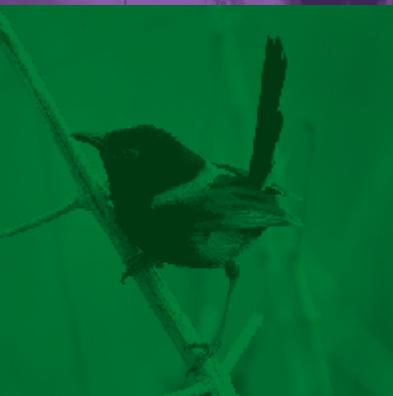




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# TOURISM SERVICES RETURN TO VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Lismore City Council and Rous County Council have signed a three-year lease for Rous to rent the Lismore Visitor Information Centre on Molesworth Street.

Council will work with Rous in delivering tourist information, and environmental and cultural services.

The centre is a significant asset for Lismore and the agreement means it will continue to be used as a Visitor and Cultural Information Centre.

This is great news for both councils and, most importantly for our community and local businesses which benefit from tourism.

Under the agreement, Lismore City Council will maintain the ground floor toilets that are used by visitors to the nearby popular Heritage Park.

Lismore City Council will once again provide tourism information in both Lismore and Nimbin and, will work with Rous to develop Indigenous cultural tourism opportunities in Lismore.

We are also looking into developing a tourism App for all of the Lismore Local Government Area.

Lismore City Council called for Expression of Interests to lease the iconic building last year.

Banyam Baigham Elder Aunty Thelma James played a key role in working together with Council to capture the social, cultural and environmental history of Lismore and surrounding areas during the redevelopment of the Lismore Visitor Information Centre nearly a decade ago.

The lease also provides Rous with an opportunity to work together with the Widjabul people of the Bundjalung Nation and other Aboriginal organisations, corporations and individuals on community engagement and education around cultural awareness and heritage matters.



Left to right: General Manager of Rous Philip Rudd, Aunty Thelma and Lismore Council Director Eber Butron.

# NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS POSTPONED

After consultation with the local indigenous community, NAIDOC Week events have been postponed until later in the year due to COVID.

However, we still want to celebrate our wonderful indigenous staff at Lismore City Council, the role they play in our organisation, and their own unique stories.

The many wonderful faces of indigenous staff at Lismore City Council stretches from outdoor Parks and Gardens staff to indoor environmental design officers, forming a rich variety of indigenous employment.

Dylan King, a local Widjabul Wia-bal Bundjalung man who works for Parks and Gardens, loves the variety of work available such as mowing, pruning, gardening, mulching and much more.

For Dylan, NAIDOC Week is about his people and community, and everyone else coming together for his culture.

Other staff such as Leon Barry Bolt, a team leader on Road Construction who has worked for Council for 15 years, has a unique take on NAIDOC Week. He says it is not just

about celebrating the differences in all of us, but more about what it is that make us the same. Leon believes we all

breath the same air, bleed the same, and come from the same place, and this perspective should make us more aware of our similarities.

Another Parks and Gardens employee, Stephen O'Neill, also enjoys the wide variety of different jobs, however the most satisfaction he gets is line marking sporting fields, preparing them for the weekends sporting activities and mowing them. Stephen was born in Moree, which is Kamilaroi nation country.

Paul King, a Widjabul Wia-bal man, has worked on contract for Council as a skilled labourer, and recently was successful in applying for a full-time job. Paul helps our road crews cut into cement whether on the road, footpath, drainage or concrete slabs.

Clayton J Hunnisett, who grew up in Dunghutti country at Kempsey is a Council traffic controller, and also assists our road crews repair flood pipes and drainage. Having lived in Bundjalung country now for some time, NAIDOC week is a time for Clayton to remember the past, the elders both past and present and the next generation coming through.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for us all to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet, and the role our indigenous staff play at Lismore City Council.

We will let you know the new date for NAIDOC Week once it is confirmed.



Left to right. Clayton, Paul, Dylan, Leon and Stephen.

# FUNDS TO REPAIR STORM DAMAGED ROADS

When a month's worth of rain fell in just two hours on 16 December 2020, it caused significant damage to several roads across our Local Government Area.

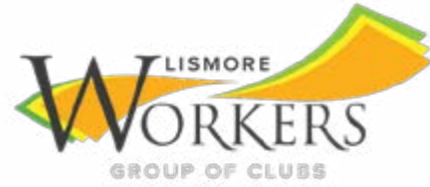
Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has now provided funding to assist repairing some of those roads, with four waiting for approval.

