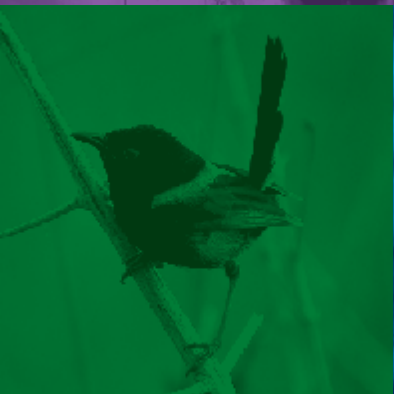




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# A CHANGE IS COMING

## RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE

Lismore City Council's Rural Landholder Initiative (RLI) has assisted rural landholders to achieve improved environmental outcomes since its inception in 2015.

To date, the RLI has funded 218 projects, supporting the planting of 50,000 trees, with 360 hectares under active management by landholders.

The programme also supports knowledge building and engagement in best practice environmental works via promoting environmental champions, working in collaboration with Landcare and other community groups, engaging professional bush regenerators and delivering relevant community events.

After eight years, a review of the delivery of the RLI has led to changes to improve on-the-ground results and streamline program delivery.

Commencing in November 2023, the RLI program will call for individual private rural property project applications offering increased grant funds (up to \$15,000) available over three years. The change recognises the greater landscape benefits that can be achieved by larger projects and the timeframes necessary to encourage active management and gain control of sites.

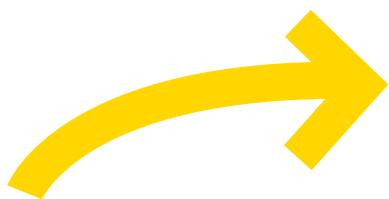
The annual grant will change to a biennial grant. The alternate years will be open to applications from industry, community and other incorporated groups with charters to achieve collective environmental improvement in the Lismore LGA.

In this second stream starting in November 2024, larger grants up to \$50,000 will be offered over three years, which aims to attract grouped projects that address strategic outcomes across the local government area. These projects will involve multiple neighbours or industry members engaged in work such as multi-property riparian restoration or habitat connectivity.



## Applications for Round 11 of the RLI for individual rural landholders will open for Expressions of Interest in November 2023.

Council encourages landholders who wish to improve their property's environmental values to contact [environmental.strategies@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:environmental.strategies@lismore.nsw.gov.au) for advice and guidance. Keep an eye on Council's RLI webpage for further details that can be found on Council's website.



**Scan the code  
to find out more**



# LISMORE LAKE PRECINCT SET FOR A MAKEOVER

The long-neglected western entrance to Lismore is about to get a major makeover after Council signed a licensing agreement with community organisation Lismore Lake Incorporated to manage the Lismore Lake Precinct.

Lismore Lake Incorporated's president Brad Lancaster said the group already had an offer from a local farmer to transfer five megalitres of his water licence, which will allow for water from the Wilsons River to replenish the lake as required, as well as water for the soon-to-be cared for 14 hectares of parkland surrounding the 10 hectares of lake.

The much-needed makeover will make a much more appealing entrance to town for people coming in from the airport and the west of Lismore.

Lismore Lake Inc are currently raising money to pay for the water licence transfer costs. It is working with Landcare to regenerate the area by removing all non-native trees, such as Coral Trees which destabilise the lake's bank, and planting native trees around the precinct.

Back in its heydays in the 1970s, 80s and 90s, the area was regularly full of picnicking families playing in the now dilapidated pool area and skiing on the lake.

Motorised boating will not be allowed under the new plans as the lake has become a bird sanctuary and, among the many other birds that frequent the lake, is home to the endangered Black-Necked Stork and vulnerable Comb-Crested Jacana.

However, paddle boards, kayaks and canoes could possibly be used as they have less impact on bird life.

As part of the plan, bird hides will be strategically placed for the many birdwatchers and photographers visiting the lake. It is hoped the existing toilet block will be upgraded with accessible toilets added, and a 1.5km path laid around the lake to make it more accessible.

While regenerating the lake and precinct are the group's primary focus, it will be lobbying Federal and State governments for grants in the hope of bringing the free pool back to life.

