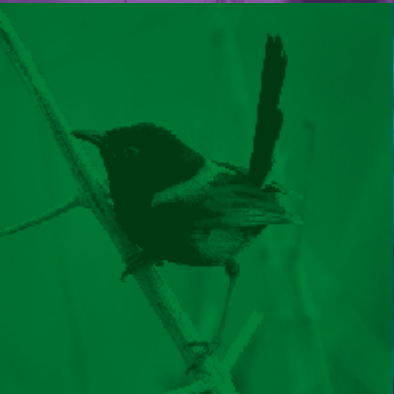




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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS

Sophia Watt has been named Lismore City Council's 2023 Citizen of the Year at this year's Australia Day Awards held at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

Since the devastating February 2022 natural disaster, Sophia has cooked and delivered thousands of meals to our flood-affected community.

She has coordinated community volunteers and attracted donations to assist in her efforts to feed many people in our community.



Other winners announced during the Australia Day celebrations were:

- Aboriginal Citizen of the Year - Naomi Moran
- Services in the Community (Individual) - Ron Weir
- Services in the Community (Group) - Love for Lismore Heart Space
- Senior Sportsperson - Joshua Herne
- Junior Sportsperson - Lachlan O'Sullivan
- Sports Team, Group or Organisation - Under 16s Far North Coast Baseball Team

Following the Awards, 34 people from 19 countries became our latest citizens. They were from the Philippines, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom, Chile, Gambia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Brazil, New Zealand, Russia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Iran, South Sudan, Japan, Israel, India and France.

Council would also like to thank our Australia Day Ambassador and keynote speaker Andy Paschalidis, as well as entertainer Luke Vassella.



GLASS SAND TRIAL AT RECYCLING & RECOVERY CENTRE

Lismore City Council's Commercial Services team is working with the NSW Environment Protection Authority, Graham's Concrete and Southern Cross University to trial the use of recycled crushed glass in concrete as a replacement for sand.

The first trial will use the crushed glass concrete to lay a new floor in a shed at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. SCU will then use the shed as a dedicated facility to pilot innovative waste treatment and resource recovery technologies.

Lismore City Council General Manager John Walker said finding alternative uses for our recycled products is the direction we need to head in.

"Glass sand is a product we can produce locally and is our preferred option over the associated cost and challenges that comes with recycling glass in the traditional way," he said.

EPA Director Circular Economy Programs Kathy Giunta said the funding was allocated through the EPA's Civil Construction Market Program to support innovation in infrastructure.

The project "will create a clever circular solution for local infrastructure needs like footpaths, kerbs, drains and roadways," she said.

Southern Cross University will use the shed for several pilot projects as part of its ReCirculator program.

Professor Andrew Rose, Academic Director of Southern Cross University's ReCirculator Program, said the university shares Council's vision for the creation of a regional circular economy that diverts valuable materials away from landfill and back into new products.

"This will allow us to showcase innovative solutions to waste issues, and we look forward to working together with Council, local industry and the wider community to help create a circular Northern Rivers economy," he said.

For more information on Council's Resource Recovery and Residual Waste Strategy go to www.northernriverswaste.com.au/waste-management-and-resource-recovery-strategy.



CHANGE OF HOURS TO LISMORE RECOVERY CENTRE

The Lismore Recovery Centre, located at the Lismore Transit Centre, will now operate Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 4pm. The centre will no longer be open on Thursdays.

The services that can be found at the centre include:

- **Monday** – Lismore City Council, Service NSW and Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre.
- **Tuesday** – Lismore City Council, Service NSW, Uniting with Camplify and Legal Aid
- **Friday** – Lismore City Council, Service NSW, Social Futures (10am – 12pm)

The Transit Centre building will continue to be open to the public for use of the toilets, showers and accessible toilet seven days a week from 6am – 6pm.

The Recovery Centre has continued to provide a valuable service to our community for almost 11 months, providing a safe space people can submit and discuss grant applications, housing needs, insurance and other legal concerns, request goods and more.



YOUR PARK YOUR SAY!



We're developing a master plan for future upgrades to Wade Park. Get involved and let us know what's needed to keep improving your park.

How can I get involved?

Visit Your Say Lismore to complete the online survey and follow what's happening.



Follow what's happening and fill in the survey at: www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/wade-park-masterplan



SAFER CITIES: HER WAY - HAVE YOUR SAY!

Lismore City Council's goal is to make our CBD a better place to work, visit and connect where everyone feels safe. That's why we're excited to have been selected to take part in the Safer Cities: Her Way Program.

This collaborative partnership program between Transport for NSW and Lismore City Council will deliver demonstration projects aimed at improving the real and perceived safety for women, girls and gender diverse people when walking or moving to, through and within public spaces and transport hubs.

