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# LOCAL MATTERS

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# COUNCIL STAFF'S GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Lismore's 2020 recycled Christmas tree, which gives a nod to our rural community, has been unveiled in the CBD.

"Our rural community is integral to Lismore and we wanted to give them a nod in a year they had to contend with bushfires, drought, floods and COVID-19," said Cheryl, one of Council's Customer Service Officers, who was the driving force behind this year's tree.

Standing about 7 metres tall, the CBD masterpiece is made from recycled 25-litre drums which are used by many people on the land. The bows and Christmas bonbons are all made from chaff and feed bags – another nod to our rural community, as are the whirlybirds. The colourful candy canes are made from recycled PVC pipes, with a touch of paint.

The heart has become a symbol associated with Lismore and we expanded on this theme, providing staff with more than 40 heart frames (from left over metal) and solid hearts (from a previous year's project) to decorate with recycled materials.

"Each one is so unique and creative. It's great that so many staff and their families were able to contribute in this way," Cheryl said.

This is the sixth tree Council staff have erected on the corner of Keen and Magellan streets to celebrate the festive season and Lismore's commitment to recycling and sustainability.

It was constructed over the last three months with staff volunteering their own time and donating to cover all costs such as paint.

The tradition began in 2015, when Council staff created a Christmas tree as a gift for the community from old bicycles painted in many colours. In 2016 staff made the tree from old car tyres and in 2017 it was fashioned from old road signs with an impressive 'Give Way' star. In 2018, the tree was constructed of 49 second-hand umbrellas to create a very colourful and much talked about tree. Last year, was the Living Christmas Tree with more than 300 potted plants.

"Council staff are proud to be part of the Lismore community and we wanted to give back and help make our city an even better place to live, work and raise a family, Cheryl said.

"We hope that it can spread some joy, kindness and love at this time of year. Merry Christmas Lismore."



# CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPERATING HOURS

Following is a list of operating hours for Council's various sites and offices over the Christmas/New Year period.

## Corporate Centre in Goonellabah

Closed from Christmas Eve (24 December) until Monday, 4 January.

## Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25-26 December), General Closure 27 December, Public Holiday 28 December and New Year's Day (1 January).

## Lismore Revolve Shop

Closed between Christmas Day and 5 January.

## Nimbin Transfer Station

Closed on Boxing Day (26 December). Operating hours remain as normal on other days.

## Return and Earn bulk collection drop-off

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25-26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January). Operating hours remain as normal on other days.

## Libraries

Goonellabah and Lismore Libraries will be closed from 2pm Christmas Eve (24 December) reopening 4 January 2021.

## Lismore Regional Gallery

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25-26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January). Operating hours remain as normal on other days.

## Local Matters

This is the last issue of *Local Matters* for the year. The next issue will be hitting letterboxes in the week beginning Monday, 18 January.



## GSAC and Lismore Memorial Baths

Following are the operating hours for the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and the Lismore Memorial Baths over the Christmas period. Operating hours will remain as normal outside these dates.

Day	GSAC	LMB
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Thursday, 24 December	5.45am - 2pm	6am - 5pm
<b>Christmas Day</b> Friday, 25 December	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Boxing Day</b> Saturday, 26 December	<b>Closed</b>	9am - 5pm
Sunday, 27 December	<b>Closed</b>	9am - 5pm
Monday, 28 December (Public Holiday in lieu of Boxing Day)	<b>Closed</b>	9am - 5pm
Tuesday, 29 December	10am - 4pm	9am - 6pm
Wednesday, 30 December	10am - 4pm	9am - 6pm
Thursday, 31 December	10am - 4pm	9am - 6pm
<b>New Year's Day</b> Friday, 1 January	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>



# GRANTS HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES GET FLOOD READY

**Lismore City Council last week announced 15 Flood Ready grants for local businesses totalling \$250,000.**

The grants, funded by the State Government, targeted businesses and owners of buildings in flood-prone areas to help them get ready for any future flood.

