



LOCAL MATTERS

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SUPP♥RTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

CBD BUSINESS RATES CUT BY 20%

Lismore City Council has resolved to support inner-CBD businesses by cutting Council rates by 20%.

Council will also freeze future rate rises for these businesses until there is parity with other Lismore businesses.

The cost of the reduction will be offset against all other rating categories excluding farmland. New rates will be effective from July 1 this year.

Mayor Isaac Smith said it was crucial that Council and the community supported our local businesses.

“That is why we have reduced CBD rates and have also run an advertising campaign encouraging people to shop local whenever they can,” he said.

For more information about support for local businesses or changes to rates, please go to our webpage www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and click on ‘COVID-19 Support for Business’ under the Business & Industry tab.



Find the right grant at Lismore Grant Hub

Lismore City Council has joined forces with Australia’s most powerful grant search engine, Grant Guru, to deliver a free one-stop-shop website for business and community grants.

Anyone can use the search engine to find available grants and filter grants by specifying location, industry and type of project.

The website also assists with advice and top tips for finding and applying for grants to maximise your chances of receiving the funds you need.

Businesses and community groups can register with the Lismore Grant Hub to receive email alerts about available grants at lismore.grantguru.com.au.

For further information or assistance with registering, please contact us on 1300 87 83 87.

Apply for the small business COVID-19 support grant

The NSW Government is providing financial support to ease the pressure on small businesses as a result of COVID-19.

If your small business or non-profit organisation has experienced a significant decline in revenue as a result of COVID-19, you may be eligible for the small business support grant of up to \$10,000. This grant supports the ongoing operations of small businesses highly impacted from the COVID-19 pandemic following the NSW Public Health Order released on 31 March 2020.

Funds may only be used for unavoidable business expenses that are not supported by other government funding. These expenses include, but are not limited to: utilities, council rates, telecommunication charges, insurance payments, professional advice, wages for an employee not eligible for JobKeeper payments, franchise fees, or paying creditors if your business is closing.

For more information visit www.service.nsw.gov.au and follow the links.

As this Service NSW grant is an online process, it is important to have all documentation and proof of identity ready for uploading before commencing the application. A MyServiceNSW account is essential for this application.



DEAL SEES LISMORE AIRPORT BECOME TRAINING HUB

Plans to develop an Aviation Training Hub at Lismore Airport got a major boost recently with global company Airways Aviation signing a lease to base its commercial pilot training school at the airport.

This is very exciting news for our city and will give our local economy a significant boost by better using what is an under-utilised resource at the airport.

While the tourism aviation industry has been hit by the fall-out of the COVID-19 virus, it is expected to recover quickly.

This will be a real game-changer for the airport. In the first year alone, Airways Aviation is expecting to enrol a mixture of at least 20 domestic and international students.

This is a project that Council staff have been working on to maximise the economic benefits from the airport. It includes securing a Federal Government grant at the last election to invest \$4.5 million in an Instrument Landing System so that we could attract pilot training schools.



Airways Aviation will lease part of the Lismore Airport terminal for commercial pilot training while its students study a Bachelor of Business Aviation Management at Southern Cross University.

Airways Aviation, which currently has training academies on the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast, will join the Northern Rivers Aero Club, Fast Aviation and TAFE NSW, which already offer aviation training at the Lismore Airport.

Airways Aviation has over 30 years of international experience and is today the largest privately owned group of multidisciplinary aviation academies of its kind.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Many of our services are continuing despite COVID-19, while others have gone online.



Essential services continuing

- Household rubbish collection
- Roadworks
- Water supply and services
- Development applications and assessments
- Sewerage
- Phone enquiries and online services

Online services

While our playgrounds, art gallery and libraries may be closed, you can still do a daily workout, see an art exhibition, listen to children's storytime and even borrow an eBook – all from the safety and comfort of your own home.

Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre

Every day, GSAC's Yonika Mantel is posting workouts that you and your family can enjoy.

These are great for the mind as well as the body. Go to the SWITCH Fitness Facebook page and get fit for free!

www.facebook.com/SWITCHFITNESSCENTRE



Library services

Our local libraries now offer a Click and Collect service. You can read about it in the story overleaf.

Adults and children can also join the library and download eBooks, eMagazines and audio books by going to the Richmond Tweed Regional Library website at www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au.

You can even watch our much-loved librarians present online Storytime, Toddler Time and Baby Bounce at www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au or via the Richmond Tweed Regional Library Facebook page.

It's just like being at the library!

Lismore Regional Gallery

For lovers of art, the Lismore Regional Gallery is there for you. Its doors may be closed but its windows to the world are wide open.

You can go online and watch the story behind the world-famous Hannah Cabinet that is now on permanent display in our gallery, visit the online exhibitions, listen to previous podcasts from the thought-provoking Thursday Night Live series, or unleash your pent-up creativity by joining an online art class.

