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LISMORE OPENING OUR HEART

As already announced, Lismore City Council is planning a month-long series of free events to mark the one-year anniversary of the February 2022 natural disaster.

We have decided to change the name of the series to 'Opening Our Heart' to better reflect the journey that our community is on as we take time to remember the events of 28 February 2022, while also looking forward with a sense of determination to rebuild our city and our lives.

We would love for you to join us for the events to help us all Reflect, Reconnect and Heal... and to bring joy of life, family, friendship, music, art and food back to the streets and heart of our amazing and unique community.



GATHERING OF REFLECTIONS AND HEALING

A non-denominational service for residents across the Northern Rivers. Mortimer Oval, Uralba Street 6pm to 8pm. Service between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

An all ages gathering through Lismore's historic block. 2pm to 8pm on Saturday, 4 March.

Line-up includes Ninajirachi, Kyle Lionhart, The Colliflowers, Billy Gudgeon Band, Cath Simes Band, Pink Zinc, Dean Vegas – A Tribute to Elvis, Travis Collins and lots more local entertainers. There will be lots of roaming entertainers, car shows, jumping castles, face painters and lots more entertainment throughout the day.

TICKETED EVENTS

While all events are free, some are ticketed due to capacity at some venues. Go to www.visitlismore.com.au for all tickets and details.

FROM THE HEART – COMMUNITY CONCERT

For residents in the 2480 postcode with well-known and local bands. Lismore Turf Club from 1pm to 6pm on Sunday, 5 March.

Artists include Casey Barnes and Amy Sheppard (cover photo) and many more international artists – Watch this space! Tickets now available.

LEGENDS OF THE GAME 20/20 CRICKET PICNIC DAY

Australian and International players featuring Adam Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting, Jason Gillespie, Chris Lyn and many more. Oakes Oval, Lismore, 1pm to 6pm on Saturday, 11 March.

Tickets available from Monday, 20 February.

OPERA IN THE GARDENS

Lismore Turf Club, 3pm to 5pm on Sunday, 19 March.

Performers include Paul Tabone – Mirusia, Josh Robson and Georgina Hopson.

Tickets available from Wednesday, 22 February.

LISMORE CBD GETTING BACK TO BUSINESS

With Lismore about to mark its one-year anniversary of the 28 February natural disaster, an audit of local Lismore CBD business reveals the city is on the road to recovery.

A CBD audit conducted by Council's Destination and Economy team at the end of January found an occupancy rate of 60% across the inner CBD area, which includes street-front and upstairs premises.

"This is great news for our whole community," Mayor Steve Krieg said.

"The CBD is not just where we shop, it's where we come together as a community.

"This audit shows promising growth in the number of local businesses and organisations operating in the CBD, compared with the previous post-flood audit conducted in August 2022 which found an occupancy rate of just 38.3%.

"It's fair to say that we are well on the way to our pre-flood occupation rate of 90.2%, which was recorded at the end of February 2022 audit just prior to the natural disaster."

Occupation rate improvements across the CBD (indicated by positive percentage change) include:

- 65% increase in overall occupation since August 2022, when an occupation rate of 38% was recorded.
- Shopfront occupation rate of 56% (up 47% from August 2022) and 65% occupation of upstairs premises (up 31% from August 2022).

About the CBD Audit conducted by Lismore City Council's Destination and Economy team

In January 2023, the team audited 580 street front and upstairs premises (including businesses, organisations, residencies, pop-ups and vacancies) around pre-determined central portions of Keen, Molesworth, Woodlark, Conway, Magellan and Carrington streets.

This is the second CBD audit after the 2022 flood disaster, with previous audits undertaken in August 2022 (post-flood) and February 2022 (immediately prior to floods). The same area of the CBD has been audited by Council staff annually since 2017.

Below are the street-by-street occupation figures for January 2023:

- Keen Street occupancy rate – **67%**
- Molesworth Street occupancy rate – **61%**
- Woodlark Street occupancy rate – **59%**
- Conway Street occupancy rate – **58%**
- Magellan Street occupancy rate – **56%**
- Carrington Street occupancy rate – **51%**



MEET THE LCC EXECUTIVE TEAM

Lismore City Council's new Executive team are now fully in place with General Manager Jon Gibbons beginning his new five-year role last week.

Mr Gibbons, who has a long history in local government, heads the new team that includes Chief Financial Officer Kristian Enevoldson, Chief Operating Officer Dr Brendan Logan and Executive Manager Economy & Growth Eber Butron.

Lismore Mayor Steve Krieg officially welcomed Jon who he described as "the stand-out candidate during a rigorous recruitment process and the unanimous choice of Councillors".

"I am looking forward to working with Jon and his team to rebuild Lismore," he said.

Mr Gibbons was previously Business Performance and Governance at Gold Coast City Council. He also served four years as the Chief Executive of Scenic Rim Council, as well as Chief Executive at Norfolk Island and Carpentaria councils.

