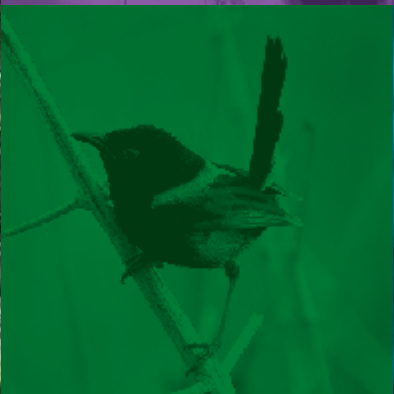




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO...

As this edition of Local Matters goes to the printer, Lismore and the North Coast are in lockdown and hope to be out at 12.01am on Saturday, 28 August.

Whether or not the lockdown is lifted, we thought this would be a good opportunity to let you know what your Council has been up to while most of us have been working from home.

Kerbside waste was still collected, our parks were mown, and our Contact Centre continued to answer calls.

Our roads crews were also hard at work on some major projects. Here is an update on some of the projects.

## **Bungabee Bridge:**

Both bridge abutments were successfully poured on Friday, 20 August. However, due to COVID-19 related issues, work on the remaining bridge structure has been delayed. Expected completion is mid-October 2021.

## **New Ballina Road (pictured):**

Most of the pavement has been widened and crews are currently installing an 80m x 3m retaining wall and drainage culverts. The large retaining wall has included removing half of the existing pavement adjacent to the retaining wall up to 4m. Expected completion is mid-November 2021.

## **Johnston Road:**

The new pavement was sealed on Wednesday, 18 August and will be open to traffic Friday, 27 August. Works involved full pavement rehabilitation and widening which included a full rock foundation treatment and overlying pavement layers.

## **Coraki Road Segment 9 – South of Wyrallah Ferry Road (minor pavement rehabilitation):**

Works are progressing well with the full 650m section now stabilised. The final pavement will be laid within the next two weeks. Expected completion is mid-September.

## **Cowlong Road (near Cameron Road):**

Works are progressing well with Stage 1 and 2 both complete and now working on Stage 3.1 near Cameron Road. This includes shoulder widenings and rock foundation treatment. Expected completion is late December and will include several stages passed Cameron Road.





# REGULAR SEWAGE TESTING HELPS KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

The three Sewage Treatment Plants in the Lismore Local Government Area are tested twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays for fragments of the COVID-19 virus.

Fragments of COVID-19 were found in Lismore City Council's South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant on August 13. This was expected as this plant services Lismore Base Hospital which was then treating a confirmed COVID-19 case.

No other fragments have been found during the regular testing at the South Lismore, East Lismore and Nimbin Sewage Treatment Plants.

Lismore City Council staff take the samples from the three treatment plants that are then sent by road via TNT Transport to NSW Health in Sydney which contracts Sydney Water to undertake the tests.

Testing for fragments in sewage is a specialised test and is not routinely available. The current testing locations have been decided based on areas of concern with advice from a steering committee and direction from the NSW Chief Health Officer.

More than 60 sewage treatment plants across NSW are currently tested for COVID-19. Fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) can enter the sewage through an infected person's faeces and when washed off hands and bodies via sinks and showers.

Acting Chief Executive Northern NSW Local Health District Lynne Weir said: "Sewage testing is an additional surveillance tool which can help provide early warning of undetected infections."

"Detections can also be due to shedding of the virus by someone who may have previously had the illness and may no longer be infectious, or from someone who has since left the area.

"Vaccinations for COVID-19 do not cause shedding of the virus into sewage or other measures as they do not contain live virus."

Lismore City Council's Coordinator of Water, Treatment and Trades Matt Potter said it was important for the community to understand that unlike in Sydney, not all sewage goes through a treatment plant.

"Many households in regional areas like ours have stand-alone septic systems that we cannot test," he said.

"Lismore local government area has about 19,000 properties and 7200 of those have on-site septic systems. That means almost 38 per cent of sewage does not go through our treatment plant and is not tested."



A photograph showing a person inside a white car, wearing a face mask and sunglasses, reaching out to pick up a bottle of hand sanitizer from a white table. The scene is outdoors, likely at a drive-thru distribution center, with other cars and tables visible in the background.

## COVID-19 SAFETY PACKS DISTRIBUTED ACROSS LISMORE AND ITS VILLAGES

Lismore City Council distributed more than 45,900 face masks, 468 litres of hand sanitiser and 97,000 disinfectant wipes while our Local Government Area was in lockdown.

Two drive-thru Distribution Centres were set up at the Lismore Library and Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre to allow members of the community to collect them from the safety of their vehicle.