The table provides some basic details on the status of these projects. Seven projects have confirmed funding with an estimated total value of \$6,456,000. Construction on most of these projects is expected to commence in 2022.

Council is currently in negotiations with TfNSW on another four projects damaged during the March 2021 event. They are Keerrong Rd, Keerrong; Oakey Creek Road, Georgia; Mountain Top Road, Mountain Top and Wallace Road, The Channon.

For more information and to keep up to date with this work, visit [www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au)

Location	Damage & Proposed Restoration	Estimated Value	Status
<b>Gungas Road</b>	Replace collapsed causeway with new bridge structure	\$1,100,000	Geotechnical investigations and design being developed with construction expected to commence in 2022.
<b>Stanger Road</b>	Landslip of road embankment. Reconstruct embankment, may include retaining structure.	\$740,000	Geotechnical investigations and design being developed. Construction expected to commence in late 2021.
<b>Nimbin Road</b>	Landslip of road embankment and road pavement failure. Reconstruct embankment and install retaining structure.	\$1,340,000	Geotechnical investigations to be undertaken to determine final design. Construction expected to commence in 2022.
<b>Eureka Road</b>	Replace existing failed pipe causeway structure with new box culvert causeway structure.	\$818,000	Geotechnical investigations and design being developed with construction expected to commence in 2022.
<b>Mackie Road</b>	Replace existing pipe culvert causeway structure with box culvert causeway structure.	\$895,000	Geotechnical investigations and design being developed with construction expected to commence in 2022.
<b>Graham Road</b>	Replace existing pipe culvert causeway structure with box culvert causeway structure.	\$767,000	Geotechnical investigations and design being developed with construction expected to commence in 2022.
<b>Haywood Lane</b>	Replace existing failed pipe causeway structure. With new box culvert causeway structure.	\$805,000	Geotechnical investigations and design being developed with construction expected to commence in 2022.



## EAT THE STREET SERVES UP DELICIOUS FUN FOR ALL AGES

If you love your food and music, then Lismore is the place to be on Saturday, 21 August as the iconic Eat the Street food, art and music festival returns for its 7th year with a new naming sponsor – the Lismore Workers Club.

This year, the festival will take place along Magellan and Carrington Streets, as well as in the newly refurbished Lismore laneways where you will discover outstanding local food and beverages, art, roving entertainers, and much more.

The festival had attracted more than 25,000 people in the past. However, with the situation constantly changing due to COVID, this year there will be some changes.

The festival will still be a free event, but it will be ticketed and visitors must register to gain entry via Magellan Street between Keen and Molesworth. This is to make sure our community remains COVID-safe.

There will also be two sessions: noon to 3pm and 4pm to 7pm.

You can still enjoy the many options available such as sitting out on the street, under the trees, trying food from all over the Northern Rivers region, or purchasing a ticket to the VIP Garden party for \$110 (over 18 years only).

Eat the Street coincides with the SHINE - Lismore Festival of Light, which runs after dark from Thursday, 19 August to Tuesday, 21 August on Molesworth Street. Both events are managed carefully in accordance to COVID-19 health guidelines to ensure community safety.

**For more information go to [www.eatthestreetlismore.com.au](http://www.eatthestreetlismore.com.au)**

## MICHAEL DONNELLY NAMED PREFERRED CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MANAGER

Mayor Vanessa Ekins said Michael Donnelly was the stand-out candidate for the role of General Manager and the decision by Councillors was unanimous.

“Council has now officially made the offer to Michael and he will be officially appointed once the necessary recruitment process is complete,” she said.

“It was an exhaustive recruitment process and one that we took our time with to ensure we got the right person for the job, and we did.

“It has been a tough four years at Council with the fire at the waste facility, COVID-19, floods and bushfires, but now is the time to focus on the future.

“Since Michael took up the role of acting General Manager earlier this year, he has ‘steadied the ship’ and ensured Council delivers the services our community needs in a cost-effective way.

“He also oversaw the most transparent budget process that I have been part of in 17 years on Council. This has helped to restore the community’s faith in our Council, and I thank him for that.”

Mr Donnelly will be appointed on a four-year contract.

He is an engineer and holds a Master of Law degree.

Mr Donnelly 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 Director of NSW Public.





