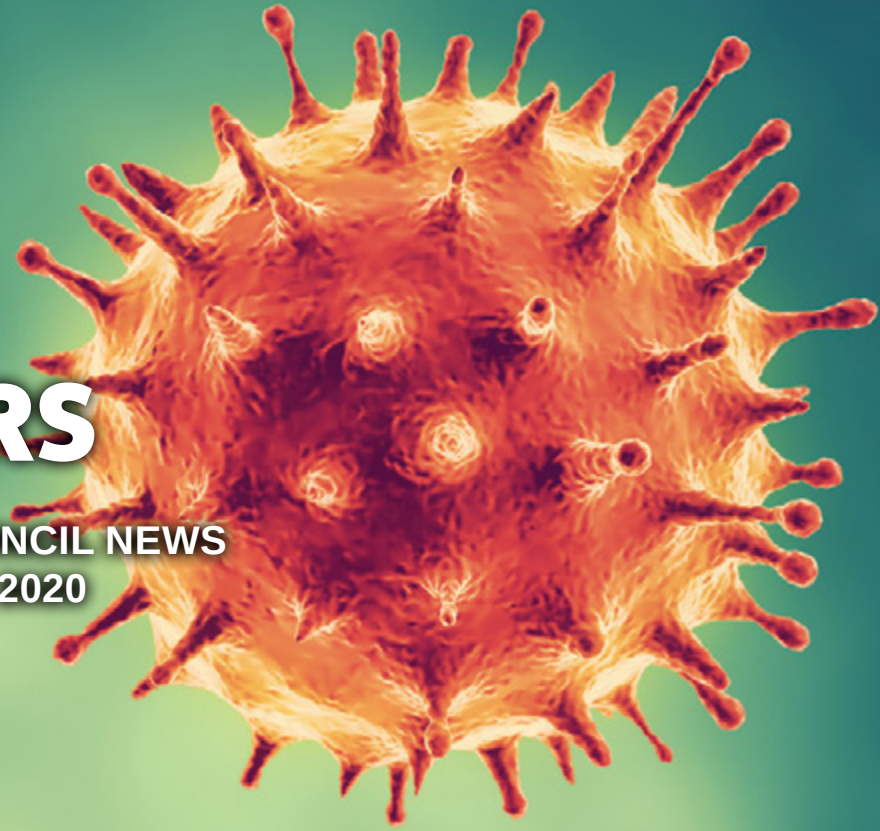


# LOCAL MATTERS

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# STAY AT HOME, PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND GET RELIABLE INFO

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues in Australia and around the globe, we all need to work together to stay safe and support one another.

We urge residents to access information from reliable sources, look after your mental and physical health, and check in regularly with loved ones, friends or a service such as Lifeline for ongoing support.

Council is committed to working with our community through this crisis and maintaining essential services.

We urge everyone to follow the ongoing advice about healthy hygiene practices and social distancing from the Federal and NSW Governments.

Please follow all the restrictions in place – we need to work together as a community to help one another through this and save lives.

## Keep yourself and those around you safe:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Stay at home and follow social distancing restrictions.

## If you have a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath:

- Phone your GP for advice.
- Phone Health Direct on 1800 022 222.
- Visit the Lismore Base Hospital COVID-19/flu clinic – open 10am to 6pm seven days a week. The clinic is for people who have respiratory symptoms or fever and who are at risk of COVID-19, for example being returned travellers or contacts of a confirmed case.



Council has a COVID-19 Information and Updates page with the latest information and advice about changes to Council facilities and services. We will continue to update this page as the situation unfolds.

