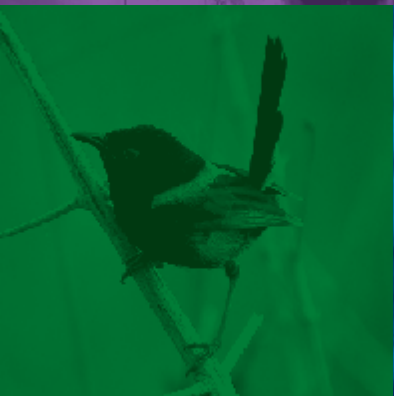


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# NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOW OPEN.

Nominations for Lismore City Council's 2024 Australia Day Awards are now open.

The awards are held annually to recognise people who give back to the community through volunteering or community work and those who excel in sports or other endeavours.

2023 Senior Sportsman of the Year, Joshua Herne, said his award has helped both him and his sport.

"My sport of racing in Speedway and go-karts has gained much valuable exposure to the community from all the publicity surrounding my award," he said.

"This has helped our sport as we continue to recover from the last three years of challenges, so it's been well worth it."

"It has also been really nice having people in public approach and congratulate me on the award, meeting new people and gaining more confidence in my abilities".

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said the Awards are a chance to recognise our unsung heroes who put in many hours as volunteers to make our community a great place to live and raise a family.

"One thing that has always stood out to me is that our community is full of quiet unsung heroes," he said.

"If you have a friend who works hard for a volunteer group, know a student who is kicking goals in life or admire a person for their work for our community, please nominate them.

"It only takes 5-10 minutes to complete an online nomination, so please get online before the deadline and nominate today."

Mr Herne also encouraged the community to nominate individuals or groups for Australia Day.

"There are so many people in our community who go under the radar, who achieve wonderful things and deserve to be nominated and win," he said.

## Categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Aboriginal Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsman (Senior)
- Sportsman (Junior)
- Services in Community (Group)
- Sports Team (Group/Organisation)



You can nominate a person or group for an Australia Day Award by going to [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

Nominations close on Friday, 22 December 2023



# GETTING TO KNOW FLOW

## Free activities around NORPA's outdoor theatre event.

NORPA's *Flow*, a significant First Nations narrative told through an innovative mix of music and theatre, will take place from November 23-25 at the Lismore Quad.

This free outdoor event also includes engaging workshops, talks and activities that delve into the production's themes, which will happen before the evening shows.

In Lismore, Jarmbi will lead a grounding meditation by the Wilson River, while two-panel sessions, in collaboration with Southern Cross University and *Koori Mail*, will discuss storytelling and Bundjalung-led land management.

You can also celebrate the region's oysters at A Place for Oysters, learning about their role in river health and cultural significance to the Bundjalung people. Before each 8pm show, a local First Nations musician will perform, starting at 7pm, featuring artists like Blakboi and Madison King.

**Flow's producer, Paris Mordecai, says the event is a chance to connect with First Nations perspectives.**



**While free, registration for Flow is necessary as there is limited space. Visit [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au) for more information and to book your spot.**

FLOW is presented by NORPA with support from the NSW Reconstruction Authority, The Tony Foundation, Arts on Tour, Southern Cross University, Lismore City Council and Clarence Valley Council.

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# Lismore Carols in the Heart

Sunday,  
10 December  
2023



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Eat, shop and  
be merry in the  
dynamic heart  
of Lismore this  
festive season!



Oakes Oval,  
Dawson Street,  
Lismore

Gates open  
at 3pm



## A month of merry activities, including:

**Santa's Wonderland: 1-23 December**  
| 13 Woodlark Street, Lismore.

**Lismore Carols in the Heart: Sunday,**  
10 December | Oakes Oval, Dawson  
Street, Lismore | 3pm - 9pm

Free entertainment, children's  
activities and food vendors.  
This is an Auslan supported event.

**Lismore Delights: Saturday,**  
16 and 23 December | 10am - 3pm  
| Lismore CBD.

Enjoy music, festive fun and  
community activities, shopping,  
dining and entertainment around  
the Block.