# 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

- DA20/529** 464 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba: Industry (manufacture of erosion mats), shed and building pad.
- DA21/94** 10 James Street, Dunoon: Shed.
- DA21/95** 572 Dunoon Road, Tullera: Shed.
- DA21/109** 16 Hidden Valley Circuit, Chilcotts Grass: Dwelling and retaining walls.
- DA21/127** 102A James Street, Dunoon: Dwelling and carport.
- DA21/139** 1011 Cawongla Road, Larnook: Dwelling.
- DA21/142** 7 Highview Crescent, Modanville: Shed.
- DA21/151** 6 Spurfield Road, McLeans Ridges: Two storey dwelling, shed and retaining walls.
- DA21/175** 518 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank: Inground swimming pool.
- DA21/180** 67 Barrys Road, Modanville: Inground swimming pool.
- DA21/236** 2, 24 and 24A Dunoon road and 109 and 109A Alexandra Parade, North Lismore: To undertake the use of the Lismore Showground (recreation facility (major)) for the Lismore Lantern Parade, which is an annual event to be held in June for a limited number of three (3) years, being: 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- DA21/238** 48 Cannon Point Lane, East Coraki: Installation of a 23500l rain water tank.
- DA21/242** 216 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill: Storage shed.

- DA21/255** 10 Magnus Court, Goonellabah: Two storey dwelling.
- DA21/260** 145A Robson Road, Tucki Tucki: Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling (living space, carport and deck).
- DA21/261** 4 Ferguson Close, Goonellabah: Dwelling.
- DA21/221** The opportunity to make submissions regarding the RCS Group Australia 742 lot PNPG North Lismore Plateau Application is still open, with submissions welcome until at least 25 July 2021.

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).



## SPRAYING FOR BINDI CONTROL

Lismore City Council began spraying parks across the Local Government Area for weeds on Thursday, 26 June.

We will continue to spray periodically over the next three months. Kamber M will be used to control Bindi and other broad leaf weeds.



# STEP UP TO SUCCESSFULLY APPLY FOR GRANTS

Lismore City Council has partnered with GrantGuru to provide a comprehensive online list of available grant and funding opportunities.

Here are some key tips for applying for grant funding designed to help build thriving communities.

With GrantGuru, we aim to empower local businesses, community groups, sporting clubs and not-for-profit organisations to easily find and successfully apply for grants to turn ideas into reality without wasting time and effort.

Funding is offered by government and private corporations to help them fulfill their strategic policies, objectives and aims. When your project aligns with these aims, you are more likely to be successful with funding. Grants are part of a bigger picture so ensure you consider the purpose of the funding program before you apply.

Most people start and end at Step 3 – grant writing. As a result, most grant applications fail, leading to lost time, effort and money.

It is important to start with Steps 1 and 2. By constantly seeking and applying for grants that are best suited to you, you increase your chances of being successful. And as you apply for more grants, your internal capability will increase.

To make this process easier, we have just set up a suite of 'How To' videos on our website that takes you through each step.

Please go to <https://lismore.grantguru.com.au/how-to/> for an easy to understand step through process to grant applications.



# CONNOR THE WEED-BUSTING SNIFFER DOG!

Some exciting news from the Weeds Biosecurity team at Rous County Council.

Connor, the sniffer dog, has been hard at work recently, searching for the illusive Parthenium weed in the Palmvale area near Murwillumbah.

