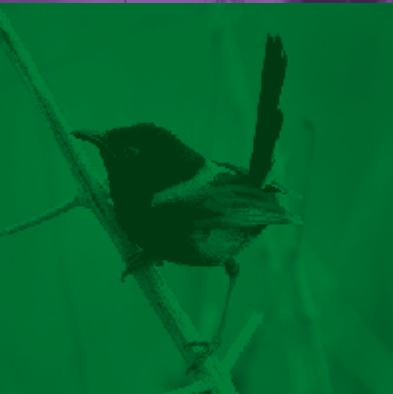




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF WIDJABUL WIA-BAL NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION

This month, on 19 December, marks a historic first anniversary for the Widjabul-Wia-bal when the Federal Court of Australia handed down its determination of a long-running native title claim.

One year ago, Justice Rares recognised the Widjabul Wia-bal's native title rights and interests at the consent determination hearing held on Country in Goonellabah at GSAC.

Widjabul Wia-bal's native title rights and interests were determined to be recognised in an area of land and waters around Lismore in the Northern Rivers. This area is bounded by Bagotville, Tuckean Nature Reserve and Tucki Tucki to the south; Bungabbee State Forest and Cawongla to the west; Nightcap National Park in the north and Wollongbar and Alstonville in the east.

As part of the consent determination, the Federal Court of Australia recognised that Widjabul Wia-bal holds native title rights and interests over approximately 11,700 hectares around the Lismore area. Widjabul Wia-bal's native title rights and interests are protected and managed by the Widjabul Wia-bal Gurrumbil Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC.

Former Attorney General Mark Speakman said the Federal Court consent determination marked an important moment for the Widjabul Wia-bal of the Bundjalung Nation, who have cared for the land and waters for thousands of years.

On 6 December 2023, Council received confirmation that it successfully applied to the Minister for Industrial Relations to mark 19 December as a local event day. The day is to be known as 'Widjabul Wia-bal Day' in recognition of the native title application, which was determined by the Federal Court on 19 December 2022.

The designation of a local event day does not mean local employers are obligated to treat it as a public holiday. Any entitlements related to paid leave or penalty rates will only be applicable if agreed upon at the workplace level.







# HOLIDAY SEASON SUPPORT FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN LISMORE

As the holiday season approaches, Lismore City Council acknowledges that many community members are still recovering from the 2022 natural disaster.

To assist, the Council has updated its online Flood Recovery section, offering vital information and services for both rural and urban residents, as well as the business community.

More importantly, it now includes the opening hours and contact details of support services and organisations through Christmas.

The Council also encourages residents to subscribe to the monthly Community Recovery Newsletter for the latest news on flood recovery, including information on support, services, grants, and events.

To view support services' opening hours over Christmas and subscribe to the newsletter, please scan the QR Code.

We have included some vital support services (to the right) as a quick reference to help guide you through the Christmas Period.

**Scan the QR code for a comprehensive guide for all support services.**

## Flood Recovery organisations open during the Christmas/New Year Period

Food Relief	Opening Times
<b>The Winsome</b> Tea and Coffee from 10am and lunch served at 11.30am.	Opening for lunch from 7 days a week. Lunch served on Sundays. Open for Christmas lunch 9am-2pm.
<b>Five Loaves Mobile Soup Kitchen</b> Outside the Transit Centre.	Open every day except Christmas day (Monday, 25 December). Mon-Thurs, 6pm-6.45pm.
Health and Wellbeing Services	Opening Times
<b>Domestic Violence Crisis Hotline</b> 1800 737 732	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
<b>Link to Home</b> Homelessness support 1800 152 152	24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
<b>Safe Haven</b> Mental Health Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lismore Safe Haven</b> 46 Magellan St, Lismore.</li> <li>• <b>Woodburn Safe Haven</b> Visitors Information Centre 114 River Street, Woodburn.</li> </ul>	Open all through Christmas and New Year period. 7 days a week – times to be advised at the Hub (dependant on staffing).
<b>Head to Health Hub</b> Mental Health advice and services. Phone: 1800 595 212 P Block North-SCU campus, Lismore.	Open all through Christmas and New Year period. 7 days a week – 12pm-8pm. Reduced hours on Public Holidays 10am-2pm. Christmas day opening hours to be advised.