A third Distribution Centre was also established at the Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre to support the Nimbin community.

The COVID-19 Safety Packs were supplied by Resilience NSW.

Council also worked with more than nine community organisation to help distribute the COVID-19 Safety Packs to those without vehicles and 'at-risk' groups, such as our indigenous community and the elderly.

As we go to print, if the current lockdown is extended beyond midnight on Saturday, 28 August, it is Council's intention to continue distributing the COVID-19 Safety Packs, dependent on demand.



# SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

The COVID-19 lockdown is affecting us all, including our local businesses that employ local people.

Many of our local restaurants and food shops are offering contact-less takeaways and/or home deliveries. The Saturday Farmers Market at the Showground is also open with COVID-19 Safety protocols in place.

Items from other local retail stores can also be purchased through their online portal.

At times like this, it's important that the community rallies around our local businesses.

And if you haven't used your Dine & Discover vouchers yet, this is the perfect opportunity.

Please remember to keep our community safe by wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing and always signing in with a Q-code.



# COUNCIL SERVICES UPDATE

Lismore City Council has had to stop and/or change how we deliver some services to the community due to the recent lockdown.

At this stage, if the lockdown is lifted as planned at 12.01am on Saturday, 28 August, we do not know what Public Health Orders will remain in place.

For the latest changes to Council's services, please follow our Facebook page and our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) for all updates.

And do not become complacent if the lockdown is lifted. Please continue to get tested even if you have the mildest of cold or flu symptoms.

Always get your information about COVID-19 from reputable sources.

**These include:**

- **NSW Health at [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)**
- **Lismore City Council website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au)**
- **Lismore City Council Facebook page**

Council would also like to thank the community for adhering to the Stay-at-Home orders and following other COVID-19 Safety rules.





# 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

**DA13/2-2 102 James Street, Dunoon:** Increase the size of deck and part roof covering the rear of the re-sited dwelling and construction of 2 single carports.

**DA15/116-2 14 Avalon Avenue, Clunes:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to increase the size of the approved carport.

**DA20/64-2 217 Koonorigan Road, Koonorigan:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to eastern wing of the dwelling which is currently approved within Stage 1 via Development Consent Notice 5.2020.64.1. The proposed modifications are: Incorporate deeper excavation under the alterations and additions to the eastern wing of the dwelling to provide an under house storage area incorporated within Stage 1; Alteration to the layout of the kitchen / dining room and deck incorporated within Stage 1; Amended design plans; Amended BASIX Certificate.

**DA21/20 12 Henderson Place, Modanville:** Demolition of existing shed and construction of a dual occupancy dwelling with an attached carport.

**DA21/100 21 Parkes Street, Girards Hill:** To raise an existing dwelling above the adopted Flood Planning Level within the Girards Hill Heritage Conservation Area.

**DA21/129 215 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges:** New shed and the use of a deck and detached room (toilet and shower) attached to an existing farm shed.

**DA21/141 57 Cecil Street, Nimbin:** Strata Subdivision (to create 2 lots).

**DA21/176 201 Mackie Road, Clunes:** To change the use of an existing studio building to a dwelling house to create a detached dual occupancy.

**DA21/177 39 Krauss Avenue, Loftville:** To undertake alterations and additions to the existing warehouse and distribution centre comprising construction of a new refrigeration plant room and the replacement of the existing evaporation tower from the roof to the former in the former plant room.

**DA21/209 18 Elm Road, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**DA21/218 4 Simons Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling addition.

**DA21/222 41 Phillip Street, Goonellabah:** To undertake the construction of a secondary dwelling, associated services, pruning of one tree and removal of one tree.

**DA21/229 14 Elm Road, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**DA21/245 13 May Street, Clunes:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA21/256 13 Grevillea Grove, Goonellabah:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA21/257 14 Sawyers Avenue, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**DA21/259 10 Sophie Street, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**DA21/263 12 Elm Road, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and retaining wall.

**DA21/271 370 Dunoon Road, Tullera:** Shed.

**DA21/277 1 Kurrajong Place, Caniaba:** To undertake the erection of a secondary dwelling and associated tree pruning.

**DA21/279 12 Mackellar Place, Goonellabah:** Shed with awning.

**DA21/286 25 Hurley Street, Lismore:** Dwelling additions and alterations (new entry room and covered deck).

**DA21/348 17 Elm Road, Goonellabah:** Dwelling and retaining walls.

**DA21/350 6 Oliver Place, East Lismore:** Dwelling addition (covered rear deck).

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).

# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

As the consent authority, Council has received the following development applications for consideration. **DA NUMBER:** 21/358

**DA NUMBER:** 21/340

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 1 Rugby Road, Lismore (Lot 116 DP755718).