He holds an MBA and qualifications in Urban and Regional Planning, Environmental Health, Local Government management and Project Management.

Mr Gibbons said he was looking forward to building strong relationships with the Mayor, Councillors, Council's employees and the community after what has been a very hard 12 months for the city.

"I recognise Lismore's recovery is going to require coordinated teamwork, stability and determination, and together we can achieve a lot," he said.



THE NEXT PHASE OF RECONSTRUCTION FOR COUNCIL ASSETS

Almost 12 months on from the devastating February natural disaster and March major flood, Council has completed the initial emergency and immediate repair process and is moving into the next phase of its asset reconstruction process.

More than 100 Council sites were damaged or destroyed in the disaster, including buildings, parks and public toilets.

Council has appointed Bennetts Constructions as head contractor to manage the majority of the required rebuilds. Council will be working closely with Bennetts and NSW Public Works Advisory (PWA) to lodge the necessary documentation and cost estimates for the repairs to Council buildings.

Council is working through a prioritisation process to determine which facilities will be fixed first. Focus is on ensuring buildings and facilities that provide social benefits are high on the list, bearing in mind the scale and scope of works required.

Some of the major facilities to be rebuilt include the Library, Art Gallery, City Hall, Memorial Baths, Albert Park and the old Council Chambers which houses the Richmond River Historical Society.

To keep up to date with Lismore's rebuild, go to www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov and look under the Flood Restoration – Buildings, Parks and Facilities tab.



MARCH BUSINESS RENEWAL FORUMS

Let us know about current business needs, your priorities and achievements, and share ideas for 2023 to help our business centres buzz and Lismore's economic ecosystem thrive.

Your input will inform Council's planning, advocacy and collaborations with government agencies, and our work together with local businesses and organisations to progress through disaster recovery and renewal.

Please register and get involved via yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au for an upcoming Business Renewal Forum

- Monday afternoon 13 March
- Tuesday morning 14 March (times and Lismore venues to be announced).

The forum sessions will be facilitated by Jane Laverty, Regional Director Northern Rivers BUSINESS NSW. Council's Destination and Economy team will update you on economic insights and our activation, promotions and support efforts since the August 2022 Business Renewal Forum session. You will also have the chance to hear from leaders and representatives across Council and other government agencies.

Around 12 months on from the 2022 natural disaster, this engagement builds on efforts across the Lismore Local Government Area. We acknowledge that this is a long journey - with much positive progress to reflect upon thanks to local businesses, community and supporting agencies, along with considerable challenges ahead and longer-term strategic initiatives in development with State and Federal government. We value all the engagement our community has contributed to date.

Contact business@lismore.nsw.gov.au for more information.



DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4.59 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

DA13/305-5 29, 1/29 and 2/29 Greenwood Drive, Goonellabah: Section 4.55(1A) modification to rectify an anomaly contained within Condition 6 of the consent which restricts works within the tree protection zone (TPZ) of nominated trees to those works associated with the construction of the driveway and installation of services only; and a modification to provide brickwork in the cavity wall in lieu of blockwork.

DA22/113-2 203 Woodlawn Road, North Lismore: For the use of internal alterations and additions to the main building of an educational establishment (St John's College – Woodlawn).

DA22/194 705 Ballina Road, Goonellabah: Shed.

DA22/199 54 Waratah Way, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool.

DA22/265 191 Military Road, East Lismore: To undertake reconstruction and drainage works to the existing soccer fields. The works comprise minor earthworks and drainage infrastructure.

DA22/280 11 Elm Road, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool.

DA22/312 475 Rosebank Road, Rosebank: Inground swimming pool.

DA22/322 185 Lake Street, North Lismore: To undertake the erection of an office building for the Cattle Sales Yard.

DA22/335 4 Ramsay Close, Goonellabah: Construction of two retaining walls to tier back yard.

DA22/363 187 Billen Road, Georgica: Dwelling.

DA22/370 3 Little Dawson Street and 20 McLennan Lane Lismore: Demolition of buildings.

DA22/382 9 Quail Place, Richmond Hill: Shed.

DA22/383 374 Caniaba Road, Caniaba: Shed.

DA23/001 466 Caniaba Road, Caniaba: Dwelling.

DA23/008 39 Whispering Valley Drive, Richmond Hill: Dwelling addition (insulated patio roof).

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.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

As the consent authority, Council has received the following development applications for consideration.

DA NUMBER: 23/2

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 38 Trevan Road, East Lismore (DP 776090 Lot 4).

APPLICANT: Mr Malcolm Scott Consultant Town Planner.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To undertake the change of use of an existing 3 unit light industrial shed as storage premises (2 x self-storage units) and small scale animal boarding or training establishment (1 unit) and to undertake the erection of an additional 4 unit light industrial shed to be used for storage premises (4 x self-storage units) and the removal of one Jacaranda tree.

