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ARTS NORTHERN RIVERS CALLS OUT FOR BIG IDEAS

Arts Northern Rivers is calling for proposals for ambitious ideas ready to be developed into contemporary arts projects.

The winning idea will receive \$5000 seed funding in addition to a tailored project development package; a unique opportunity to work closely with Arts Northern Rivers to leverage further funding opportunities and gain access to industry networks.

The project aims to foster a culture of innovation and experimentation, emphasising the creative talent residing in the Northern Rivers. Arts Northern Rivers welcomes proposals from the cutting edge of visual arts and experimentation, performance, theatre, live art, music, sound, dance or interdisciplinary contemporary arts practice.

Proposed ideas need to have a public outcome at a site within the Northern Rivers and be led by a Northern Rivers based artist or team. Project partners are encouraged and can be sought locally, nationally and internationally.

Arts Northern Rivers Executive Director Peter Wood said the organisation was looking for “innovative thinking”.

“This year it’s great to be encouraging artists to keep producing experimental work and support new creative developments, particularly during COVID-19 and its impacts on the arts and cultural sector,” he said.

“We’re looking for a boundary pushing concept, something original and something at the cutting edge of contemporary arts practice.”

Applications will be assessed by a panel of highly regarded industry leaders soon to be announced. The panellists will select a winner at the Your Big Night event to be held in November after five shortlisted applicants have pitched their big ideas.

Applications are now open and close on the 12 October 2020. For more information and to submit a proposal visit www.yourbigideanr.com.



STAY COVID-19 SAFE AND FOLLOW THE RULES

With the significant increase in COVID-19 cases across NSW and Victoria, it's important that we:

- Follow the rules about visiting other households, self-isolation and quarantine.
- Practise good hand hygiene and physical distancing.
- Take extra care if you're around vulnerable people.
- Get tested if you have any symptoms and stay home while you are waiting for test results.

The advice from the NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant specifically recommends:

- The use of face masks in indoor settings where physical distancing is hard to maintain, such as in supermarkets.
- The use of face masks (where practical) in indoor settings with a higher risk of transmission, such as for the staff of hospitality and customer-facing venues, i.e. cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs.
- The use of face masks during attendance at places of worship.
- Wearing a mask in any of the above settings is not mandatory but is highly recommended, especially in areas where there has been community transmission.

Changes to SWITCH gym operating hours

- Due to the requirement for a COVID-19 Safety Marshal, we have had to close the SWITCH 24/7 gym. However we have extended operating hours at the gym. The new hours are Monday to Thursday, 5am to 8pm, Friday 5am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 3pm.

Borders closed

- The Queensland Government has closed the NSW/QLD border, except for returning Queenslanders.
- The NSW/Victorian border also remains closed.

The following restrictions were current as of Wednesday, 5 August. For further information about COVID-19 restrictions, including border restrictions, please go to www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 for updates.

Pub venue rules

- All customers must sign-in by providing accurate contact details (name and phone number or email address).
- Maximum of 10 people per booking or table.
- Maximum of 300 people in the pub at any one time or one customer per four square metres, whichever is the lesser.
- Alcohol can only be consumed by seated customers.

Visiting family and friends at home

- Up to 20 visitors may visit another household at any one time. The total number of visitors includes adults and children.
- There is no daily limit to visitors to your home, so long as you don't have more than 20 visitors at any one time.
- If you are over 70 or have a pre-existing medical condition, you should limit the number of visitors and take care at all times.
- You can have guests from any household so long as it does not exceed 20 visitors in total.
- An overnight stay as part of a visit to someone's house is allowed.

For updates, go to www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.

NESTING SEASON IS HERE... BEWARE SWOOPING MAGPIES

We are urging people to be on the lookout for swooping magpies.

Magpies often swoop to protect their young from July to November. A pair of magpies can claim territory for up to 20 years, which is why birds are often seen swooping in the same location year after year.

Council's Environmental Strategies Coordinator Leonie Walsh said people can post on www.magpiealert.com if they feel others should be warned about a particularly troublesome magpie.

"This is a great website that people can use to share information about how a particular magpie is behaving, and even offer suggestions for how to avoid his territory," she said.

Leonie also urged people to understand that these birds are just doing what is natural to protect their young and she advised people to be cautious rather than alarmed.

