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A FREE CONCERT FOR LISMORE

To celebrate the resilience and lift the spirits of our community, Lismore City Council, Chugg Entertainment and Helium will stage a free concert dubbed *One From The Heart* at the Lismore Showgrounds on Sunday, 15 May.

With a star-studded line up, One From The Heart is a chance for everyone to catch up with friends and neighbours, have a dance, have a laugh – and at least for a while – forget about the last couple of months.

It's also a great chance to thank the ADF, SES and other Emergency Services for helping our community over the last couple of months.

Each family within the most affected areas (postcodes 2480, 2471 and 2472) will be able to order four free tickets to the show via www.moshtix.com.au.

There are also a limited number of tickets available to people outside these postcodes.

Gates open at midday with the concert concluding at 9.30pm.

There will be NO parking at The Showgrounds, however, a free shuttle bus service will operate from key locations from 11.30am until 10.30pm.

Avoid the fuss and catch a bus from:

- Molesworth Street bus bay, park in Clyde Campbell Carpark.
- Transit Centre, park in Kirklands Carpark
- Lismore Railway Station, Union Street, South Lismore, park in Station's Carpark.

ONE FROM THE HEART

A **FREE** CONCERT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE LISMORE REGION

**GRINSPOON
PAUL KELLY & DAN KELLY
JON STEVENS
LIME CORDIALE
SHEPPARD
DARYL BRAITHWAITE
DARLINGHURST
THE BUCKLEYS**

SUNDAY 15 MAY | LISMORE SHOWGROUNDS | GATES OPEN 12 NOON
CONCERT 1PM-9PM

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

FREE TO RESIDENTS IN 2471, 2472 & 2480 POSTCODES. "OUT-OF-TOWNERS": \$100 + Booking Fee + GST + Credit Card Fees
LIMIT OF 4 TICKETS PER TRANSACTION • THIS IS AN ALL TICKETED EVENT • TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE GATE **MOSHTIX**

HELPING TO EASE THE REBUILD

To assist with Lismore's rebuild, Council has introduced a number of measures to assist.

Temporary Establishment of Flood effected Businesses:

Council is allowing some businesses under certain circumstances to re-locate and/or operate in temporary premises for a period of up to 12 months. This is designed to allow businesses to partially re-establish and or maintain some momentum, while repair/rebuild is occurring at the original business premise. Further information can be found under Business and Industry at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Re- Establishment of existing Business Premises:

Approval from Council is not required if businesses are simply re-establishing their premises and work is carried out under the supervision of licensed tradesperson(s). Certification is still required for any electrical, plumbing, plastering, fire safety or the like service. In some cases, food or similar type of businesses will require an inspection by Council's Public Health Officers.

Local business pop-ups at CBD Community Hub

Council is making it easier for local flood-affected businesses to set up a pop-up shop at the Lismore Community Hub, located at Harold Fredericks Car Park between the Quad and Dawson Street.

Pop-ups are defined as shops, businesses, offices, markets and other community uses that operate on a temporary basis. For more information, go to www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/flood-2022-information or email business@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Moveable dwellings for temporary accommodation

Council understands that it will take our community a long time to recover from the February natural disaster. To assist, our Built Environment team has prepared a fact sheet about a temporary accommodation 'option' for residents who have been displaced from their homes as a result of the flood.

People who have been displaced from their homes as a result of the flood can install a moveable dwelling, such as a caravan, on land without Council's approval for up to two years. More information can be found under Planning & Development at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



MAJORITY OF PARKS OPEN FOR PLAY

During the recent flooding events that devastated our region, many of our parks and recreational facilities were damaged.

Council teams have been busy cleaning and preparing our local parks, gardens, sporting fields and reserves so our community can once again enjoy our outdoor spaces.

The good news is that Council has restored the majority of our parks and sporting fields which are now open to the public. However, with maintenance services significantly impacted, they may not be up to their usual high standards.