Proudly funded by the NSW Government, the Lismore CBD project will be developed through co-design workshops with local women, girls and gender diverse people, and designed to reflect local place identity and character. We'd love you to join our "walkshops" and contribute your ideas.

Scan the QR code to find out more and register your interest!



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WHAT TO DO WITH SOFT PLASTIC

Residents may have noticed that Coles and Woolworths no longer accept bagged soft plastics.

This is because the REDcycle program has temporarily ceased operations and is no longer collecting and processing these materials. Council would like to remind residents that soft plastic (including cling wrap and plastic packaging) must now go into the red waste bin. Please do not put your soft plastics in the yellow bin as they cannot be recycled.

REDcycle is working with the NSW EPA, supermarkets and industry to recommence the program, however, it may be a few months before this happens.

Meanwhile, you can still make a difference! Council encourages the community to purchase products with recyclable or compostable packaging, and to avoid buying products with soft plastic packaging where possible.

For updates on the REDcycle program, please visit their website: www.redcycle.net.au





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

DA21/266-6 27 Spurfield Road, McLeans Ridges: Section 4.55(1A) modification to window and door head heights raised from 2.1m to 2.4m; parts of veranda overhang increased from 900mm to 1200mm; new roof over deck area; new gable window from living area and new external fire pit.

DA22/71 114 Maso Road, Repentance Creek: Change of use of a shed to a dwelling with associated alterations and additions.

DA22/126-2 53 Fox Road, Rosebank: Section 4.55(1A) application to Modify Consent to amend Condition 3 relating to the setback of the approved dwelling to existing overhead powerlines.

DA22/177 12 Eleanor Place, McLeans Ridges: Shed.

DA22/204 49 Boyle Road, Koonorigan: To undertake the subdivision of 1 lot to create 2 lots (one lot as a primary production allotment).

DA22/226 4/78 Cecil Street, Nimbin: Change of use of an expanded dwelling and shed to create a detached dual occupancy (one bedroom) with associated building works and two (2) carports.

DA22/279 225, 227, 229, 231 and 235 Keen Street, and 66 and 68 Carrington Street, Lismore: To undertake extensive internal and external alterations to the Lismore Workers Club and its operations following the February 2022 flood event.

DA22/288 4 Evergreen Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling additions (patio roof and carport).

DA22/289 20 Norwood Avenue, Goonellabah: Dwelling addition (sunroom).

DA22/291 25 Highview Crescent, Modanville: Dwelling additions (patio roof and carport).

DA22/304 1/110 Woodlark Street, Lismore: Change the use of the existing nightclub (entertainment venue) area of Mary G's to a hotel/pub (dining and beer garden) area.

DA22/316 24 Corndale Road, Bexhill: Shed.

DA22/320 46 Mahogany Parade, Goonellabah: Two storey dwelling with associated earthworks.

DA22/323 59 City View Drive, East Lismore: Change of use of an unauthorised shed to a dwelling and workshop with associated alterations and additions and the removal of one tree.

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

DA NUMBER: 22/324

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 98 Keen Street, Lismore (Lot 1 DP 777823).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To undertake the use of part of the first floor of the existing Metropole Hotel building as a pub, comprising a bar area, lounge and roof terrace.

CLOSING DATE: 20 February 2023.

DA NUMBER: 22/361

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 67 Krauss Avenue, Loftville (Lot 1 DP 1242064).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To undertake the staged expansion of an existing vehicle sales premises, including: 1) alterations and additions to the existing showroom building; 2) the erection of two (2) additional showroom buildings; and 3) associated wash bay, on-site parking, and civil works.

CLOSING DATE: 20 February 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.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TROPICAL SODA APPLE!

Tropical soda apple (*Solanum viarum*), is an aggressive and very prickly weed, growing 1–2m high.

This highly invasive plant can establish in most habitats, quickly taking over native areas and farmland, displacing native species and reducing grazing capacity. If not controlled a few plants will form a hectare-sized thicket in six months, with each plant producing 150 fruit containing 45,000 seeds each year. Herbicides kill the plants, but do not kill the seeds inside the fruit. In the USA, this plant infested over half-a-million hectares in five years.