Mr Lancaster said signing the licensing agreement was the culmination of years of lobbying councillors over several terms of council.

“This document gives us formal permission to work the site. There's a Plan of Management that we have to follow, which is why there's no motorised craft allowed. There is also a bush regeneration plan that we must submit and follow every year through our Landcare work. None of this is expected to cost council or ratepayers anything,” he said.

“Personally, I can't wait to see families picnicking by the lake again, and one day maybe swimming in a free pool.”

**To catch up on the full story, go to the news section of Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**



# BUILDING BONDS AND BREAKING STIGMA

The Lismore Memorial Baths became more than just a construction site last week as Bennett Constructions, with the assistance of Konnect Fastening Systems, hosted a special barbecue to commemorate two vital causes – R U OK Day and Mates in Construction.

The Baths transformed into a hub of unity, support and camaraderie as Council staff, local contractors and construction workers gathered for the event.

R U OK Day is a reminder that a simple question can make a world of difference. While Mates in Construction addresses the high level of suicide within the Australian construction industry.

**The barbecue emphasised that it's okay not to be okay, and seeking help and support is a sign of strength, not weakness.**





# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN THE LISMORE AREA LIBRARIES

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Check out what's on and book in by visiting:  
[www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au) or scan this QR code:  
**Bookings essential for all library activities**

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## **Lismore StoryWalk® and Birds Around the Block**

Your local library brings you Lismore's first StoryWalk® experience these school holidays. The StoryWalk® is a locally written and illustrated children's story featuring local birds in the Northern Rivers. The book's pages will be spread around the Lismore Quad for children to read and walk their way through a wonderful story. To celebrate the Lismore StoryWalk®, the library offers a special 'Birds Around the Block' activity where children can search for hidden bird posters in stores around the CBD. Collect a bird-finding book from the new Lismore Children's Library, search for birds and go in the running for a prize.

The new Lismore Children's Library can be found at the Lismore Central Shopping Centre.

## **Zine Making at Lismore Children's Library**

Zine making workshop with local zine-maker Benjo Kazue.  
Learn how to create a zine, copy and distribute them. Ages 8+ only.

Thursday, 28 September: 10am-11.30am.

## **Movie time at Goonellabah Library**

Join all your favourite characters from the screening of 'Super Mario Bros.'

Bring along a comfy beanbag or cushion. Snacks provided. For ages 6+ and their adult caregivers. Bookings essential

Wednesday, 4 October: 2pm start.

## **Wildlife Twins at Lismore Children's Library**

Join the Wildlife Twins at Lismore Children's Library these holidays for a fun reptile show. These animals have developed to enable them to survive in Australia's harsh environments. Some may even refer to these abilities as superpowers! Can you hold your breath like a sea turtle? Or sleep for 16-18 hours a day, while being called adorable? No. I don't think so.

Friday, 6 October: 10am.



# A SAFER CBD - HAVE YOUR SAY

The **Safer Cities: Her Way** Project has reached a major milestone with two sites identified for safety interventions in our CBD - Harold Fredericks Carpark (near the Quad) and the pedestrian laneway between Woodlark Street and the public toilets within Browns Creek Carpark.

The project successfully sought community feedback through engagement activities to identify areas of the CBD that require safety improvements, and Council will seek further feedback on these two identified sites.

Council staff, wearing pink hi-vis vests, will be available at these two sites over the next four weeks to inform the community about the planned improvements and seek feedback on how the community feels about these public spaces.

To find out when Council staff will be at these sites, visit Council's Facebook page at the beginning of each week or telephone Council's Contact Centre on **02 6625 0500**.

**Scan the code to find out more about the Safer Cities: Her Way project.**

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# 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

**DA22/3** 929 Blue Knob Road, Blue Knob: Dwelling (including part as-built frame/roof structure) & As-built Carport/Storage container (shipping container).

**DA22/30** 221 and 227 Emerson Road, Rosebank: To undertake: (1) a boundary adjustment subdivision; (2) the use of an existing building as a dwelling (detached-dual occupancy) and associated alterations and additions; (3) the use of two existing buildings as a personal meditation/ yoga studio and a pottery/art studio; (4) the use of nine existing buildings as farm buildings; and (5) the removal of vegetation.