To access any of these activities, visit www.lismoregallery.org.

Council meetings

All Council meetings are now online. You can live-stream them at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Members of the public who want to address the meeting can do so via phone. Community members can speak for up to four minutes on any agenda item included in the Business Paper.

To be included in the public access session, please complete the form by clicking on 'Meetings and Briefings' under the 'Council and Engagement' tab on our website and return to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

We ask for people's patience and understanding as we trial this new method of public access made necessary by COVID-19.

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS

Lismore and Nimbin showgrounds will both get an upgrade from Lismore City Council's \$1.3 million Federal Government Bushfire Recovery Grant.

Both showgrounds played a crucial role as emergency evacuation centres during last year's bushfires. This grant will allow us to upgrade the facilities at both locations to make sure we can keep our community safe and are prepared for any future bushfires.

Among other things, the \$445,000 upgrade of the Lismore Showground includes:

- Repairs to ventilation and insulation in the top two pavilions.
- Fit-out of flood-free kitchen adjacent to top pavilions.
- Provision of movable and demountable fencing for animals including off-load ramps and gates.
- Upgrade of the 1905 beef/dairy sheds and 1930s horse stables to current compliant level.

Among other things, the \$445,000 upgrade of the Nimbin Showground includes:

- New awning and concrete slab adjoining main pavilion.
- Enclosing existing large shelter and installing roller doors.
- New awning and concrete slab for existing storage sheds.
- Rebuilding holding yards and shelter for cattle/horses.
- New kitchen in the main pavilion.
- New floor coverings in main pavilion.

A further \$240,000 of the grant funding will be invested in constructing turning circles for emergency vehicles on strategic roads in Nimbin, \$160,000 will be spent to increase water supply capacity during bushfires by placing tanks in strategic locations, and \$10,000 will be used to improve technology at the Rural Fire Service's headquarters.

CHANGES TO WASTE SERVICES

Our waste and recycling services have been impacted greatly by COVID-19.

We are putting in place new safety measures and gradually reopening our services to the public.

The following is an update on our current waste and recycling service changes:

- All residents and business operators can dispose of general waste at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre and the Nimbin Transfer Station – but only with an authorised booking.
- The Return and Earn bulk collection centre at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre in Wyrallah Road has reopened with new COVID-19 safety measures in place. This facility is open Wednesday to Saturday from 8am to 3pm. Bookings are not required to use the facility.
- People should continue to store and keep household items and recycling until our operations return to normal. At present, these items are being treated as COVID-19 contaminated, and we must charge the general waste rate for disposal as they are going straight to landfill.
- Green waste is being accepted from residents and businesses in Lismore as normal but bookings are required. If there is anything other than organic matter in the green waste the whole load will be charged at the general waste rate.
- No hazardous wastes will be accepted until further notice.
- Visitors must pay using electronic payment – no cash is being accepted.
- The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre is open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 3pm and the Nimbin Transfer Station is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 3pm.

You can book to attend our facilities via our new online booking system. For bookings or more information, visit www.northernriverswaste.com.au.

If you do not have internet access, please phone us 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.

DA16/100-3 6, 8, 9 and 11 Willow Tree Drive, 5 and 5A George Drive and 123 Taylor Road, Chilcotts Grass: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify development consent 5.2016.100 to (1) remove the approved entry statement on Willow Tree Drive; (2) change the timing for the embellishment of the Stage 1 park; (3) complete additional bulk earthworks to create level building pads on approved lots 10-12; and (4) change to the electricity supply provisions to enable one allotment (Lot 48) to remain connected to the overhead supply network.

DA18/157-4 27 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah: Section 4.55(1A) modification to condition 23A of consent relating to the timing for completion of external footpath works.

DA19/418 1/76, 2/76 and 3/76 Carrington Street, Lismore: To undertake a mixed use development comprising 10 shop-top housing units (4 x 2 bedroom and 6 x 1 bedroom) with communal rooftop area, a food and drink premises, and associated car parking.

DA19/432 71 Tulsi Lane, Nimbin: Dwelling house with a building line variation to 11m to Tulsi Lane.

DA20/31 4 Canary Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling.

DA20/35 29 Canary Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling and retaining wall.

DA20/50 362 Dunoon Road, North Lismore: Dwelling.

DA20/63 133 and 133A Molesworth Street, Lismore: To use part of the existing art gallery building as seating, storage and office associated with the existing and approved restaurant/café and a business identification sign.

DA20/65 51 Caldwell Avenue, East Lismore: Dwelling addition (carport).

DA20/66 22 Spurfield Road, Boat Harbour: Dwelling, secondary dwelling and shed with carport.

DA20/67 153 Orion Street, Lismore: Shed with carport.

DA20/68 28 Spurfield Road, Boat Harbour: Dwelling with a building line variation to 13.181m from Spurfield Road.

