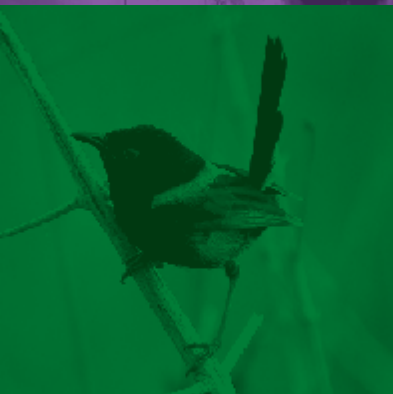




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TACKLING MOSQUITOES TOGETHER



Northern Rivers councils and the North Coast Public Health Unit have launched Tackling Mosquitoes Together, an SMS program designed to reduce the disease risks and nuisance of mosquitoes through community action.

The SMS program includes:

- helpful tips and reminders to reduce backyard mozzie breeding habitats;
- handy hints about how to protect yourself, your family and the community from mozzies; and
- fun videos, images and common mozzie myth busters.

When you join the program, you will also receive an education pack of resources and mozzie repellent.



Why are councils taking action?

To keep the community safe. The Northern NSW Local Health District reported 429 cases of Ross River Virus in 2020. That is the second highest number of cases on record, up from an average of 135 cases a year over the last 30 years.

Severe wet-weather events and the impacts of climate change are increasing the risks of mosquito-borne diseases.

A recent mosquito project in the Tweed Shire also showed low community awareness of the disease risks of mosquitoes.

If we all do our bit in our own backyard, we can make a difference and protect the whole community.

We will also be able to spend more time outside with our family and friends without the nuisance of mozzies!

How do I join the program?

For more information and to join the SMS program go to the Tackling Mosquitoes Together website at:

www.tacklingmosquitoestogether.com.au



YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Are you passionate about Lismore and its villages?

Standing for election and becoming a Councillor allows you to be a voice for your community and help shape the future of our Local Government Area.

The next Council elections will be held on 4 September 2021.

To encourage a broad and diverse range of Councillors who reflect our community's demographics, Lismore City Council is holding two free events to provide key information about the role of a Councillor.

Women in Local Government Forum

Saturday, 6 March, 9.30am – 12pm (doors open at 9am and a light lunch will be provided after the forum)

Lismore City Hall, Main Theatre (and on Zoom)

Part of the YWCA's Lismore Women's Festival, this session will be facilitated by Cassandra Coleman, President of the NSW Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association.

Please register at www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au. This event is open to all community members but the discussion will be focused on women only.

Prospective Councillor Candidate Information Session

Thursday, 25 March, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Lismore Regional Gallery

Open to all prospective candidates.

Please register at www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au



EKINS NAMED LISMORE'S NEW MAYOR

Councillor Vanessa Ekins was elected as Lismore's new Mayor at Council's first ordinary meeting for 2021 on Tuesday, 9 February. Councillor Neil Marks remains as Deputy Mayor.

"I thank my fellow Councillors for their trust and will take the role of Mayor seriously," she said.

Councillors voted for a new Mayor after the retirement of former Mayor Isaac Smith.

Cr Ekins will hold the role until the Council elections on 4 September 2021, when a new Mayor will be popularly elected for the next three-year term of Council.



"This was an unexpected opportunity, but I decided to put my hand up because I believe that after 16 years on Council I have the skills and experience the role demands," Mayor Ekins said.

"There is much work still to be done at Council to ensure that we remain financially sustainable and continue to deliver the services our community wants and expects.

"I would also like to acknowledge former Mayor Isaac Smith for his service to our community over the past 12 years and thank Councillor Neil Marks for his hard work as acting Mayor over the last four months."

COUNCIL APPOINTS CARETAKER GM

Council has appointed Michael Donnelly to the role of Caretaker General Manager until a new General Manager is appointed.

Council voted at its ordinary meeting on Tuesday, 9 February to terminate the employment contract of then General Manager Shelley Oldham under a no-fault clause, effective immediately.

