouchko said.

"It definitely was a whole-of-organisation approach. We had always thought about inclusion but developing our Disability Inclusion Action Plan gave us more focus. It has really benefited a large section of our population, who otherwise would have had difficulty accessing our services."

**If you would like a copy of the Missed Business Guide or would like to discuss accessibility changes to your business, phone Tina 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.

### Application Details

**DA19/339 42 Keen Street, Lismore:** Alterations and additions to existing hotel comprising of a change of use of the bottle shop to a public licenced area.

**DA19/365 2 Keerrong Bridge Road, 563, 612, 658 and 667 Pinchin Road, Goolmangar:** Subdivision boundary alteration and amalgamation to create two lots.

**DA19/388 64 McInnes Lane, Tuckurimba:** New dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy.

**DA19/415-02 70 Bank Street, North Woodburn:** S4.55(1A) modification to move existing dwelling to the east by 750mm to achieve the minimum of 900mm alignment off the western boundary.

**DA19/426 952 Pinchin Road, Goolmangar and 969 Pinchin Road, The Channon:** Subdivision (boundary alteration).

**DA19/439 109 and 109A Alexandra Parade, North Lismore:** The Ulysses Club Inc. National Rally Event 4 to 10 May 2020 including temporary camping and trade display.

**DA20/8 55 Dunoon Road, North Lismore:** Temporary Sales Office associated with North Lismore Plateau Development.

**DA20/9 19 Basil Road, Nimbin:** Re-sited dwelling.

**DA20/13 223A Cameron Road, McLeans Ridges:** Dwelling with a building line variation to 9m to Cameron Road.

**DA20/16 36 Karissa Drive, Goonellabah:** Freestanding covered roof area.

**DA20/17 524 Ballina Road, Goonellabah:** Erection of a 1.8m high fence to front and side boundary.

**DA20/21 45 McKenzie Street, Lismore:** Awning

**DA20/26 19 Campbell Street, Wyrallah:** Extension to an existing awning.

**DA20/29 34 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA20/41 340 Jiggi Road, Goolmangar:** Farm shed

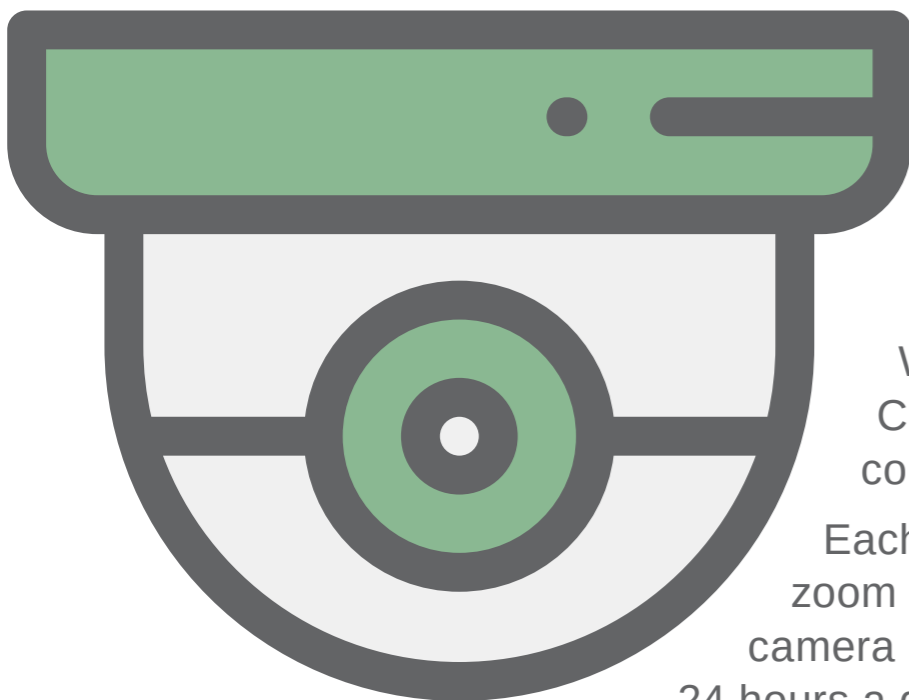
**DA88/595-3 416 Nightcap Range Road, Whian Whian:** Section 4.55(1) modification to remove condition 47 of consent pertaining to the preparation of food for sale or use of the site for commercial functions or camping.