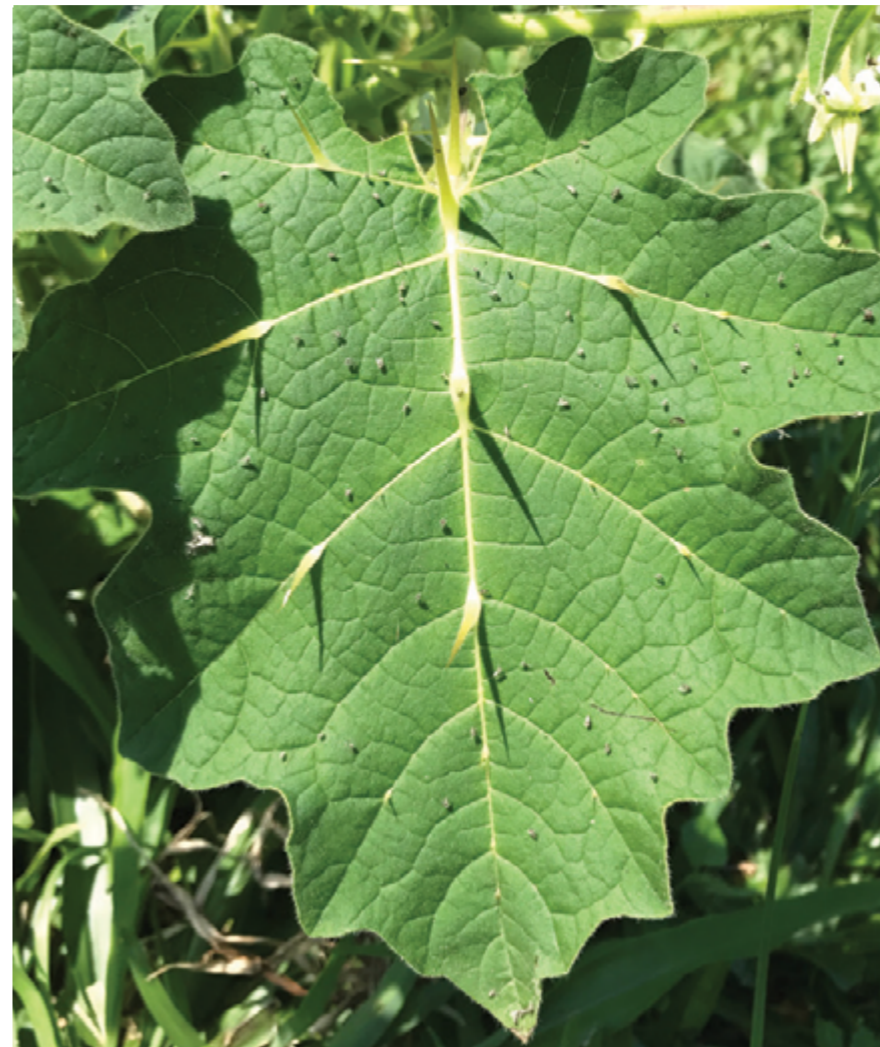
This is an important one to keep an eye out for in the Kyogle area, as it is currently there in low numbers and with your help, we can stop it becoming widespread.

Spread by birds, bats and livestock who eat the seed-dense fruit, Tropical soda apple (TSA) can pop up in areas that have previously been free of the weed. Recent flood events have also transported seed to new areas. The best way to find out if you have it on your property is to get out there and have a look for it!

What are you looking for exactly?

- TSA is a multi-stemmed shrub growing 1-2m tall
- Has broad, hairy green leaves with cream-coloured prickles (up to 12mm long) that grow along the leaf veins and along the stems of the plant.
- Flowers are white, 1.5-2 cm wide, with five petals. They occur in clusters of 3–6 off a short stem.
- Mature fruit are yellow and golf ball-size (2–3 cm in diameter). When immature they are pale green with dark green veins, (look like tiny watermelons).

There are a lot of TSA look-a-likes around so be sure to check out the NSW DPI's WeedWise website and cross reference your find with TSA images online.



**If you do find
Tropical
Soda Apple:**

Email Rous County Council immediately with a picture of the plant, to weeds@rous.nsw.gov.au.

This weed is a serious risk to our region. Your report is vitally important to the health of our environment.



WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY

The Lismore Library has returned to the Lismore CBD in the form of a pop-up space at 146 Molesworth Street.

This easily accessible space contains a range of collections, services, and programs. The Lismore Pop-Up Library is open seven days a week.

Byte Wise by Questacon

February to April / Lismore Pop-Up Library and Goonellabah Library

Questacon's travelling exhibition Byte Wise will be visiting the Goonellabah and Lismore Pop-Up libraries from February to April. Byte Wise engages visitors with challenges drawn from mathematics and computer science. The exhibitions will be split between the libraries for the entire three-month period, rotating each month.