"Mr Donnelly has been appointed as Caretaker General Manager as we search for a new person to take on the role for the next 12 months," Lismore Mayor Vanessa Ekins explained.

"After that it will be up to the newly elected Council to recruit their own General Manager.

"We decided to do it this way because it is important that whoever the new Councillors are after the September elections, that they get to decide their priorities and attributes they want in a General Manager.

"While the decision to terminate the employment of Mrs Oldham may surprise some in the community, I want to assure everyone that the Council will continue to pick up rubbish bins, fix our roads and mow our parks.

"I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Oldham's hard work and commitment to Council since she was appointed in October 2018."

Mr Donnelly said he was excited to take up the caretaker position.

"I know this area well as I grew up here and I am looking forward to this role. I have been privileged to work in very senior management positions around the world and look forward to bringing that experience to Lismore City Council," he said.

Mr Donnelly is a qualified engineer and holds a Masters of Law degree. He has previously been the Chief Executive of a state-owned trading corporation which had a 3000-strong workforce and revenues of \$500 million, as well as the Regional Director of NSW Public Works for the North Coast of NSW.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT WITH LEAGUE LEGEND MAL MENINGA

Lismore City Council is hosting 'A Night with Rugby League Legends' at the Lismore Workers Club in the lead up to the pre-season NRL match between the Gold Coast Titans and New Zealand Warriors.

Panellists on the night include league immortal Mal Meninga, who will be joined to talk all things footy by Steve Mitchell, Dennis Watt, Justin Holbrook and Anthony Laffranchi, along with comedian Rob Brown.

The event is on Friday, 26 February from 7pm. Tickets to the two-course dinner with drinks cost \$160 per person or \$1200 for a table of eight (if a table of eight is required please contact gpevents@lismore.nsw.gov.au for tickets).

Tickets are also still available for the game at Oakes Oval on Saturday, 27 February.

The main game will commence at 5.45pm with matches leading up to the main game including Under 16 and 18 representative games between Northern Rivers Titans and Central Coast Roosters and a Titans physical disability team exhibition match.

This event will be run under NSW Government COVID rules and all patrons must follow the procedures or patrons will be removed from the venue.

Outer adult tickets are \$25, children 10 to 16 years are \$15, family with two adults and three children are \$70. Children under 10 with a paying adult are free for the outer only. Tickets with disability access are available by contacting Leanne Clark on 1300 87 83 87.

Tickets to both the dinner and game on Saturday can be purchased from www.visitlismore.com.au

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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.

DA20/383 76 Cullen Street, Nimbin: Change of use of part of a building to a tattoo studio.

DA20/458 179 and 187 Henson Road, Wyrallah: Subdivision (boundary alteration).

DA20/493 8 Rous Road, Goonellabah: Shed.

DA20/525 6 Magnus Court, Goonellabah: Dwelling.

DA20/541 19 Maloney Avenue, South Lismore: Inground swimming pool.

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.



The amazing picture of a fiery skimmer on the front cover of the last issue of *Local Matters* was taken by Phillip Jarmon.

PUBLIC WELCOMED BACK INTO COUNCIL CHAMBERS

With the NSW Government easing COVID safety measures, we are once again able to welcome the public into the Council Chambers to watch proceedings.

To ensure the safety of the public, staff and Councillors, we have implemented a COVID plan for all Council meetings and briefings.

Members of the public are asked to be in the Corporate Centre lobby (facing Oliver Avenue) between 5.30pm and 6pm. After a temperature check, you will be required to register using a QR code (alternative arrangements are in place for those without a smartphone). If you have any cold or flu symptoms, please enjoy our live stream services through our website and Facebook page.

Personal information collected will be managed in accordance with Service NSW contact tracing policies. Those unwilling to provide necessary details will be refused entry.

You will then be escorted to the Council Chambers by a COVID Marshal.

The number of people allowed in the public gallery is capped at eight, with an overflow room (with live streaming) capped at an additional 22 people.