**APPLICANT:** Newton Denny Chapelle.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** To undertake additions and alterations to existing Lismore Rugby Club including new change rooms, a gym, changes to the internal configuration of the existing ground floor level, the addition of a second storey that will feature a function room, bar, office facilities and covered tiered seating, a new scoreboard and mobile seating located around the main playing field.

**CLOSING DATE:** 15 September 2021.

If you wish, you may make a submission to the Council in relation to the Development Application. Any submission must specify the grounds of objection (if any).

The above Development Application(s) and accompanying documents 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).





# NEW DISASTER DASHBOARD LAUNCHED

A new online disaster dashboard will provide real-time information to help residents and visitors to Lismore be aware of, prepare for and respond to local emergencies.

From road conditions and closures, to power outages and river heights, the disaster dashboard is designed as a one-stop-shop for disaster events.

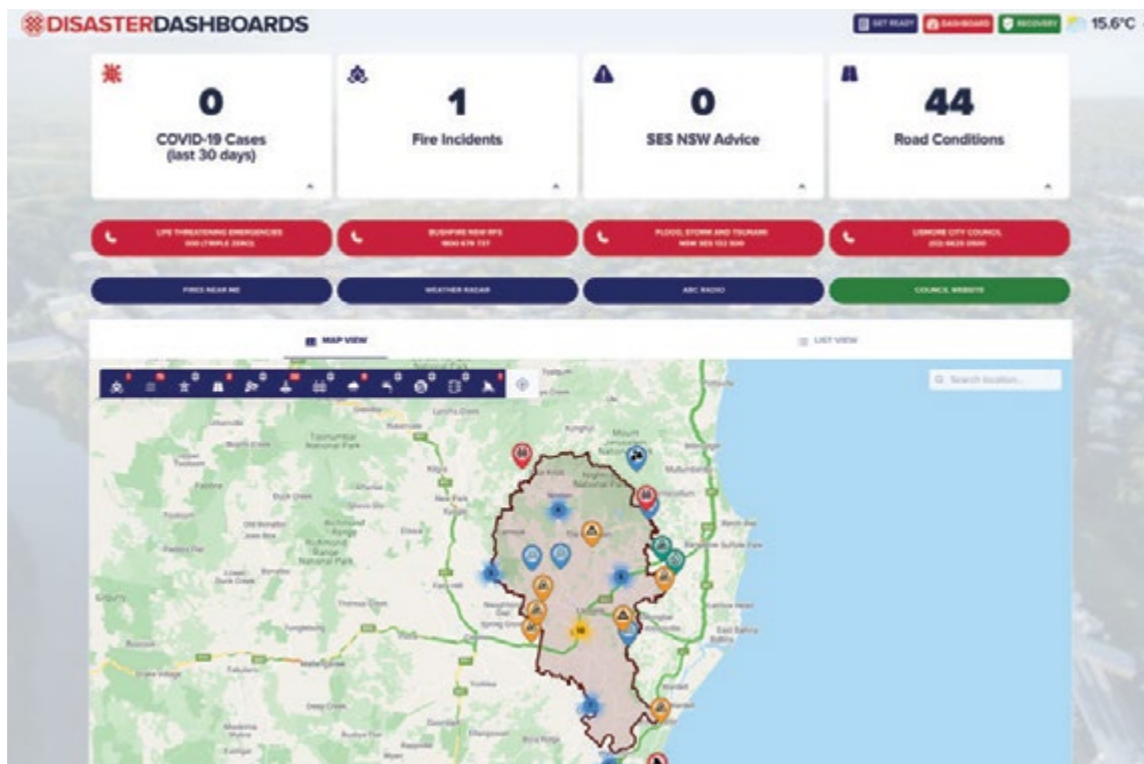
The dashboard provides links to emergency news and contacts as well as a direct feed from the Bureau of Meteorology's weather warnings.

The Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO) successfully secured the funding for the disaster dashboards for Lismore, Kyogle and Richmond Valley Councils through the Federal and State government's Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience fund.

## On the dashboard you'll find:

- Real-time information related to live emergencies
- Information to help you prepare for an emergency
- Guidance on the assistance you can access to recover from a recent emergency.

You can find the dashboard on Lismore City Council's website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and <https://disaster.lismore.nsw.gov.au>



# LEAF CACTUS: AKA SATAN PLANT

Originally introduced into Australia for its attractive flowers and unique fruit, Leaf Cactus now sits on the Australian Environmental Alert List.



Here on the Far North Coast, there are six known locations of Leaf Cactus which are being actively managed by Rous County Council.