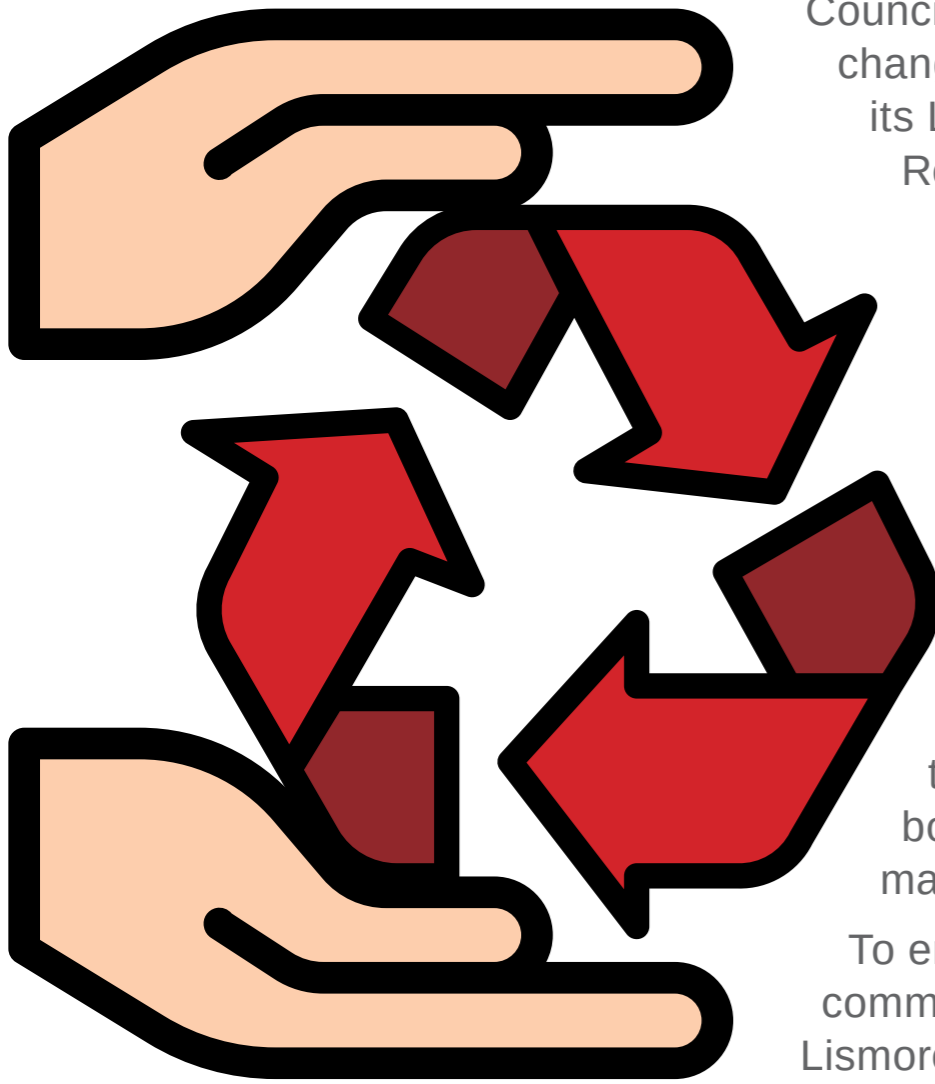
The page also contains important links to useful websites and fact sheets on assistance for residents and businesses. You can ask staff questions online via the Q&A function, join the community forum to share stories and experiences, and subscribe for our newsletter updates.

Visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and click on the COVID-19 link.



# IMPORTANT CHANGES TO WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

**Please note: Bookings are now essential to attend our waste facilities. Anyone without a booking will not be permitted entry.**



Council has made significant changes to operations at its Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre and the Nimbin Transfer Station which are in effect until further notice.

The COVID-19 virus can exist on surfaces for several days and this could potentially include metal, plastic and timber surfaces, and things like food waste, bottles, furniture and mattresses.

To ensure the safety of our community and staff, the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre and the Nimbin Transfer

Station may now ONLY be visited by the following:

- Residents who do not have a kerbside waste collection service.
- Business operators in the Lismore Local Government Area.

You must have a booking to attend these facilities. On arrival, you will be directed to a location for unloading waste/recycling and it will then be moved by machine into skips.