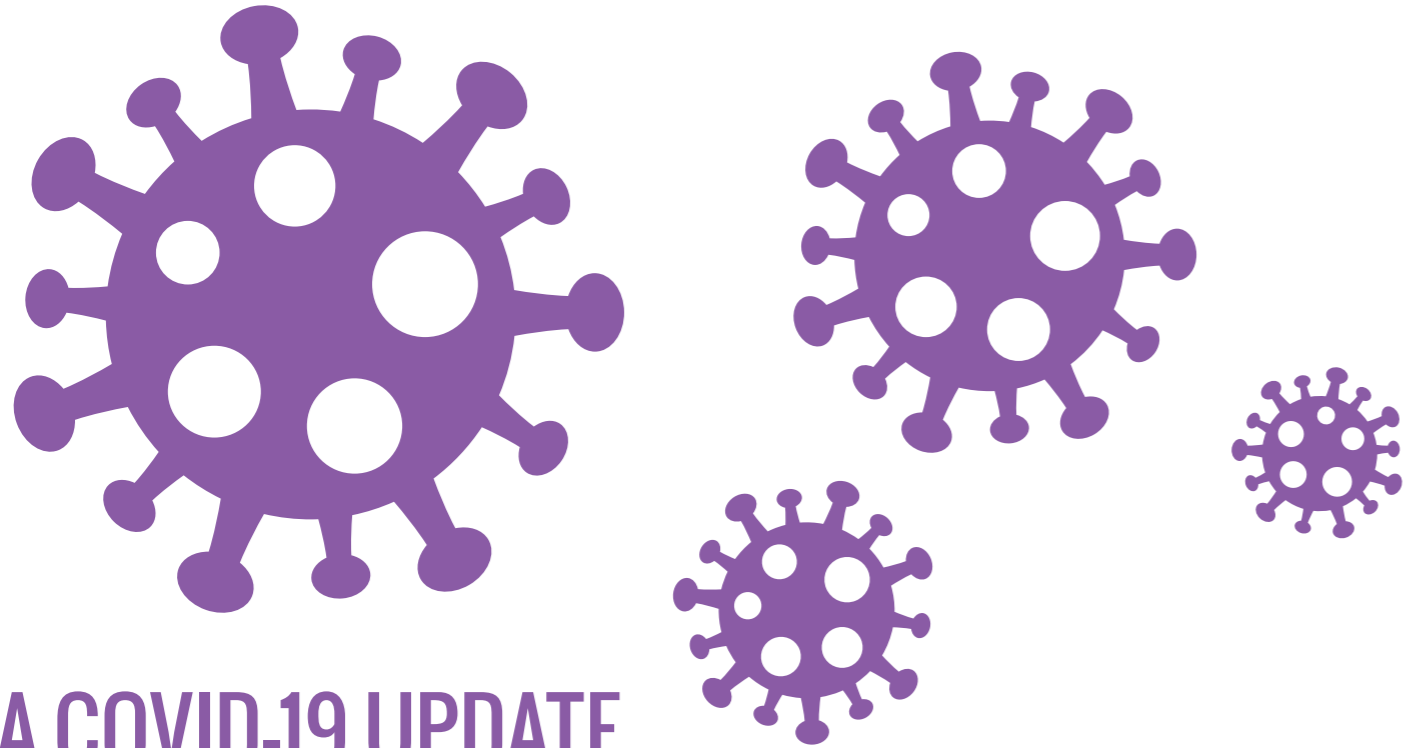
This weed has only recently been found in northern NSW and is highly invasive to the natural and agricultural environment. Parthenium weed poses risks to human and livestock health, causing respiratory problems and dermatitis. Connor made light work of sniffing the weed out, finding his first plant in just 12 seconds ... almost as quick as one of our inspectors. He then went on to find several more seedlings and small plants in the area.

Once a targeted weed is found, Connor signals the find to his handler by sitting. His reward? A humble tennis ball. These dogs are highly trained and valuable in finding high priority weeds and can save the region tens of thousands of dollars annually by finding smaller infestations that may

be missed by the human eye. Thanks Connor.



**Warning:** Parthenium weed should be approached with extreme caution. If you suspect Parthenium is growing on your property, report it to Rous County Council immediately, move all livestock away from that area and do not attempt to remove any plants yourself. You can call Rous on 6623 3800.



## A COVID-19 UPDATE

**All Lismore City Council buildings, including the Corporate Centre, Libraries, Regional Gallery, GSAC, Airport and the Waste Facility remain open to the public.**

However, anyone entering a Council facility MUST wear a mask and maintain social distancing until the current NSW Health Order is lifted, which will not be before 11.59pm on Friday, 9 July.