Heritage Park play equipment is open and kids can also take advantage of the Heritage Park Railway which is open and operating as per normal hours. Unfortunately, the waterplay area will be closed until spring due to damage.

Council has had to close all BBQ facilities in the Lismore CBD basin due to damage and have scheduled them for repair. Wade Park remains closed to the public until cleaning and repairs are completed.

Sporting fields remain a priority so the community can enjoy competitive sports. Mowing and line marking have started so competitions can continue in the coming weeks. Field lighting is not available for many sporting fields impacted by flooding, and Council is awaiting electrical audits for further planning.

For parks and spaces that have been damaged, Council has submitted grant funding applications for all repairs needed to the NSW and Federal Governments and is awaiting approval.

If you find any hidden damage or a safety risk in any of our parks and open spaces, please do not hesitate to report defects to Council on 6625 0500.



BUILDING BACK BETTER

Community feedback wanted on post-flood review of land use management strategy.

Lismore City Council was due to undertake a periodic review of its Growth Management Strategy (GMS) which is a strategic land use planning document that identifies suitable land for future residential, commercial and industrial use. But the floods of February and March have led to a complete rethink about how we plan to rebuild a regional city located at the convergence of two rivers.

Council has released a discussion paper that presents some broad brushstrokes for how Lismore can build back better.

Some of the strategic objectives identified include:

- A planned retreat of the most high-flood risk areas of North and South Lismore. Council will advocate for a State and Federal Government funded land swap arrangement to allow residents to move to higher ground but remain close to existing social networks and jobs.
- Protection of the CBD and land on the eastern side of the Wilsons River through flood mitigation measures.
- Investigations into expanding the industrial precinct at Goonellabah.
- Preliminary design and feasibility work to establish whether a new commercial or mixed-use precinct could be located on the golf course land at East Lismore.
- New medium density zoning and increased height controls for strategically located flood-free sites.

- Ensuring affordable housing is included as part of Lismore's growth by introducing an Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme (AHCS) for all land identified for future residential rezoning or a change in LEP controls to allow for greater density. An AHCS is a mechanism in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act that allows Council to collect developer contributions for the purpose of providing new affordable housing.
- Review of the Infrastructure Delivery program to identify how we can fast-track infrastructure to new land releases outside of flood affected areas.

The aim of the review is to set a strategic direction for growth and rebuilding in Lismore and to ensure that in the long-term there is a suitable supply of land available for new and existing businesses and a suitable supply of flood-free residential land. The discussion paper also identifies land that is available in the short to medium term and where growth has occurred since the GMS was adopted in 2015.

The review of Lismore's Land Management Strategy discussion paper is available at www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Written feedback can be provided until June 10, 2022. Two public forums will be organised during this time with dates and venues to be confirmed.





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

DA21/425 1 and 11A Alternative Way, Nimbin: To undertake subdivision and boundary adjustment of 2 existing lots to create three (3) lots, specifically: 1) Lot 1 with an area of 1.8ha as a vacant village lot to be used for recreational purposes (reserve and Nimbin walking trail known as Rainbow Road); and 2) Lot 2 with an area of 1.13ha to increase the size of the Rainbow Power Company land; and 3) Lot 3 with an area of 3454m² as vacant residential land.

DA21/447 725 Stony Chute Road, Stoney Chute: Dwelling and carport.

DA21/502 9 Phillip Street, Goonellabah: To undertake the erection of a secondary dwelling, associated earthworks and lop two (2) trees being a jacaranda and cypress pine.

DA21/510 302 Keen Street, Girards Hill: To complete the construction of a partially erected structure for use as a Garage with a building line variation to 2.688metres to John Street and the construction of a retaining wall.

DA21/532 29 Bruxner Crescent, Goonellabah: Dwelling additions and alterations and use of previously constructed rear awning.

DA21/596 97 Hunters Hill Road, Corndale: Dwelling.