"Swooping can be pretty scary, but it's worth remembering this is normal defensive behaviour as the bird is trying to protect their eggs or newly hatched young in their nest," she said.

"This behaviour usually lasts about six weeks, and in almost all cases ceases when the young leave the nest. The best thing to do is avoid areas with swooping magpies and plan an alternative route until the behaviour stops."

Other tips for staying safe around swooping magpies include:

- Wear sunglasses and a broad-brimmed hat to protect your head and eyes.
- Carry an open umbrella.
- If a bird swoops while you are cycling get off your bike and walk.
- Attach zip ties to your bicycle helmet.
- Do not approach a young bird or interfere with the birds or their nest in any way as this will likely increase swooping behaviour.
- If you are swooped, leave the area quickly but do not run.
- Watch the birds while walking away – it is less likely to swoop if it knows you're watching.
- Never harass or provoke birds as this makes them more defensive and may lead to a worse attack next time.
- Magpies appear to have very good memories and have been known to attack the same people over subsequent seasons while leaving others alone. If a bird has attacked you before it may be a good idea to use an alternative route – even next season.



LIBRARY GOINGS-ON...

Are you brave enough to take home a mystery library book?

Lismore Library has wrapped up some children's books so you can't see the titles.

The only way to find out what they are is to borrow them and take them home. Each mystery book pack contains a book review which you can fill out. Draw or write something about your mystery book, give your review to one of our staff and it may appear on our Facebook page.

The mystery books are either picture books or junior titles. Information about which collection the book comes from can be found on the outside packaging, **BUT** there is not even a hint as to what the book is actually about.

For children who like a little mystery in their lives, you won't know what you have chosen until you open the bag.

Creative Writing Masterclass at Lismore Library – bookings essential

For 10 to 18 years, Thursdays 13 and 27 August, 5pm-6.30pm

In conjunction with the Byron Writers Festival and StoryBoard, we are proud to present these very popular writers' groups. We have a primary and a high school group, both run by published authors and industry professionals. You may actually meet one of your favourite authors, in person!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have limited numbers this term so bookings are essential. To book for the high school group, please email Sarah at sarah@sarah-armstrong.com. To book for the primary school group, please email Zanni at zannilouise@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a library member to attend. For enquiries phone Lismore Library on **6621 2464**.

Author take over!

Regional Readers Book Club (Facebook group), 20 August, 6pm

We have another wonderful author 'taking over' the Regional Readers Book Club. Barbara Hannay will be joining us live online to discuss her new book *The Sister's Gift*. This is a story set on Magnetic Island, off the coast of Queensland, where a young woman named Freya gave birth alone to her sister Pearl's child, 24 years ago. Now Freya is in her forties, childless, divorced and on a collision-course with Pearl and Billie, the child that ultimately tore them apart.

Join this Facebook group and chat live with Barbara from the comfort of your own home. Find the Regional Readers Group on the Richmond Tweed Regional Library Facebook page.

LAUNCH OF THE BUSINESS FLOOD GRANT

Applications are now open for the Business Flood Grant program.

This program is designed to encourage business owners and owners of business premises within flood-prone urban areas to become 'flood ready'.

It was developed in partnership with and is fully funded by the NSW Government.

A maximum amount of \$25,000 (excluding GST) will be available to property and/or business owners undertaking eligible flood ready works. Grant funding co-contribution is optional under this program in recognition that some businesses may wish to opt out of a contribution due to the impact COVID-19 has had on their business.

Applications close at 4pm on Tuesday, 15 September 2020.

The program guidelines and application forms are available at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Economic Development Manager 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

DA16/100-4 6, 8, 9 and 11 Willow Tree Drive, 5 and 5A George Drive and 123 Taylor Road, Chilcotts Grass: Section 4.55(1) application to modify consent 5.2016.100.3 to amend item two of the table to Condition 21 to read: "Koala food trees planted at 15m centres approximately with maintained grassland in between."

DA19/133-2 18 Grace Road, Bexhill: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify consent 5.2019.133.2 to: 1) reduce the setbacks of the secondary dwelling from the western boundary (12m to 9m) and the southern boundary (21m to 18.6m); and 2) amend the floor plan, elevations and roof form, including a reduction of the height of the dwelling (by deleting of the loft room) from 4.9m to approx. 3.7m.