## **Please note the following operating rules:**

- Only residents without a kerbside waste collection service can dispose of waste and recycling. It must be household waste and recycling ONLY.
- All visitors MUST make a booking prior to attending – phone 1300 87 83 87. Anyone without a booking will not be permitted entry.
- To make a booking, you will need to provide a vehicle registration number and home address that you can verify with ID.
- All household waste should be securely contained, wrapped or bagged so the contents cannot spill once dropped off.
- All waste accepted (including household recycling) will be treated as potentially COVID-19 contaminated and will be charged at the rate for general waste to landfill until further notice.
- Customers should, if at all possible, keep recycling at home for later disposal once normal operations resume.
- All visitors will be required to pay for waste disposal using electronic payment – cash will not be accepted until further notice. Please use tap and go wherever possible.
- Existing waste vouchers will be honoured. No new vouchers will be approved until further notice.
- No hazardous materials will be accepted until further notice.
- Facilities will have reduced opening hours to enable COVID-19 specific site controls.

## **Please note our new operating hours:**

**Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre**  
Monday to Saturday  
8am to 3pm

**Nimbin Transfer Station**  
Monday to Friday  
8am to 3pm

## **The following facilities are now CLOSED until further notice:**

- Lismore Revolve Shop.
- Brewster Street Drop-off Centre.
- Container Deposit Scheme bulk collection centre.
- Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens.

**If you have any questions or wish to make a booking to attend our facilities, please phone us on 1300 87 83 87.**

# LATEST COVID-19 COUNCIL NEWS...



## Relief measures commenced

Council voted at an extraordinary meeting on 27 March to reduce fees and defer the commencement of interest on overdue payments by 60 days as part of measures to help those affected by COVID-19.

### **Council resolved to implement the following measures:**

- Extend the commencement of interest accruals on overdue notices by 60 days.
- Halt all legal action on overdue rates except those already before the courts.
- Reduce the minimum per week repayment for overdue rates to \$25.

### **Council will also reduce the following fees:**

- Community facility hire fees – full refunds for cancelled bookings.
- Commercial use of footpaths – no fees for a period of 15 months from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2021 to allow businesses to re-establish.
- Community group tenancy rentals – fees waived for community groups that rent Council-owned buildings.
- Market fees – no fees from 1 April to 30 September 2020.
- Building owner fire certificate – no processing fees for one year.

Council also resolved to lobby the state and federal governments to provide much-needed funding support to Council.

## Cost reductions and budgets

Council is working on revised budgets, has made the tough decision to let 73 casual staff go, and is currently working on other cost reduction and relief measures. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks and months.

## Council elections postponed

The NSW Government has postponed the September local government elections.

It looks likely that elections will be held in September 2021 but this can be extended to 31 December 2021 should the need arise.

Current Councillors and the Mayor will continue to hold their civic offices until the rescheduled local government elections are held.

The postponement of the elections will not change the future schedule of council elections, and subsequent elections will still proceed in September 2024.

## Council meetings

Councils may now hold meetings electronically instead of physically. Virtual meetings will be held for the next six months with an extension to 12 months if necessary.

Council will provide further information on our website once technology has been tested and revised meeting procedures for public access have been put in place.

The next ordinary meeting of Council is on Tuesday, 14 April from 6pm. You can live-stream all Council meetings from our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

## Playgrounds and skateparks closed

Council has closed skateparks, playgrounds and park equipment to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and adhere to social distancing restrictions.

Getting out in nature to exercise is important for both physical and mental health at this time – but please do so safely, observing the new social distancing rules.

## Waste and recycling

There have been major changes to our waste and recycling operations to ensure the safety of staff and the community. See story top right for full details.



# CHANGES TO COUNCIL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

## Essential services continuing

- Household garbage collection
- Roadworks
- Water supply and services
- Development applications and assessment
- Sewerage
- Phone enquiries and online services
- Council meetings – watch via live-stream



## Service closures or changes

**CLOSED:** Corporate Centre in Goonellabah

**CLOSED:** Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre, Memorial Baths and Nimbin Pool

**CLOSED:** Lismore Revolve Shop, Brewster Street Drop-off Centre, the Container Deposit Scheme bulk collection centre and Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens

**CLOSED:** Lismore Regional Gallery

**CLOSED:** Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres and Lismore City Hall

**CLOSED:** Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries

**CLOSED:** Playgrounds, skateparks and park equipment

**CLOSED:** National Parks camping and visitor areas

**CHANGED:** Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre and Nimbin Transfer Station – see above

**CHANGED:** Lismore Airport – reduced services

**CHANGED:** Lismore Cemetery and Crematorium – open with new health protocols in place

*\* Please go to our website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) for ongoing updates about changes to Council facilities and services due to COVID-19.*



# 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.

**DA13/193-02 36A Deloraine Road, Lismore Heights:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to dwelling two to simplify floorplan and rationalise the number of different floor levels.