DA20/94 36 Music Street, East Lismore: Dwelling alteration (convert study into ensuite and walk-in-robe).

DA20/100 121 Bruxner Highway, McKees Hill: Shelter over existing horse arena.

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.

INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS DISCOUNT POLICY EXPIRES

The Infrastructure Contributions Discount Policy (5.2.32) will expire on June 30 2020.

This could change the levies you are required to pay if you have a development application that has previously been approved by Council and entitled you to levy exemptions.

Council advises that you should check with your consultant/planner or Council staff about how this may affect levies you need to pay Council.

People currently undertaking work or undertaking work in the near future need to finish works by 30 June 2021 to take advantage of the discounts applicable under the policy.

For more information phone 1300 87 83 87 or email us at council@lismore.nsw.gov.au. To view the policy, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



PROPOSED LEASE OF ROAD RESERVE

Section 154 of the Roads Act 1993

Notice is given that Council proposes to issue a lease over part of the road reserve adjoining 1 Barham Street, Girards Hill, for the purpose of the existing golf course and carpark to the adjoining property owner (plan available upon request).

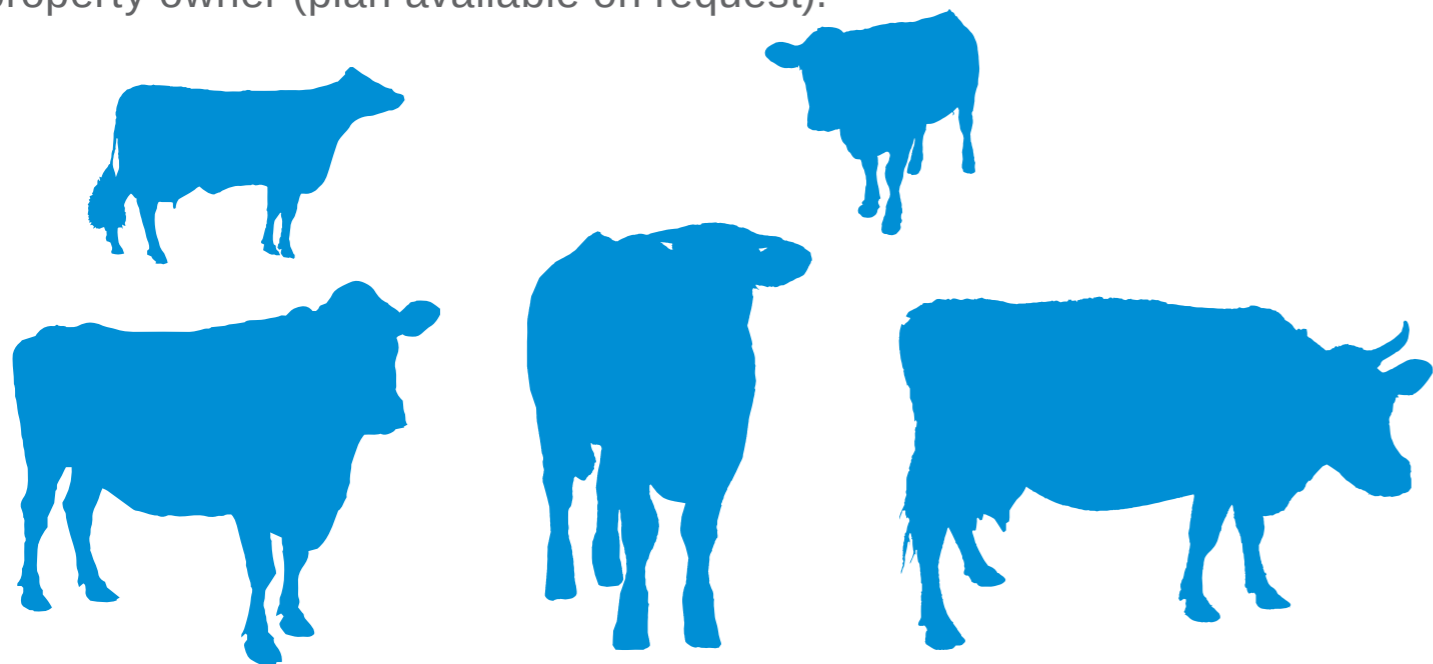
Any person can make a written submission to the Acting Property and Legal Services Officer, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au with correspondence marked 'Proposed Lease Road Reserve AF12/3909' by 4pm on 3 June 2020.

Under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

LEASE GRANTED FOR ROAD RESERVE

Section 156 of the Roads Act 1993

Notice is given that Council has granted a grazing lease over part of the unused road reserve of Greengate Road, Bexhill, to the adjoining property owner (plan available on request).



CLICK AND COLLECT FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Library members can now 'Click and Collect' items from their local library branch.