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).



# SAFER STREETS IN NIMBIN

Lismore City Council has completed the upgrade of the CCTV camera network within the Nimbin Village.



The works have resulted in the upgrading of five cameras at existing locations, as well as the addition of two new locations in the Western Carpark and on Cullen Street opposite the community centre.

Each location has one pan-tilt zoom camera and one fixed-camera providing visual monitoring 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The system does not include audio or facial recognition technology.

The Nimbin system is a stand-alone system that can be viewed remotely from the Nimbin Police Station. The intention is to increase the system's performance with remote viewing from Lismore Police Station and Lismore City Council CCTV Control Room.

These upgrades have significantly increased coverage within the Cullen and Sibley Street precincts and coverage within the Western Car Park for the first time.

The new camera technology delivers superior high-resolution imagery and will enable Police to alter camera views in response to unfolding events.

The CCTV network was identified as a key safety action in the Council's Crime Prevention Plan with the upgrading works ensuring an effective and modern safety measure remains in place.

**The project, undertaken by Fredon Security Pty Ltd, was funded through Round 3 of the NSW Community Safety Fund – NSW Government Justice.**

# BE ALERT, NOT ALARMED

The NSW Department of Health is urging people to be aware of the transmission of COVID-19.

**For the latest up-to-date information, please go to its website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)**

The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, runny nose, or shortness of breath. The most important step in protecting yourself from any illness, including COVID-19 is regular handwashing, especially before preparing and eating meals or drinking.

Anyone with symptoms should isolate themselves from others and practise simple hygiene by covering their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow and washing their hands thoroughly.

**It is important people take action to keep family and friends safe, so don't be afraid to speak to your doctor if you have any symptoms.**