With many of the recipients using local companies for their work, it's also good news for our local economy.

Under the competitive Flood Ready program, businesses were required to submit their proposed projects to an independent panel which determined the successful recipients.

To be eligible for the program, business premises had to be located in the flood-prone urban areas, including the CBD, East Lismore, Girards Hill, North Lismore, South Lismore and Loftville.

Since the 2017 flood, our local businesses have had to contend with the impact of bushfires, drought and COVID-19.

Council believes it is important that we support and encourage our business community to continue to provide local jobs.

This program is just one of many Council has undertaken to help our local businesses which contribute so much to our economy.

In response to COVID earlier this year, Council initiated an advertising campaign to encourage the community to buy take-away and shop online at local businesses, as well as cut a range of business-related fees.



## PARKLETS TO ATTRACT VISITORS, SHOPPERS BACK TO OUR CBD

**Two 'Parklets' will be installed in the Lismore CBD as part of a State Government-funded trial to help re-invigorate the city centre.**

Lismore City Council's Manager of Economic Development Tina Irish said some people remained hesitant to go into the CBD because they were concerned that they couldn't maintain a safe social distance.

"The great thing about this trial project is that it creates more public space within the CBD for people to safely congregate," she said.

Under the trial project, 'Spaced Out', parklets will occupy one parallel car park space and include seating, vegetation, tree shade and colourful art to deliver a connection between existing green spaces within the city centre. They will be located in Keen and Molesworth streets.

"Importantly, the parklets' locations have been specifically identified to minimise any potential impact to local businesses," Tina said.

As part of the project, Council is also conducting a Social Distancing Awareness Campaign in the Lismore and Nimbin business centres.

When the pandemic first hit, Council ran an advertising campaign to encourage our local community to buy take-away and purchase items from local businesses via their websites. We also removed fees to help businesses, like charges for outdoor dining.

The parklet project is our latest program to help businesses keep their doors open and continue to provide jobs for locals.

The parklet project will run for three months commencing mid-December 2020, with the Keen Street parklet the first to be installed. The project will include measurement of the impact of these temporary parklets during the trial period to understand their usage using digital data and QR Codes.

Should the project receive positive feedback, work will be undertaken with the community in 2021 to identify future temporary parklet locations.

The trial project is funded by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environments through its 'Streets as Shared Spaces' program.



# 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.

**DA19/017-2 34 and 36 Union Street, South Lismore:** Section 4.55(1A) Application to modify development consent notice 5.2019.17.1 to 1) amend Condition 19 to extend the timeframe for the sealing of driveway and carpark areas; and 2) amend Condition 20 to delete the requirement to bund the workshop area within the Transport Depot.

**DA20/140 375 and 451 Wyrallah Road and 68 and 60 Monaltrie Road, Monaltrie:** To undertake a boundary adjustment subdivision of 4 lots to create 4 lots.

**DA20/162 43 Gray Road, Eltham:** Farm shed and greenhouse.

**DA20/239 21 Esmonde Street, Girards Hill:** Secondary dwelling.

**DA20/269 20 Earls Court, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and retaining walls.

**DA20/295 42 Cedar Drive, Dunoon:** Dwelling.

**DA20/322-2 7 Spurfield Road, McLeans Ridges:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to relocate shed 12m from front boundary.

**DA20/391 13 Federation Drive, Eltham:** Detached dual occupancy and plunge pool.

**DA20/398 1 Mahogany Parade, Goonellabah:** Dwelling with a reduced secondary building line setback of 3.07m from Sawyers Avenue.