CLOSING DATE: 6 March 2023.

DA NUMBER: 92/523.5

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 72 Riverbank Road, Monaltrie (Lot 4 DP 701527).

APPLICANT: Mr M B Santin.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Section 4.55(2) Application to Modify Development Consent 1992/523 to extend the life of the quarry at 72 River Bank Road, Monaltrie by 16 years to 12 May 2036.

The proposal is classified as nominated integrated development in accordance with s4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Approval from the NSW Natural Resource Access Regulator is required in accordance with Water Management Act 2000.

The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

CLOSING DATE: 20 March 2023.

DA NUMBER: 22/376

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 128 Donnans Road Lismore (Lot 11 DP 1136343)

APPLICANT: BRS Northern Rivers

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To undertake a subdivision to create twenty-six (26) residential lots, construction of an internal road being an extension of Maluta Place, installation of essential services, associated earthworks and vegetation management works.

The proposal is classified as nominated integrated development and integrated development in accordance with s4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Approval from NSW Natural Resource Access Regulator is required in accordance with Water Management Act 2000 and approval from NSW Rural Fire Service in accordance with Rural Fires Act 1997.

The consent authority is the Lismore City Council.

CLOSING DATE: 20 March 2023

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.

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.

BIN COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Council kerbside bins are collected by a side-loading truck which uses a mechanical arm to pick up and empty the wheelie bins.

1. We currently empty approx. 25,000 bins per week across the Lismore local government area

- Don't overfill your bins
- lids must close fully

2. Bins heavier than 60kg can't be lifted by the waste truck and will not be collected

3. Place your bins on the kerbside the night before your collection day

4. Leave at least 50cm space between the bins, 1m apart is ideal

5. Place your bins close to the kerb, with bin opening facing the road

6. Ensure there are no cars, trees or overhead wires blocking access to your bins

7. Remove your bins from the kerbside as soon as possible after they have been serviced

If the truck is unable to collect your bin for any of these reasons, you will need to wait to the next collection day OR make other arrangements to transport your materials to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre or Nimbin Transfer Station.

Occasionally, our trucks break down and require repair. If this occurs and your bin has not been emptied, please leave it out and it will be collected as soon as possible.

'What's My Bin Collection Day?'

You can search anytime for your bin collection day, upcoming schedules or issues with your bin service (including missed pick-ups), go to www.northernriverswaste.com.au/what-s-my-bin-day or by calling Council on **6625 0500**.





COUNCIL DECIDES...

At Council's Ordinary February meeting on Tuesday, 14 February:

- Councillors resolved that Council fail to constitute a Lismore Local Planning Panel in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- Councillors resolved to receive and adopt the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee for the meeting held on 24 January 2023 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, undertake community consultation on a Flood Planning Level (FPL) of 1% AEP 2090 Climate Change Level plus 500mm freeboard, and prepare a draft Development Control Plan (DCP) for Flood Prone Lands and publicly exhibit it along with Engeny's Interim Report.
- Councillors resolved that the Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 be adopted and that the Council consults on the future of Lismore with the community immediately.
- Councillors resolved to adopt the Deed – Richmond Tweed Regional Library for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2027, agreed to be the Executive Council for the Richmond Tweed Regional Library and an independent review during the term of the deed to assess if the annual contribution is commensurate to the cost.
- Councillors resolved to write to Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin MP, Member for Page Kevin Hogan MP and Minister for the Arts & Tourism Ben Franklin MLC requesting financial support for the Nimbin Aquarius Festival to hold its 50th anniversary.

All relevant business papers, minutes and live webcasts can be found at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023.



PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LAND

Section 31 and 34 of the Local Government Act 1993

- Public notice is given of Council's intention to classify land (to be transferred to Council for the purpose of a pump station) being Lot 56 in DP 1289472 - 20 Hillside Drive, NIMBIN as 'operational'. Submissions may be made to Council regarding the proposed classification. Submissions close: 20 March 2023. **(LCC reference: CDR23/191).**
- Public notice is given of Council's intention to classify land (dedicated to Council as a drainage reserve) being Lot 30 in DP 1290037- 44 Newhaven Drive, GOONELLABAH as 'operational'. Submissions may be made to Council regarding the proposed classification. Submissions close: 20 March 2023. **(LCC reference: CDR23/193).**

Any person can make submissions to Council with respect to the above two proposed classifications by sending submissions either by e-mail: council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or by post: PO Box 23A, LISMORE NSW 2480 with correspondence marked with Council's LCC reference. Under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is concluded, Council will consider all submissions and decide on classification suitability.

GRANTING LEASE – PUBLIC ROAD RESERVE

Section 156 of the Roads Act 1993

- Notice is given that Council has granted a grazing lease over part of the road reserve between 21-22 Belbourie Crescent, BOATHARBOUR (known as 21A Belbourie Crescent, BOATHARBOUR (plan available upon request). **(LCC reference: AF22/5390).**



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