**Very Merry Markets: Thursday,**  
21 December | 3pm - 7.30pm  
| Lismore Quad.

Festive gifts, music, food and  
activities brought together  
by Lismore Regional Gallery,  
The Quad, Lismore Library,  
Rekindling the Spirit, Northern  
Rivers Healing Hub and Lismore  
Produce Market, with support  
from Lismore City Council.

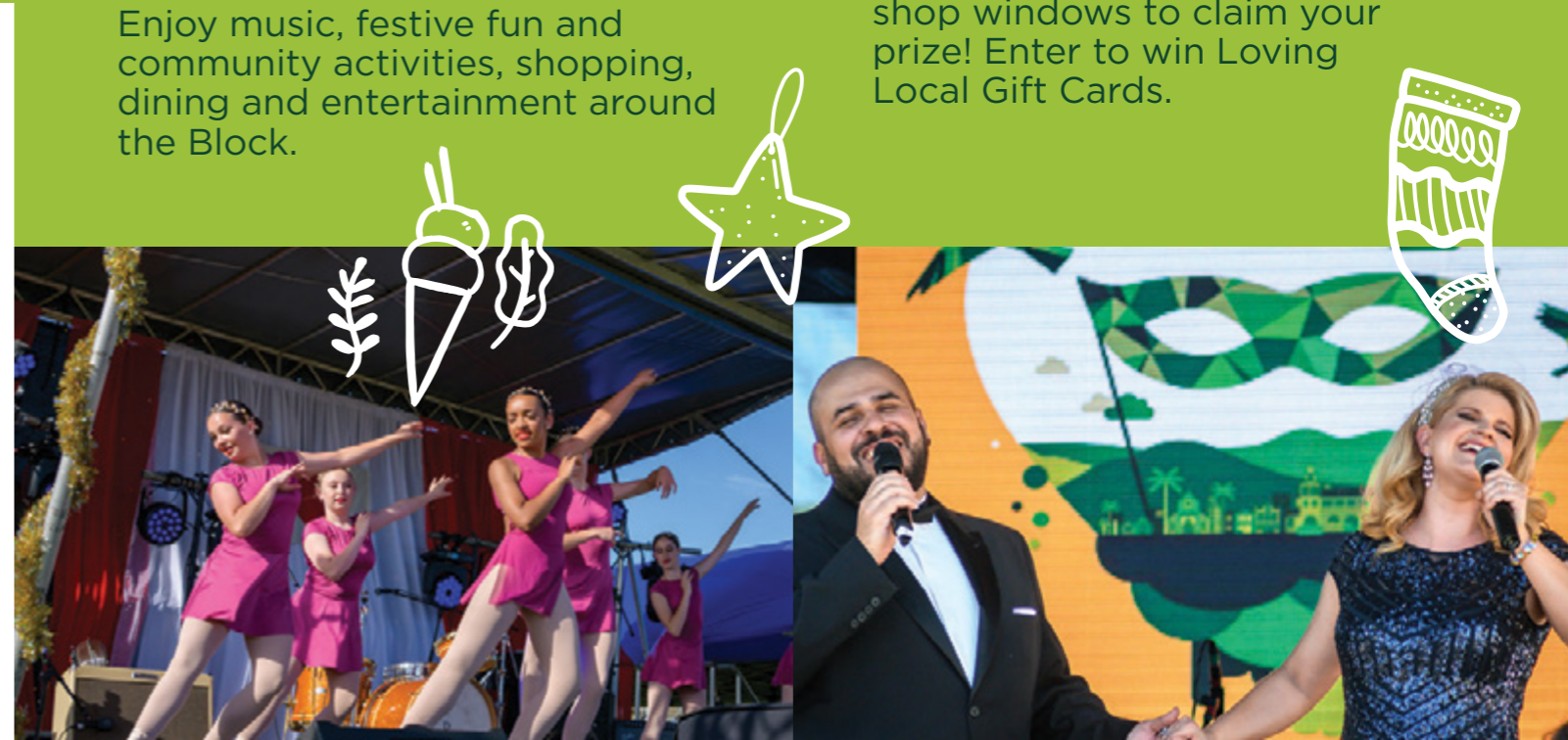
**Lismore Elf Hunt and Christmas  
Competitions: 1-23 December**  
| Lismore CBD.

Find cheeky elves hiding in  
shop windows to claim your  
prize! Enter to win Loving  
Local Gift Cards.