**DA19/125 20 Henson Road, Wyrallah:** To undertake the Community Title subdivision of the approved rural land sharing community to create four lots including: three neighbourhood lots and one community property allotment.

**DA19/372 76 James Road, Goonellabah:** Re-site original farm house to create a detached dual occupancy and to re-site existing cabin to create an expanded dwelling.

**DA19/373 7 Andrews Crescent, Goonellabah:** Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling to create an attached dual occupancy.

**DA19/416-02 17 Ashgrove Drive, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to reposition dwelling 1m south from approved location.

**DA19/442 19/103 Molesworth Street, Lismore:** Change of use of part of a building to a café with no cooking on site.

**DA19/445 61 Conway Street, Lismore:** Change of use of a building to an educational establishment and associated internal alterations.

**DA20/007 960 Keerrong Road, Keerrong:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA20/024 8 Canary Drive, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**DA20/030 9 Canary Drive, Goonellabah:** Dwelling with a building line variation to 4.79m to Canary Drive.

**DA20/033 92 Walker Street, East Lismore:** Shed.

**DA20/042 178 Keen Street, Lismore:** Change of use to use the basement level of the existing building as seating for the existing restaurant/café.

**DA20/047 154 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore:** Installation of a water tank.

**DA20/051 4 Remnant Drive, Clunes:** Dwelling addition (covered patio).

**DA20/052 6 Minshul Crescent, North Lismore:** Shed.

**DA20/055 6 Windsor Court, Goonellabah:** Dwelling additions (two patio awnings).

**DA20/059 78A Bank Street, North Woodburn:** Shed.

**DA20/061 30 Lomandra Avenue, Caniaba:** Extension to existing retaining wall.

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:** 20/77

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 78 and 78A Conway Street, Lismore (Sec 2 Lot 27 DP 2531 and Sec 2 Lot 26 DP 2531).

**APPLICANT:** InvoCare Australia Pty Ltd.

**DESCRIPTION:** To undertake a change of use of an existing premises to a funeral home (38-seat capacity) and associated alterations and additions.

**CLOSING DATE:** 22 April 2020.

**DA NUMBER:** 20/78

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 30 Crawford Road, East Lismore (Lot 471 DP 755718).

**APPLICANT:** Service Stream Mobile Communications.

**DESCRIPTION:** Telecommunications facility (35m monopole, six panel antennas and associated equipment) and associated access road and vegetation removal.

**CLOSING DATE:** 6 May 2020.

**DA NUMBER:** 20/89

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 38 Centenary Drive, Goonellabah (Lot 147 DP 1052836).

**APPLICANT:** Newton Denny Chapelle.

**DESCRIPTION:** To undertake the erection of an industrial building, four self-storage units (shipping containers) and associated driveway, parking, vegetation removal, landscaping, retaining walls and civil works.

**CLOSING DATE:** 22 April 2020.

**DA NUMBER:** 20/92

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 33 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah (Lot 38 DP 1259703).

**APPLICANT:** Newton Denny Chapelle.

**DESCRIPTION:** To undertake a subdivision to create three additional residential lots, a park lot, the extension of the road network and associated infrastructure services and filling of the existing gully. The proposal constitutes integrated development in accordance with S91 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Approval from the NSW Department of Primary Industries (Water) is required in accordance with the *Water Management Act 2000* and approval from the NSW Rural Fire Service is required in accordance with the *Rural Fires Act 1997*. The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

**CLOSING DATE:** 6 May 2020.

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 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).



## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE

Although our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah is closed to the public, development assessment is considered an essential service and is continuing.

Council is providing these services electronically through its ePortal, DA Tracking and the website.

Development applications and associated assessments and inspections are continuing as usual, including construction certificates and associated inspections.