Lismore City Council wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and remains dedicated to supporting the community's recovery.

For further assistance or enquiries, please contact the Community Recovery Officers at [recovery@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recovery@lismore.nsw.gov.au).



# Our Time is Now

Over twenty months on from the floods and the people of Lismore still face an uncertain future. The time is now for the community to **come together** to create the roadmap to the future we want. With a clear vision and blueprint we can all make decisions about our lives, our homes, and our families, with the level of certainty we need.



The Lismore Vision and Blueprint will be developed using a uniquely transparent, community-led process:



**Community engagement:** All locals will have an opportunity to share their hopes, values, priorities, concerns and questions through a variety of engagement activities.



**A Citizens' Assembly:** A group of 50 randomly selected locals will consider the community feedback, along with expert advice before making the recommendations on Lismore's future.

Lismore's future will be decided by the people, for the people, of Lismore. Everyone in the community will have the opportunity to be part of the process that will determine Lismore's future.

## Have your voice heard.

For more information on Lismore's Vision and Blueprint and how to be part of shaping it, go to: [www.lismorenow.com.au](http://www.lismorenow.com.au).



Keep an eye out for your local engagement events.

*Our Time is*



**Lismore**  
Vision + Blueprint



# LISMORE SHINES BRIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS

It's that wonderful time of the year and Lismore is transforming into a festive wonderland!

The CBD and North Lismore are now illuminated with the twinkling glow of enchanting fairy lights, Santa proudly stands beside the fabulously wonky Christmas Tree and the upcycled Christmas tree takes centre stage at the Keen and Magellan streets roundabout.

For the first time ever, eight large trees around the CBD and North Lismore have been illuminated with beautiful fairy lights. As night falls, these lights create a delightful and inviting streetscape, welcoming residents and visitors alike to revel in the joy of the season.



**Key Illumination Locations include:**

- The Woodlark/Molesworth Street roundabout
- Molesworth Street pedestrian crossing
- Bridge/Terania Street roundabout, North Lismore
- Leopard tree on the corner of Keen and Magellan streets
- Leopard tree at the Lismore Transit Centre
- Three locations along Woodlark Street
- Two locations midway along Magellan Street
- Woodlark Street pedestrian laneway entry to the Clyde Campbell carpark.

**We encourage everyone to come into the CBD and explore our beautifully illuminated city!**





# 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

**DA12/153-07 15 Tareeda Way, Nimbin:** Section 4.55(2) Application to Modify Consent 5.2012.153 (60 lot subdivision) to: 1) amend the alignment of Alternative Way and provide a 'T' intersection with Cecil Street; 2) reconfigure Lots 78 to 85 (included within stages 7 and 8) to correspond with the redesigned intersection; 3) relocate the approved park (included within stages 8 and 9) to correspond with the redesigned intersection; and 4) undertake bulk earthworks to fill part of the north-eastern gully area.

**DA18/157-06 27 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(2) Application to Modify Consent (DA5.2018.157) to increase the approved student numbers of Summerland Christian College from 590 students to 700 students.

**DA22/117 45 William Blair Avenue, Goonellabah:** To undertake the erection of a multi dwelling housing development comprising four (4) single storey units, associated earthworks and retaining walls, driveways and parking areas, civil infrastructure works including stormwater works, landscaping works, and Strata subdivision.

**DA22/372 254 The Channon Road, The Channon:** Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.

**DA23/002 38 Trevan Road, East Lismore:** To undertake: The change of use of an existing three (3) unit light industrial units as two (2) self-storage units and one (1) small scale animal boarding or training establishment; Construction of a new three (3) unit light industrial building at the rear of the site to be used as self-storage units; Associated earthworks, stormwater management, and carparking works; and Removal of one (1) Jacaranda tree located on the eastern boundary.