**Leaf Cactus, or 'Satan plant'**, is a vine that grows in dense clumps and has long thin spikes which sprout in clusters along branches making control of the weed difficult. Once established, the plant seeks out the trunk of a nearby tree and will gradually climb up to form dense thickets in the branches and canopy. This weed is a threat to eucalypt communities in subtropical northern Australia.

Leaf Cactus can reproduce vegetatively via leaf or branch droppings and by seed dispersal where it may be carried vast distances by birds. With only six known locations of this weed in our region, Leaf Cactus is currently listed as a regional priority for eradication.

Biosecurity is everyone's duty and with community assistance we can get rid of this weed in our region once and for all.

If you suspect you have seen this weed, please report your sighting immediately to Rous County Council on 66 233 800. For more information scan the QR code which will direct you to a full description of the plant via the Weedwise app.





# RURAL TOURISM UPDATE

During 2020, Council conducted a survey on Rural Tourism to gather community views about how proposals for land uses such as wedding venues, health spas, yoga retreats, micro breweries and distilleries should be managed in Lismore's rural areas.

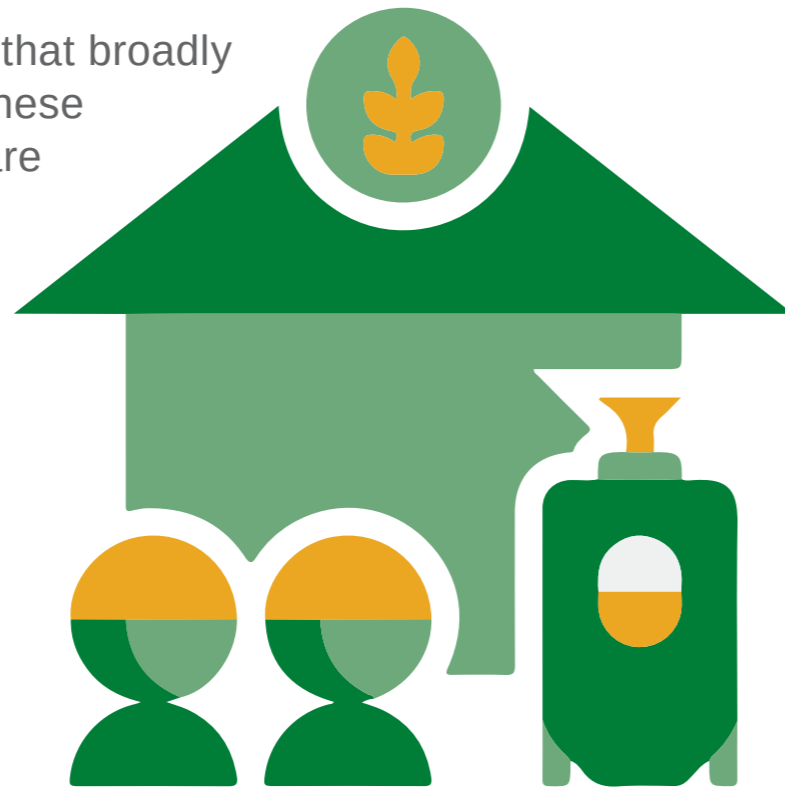
This data was then used to inform a Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environmental Plan to enable the land uses Artisan Food & Drink Industry, Recreation Facility (indoor – limited to health studio or similar) and Function Centres in the RU1 Primary Production zone (most of Lismore's rural areas).

On 9 March 2021, Council resolved to support this Planning Proposal. Not long after the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) released an 'Explanation of Intended Effect' that proposed a much broader range of reforms to Agritourism and small-scale agriculture developments.

These proposed changes, if introduced, have the potential to significantly impact the Planning Proposal that Council supported and could even make it unnecessary. Therefore, Council withdrew this Planning Proposal pending the outcome of DPIE's raft of changes being introduced, which is expected to be at the end of 2021.

Staff made a submission to DPIE that broadly articulated Council's position on these reforms. Once the final changes are announced by DPIE, Council will decide if any further amendments are needed to the Lismore LEP to achieve the intent of the original Planning Proposal.

**If you have any queries about this project, please contact Council's Strategic Planner, Sally Slater on 6625 0500.**



# TENDER T21/19 GLASS PROCESSING FACILITY AND MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Council is inviting submissions from appropriately qualified and experienced tenderers to design, supply and install a Glass Processing Facility and associated improvements to the existing Lismore City Council (LCC) waste facility Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at 313 Wyrallah Road, Lismore.

A site inspection will be held on the 2 September 2021 (COVID restrictions allowing).

The contract must be completed by 15 June 2022.

Tender submissions close at 2pm Thursday, 16 September 2021.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://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**.







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