Further information relating to written submissions is available on Council's website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

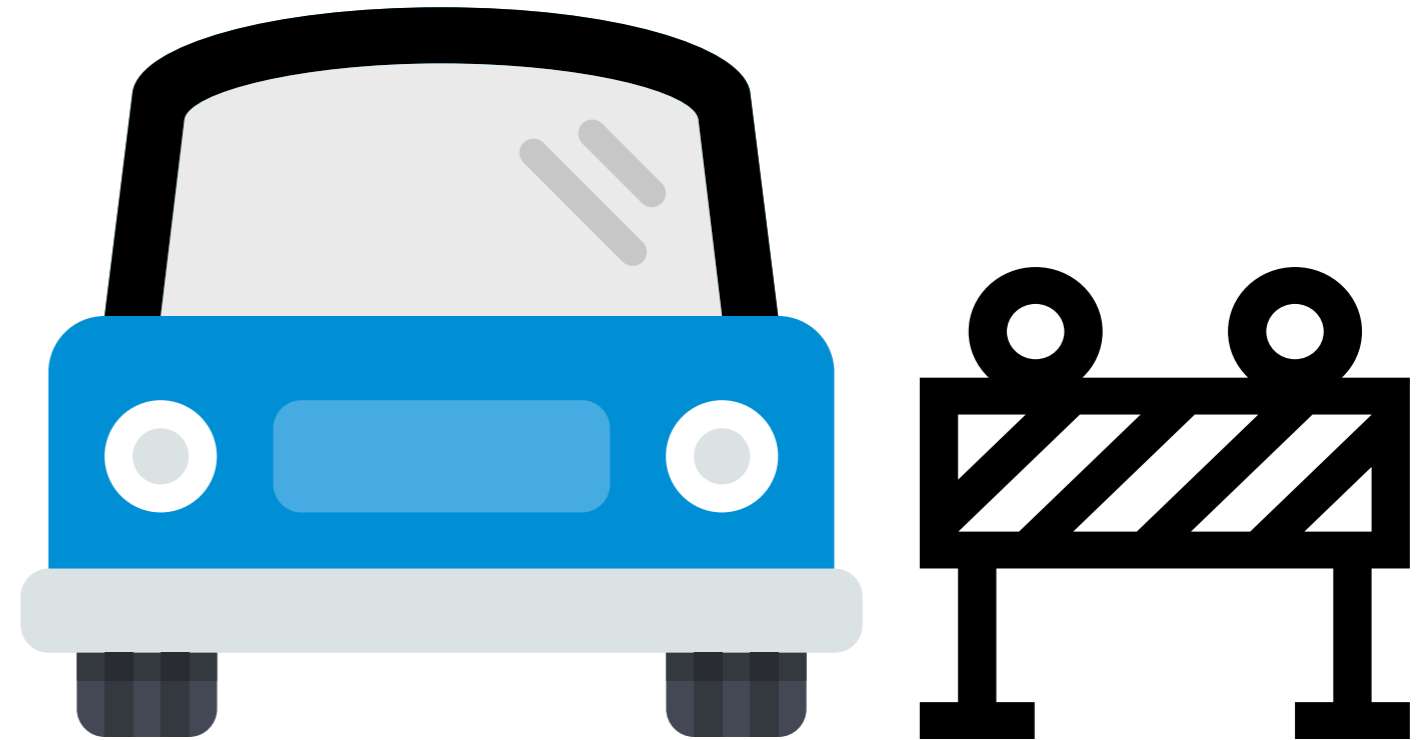
If there are any changes to these services due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will advise the community.

If you are unsure how to lodge your DA or have any questions regarding the process, please phone us on **1300 87 83 87**.

You can also find information on our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).



## TENDER 20/16: TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES



Council is inviting submissions from appropriately qualified and experienced companies to provide a panel of suppliers for the provision of traffic control services with the ability to provide full-service traffic control when required.

The contract is for an initial one-year period with an option for an additional two 12-month extension options.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore) to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

**If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require further information, phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.**

# TENDER 20/18: SUPPLY OF VACUUM EXCAVATION AND FLOW CONTROL SERVICES

Council is inviting submissions from appropriately qualified and experienced tenderers in order to compile a panel of suppliers for the provision of vacuum excavation and flow control services.

