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Council is currently working with the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre and Friends of Nimbin Pool to establish a volunteer roster and provide training so the pool can open with the help of community volunteers.

While we understand this is disappointing for the community, it is essential that we follow the COVID-19 Public Health Orders set down by the NSW Government and find a solution that we can implement permanently over the summer months.

We will provide a further update about the Nimbin Pool in early October but anticipate the pool to be opened towards the end of October.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should email Friends of Nimbin Pool at [friendsofnimbinpool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnimbinpool@gmail.com).

## MEMORIAL BATHS ARE OPEN, NIMBIN POOL REMAINS CLOSED

The popular Lismore Memorial Baths have re-opened for the Summer Season.

The Baths are open Monday to Friday from 6am to 6pm, and on Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm.

When daylight savings begins on Sunday, 3 October, the weekend closing times will be extended to 7pm, allowing swimmers to enjoy the warmer weather.

Due to COVID-19, at this stage the Baths are only open for recreational swimming, with no Learn to Swim, Squad, Agua or Swimfit classes permitted.

Unfortunately, the Nimbin Pool will remain closed during the September school holidays as Council must have people on site at the free pool to monitor COVID-19 safety measures during opening hours.



# NESBITT PARK MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS COURSE OPENS

Riders of all types can now enjoy the new Mountain Bike Skills Course at Nesbitt Park after it was recently opened by Lismore Mayor Vanessa Ekins, NSW Member of the Legislative Council Ben Franklin and State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin.

The new track will allow beginner to intermediate riders to learn their mountain biking skills while enjoying the outdoors.

Lismore City Council received a grant of \$268,956 under the NSW Government's Round 2 Stronger Country Communities Funding on behalf of the local Richmond Rivers Riders Club to build the track.

The course was designed and constructed by World Trails which installs mountain bike facilities in Australia and around the world. It has been designed to help beginner and intermediate mountain bike riders develop their skills on various natural elements they may find on actual bushland trails.

Our parks team also landscaped the site to provide seating and shade for parents and friends of riders. Only native plants were used and the seating has been upcycled from old pylons.

This facility will add yet another element of play that the community can experience at Nesbitt Park which already has playground equipment, a 1km walking track, exercise equipment, BBQ's, sporting fields and a Radio-Controlled Car facility.

The project included demolishing part of the existing dirt bike track which will soon play host to a new asphalt BMX Pump Track. Planning is currently underway for this new facility with completion set for around Christmas, weather and COVID dependent.



# GRANT FUNDS THREE EXCITING PROJECTS

Council has received funding for three new projects including the reconstruction of New Ballina Road, a shade cover over Heritage Park's Waterplay area and an enhancement of the footpath along Keen Street.

The projects are partly or fully funded by a \$2 million grant from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

Over the last few months, Council's road crews have been busy upgrading New Ballina Road which is a primary collector road linking the CBD with Lismore Heights.

This has been an ongoing project that is now nearly completion with works expected to be finished by late November, weather permitting.

It has been a huge job but most of the pavement has now been widened and our road crews are currently installing an 80m x 3m retaining wall and drainage culverts. The large retaining wall involved removing half of the existing pavement adjacent to the retaining wall up to 4m.

Families will also benefit from the grant, with a shade cover to be installed over the water play area in the popular Heritage Park. This was a suggestion by the community following the recent upgrade of the park.

Council is also about to start consulting with the community about a \$1.2 million upgrade to the footpath along Keen Street between Woodlark and Magellan Streets.



# BIOCYCLE COMPOST IS BACK!

After a two-year break, Council is pleased to announce that our BIOCycle Compost is again ready for sale from the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.

The 2019 fire at the waste facility meant Council had to cease selling compost due to product quality issues. Since then, we have undertaken repairs to the compost pad area caused by the fire and changed the way the compost is processed to ensure a better product.

## The main changes are:

- All material to be processed now only comes from within the Lismore Local Government Area, rather than from across the region. This means we will be processing smaller quantities
- The material from kerbside Green Organics Bins is now fed through a process where it is carefully screened by staff to remove all the large plastics and other contaminants
- We have had to increase the price of the compost and the way it is distributed

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Once the Lismore Revolve Shop re-opens, you can purchase a 15kg/20L bag of our certified organic BIOCycle compost for \$14. Limited amounts of bulk compost is also available and delivery can be arranged.

For more information, visit [www.northernriverswaste.com.au](http://www.northernriverswaste.com.au) and look under 'Organics & Compost' or phone our Contact Centre on 6625 0500.





# 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

**DA20/449-2 2 Mitch Place, Chilcotts Grass:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to retaining walls: 1) Increase the height of retaining wall A to 1600mm and extend the length adjacent to western boundary by 18 metres 2) Delete a section of retaining wall A adjacent to northern boundary and 3) Delete retaining walls B and C.

**DA21/234 1290A Bruxner Highway, Lindendale:** Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling, inground swimming pool and construction of an expanded dwelling.