**DA23/045 27 Cullen Street, Nimbin:** Erection of a primary and secondary dwelling, including a new carport, the demolition of an existing building, and the conversion of the church into a creative industry (Artist's Studio).

**DA23/057 629 Cowlong Road, Eltham:** To undertake the erection of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy, new driveway entrance off Cowlong Road and internal driveway, associated earthworks, retaining walls, water tanks, landscaping works, and an on-site sewerage management system.

**DA23/081 112 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah :**A Torrens title subdivision of the subject site in the following stages: Stage 1: A Torrens title subdivision of one (1) lot into two (2) lots (to create lots 1 & 2), with lot 1 retaining the existing dwelling; and Stage 2: A Torrens title subdivision of the new lot 2 into six (6) lots to create a total of seven (7) lots, and associated civil and infrastructure works, driveways, bulk earthworks, and removal of specified trees.

**DA23/139 107 Nightcap Range Road, Dorrroughby:** Detached dual occupancy (construction of a new dwelling and conversion of an expanded dwelling to a dual occupancy), carport and shed.

**DA23/146 24 Colleen Place, East Lismore:** To undertake the erection of a new pre-school (50 Children), including: 1) the construction of a new two-storey building; 2) the provision of fifteen (15) under croft car parking spaces; 3) the removal of three (3) trees; and 4) associated earthworks, infrastructure / civil works, signage and landscaping works at Lot 50 DP 748966 24 Colleen Place East Lismore.

**DA23/153 9 Remnant Drive, Clunes:** To undertake alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house including the construction of a new building containing a double garage with mezzanine floor, laundry, powder room and storage and a new carport and removal of 2 trees.

**DA23/163 15 Roseview Road, McLeans Ridges:** To undertake the erection of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy and associated swimming pool, earthworks, retaining wall and on-site effluent disposal system.

**DA23/174 1164 Bruxner Highway, McKees Hill:** To undertake the change of use of existing shed to a new dwelling, creating a detached dual occupancy.

**DA23/179 730 and 732 Dunoon Road, Tullera :**To undertake the following staged subdivision: 1) Stage 1 – boundary adjustment between Lot 2 DP 817961 and Lot 2 DP 876755 to create two (2) lots being Lot 1 (3.81 ha) and Lot 2 (37.36 ha); and 2) Stage 2 – subdivision of proposed Lot 2 from Stage 1 to create Lot 4 (32.89 ha) being a primary production lot with no dwelling entitlement and Lot 3 (4.47 ha) retaining the existing dwelling.

**DA23/191 4 Evelyn Way, Nimbin:** Re-sited dwelling (including minor addition)

**DA23/200 7 Aurora Street, East Lismore:** Dwelling addition – covered deck and new staircase.

**DA23/267 19 Garrard Street, Girards Hill:** Raise existing dwelling with associated alterations and additions including new covered deck.

**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:** 23/292

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 6 and 12 Industry Drive, East Lismore (Lot 1 DP859875, Lot 2 DP883372).

**APPLICANT:** Catalyst One Pty Limited.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** To undertake the installation of a telecommunications facility comprising: Controlled Environmental Vault (CEV) to support the existing fibre network in Lismore; on-site generator and power supply works; compound fence around the new infrastructure; and access driveway.

**CLOSING DATE:** 16 January 2024.



# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS CONTINUED

**DA NUMBER:** 23/160

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 152 Keen Street, Lismore (Lot 15 DP867281).

**APPLICANT:** Lismore Produce Market Inc.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Weekly Market (Lismore Produce Market) in the grounds of the Conservatorium held Thursday 2pm to 7pm (five (5) year approval).

**CLOSING DATE:** 16 January 2024.

**DA NUMBER:** 23/284

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 88 Bagotville Road, Broadwater (Lot 1 DP717103).