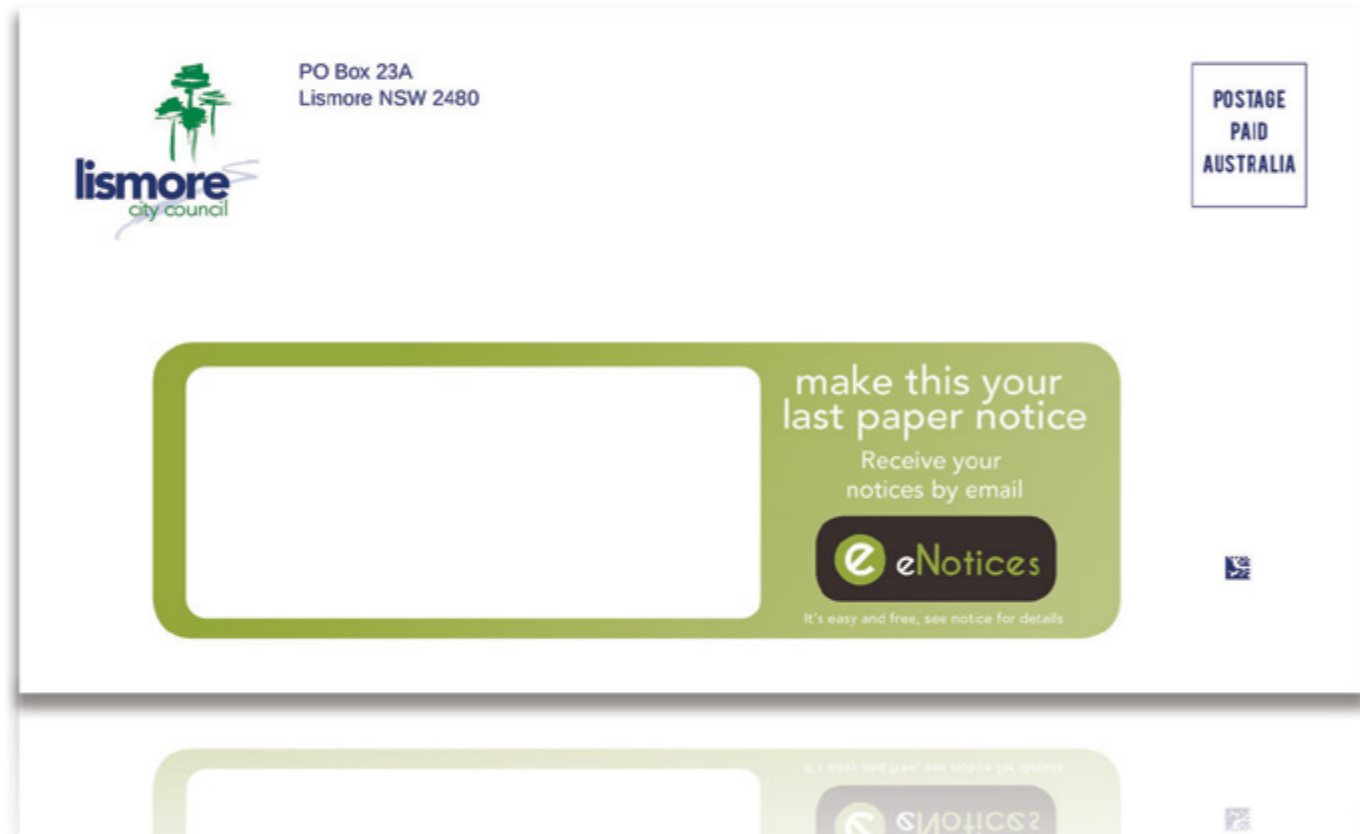
Please let your GP know if, in the last 14 days before feeling unwell, you have travelled to any of the countries that are listed as being at higher risk for COVID-19, which can be found through the NSW Health website.

**Please call ahead to speak to your GP before visiting, or call healthdirect on 1800 022 222.**

GPs can arrange testing, or if you are very unwell you can attend your local Emergency Department for assessment, but please call ahead before attending.



# RECEIVE AND PAY YOUR RATES AND WATER NOTICES WITH E-NOTICES



**With more people moving to online banking and in an effort to reduce Council postage costs and paper, we're inviting people to pay their rates and water notices through our eNotices services.**

Australia Post fees continue to rise and paper is fast becoming a thing of the past, so we are asking our ratepayers to make the leap into the digital age with us.

The eNotices service allows ratepayers to receive their rates and water notices electronically and pay them with ease.

The eNotices service is free for ratepayers to use, easy to navigate, less expensive for Council than traditional mail services, and better for the environment.

<https://lismore.enotices.com.au/>

# GRAB YOUR POPCORN AND WATCH YOUR COUNCILLORS IN ACTION

**Do you want to follow decisions made by your councillors but can't get along to the monthly Tuesday night Council meeting?**

We livestream all Council meetings on our website so you can listen to the debates and see your Councillors in action.

Livestreaming provides a window into how local government works and ensures the process around Council decision-making is open and transparent.

Simply go to [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and look for Meeting Webcasts on the drop-down banner under Council & Engagement. Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 6pm.

If you can't watch live, we also post the video on the Council website the following day. Each item discussed has its own link so you can watch the entire meeting or only the matters that interest you.

We have also started Council Meeting Wrap-up videos presented by Mayor Isaac Smith. He gives a run-down of the major decisions made at the previous night's meeting.

These can be viewed on Council's Facebook page from around noon every Wednesday following a meeting.

And of course, every resident is always welcome to come along to a monthly meeting and address councillors during public access about items on the agenda.







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