DA20/011-2 3/44 Carrington street, Lismore: Recreation facility (indoor) advertising sign.

DA20/39 431 Skyline Road South, Wyrallah: Subdivision to create 1 x 1ha lot containing existing dwelling house and 1 x 1ha vacant lot.

DA20/165 7 Federation Drive, Eltham: Dwelling, carport and shed.

DA20/177 599 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges: Inground swimming pool.

DA20/193 928 Bruxner Highway, McKees Hill: Conversion of relocatable structures to a dwelling with associated alterations and additions.

DA20/198 25 Byrne Road, Rosebank: Use of a covered verandah.

DA20/201 19 Esyth Street, Girards Hill: Dwelling addition (deck).

DA20/207 9 Donaghue Street, Dunoon: Inground swimming pool.

DA20/212 1025 Pinchin Road, The Channon: Inground swimming pool.

DA20/214 174A Munro Wharf Road, Tucki Tucki: Hard stand area (concrete slab) for the temporary storage of harvested tea tree leaf prior to distillation.

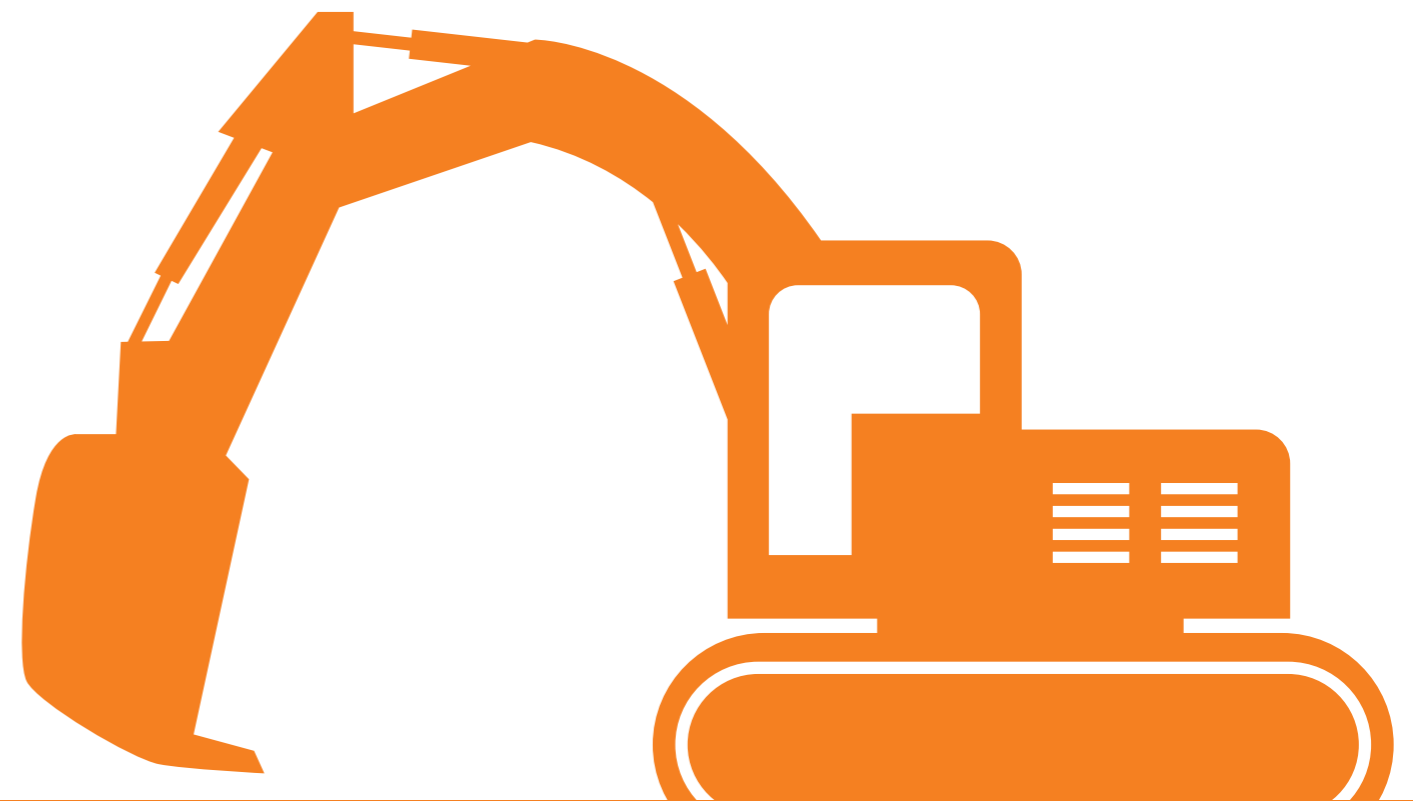
DA20/221 3 Earls Court, Goonellabah: Dwelling.