The Richmond Tweed Regional Library has launched its new Click and Collect service across the region so people can borrow and pick-up physical items while branches remain closed due to COVID-19.

Library members can reserve books, DVDs, magazines and jigsaw puzzles through the library's online catalogue and then arrange a time with staff to collect the items. Information on accessing the service and how it works can

be found on the RTRL's website at www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au.

"Libraries are vital services for our communities assisting with education, relaxation and connection to community," Regional Library Manager Jo Carmody said.

"Although the library offers an extensive online collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, online programs and more, there has been a gap for those who do not have access to the internet or a suitable device for accessing online collections."

For more information on library services, visit www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au or the RTRL's Facebook page.

PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ACCESS 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.

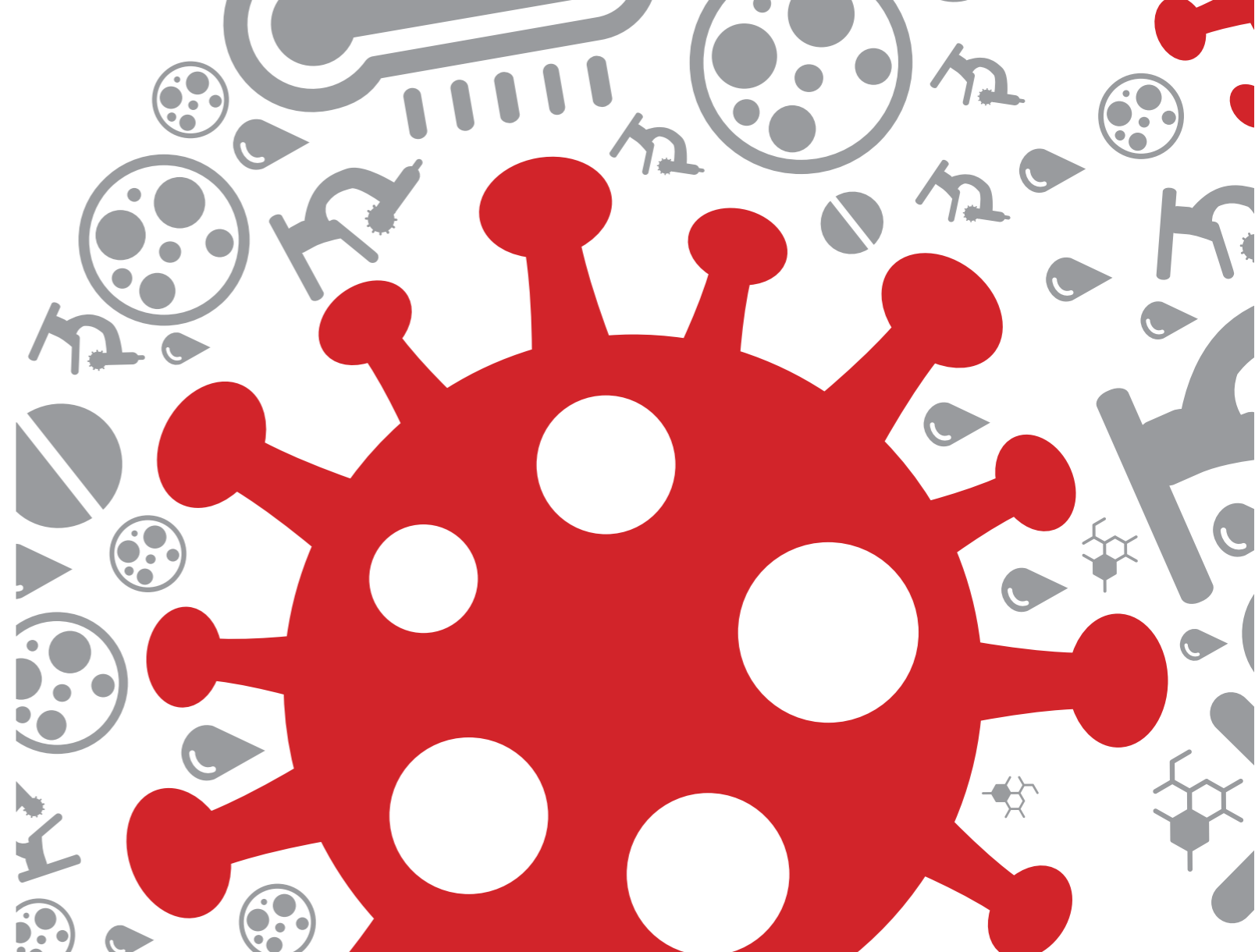
Please follow all the restrictions in place – we need to work together as a community to help one another through this and save lives.

Keep yourself and those around you safe:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- 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 now open for people who are exhibiting mild symptoms of the virus.
- For further information, visit the NSW Health website for details.



Council has a COVID-19 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 and click on the COVID-19 link.

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