**APPLICANT:** Mr J J Rogers.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Primitive campground (4 sites), construction of an amenities building including a camp kitchen, laundry and accessible bathroom, and alterations to an existing shed including lockup area, wet bar, bathroom and toilet facilities.

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 Rural Fire Service in accordance with Rural Fires Act 1997 is required and approval from NSW Department of Planning and Environment (Water) is required in accordance with s91 of the Water Management Act 2000

The Consent Authority is the Lismore City Council.

**CLOSING DATE:** 30 January 2024.

**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).**

# BLAZE AID HERE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

**BlazeAid, a volunteer-driven organisation dedicated to rebuilding and revitalising rural communities ravaged by natural disasters, is here to help.**

Council wants to ensure landholders across the Lismore region impacted by the flooding natural disaster reach out and get this support while it is available.

At the heart of their mission is the commitment to ensuring stock containment and boundary fencing, which are crucial for rural livelihoods. They also extend their efforts to community clean-ups and restoring damaged structures.

The organisation's operations are centralised at the BlazeAid Basecamp, situated in the Lismore Greyhound Complex. This hub is more than just a temporary residence for volunteers; daily planning meetings and safety briefings are conducted, and volunteers gather for communal meals.

BlazeAid's efforts are bolstered by the invaluable contributions of local volunteers and the donations of meals, snacks, and baked goods, which sustain their workforce during their demanding tasks.

Importantly, BlazeAid's services come at no financial cost to property owners.

Local volunteers are also always welcome, as are donations of meals.

**To access their assistance, volunteer or provide meals, contact Camp Coordinator Gary Lawrence at 0427 390 851 or visit the Basecamp.**





# SUCCESSFUL RURAL LANDHOLDER'S WORKSHOP GUIDES PROPERTY DREAMS TO REALITY

The deadline for applications for Lismore City Council's enhanced Rural Landholder Initiative (RLI) is fast approaching, with submissions due by Monday, 18 December.

The RLI has supported 218 projects since 2015 and now offers increased environmental conservation and land management funding. Individual landholders can now receive up to \$15,000 over three years, while community groups like landcare can apply for \$50,000 from 2024.

Key achievements of the RLI include 56,000 trees planted, 360 hectares of bushland restored, and 17km of habitat fencing. Now available over three years, the expanded grants aim for more impactful and larger projects, reflecting the Council's commitment to environmental sustainability.

An RLI workshop was recently held at Jiggi Hall, featuring a panel of industry experts and seasoned landowners. Participants received advice on property management, resource alignment, and preventing burnout. Coinciding with the Initiative's application period, the workshop also offered guidance on using the IntraMaps system for environmental planning, equipping landholders with vital management skills.

Details and the application portal are at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Community/Environmental-strategies/Rural-Landholders-Initiative](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Community/Environmental-strategies/Rural-Landholders-Initiative).

Expressions of Interest for grant funding close on Monday, 18 December 2023. Applicants should consult the RLI Policies and Guidelines before applying.



## COUNCIL CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS



### Corporate Centre

Closed from 4.30pm on Friday, 22 December until 8.30am on Tuesday, 2 January.

### Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre

The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre will remain open over the Christmas break excluding public holidays. This means the facility will be closed on the following days: Monday, 25 December, Tuesday, 26 December and Monday, 1 January.

Please note that waste collection will continue as normal.

The Lismore Revolve Shop will be closed from 1pm on Saturday, 23 December, reopening on Wednesday, 3 January.

### Nimbin Transfer Station

The Nimbin Transfer Station will remain open over the Christmas break excluding public holidays.

### Libraries

All Lismore Area Libraries will close Friday, 22 December at 5pm and reopen Tuesday, 2 January at 9.30am.

### GSAC

GSAC will remain open over the Christmas break excluding public holidays. Please note operating hours from 27 December-30 December will be reduced to 9am-4.30pm.

### Lismore Regional Gallery

Closed from Sunday, 24 December, reopening on Tuesday, 2 January.





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