**DA22/143-2** 50 Cordyline Road, Rock Valley: Section 4.55(1A) modification to approved design of new dwelling and shed.

**DA22/253-2** 86 Dibbs Street, Lismore: Section 4.55(1) modification to modify parking.

**DA22/339** 64 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges: To undertake the erection of a dwelling house to form a detached-dual occupancy, associated earthworks and tree removal.

**DA23/19** 48 Cannon Point Lane, East Coraki: Second-story addition to existing dwelling to encompass master bedroom, ensuite and walk-in robe and exterior balcony; increase of living space ceiling height and additional front-glass facade and entry; additional walk-in pantry and relocation of kitchen; extra space to two exiting bedrooms and absorption of one downstairs bedroom to additional living space.

**DA23/50** 12 Pinecrest Drive, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool and retaining walls.

**DA23/56** 15 Phillip Street, Goonellabah: To undertake: (1) The subdivision of the existing lot to create two lots and associated utility services, new driveway; the removal of four trees and the demolition of two existing sheds (Stage 1); and (2) the erection of a new dwelling on proposed lot 2 (Stage 2).

**DA23/103** 134 James Street, Dunoon: Shed with amenities.

**DA23/114** 29 Miriam Street, Wyrallah: Shed.

**DA23/152** 32 Mahogany Parade, Goonellabah: Block retaining wall.

**DA23/166** 62 and 64 Rous Road, Goonellabah: Demolition of two dwellings, ancillary structures and removal of vegetation.

**DA23/172** 21 Thorburn Street, Nimbin: Shed.

**DA23/175** 114 High Street, Lismore Heights: Inground swimming pool.

**DA23/184** 9 Hosie Place, Goonellabah: Shed.

**DA23/189** 12 Livotto Drive, Richmond Hill: Inground swimming pool with concrete surrounds.

**DA23/192** 2/60 Barham Street, East Lismore: Dwelling addition (bedroom and study).

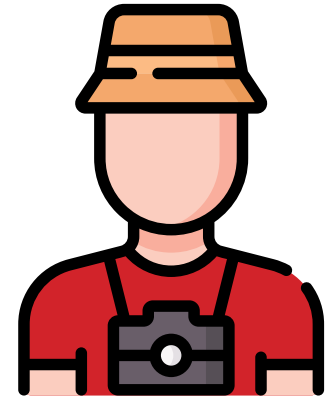
Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre during business hours or via DA Tracking at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).





# UPDATES TO PLANNING CONTROLS FOR AGRITOURISM

Agritourism is a form of tourism that connects people to produce or experiences on farms.



The NSW State Government introduced reforms in December 2022 that allow small-scale agritourism and other related activities to occur on commercial farms without planning approval (Exempt Development) or through a fast-tracked approval process (Complying Development). These activities include:

**Farm gate premises** – which involves visitors interacting with produce from a farm, including through fruit picking, sales, tastings, workshops and cafes/restaurants.

**Farm experience premises** – which involves visitors engaging in farm experiences, such as tours, horse riding, weddings, functions, retreats and other events.

**Farm stay accommodation** – used to provide temporary accommodation to paying guests on the farm in buildings or moveable dwellings.

**Roadside stalls** – a temporary structure for the retail sale of agricultural produce and/or hand-crafted goods.

Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) has recently been updated so that agritourism is permissible with consent in the RU1 Primary Production and RU2 Rural Landscape zones. This means that where a proposal does not meet criteria for exempt or complying development, applicants can lodge a Development Application (DA) with Council instead.

Council has created a Rural and Nature-Based Tourism DCP chapter that provides controls to help guide agritourism use in the local area, so that commercial farms have increased flexibility to pursue agritourism opportunities while ensuring that rural amenity is protected. The controls include setting the allowable number of farm-stay accommodation structures, the number of people allowed at farm experience and farm gate premises, hour of operation restrictions, and the number of events that can be held per year.