Entertainment, children's  
activities and food vendors all  
available from 4pm to 9pm.

Parking will be available in the  
Harold Fredericks Carpark

Disable Parking in Magellan  
Street, Lismore.



# INCREASED FUNDING BOOSTS RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE

The Lismore City Council is expanding the successful Rural Landholder Initiative (RLI), which has supported 218 projects since 2015.

This initiative, aimed at enhancing environmental conservation and land management, now offers increased funding for rural private property owners and community groups.

Individual landholders are eligible for up to \$15,000 over three years, up from the previous \$7500 or \$10,000 grants. Additionally, from 2024, groups such as community landcare can apply for grants of \$50,000 over the same period.

The RLI has facilitated significant environmental achievements, including the planting of 56,000 trees and the restoration of 360 hectares of bushland, along with constructing 17km of habitat and riparian fencing. The program also contributes to community engagement and education in environmental best practices.



Under the changes, grants will be offered over a three-year period, rather than over two years. This allows Council to explore other opportunities in alternate years. This strategic move is intended to maximise the impact of funding for larger, more costly projects that deliver improved landscape benefits. It acknowledges the need for sustained site maintenance and stability, reflecting the Council's commitment to environmental leadership.

Following a hiatus due to floods and other natural disasters, the initiative's workshop program is set to return for 2023-24. These workshops will cover critical landscape management topics such as nature-based solutions, landscape rehydration and regenerative agriculture. They aim to empower rural communities by enhancing their skills and capacity to contribute to a more resilient and interconnected region.

**The next community workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 18 November, focusing on bush restoration planning.**

**The guidelines, application portal and information on the next workshop are accessible on our website.**



**Scan the QR code  
to find out more**

**Interested parties wanting to secure grant funding must submit their Expressions of Interest by Monday, 18 December 2023 and are encouraged to consult the RLI Policies and Guidelines before applying.**



# 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

**DA22/364** 55 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah: To undertake the construction of an attached dual occupancy and strata title subdivision to create 2 lots.

**DA22/368** 53 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah: To undertake the construction of an attached dual occupancy and strata title subdivision to create 2 lots.

**DA22/369** 51 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah: To undertake the construction of an attached dual occupancy and associated earthworks, driveway and strata title subdivision to create 2 lots.

**DA22/385** 1277 Dunoon Road, Dunoon: To undertake the installation of 3 x 20,000l liquid trade waste storage tanks.

**DA23/62-2** 20 Charlton Avenue, South Lismore: Section 4.55(1) modification to rectify an administrative error with the approved development consent 5.2023.62.1 in relation to conditions 5 and 6.

**DA23/93** 2383 Wyrallah Road, East Coraki: To undertake a subdivision of one (1) lot into two (2) lots, with one of the lots (proposed Lot 2) being a primary production lot with no dwelling entitlement.

**DA23/121** 98 Fischer Street, Goonellabah: Change of use of a garage to a bedroom.

**DA23/122-2** 23 Tareeda Way, Nimbin: Section 4.55(1) modification to Conditions 8 and 43 of development consent 2023.122.1 relating to when contributions to be paid.

**DA23/144** 220 Dibbs Street, East Lismore: Demolition of existing carport, new double carport, dwelling alterations and additions.

**DA23/176** 21 Ryces Drive, Clunes: Inground swimming pool.

**DA23/178** 23 Habib Drive, South Lismore: To undertake a change of use of an existing industrial building to a hardware and building supplies (with ancillary tool repairs and servicing) and associated building alterations and additions and business identification signage.

**DA23/215** 54 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah: Shed, retaining walls, driveway, and earthworks for building pad.

**DA23/257** 10A Fredericks Road, Caniaba: Inground swimming pool.

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).

# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

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

**DA NUMBER:** 23/252

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 747 Ballina Road GOONELLABAH (DP 549575 lot 7).

**APPLICANT:** Planit Consulting.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** To undertake alterations and additions to the Goonellabah Tavern (pub) and Bottle Shop (retail premises) and the associated demolition works, new car parking, signage, landscaping, and the removal of five (5) trees.

**CLOSING DATE:** 27 November 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](http://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](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au).



# WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LIBRARY

## Youth Writers Masterclass

5pm-6.30pm Thursday, 16 November at Lismore Pop-up Library

Lismore Library with Byron Writers Festival and StoryBoard present Writers Masterclass. A series of masterclasses where students will develop their creative writing techniques across a range of genres. Classes are designed to be fun and celebrate the joy of storytelling. Youth Masterclass with Shel Sweeney suitable for 13 to 17-year-olds.

## Junior Writers Masterclass

5pm-6.30pm Thursday, 23 November at Lismore Pop-up Library

Lismore Library with Byron Writers Festival and StoryBoard present Writers Masterclass! A series of masterclasses where students will develop their creative writing techniques across a range of genres. Classes are designed to be fun and celebrate the joy of storytelling. Junior Masterclass with Zanni Louise, suitable for 8 to 12-year-olds.

## Super Massive Book Sale

9am-2pm on Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 November at Goonellabah Library

Come along to our big summer book sale. There's something for everyone - adults and kids, fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, puzzles and more!

## Proudfoot + friends

11am Sunday, 26 November at Goonellabah Library

Join award-winning children's performer Lucas Proudfoot on stage with his guitar, stomp box, didgeridoo and a cast of unforgettable characters for a non-stop musical adventure around Pelican Bay.



# EARLIER RESTRICTIONS TO SAVE WATER

Rous County Council advises Level 1 water restrictions will now come into affect when Rocky Creek Dam reaches 70 per cent, instead of 60 per cent (as stated in the Regional Water Supply Drought Management Plan).

Water levels at Rous' primary water source, Rocky Creek Dam, have steadily fallen due to low inflows and an overall increase in water use in the region.

Based on current consumption rates and weather forecasts, it is anticipated that Level 1 water restrictions will be introduced before Christmas.

Rous decided to bring water restrictions forward in response to the Bureau of Meteorology declaring an El Nino and the pressure this weather event is expected to place on the region's water sources.

**Level 1 water** restrictions will apply to Lismore Local Government Area (excluding Nimbin) and our surrounding council areas of Ballina, Byron (excluding Mullumbimby) and Richmond Valley.

By activating water restrictions sooner than planned, Rous aims to delay the onset of more severe restrictions.

**Water restriction status: Everyday**

Level	Restriction Type	Water Saving Measure
LEVEL 1	DROUGHT	70%
LEVEL 2	DROUGHT	60%
LEVEL 3	DROUGHT	50%
LEVEL 4	EMERGENCY	35%
LEVEL 5	EMERGENCY	30%

**USE WATER WISELY**  
Water saving starts with you!

**ROUS**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

**Now is the time to conserve our water**

# DRAFT DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The Lismore, Nimbin and Villages draft Destination Management Plan (DMP) is on public exhibition for feedback and comment until Friday, 15 December 2023.

The DMP provides a collective focus, strategic direction and actions for sustainably growing and managing Lismore Local Government Area's visitor economy to 2028 and beyond. Its purpose is to maximise the benefits of tourism for the region, safeguarding and enhancing its natural and cultural assets for local communities and businesses now and into the future. The plan will guide the sustainable growth and viability of the visitor economy in a constantly changing and competitive market.

Council would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, expertise and insights to developing this strategy. This includes those who filled out the online surveys, or attended workshops, interviews and facilitated meetings.

Council now welcomes public feedback on the draft strategy, which can be found at <https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au>.



# LEAP INTO A FULFILLING CAREER WITH COUNCIL

Are you ready to take a leap into an exciting new career opportunity?  
Look no further!



We are excited to announce applications are now open for our 2023 intake into the Lismore Employment Acceleration Pathways (LEAP) program.

The LEAP program is open to people of all ages, whether you're just leaving school, looking to re-enter the workforce or seeking a change of career. Council is committed to creating employment opportunities within our local community and we want to help you jumpstart your career.

Council offers a diverse range of exciting industries to work in, providing the ideal platform for you to take a LEAP into your chosen career. Our approach combines formal learning with invaluable on-the-job training. With the backing of our dedicated team of professionals, you'll embark on a journey of growth and development.

To learn more about the LEAP program or to submit your application for an apprenticeship or traineeship, scan the QR code below.

Other LEAP opportunities will become available over the next few months, so be sure to keep an eye out.

**#LEAPProgram #CareerOpportunities #LismoreCityCouncil**



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