DA21/606 64 Federation Drive, Eltham: Dwelling alterations and additions, inground swimming pool with associated deck.

DA21/616 24 Rous Road, Goonellabah: To undertake a subdivision of one (1) lot to create three (3) new lots.

DA21/622 4 Melaleuca Court, Caniaba: To undertake the erection of a new dwelling to create a detached occupancy and alterations and additions to existing dwelling comprising pool, decking and covered outdoor area.

DA21/624 21 First Avenue, East Lismore: Subdivision to create two (2) lots and the removal of four (4) trees.

DA21/628 54 Cullen Road, Nimbin: Shed.

DA22/33 160 Coraki Road, South Gundurimba: Construction of two sheds and earthworks (cut and fill).

DA22/69 532 Ballina Road, Goonellabah: Dwelling alterations and additions.

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.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER HARDSHIP POLICY

Council was legally required to issue Rate Notices to all of the Local Government Area on 30 April 2022.

In addition, water invoices are to be issued in early May 2022.

Advice received from the Office of Local Government suggests that the most appropriate mechanism for Council to provide rate relief is through its Hardship Policy. Councillors will consider a revised Hardship Policy at their next Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday, 10 May 2022.

If you are experiencing hardship or have any questions regarding rates or water accounts, please do not hesitate to call our Contact Centre on 6625 0500.

Once Councillors set the new policy, which will cover both rates and charges, such as water, Council will notify the community via its Facebook page, the next issue of Local Matters and our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your ongoing patience as Council works through these issues.





LISMORE LIBRARY UPDATE

Repairs have started in the Lismore Library, however, as yet we do not have a re-opening date.

While repairs are being undertaken, a Lismore Pop Up Library has been set up at the Library Support Services building in the Goonellabah industrial estate. Library members and visitors can now visit two library locations in Goonellabah, with access to collections, computers, accessible parking and library programs. Early childhood programs have restarted at the Goonellabah Library, and book clubs, young writer's and craft groups are running at the Lismore Pop Up Library.

The Lismore Pop Up Library can be found at 6 Centenary Drive, Goonellabah. For more information, call 6621 2464.

Life Writing with Patti Miller

Patti Miller joins us at the Lismore Pop Up Library to set you on the journey of writing about your life. Based on the best-selling text, *Writing True Stories*, the art and joy of autobiographical writing is revealed through original exercises.

Patti will be presenting a small workshop and an additional talk based around the rewards and value of life writing.

Bookings are essential, with a small lunch provided. Call 02 6621 2464
Monday, 16 May. Workshop: 10am - 1pm
Talk: Value of life writing, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Law Week – Navigating the System

Decisions made by government agencies and services like Centrelink or health services can have a major impact on you.

Hear from a Legal Aid NSW lawyer about how to make complaints and dispute decisions.

Monday, 16 May: 10am - 11am at Lismore Pop Up Library
Thursday, 19 May: 2pm - 3pm, Mobile Library in Nimbin
For bookings, call 02 6621 2464.



WASTE REMOVAL UPDATE

More than 59,000 tonnes of flood waste have now been removed from Lismore under the supervision of Public Works Advisory.

Now that around 95% of flood waste has been removed from our CBD and affected residential areas, we ask businesses and residents to do the following:

- Building waste generated by contractor's doing repairs etc. should be disposed of by the contractor through a normal process. This material isn't classified as flood waste and it is not to be dumped on the kerb.
- Similarly, those doing their own repairs should hire a skip bin or employ a rubbish disposal contractor to dispose of their building waste.
- Anyone with asbestos or other hazardous materials, the process remains the same as before. Please call Council on 6625 0500 to arrange pick up. For tips on how to handle asbestos, go to www.northernriverswaste.com.au

Please keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for any future updates.



REBUILDING COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE

The unprecedented flooding has caused widespread damage across Council's assets.