**DA21/240 1011 Pinchin Road, The Channon:** Construction of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy.

**DA21/241 15 Willow Tree Drive, Chilcotts Grass:** Strata subdivision (2 lots).

**DA21/247 912 Boatharbour Road, Eltham:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA21/265 115 Dawson Street, Lismore:** To change the use of the existing building to a community facility.

**DA21/278 42 Dunromin Drive, Modanville:** Shed with a reduced building line of 7.5m to Dunromin Drive.

**DA21/284 124A Ballina Road, Lismore:** Change the use of the existing building from a medical centre to a residential dwelling.

**DA21/297 95A Lagoon Grass Road, Lagoon Grass:** Dwelling.

**DA21/309 10 Remnant Drive and 1 Avalon Avenue, Clunes:** Dwelling alterations and additions.

**DA21/343 45 Schneiders Lane, McKees Hill:** Dwelling.

**DA21/389 74 Trinity Drive, Goonellabah:** Dwelling addition (insulated roof over existing deck).

**DA21/396 17 Highland Crescent, Goonellabah:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA21/404 4 Magnus Court, Goonellabah:** Two storey dwelling and retaining walls.

**DA21/423 19 James Road, Goonellabah:** Dwelling addition (carport).

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).





## MORTIMER OVAL PICKET FENCE PROJECT

The Mortimer Field Picket Fence construction project is underway, and weather permitting will be finished by the end of this month in time for the cricket season starting in October, COVID dependent.

The fence will help to keep dogs off the field and interrupting play when it is being used by the AFL and cricket as well as beautifying the surrounding parklands.

The \$115,000 project is funded through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and involves some minor earthworks that began at the start of September, followed by the fence installation that started last week.

The fence is manufactured from galvanised steel and powder coated for strength and longevity with all posts concreted into the ground.

Council would like to thank the Lismore Swans Junior AFL club for applying for the funding, and also those individuals, clubs and associations that provided feedback during the consultation process.



## Disaster preparation, recovery and adaptation – free Business Connect programs

NORTEC Small Business Solutions presents a free webinar series to help small businesses prepare, recover and adapt from the effects of a disaster.

Whether we like it or not, the threat of disaster in NSW is real - be it drought, fire, flood or pandemic. These webinars will help businesses to learn risks and get ready to recover stronger from disasters, along with pivoting and future proofing business.

- **Preparing and recovering from a disaster**

1-3pm Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Find out more and register at

[www.nortecsmallbiz.org/preparing-and-recovering-from-a-disaster](http://www.nortecsmallbiz.org/preparing-and-recovering-from-a-disaster)

- **Adapting your business from a disaster**

1-3pm Tuesday, 12 October 2021

Find out more and register at

[www.nortecsmallbiz.org/adapting-your-business-from-a-disaster](http://www.nortecsmallbiz.org/adapting-your-business-from-a-disaster)

## Business Community Resilience Toolkit Program – free online corporate2community program

Developed to help build resilience in businesses and communities, the Business Community Resilience (BCR) Toolkit is a 12-month online program funded under the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund. BCR has been developed by corporate2community in conjunction with councils, business chambers and other regional groups.

Open to every size and type of business, the program is designed to help business build on disaster planning and build connections with other local businesses for resilience.

The first Northern Rivers BCR module goes live in October 2021.

Find out more and register at <https://grants.corporate2community.com>

# COUNCIL DECIDES...

## At Council's Ordinary September meeting on Tuesday, 24 September:

- Council resolved (unanimous) to write to the Premier, Opposition leader, Minister for Local Government, Opposition spokesperson for Local Government and David Shoebridge MLC seeking their commitment to support the Local Government Amendment (Prohibition of Election of Property Developers Bill) which is currently before the Parliament which seeks to prohibit property developers from holding office as local councillors in NSW. Council will request that the proposed prohibition be extended to property industry professionals, including real estate agents
- Council resolved (four in favour, five against including the Mayor's casting vote) not to grant Development Consent to develop 805 and 811 Ballina Road, Goonellabah. (Refused on the grounds of impact on the natural and built environment, the suitability of the site for development and the public interest.)
- Council resolved (5 in favour, 3 against) to approve the proposed subdivision at 55 Dunoon Road and 8 Sexton Road
- All other matters in the business papers were passed

**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, 12 October 2021.



# AND WE ARE OUT OF LOCKDOWN (AGAIN)

## We are sure the whole community sighed with relief on last Wednesday's announcement that we are out of lockdown.

We would like to thank everyone who has been tested and followed the COVID-safety guidelines. You have all helped to keep our community safe.

Now is not the time to become complacent as we have seen how easy it is to be thrown back into lockdown.

Please continue to wear a mask while inside public buildings, use hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing.

To find up to date information on COVID guidelines and where you can get tested, go to [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

We will also keep the community updated on our Facebook page and website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) about what restrictions remain in place and any changes to how Council delivers its services.

Most importantly, continue to be kind to yourself and each other. And remember to take the time to get outside and 'smell the roses' – it is Spring after all.







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