DA20/222 44 Bridge Street, Wyrallah: Dwelling addition (deck with carport underneath).

DA20/224 26 Spurfield Road, McLeans Ridges: To undertake the erection of a detached dual occupancy.

DA20/233 28 Toongahra Circuit, Goonellabah: Swimming pool and timber deck.

Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at our Corporate Centre with prior appointment during business hours or via DA Tracking at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.





MARKETS RETURN THIS MONTH

It's been a long wait but our local community and craft markets return this month.

Council staff have been working with market organisers to ensure COVID-19 safety protocols are in place.

The Lismore Car Boot Market has temporarily relocated to the Lismore Showground to ensure those attending can safely social distance.

The Channon Market remains at The Channon Showground, as does the Nimbin Market at the Community Centre.

Farmers' markets have not been affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

The public hearing will be chaired by a person who is independent of Council. The public hearing provides the public with an opportunity to make a short verbal presentation to the chairperson. Written submissions will also be accepted by the chairperson.

Following the public hearing, the chairperson will prepare a report on the hearing, a copy of which will be publicly available once it has been received by Council.

Individual presentations should be no longer than five minutes each.

The land proposed for reclassification from 'community' to 'operational' is listed below:

- 8 Wolstenholm Street, East Lismore (Lot 7, DP 7756).
- 50 Brewster Street, Lismore (Part Lot 4, DP 344444).
- 122 Bruxner Highway, Loftville (Lot 3, DP 1261770).

For further enquiries, please contact Council's Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sixth Round of Reclassifications of Council-owned land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*

At its ordinary meeting on 10 March 2020, Council resolved to support a planning proposal to:

- Reclassify 8 Wolstenholm Street, East Lismore (Lot 7, DP 7756) from 'community' to 'operational' to enable the lease or sale of the land to the adjoining landowner.
- Reclassify part of 50 Brewster Street, Lismore (Part Lot 4, DP 344444) from 'community' to 'operational' to facilitate the expansion of the Lismore Preschool.
- Reclassify 122 Bruxner Highway, Loftville (Lot 3, DP 1261770) from 'community' to 'operational' to rectify an anomaly and ensure the land classification is consistent with the land use.

In accordance with Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* a public hearing will be held into the proposed reclassification of multiple parcels of Council-owned land.

A report identifying the properties affected and the reasons for the proposed reclassifications is available on Council's website and Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings, the public hearing will take place via Zoom on Thursday, 17 September 2020 at 5.30pm.

If you would like to participate in the public hearing, please register by 4pm on the day of the public hearing via www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au or phone **1300 87 83 87**.

ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Amended planning proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) at 30 Blue Hills Avenue, Goonellabah

At its ordinary meeting on 12 May 2020, Lismore City Council resolved to support an amended planning proposal to amend the Lismore LEP 2012 to rezone part of 30 Blue Hills Avenue, Goonellabah (Lot 7, DP 255203) from Zone RU1 Primary Production to Zone R5 Large Lot Residential in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to enable large lot residential development.

The amended planning proposal seeks to amend the minimum lot size from 20ha to 2,500m² (that part rezoned to R5) and apply a maximum building height of 8.5m to the rezoning area.

On 5 June 2020 the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued an alteration of Gateway Determination with standard conditions. The Minister for Planning has delegated the finalisation of the LEP to Council.

The amended planning proposal is on public exhibition from 13 August to 11 September 2020. Copies of the relevant documents including the technical studies are available on Council's website 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< NSW, 2480 or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

For enquiries, please contact Council's Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by close of business on Friday, 11 September 2020.



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