Those who are registered to speak during public access will be given priority seating in the public gallery, with the remainder of the seating allocated on a 'first in, first served' basis.

Hand sanitiser will be available and people are asked to socially distance where practicable and remain seated. Masks are not mandatory, but their use is encouraged. Surfaces will be disinfected before and after meetings.

Our friendly COVID marshallers are here for your safety; please follow their directions.

Ordinary monthly meetings will still be broadcast on our Facebook page and website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

LISMORE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP)

Public exhibition of draft Lismore DCP Chapter 11 – Buffer Areas

Pursuant to Clause 18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, draft Lismore DCP Chapter 11 – Buffer Areas is exhibited for public comment from 17 February to 19 March 2021.

The proposed changes aim to protect productive agriculture and natural resources by adopting new recommended buffers for certain agricultural land uses and extractive industries. Further changes are aimed at reducing duplication and updating maps. Proposed deletions to the draft Chapter 11 are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ and the proposed new text is highlighted in red.

At its ordinary meeting on 9 February 2021, Lismore City Council resolved in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to commence public exhibition of the draft Chapter 11 – Buffer Areas.

The draft DCP Chapter 11 is available via the Your Say Lismore link on Council's website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Submissions relating to the draft DCP Chapter outlining grounds of objection or support can be made online, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or sent to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. For enquiries, please contact Council's Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by Friday, 19 March 2021.

TENDER 21/1: SECURITY SERVICES

Lismore City Council is inviting submissions from appropriately qualified and experienced tenderers to provide various security services at multiple Council assets within the Lismore Local Government Area.

The contract is for a period of one year, with options for a further three by three years, at Council's absolute discretion.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 11 March 2021.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal 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.



IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Library Opening Hours

Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries have resumed normal opening hours.

Lismore Library: Monday to Wednesday 9.30am – 5pm.

Thursday 9.30am – 7pm, Friday 9.30am – 5pm.

Saturday 9am – 1pm, Sunday 1am – 4pm.

Goonellabah Library: Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5pm.

Closed between 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

Children's Library Activities

Baby Bounce, Toddler Time and Storytime activities have returned to Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries. Due to COVID restrictions, we have limited spaces at these events, so bookings are essential.

Phone Lismore Library on 6621 2464 or Goonellabah Library on 6625 1235 for more information.

Reading for Reconciliation – Lismore Library

Friday, 19 February (third Friday of the month), 1.30pm

Improve your knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and histories. Start a reconciliation journey through reading and discussing selected texts in a friendly and informal setting with other members of the community. Many works, though not all, are by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander authors and all will be available through the Richmond Tweed Regional Library.

Teen Book Club – Lismore Library

Monday, 22 February, 4pm

Feel like sharing the stories you love with other like-minded teens? Teen Book Club lets you chat, argue, laugh and explore the wonderful world of reading. All welcome, ages 13-17.

Junior Book Club – Lismore Library

Thursday, 25 February, 4pm

Like reading books? Feel like sharing the stories you love with others? Lismore's Junior Book Club is the place to do it. Join a group of eight to 13 year olds as they share stories, laughter and a love for reading.

Library Interest Groups

If you are interested in joining a quilting or poetry group, phone the Lismore Library on 6621 2464 to register your interest, and we will let you know when these programs recommence. If you have any suggestions for other activities that could be run at the library, please let us know.

UPGRADE PROVIDES SHADE AT RIVERVIEW PARK

The \$60,000 upgrade of Riverview Park in South Lismore is now complete and was officially opened last week by Deputy Mayor Neil Marks and Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan.

The park is used by schools and community groups like Little Athletics all year round, hosting sporting carnivals and events. However, there was no shade for the students and their parents.

Council secured a Federal Government grant to construct a large awning to provide much-needed shade as well as concrete flooring.

Lismore has built a reputation as a regional sporting hub and every piece of sporting infrastructure we can build or improve helps further cement that position.





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