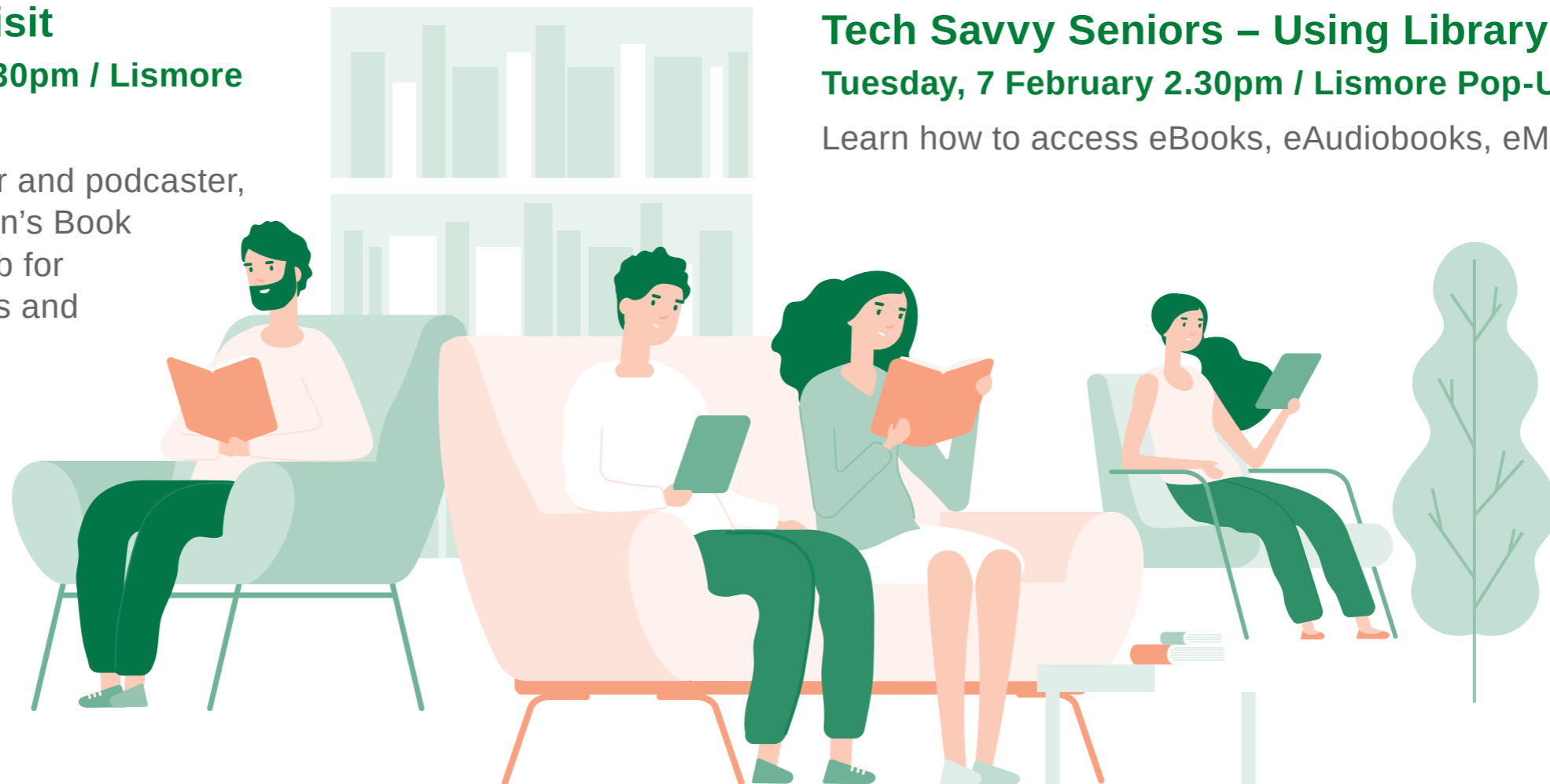
Ben Hobson – Author Visit

Thursday, 9 February from 5.30pm / Lismore Pop-Up Library

Ben Hobson is a teacher, author and podcaster, based in Brisbane. Ben runs Ben's Book Club, a monthly online book club for libraries, and the Burgers, Beers and Books podcast.

Ben will be visiting the Lismore Pop-Up Library to promote his third novel, *The Death of John Lacey*.

<https://events.humanitix.com/ben-hobson-at-lismore-pop-up-library>



Social Circle

Every Friday from 10am / Lismore Pop-Up Library

Meet and mix with other seniors at our relaxed weekly social groups.

Friday, 10 February – Puzzle Making

Friday, 17 February – Scrap Together Talk with North East Waste

Need English Language Support?

Every Thursday 10am-2pm / Lismore Pop-Up Library

Book a session with our friendly staff to connect you with:

- English Services
- Government Services
- Learner Driver's License Tests
- Social Groups

Tech Savvy Seniors – Using Library eResources

Tuesday, 7 February 2.30pm / Lismore Pop-Up Library

Learn how to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and more.



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