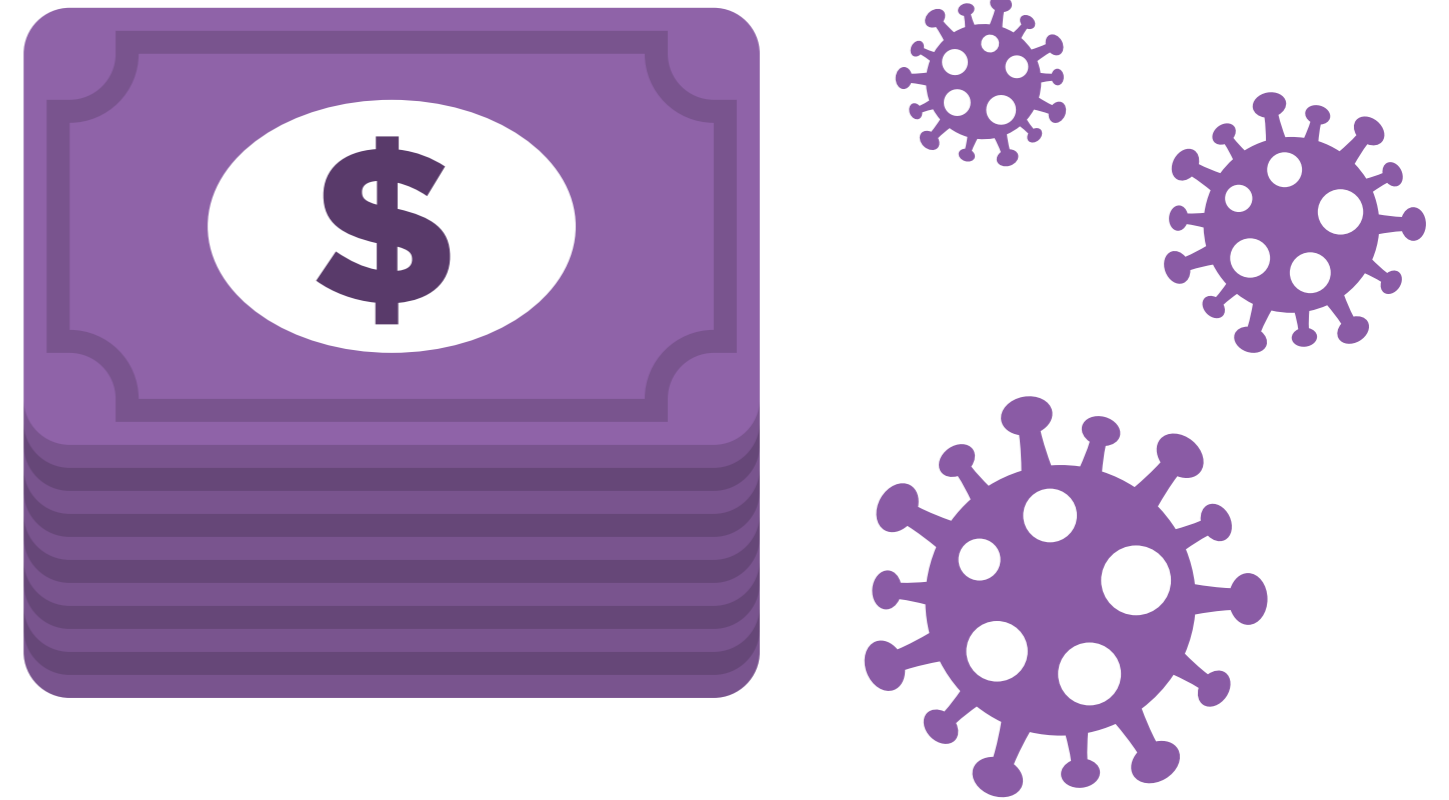
Please follow these State Government mandatory guidelines and help keep our community COVID-safe.

And please continue to support our local businesses who are once again doing it tough.

To help, the NSW Government has announced a range of assistance, including an extension of the Dine & Discover program to 31 August which can also be used for takeaways delivered directly to your home by the venue itself.

There are also grants of between \$5000 and \$10,000 for small businesses and payroll tax deferrals for all employers.

The small business support grants can be used for business expenses such as rent, utilities and wages, for which no other government support is available.



**There are two streams for the grants:**

- Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant. Available to qualifying businesses and sole traders
- Hospitality and Tourism COVID-19 Support Grant. Available to qualifying tourism or hospitality businesses

Three different grant amounts will be available for small businesses depending on the decline in turnover experienced during the restrictions - \$10,000 for a 70% decline, \$7000 for a 50% decline and \$5000 for a 30% decline.

Businesses will be able to apply for the grants through Service NSW from later this month and will need to show a decline in turnover across a minimum two-week period after the commencement of major restrictions on June 26.

More information, please visit the Service NSW website at [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au)

### **KEEP UP TO DATE ON COVID-19**

As we go to press, the situation is still fluid.

It is important to keep up to date with any changes to restrictions.

For the latest information, go to [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)





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