**DA20/406 21 Toongahra Circuit, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and retaining walls.

**DA20/408 39 Crofton Road, Nimbin:** Demolition of existing dwelling.

**DA20/410 28 Waratah Way, Goonellabah:** Covered patio.

**DA20/411 366 Whian Whian Road, Whian Whian:** Dwelling.

**DA20/414 7 Eleanor Place, McLeans Ridges:** Dwelling and shed.

**DA20/415 371 Rous Road, Tregeagle:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA20/418 19 Harmony Avenue, East Lismore:** Dwelling alterations and additions and 'as built' carport.

**DA20/421 7 Earls Court, Goonellabah:** Two storey dwelling.

**DA20/423 9 Mitch Place, Chilcotts Grass:** Dwelling.

**DA20/428 306 Warby Road, Jiggi:** Construction of a new dwelling and de-commissioning of existing dwelling to be used as a shed.

**DA20/429 7 Sawyers Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling with a reduced building line setback of 5.0m to Sawyers Avenue.

**DA20/430 103 Cameron Road, McLeans Ridges:** Shed.

**DA20/433 1 Sawyers Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**DA20/434 197 McMahon Road, South Gundurimba:** Above-ground swimming pool

**DA20/438 54 Basil Road, Nimbin:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA20/453 506 Caniaba Road, Caniaba:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA20/454 98 and 100 Ingram Road, Wyrallah:** Consolidation and rural subdivision of two lots to create two new lots, with one of the lots being a primary production lot with no dwelling entitlement.

**DA20/469 80 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and retaining walls.

**DA20/482 69 Cathcart Street, Girards Hill:** Removal of one Mexican Weeping Pine Tree from a heritage item in a Heritage Conservation Area.

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](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:** 20/488

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 805 and 811 Ballina Road, Goonellabah (Lot 2 DP 1112474 and Lot 1 DP 1112474).

**APPLICANT:** GM Project Development and Management

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** To undertake:

1. A Staged Subdivision comprising 92 residential lots (51 Torrens Title lots and 41 Community Title lots), 3 road widening lots and 1 open space lot including Tucki Tucki Creek; and
2. Associated earthworks, civil infrastructure (new roads, footpaths/boardwalks, stormwater drainage and essential services), two acoustic barriers / walls, demolition of existing house, tree removal and revegetation / landscaping works.

**Note:** The DA does not include the erection of any dwellings on the proposed lots and all references to dwellings are indicative only.

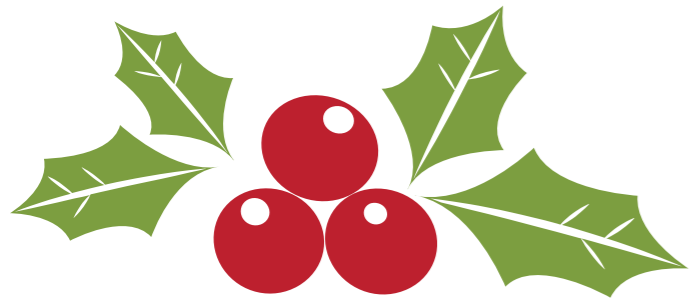
The proposal constitutes both nominated integrated development and integrated development in accordance with s4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Approval from NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (NRAR) is required in accordance with s91 of the Water Management Act 2000, approval from NSW DPI (Fisheries) in accordance with s201 & s219 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994, approval from NSW Roads and Maritime Service in accordance with s138 of the Roads Act 1993, and approval from NSW Rural Fire Service in accordance with s100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997. The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

**CLOSING DATE:** 5 February 2021.

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 Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during ordinary office hours or 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).



## THE FESTIVE SEASON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

### Take and Make Library Holiday Activities

There is a great variety of craft 'Take and Make' packs available for children who visit the Lismore, Goonellabah or Mobile library in the school holidays.

The take-home packs include instructions, craft supplies and details of anything you will need to have at home. They contain Christmas crafts for the lead up to the big day, and all sorts of fun activities in the New Year.

Grab your library card and come and visit us. While you're in the library, join the Summer Reading Club, find the Elf on the Shelf and pick yourself up a Mystery Library Book. Not a member? Bring an adult with ID and join up. It's free!