**More information is available on Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Building-planning/Strategic-planning](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Building-planning/Strategic-planning)**

# SUPPLY OF QUARRY MATERIALS PANEL CONTRACT: TENDER TP 2023/188

Lismore City Council requires and utilises a range of specified quarry materials on a daily basis throughout the Local Government area, due to essential works undertaken as part of the delivery of Council's programs, ongoing maintenance and ordered works for Transport for NSW.

Quarry materials supplied are required to conform with Council and Transport for NSW specifications.

The objective of this tender is to compile an unranked panel of contractors who are able to supply and deliver conforming quarry materials to Lismore City Council when required.

The panel contract is for a period of one (1) year with possibility of two (2) x one (1) year extensions at Council's absolute discretion.

**Tender submissions close at 5pm Friday, 22 September 2023.**

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.vendorpanel.com.au](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au) to access relevant documents.

Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

**VendorPanel Reference # VP378030**

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website email VendorPanel support on [support@vendorpanel.com.au](mailto:support@vendorpanel.com.au)

For further information regarding this tender email the Lismore City Council Procurement team at [procurement@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:procurement@lismore.nsw.gov.au)





# NOW IS THE TIME TO CONSERVE OUR WATER

We are expecting to experience dry weather this summer in many parts of Australia, including in the Northern Rivers.

As a community, we have a shared responsibility to preserve our precious drinking water before restrictions are activated.

Our water is not limitless. Practicing water efficient habits and behaviours is important now.



**Simple water saving measures we can all adopt include:**



**Wash wisely:** clean vehicles and boats on your lawn using a hose fitted with an on/off nozzle

**Shower smart:** install a water saving shower head and take shorter showers (1 – 4 minutes)

**Trigger up:** fit a trigger nozzle to all hand-held hoses

To stay up to date, follow Rous County Council on Facebook @RousCountyCouncil or visit [rous.nsw.gov.au](http://rous.nsw.gov.au)

# JOIN THE WAR ON WASTE

## Why do we need to declare war on batteries?

Batteries are an incredibly useful and convenient way to store energy and release it when we need to use power.

However, once they are used up, it's imperative that we refrain from casually tossing them into the bin.

Battery disposal and recycling of batteries, regardless of their size or type, demand our utmost attention and care.

## Problematic batteries are affecting us locally.

If batteries end up in any of our household kerbside bins, they can lead to fires in our trucks or at our facilities.

Also, batteries have no place in landfills because they contain heavy metals like mercury and lead, which can leach into the environment.

## Taking action: a simple step to help your local waste management facility?

While batteries can be recycled,

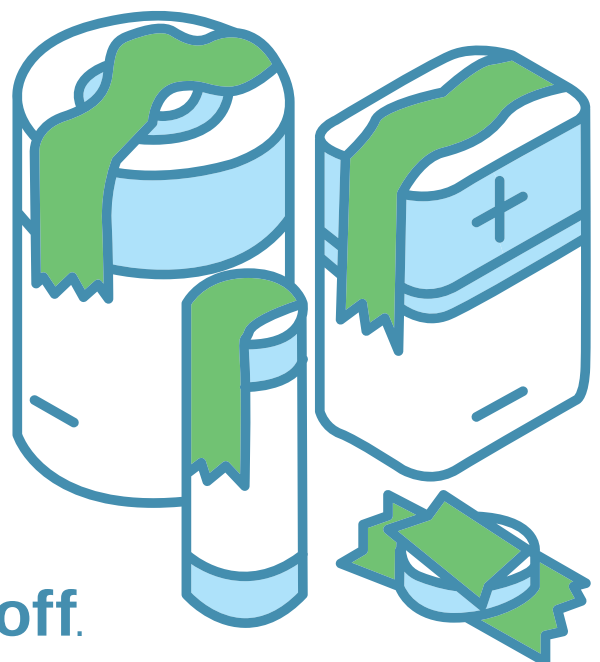
**THEY CANNOT GO IN YOUR YELLOW RECYCLING BIN.**

One crucial step is to tape the ends of used batteries and store them in a glass container for no longer than six months.

You should take these batteries to the nearest B-Cycle, MobileMuster or Community Recycling Station for correct disposal and recycling.

To find out where your closest drop-off points are, visit:

[www.bcycle.com.au/drop-off](http://www.bcycle.com.au/drop-off).





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