Since the first flooding event, Council has worked to restore essential infrastructure, reopen roads and help with the disaster recovery effort.

In this edition, we will update on the progress of two essential services which were heavily impacted and how Council has responded.

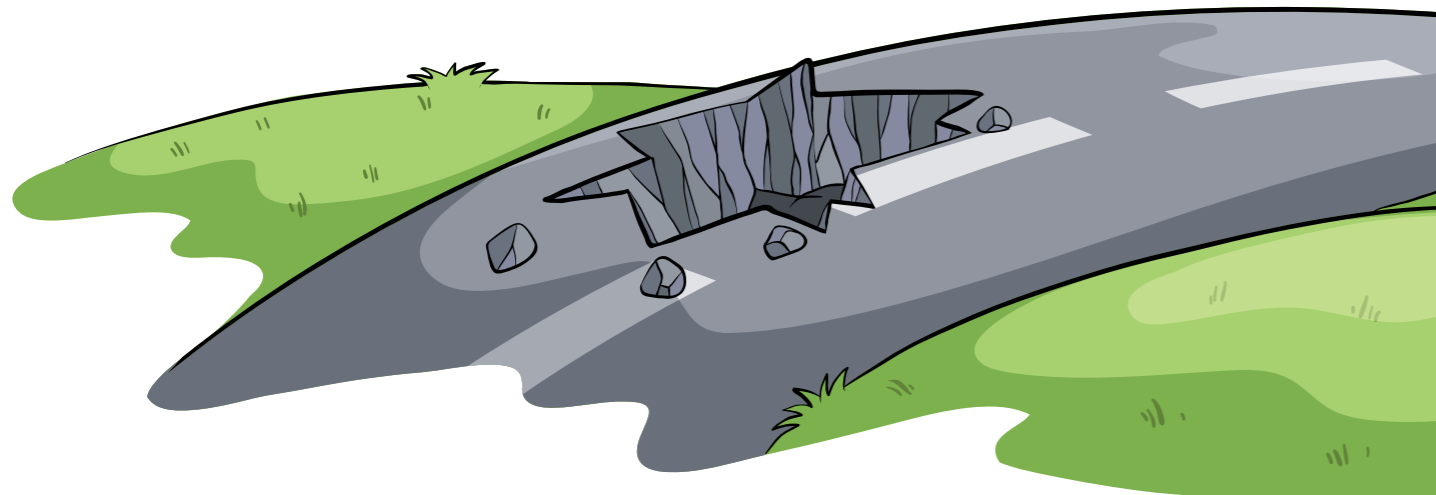
Roads

Roads across our entire Local Government Area have had significant damage.

Our crews are working hard to ensure our roads are safe, however, it will take time and we ask for the community's patience.

Council assessments on our roads has concluded that approximately 1200kms of road has suffered extensive damage with an estimated cost of \$200 million to repair and rebuild.

So far Council has conducted emergency repair jobs on more than 80 roads to ensure access for residents to their properties following landslips and washouts. This equates to around \$5 million of earthmoving machines, rocks, gravel and asphalt that Council has used in repairs since 28 February. This is covered by disaster funding from the State and Federal Government.



Sewerage Treatment Plant

The two Sewerage Treatment Plant's (STP) in Lismore suffered damage as a result of the 28 February flooding.

The South Lismore STP received significant damage, however it is currently treating sewerage internally that meets the Environment Protection Authority's licence.

As soon as flood waters receded, Council worked to restore power and repair damaged equipment to allow sewerage to be treated in an emergency environment.

At the East Lismore STP, the flood caused extensive damage to both the collection system and critical infrastructure which will require a complete rebuild.

Emergency rectification works to restore treatment capacity, manage public health and environmental impacts are being prioritised. The East Lismore STP is currently providing primary and partial secondary treatment prior to discharging into Monaltrie Creek. Further restoration of treatment conditions will be coming online over the next month.



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