### **Online Library Events**

Check the RTRL Facebook page and YouTube channel for some great online library programs. Storytime, Toddler Time and Baby Bounce are all available, as well as author's book readings and information about what is happening in the libraries.

### **Library Christmas Closure**

All branches of the Richmond Tweed Regional Library will be closed for the Christmas break from 2pm on Thursday, 24 December. We will re-open for business on Monday, 4 January.

**We wish all our patrons and friends a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.**

## DONATE RESPONSIBLY THIS CHRISTMAS

**Council is encouraging everyone to donate responsibly over Christmas and New Year and not to illegally dump unwanted goods outside charity stores and donation bins.**

Items dumped outside charities and charity bins cost a great deal to clean up.

Council's Environmental Compliance Officer Stuart Thomson said the problem was so bad at one CBD location last Christmas break that four truckloads of waste had to be taken away.

"This practice costs charities thousands of dollars every year in tip fees and volunteers spend countless hours cleaning up and sorting rubbish, and transporting this waste to the tip," Stuart said.

"We are encouraging people to only use clearly marked donation bins or to deliver items to these charities during normal operating hours where they can be received or rejected by staff."

Dumping items also encourages people to rummage through the articles and take any item of value, leaving nothing but rubbish for the charities to clean up and dispose of.

"The idea of donating good quality, unwanted items to charity is to assist these charities financially so that they can help vulnerable people in our community," Stuart said.

### **TIPS TO ENSURE YOU'RE DONATING RESPONSIBLY**

- If you wouldn't give a second-hand item to a mate, don't donate.
- Rubbish and damaged items belong in the garbage bin, not the charity bin.
- If your favourite op shop is closed or the donation bin is full, don't leave items outside. Wait for the bin to be emptied or ring ahead to check when the shop is open.
- Illegal dumping at charity bins and shop fronts can attract fines.

# POP INTO SANTA'S MAGICAL WONDERLAND

Santa has arrived at his magical Santa's Wonderland at the Regional Art Gallery.

Shoppers of all ages from the young to the young at heart are invited to step into this wonderful world of Christmas and enjoy the fun festive activities until 20 December.

Santa's Wonderland will be open Wednesday to Sunday between 10am and 2pm, and after school on Thursday between 4pm and 6pm.

**Come along and:**

- Have a photo with Santa – bookings are essential for COVID-safe allocated timeslots. To book go to [www.studio.thenewcamerahouse.com.au/santaswonderland2020](http://www.studio.thenewcamerahouse.com.au/santaswonderland2020)
- Bring your letter to Santa and post it in Santa's Lismore Postal Box.
- Pick up a Christmas Treasure 'Elf Hunt' activity sheet to complete and redeem a small prize from a local CBD business.
- Keep your eye out for local entertainers roaming the street and at The Quad spreading the Christmas Cheer!

**Santa's Wonderland is proudly sponsored by the Lismore Workers Club.**



# COUNCIL DECIDES...



**At Council's Ordinary December meeting on Tuesday, 8 December:**

- Council resolved (8/0 in favour) to review its policy on Write Off Charges on Undetected Water Leaks, hold a workshop on Smart Meters and apply terms of the policy review to any customers with leaks detected and repaired since May 2020.
- Council resolved (8/0 in favour) to do what is required to enable members of the public without any delay to attend briefings and meetings in person in chamber.
- Council resolved (5/3 in favour) not to extend the life of the Monaltrie Quarry.
- Council resolved (6/2 in favour) not to support altering the development stages of the North Lismore Plateau Development.
- Council resolved (5/3 in favour) to adopt the planning proposal to rezone part of 528 Caniaba Road, Caniaba from Zone RU1 Primary Production to part Zone R5 Large Lot Residential and part Zone E3 Environmental Management to enable rural residential development.

All relevant business papers, minutes and live webcasts can be found at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 February 2021.





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