The contract is for an initial one-year period with an option for an additional two 12-month extension options.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore) to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

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## RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE FIELD DAYS POSTPONED

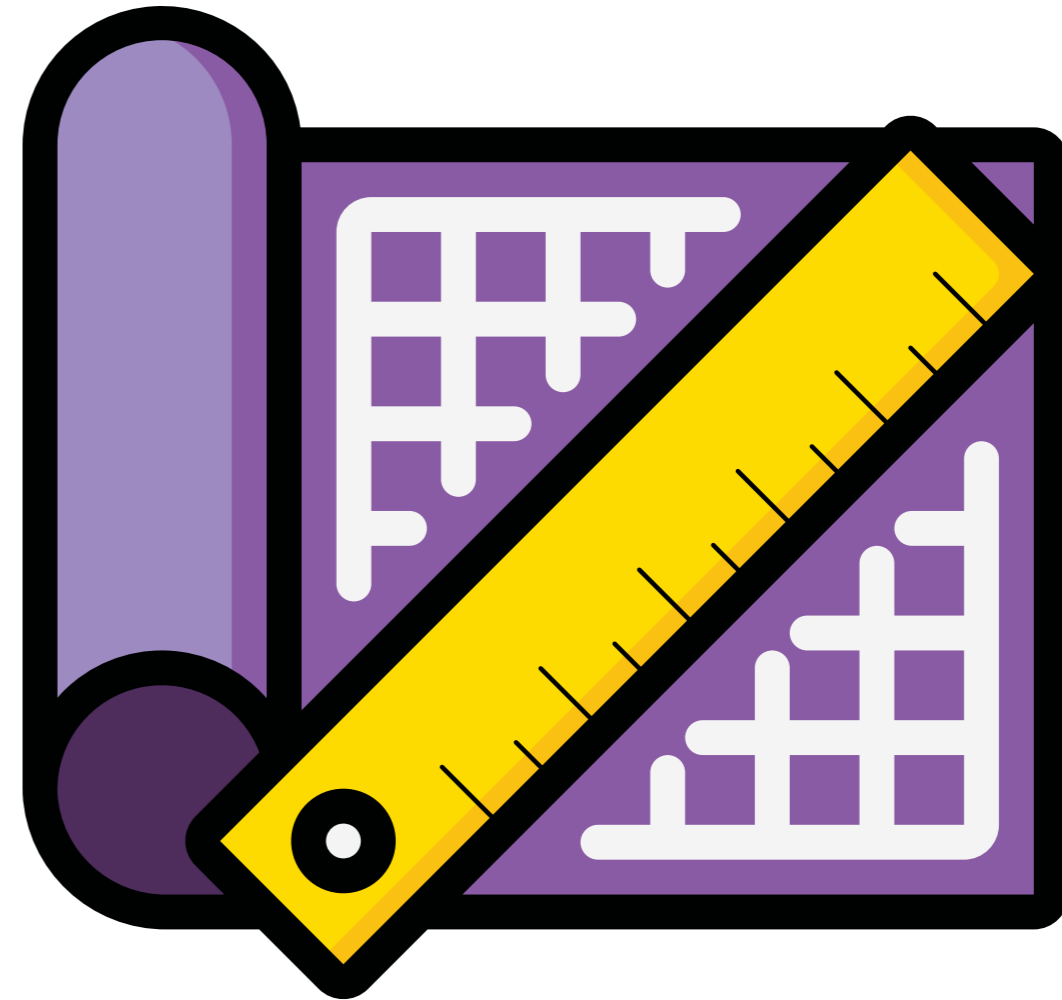


The two Rural Landholder Initiative field days advertised in last fortnight's *Local Matters* have been postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The days – Rocky Creek Grazing and Fish Habitat, and Job's Tears and Rainforest Rehabilitation – were originally scheduled for May and July.

We hope to hold these events later in the year and will advise when new dates are scheduled.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REQUEST: CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PANEL OF PROVIDERS



Council is inviting submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to form pre-selected panels of approved providers to undertake various civil construction works.

The initial panel duration is for a 12-month period with an option for an additional two 12-month periods.

EOI submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore) to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

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