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# HIGH SCHOOLERS HAVEN SET TO TRANSFORM YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES IN LISMORE

Lismore City Council, in collaboration with ABC Takeover Lismore winners from the May leadership summit, is launching a transformative new initiative for local youth: High Schoolers Haven.

This unique project aims to redefine opportunities for local youth, offering a vibrant pop-up event framework, where young people can cultivate skills, forge connections with peers and mentors and contribute meaningful feedback on their community.

## Activities include:

- ✓ Sport
- ✓ Chill Zone
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Connection
- ✓ Arts
- ✓ Career and training opportunities

In addition to recreational activities, High Schoolers Haven will feature local youth organisations available for young people to engage with.

High Schoolers Haven is set to kick off its pilot phase with events scheduled on Friday evenings: 5 July, 2 August, 6 September, 4 October and 1 November from 4pm to 7pm. Comprehensive data collection during these sessions - covering attendee numbers, costs, community backing and participant input - will play a crucial role in gauging the initiative's sustainability and pinpointing potential future funding avenues.

All interested organisations, individuals and groups are invited to join us in supporting these events by submitting a supporter application at the High Schoolers Haven page at [yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au). Young people wanting to attend the events can also register on this page.

JULY 05  
4 - 7PM

# HIGH SCHOOLERS HAVEN

FOOD & DRINKS | PRIZES | MIXED ACTIVITIES

## FREE ENTRY

VENUE: GSAC - 1 WALLERAWANG DRIVE, GOONELLABAH

NSW GOVERNMENT NSW Police Force lismore city council

**REGISTER NOW**  
[yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/highschoolershaven](https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/highschoolershaven)

# A message from the NSW Reconstruction Authority

NSW Reconstruction Authority has kicked off a campaign promoting four apps as part of the Get Ready NSW program to increase community preparedness for natural disasters. In an emergency, time and location accuracy are critical. **The Emergency Plus** app gives your precise location for emergency services using three unique words and a tool to help you call Triple Zero quickly.

Knowing where planned and unplanned incidents are in real-time can help you make the best possible travel decisions. The **Live Traffic NSW** app uses advanced monitoring and traffic management systems so you can plan and see what hazards are impacting your route.

Check local weather conditions with Australia's official weather app from the **Bureau of Meteorology**. Wherever you are in Australia, it gives you access to hourly and 7-day forecasts, radar, and weather warnings.

Take the guess work out of planning for natural disasters, visit [nsw.gov.au/GetReadyNSW](https://nsw.gov.au/GetReadyNSW)



## Don't be caught off guard in a natural disaster

We have the top four apps you need to be prepared.

- **Hazards Near Me**  
Receive notifications when a natural disaster is approaching
- **Live Traffic NSW**  
Plan ahead and see what hazards are impacting your route
- **Emergency Plus**  
The 'what 3 words' feature gives your precise location for emergency services
- **BOM Weather**  
Check for weather forecasts and warnings

**Get Ready NSW**  
Visit [nsw.gov.au/GetReadyNSW](https://nsw.gov.au/GetReadyNSW) to download these four apps.

 



# A SHOULDER TO LEAN ON

The Lismore Business Chaplaincy initiative is currently underway, providing vital support to our local businesses in Lismore. Its primary objective is to extend a helping hand to our community's business people as they continue to recover from the 2022 natural disaster.

This joint partnership between Council, Business Lismore, the Lismore Ministers' Fellowship, the Catholic Diocese of Lismore and the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (DRCN) of the Uniting Church brings together a team of dedicated pastoral carers led by Rev. John Lata.

The team of ten volunteer chaplains have undergone specialised training to offer tailored assistance to the unique challenges faced by business owners, their employees and the local farming community.

The chaplains are here to listen without judgment or agenda, offering a compassionate ear to those facing challenges in the aftermath of the 2022 natural disaster.

Due to confidentiality, personal stories cannot be shared, however, the chaplains have been warmly embraced as trusted "shoulders to lean on", and numerous friendships have been formed.

In addition to meeting people in local businesses and cafes, the chaplains have attended Business Lismore's "Business After Hours" and Council events, such as "Farmers' Night Out" and community flood-recovery nights.

If you're interested in learning more about the Business Chaplaincy, please email [stephenr@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:stephenr@nswact.uca.org.au)



# SWEET SUCCESS: LISMORE CWA ROOMS READY TO REOPEN TO SERVE UP MORE THAN JUST CAKES AND SCONES

The Lismore Country Women's Association (CWA) building (cover picture), which suffered extensive damage in the 2022 natural disaster, has been fully refurbished and is ready to be handed back to the community organisation.

Beyond their renowned cakes and scones, the Lismore CWA plays a pivotal role within the larger CWA organisation in Australia, committed to enhancing conditions for women and children, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Lismore Mayor Steve Krieg said he was delighted that the CWA could now move back to its home, emphasising the volunteer organisation's significant role in community support and advocacy.

"The CWA has always been an integral part of Lismore, consistently going above and beyond to support our community. Their dedication during the 2022 natural disaster was nothing short of inspirational," he said.

"I hope the CWA can now achieve stability and continue their important work in this beautifully refurbished building."

The renovations, carried out by local contractors Bennett Constructions, have modernised and improved the facility, creating a more functional space for the CWA to carry out its essential work.

The reconstruction project included comprehensive rebuilding of key building components such as electrical services, plumbing, doors, ceilings, kitchen cabinetry and equipment and the annex building.

With the completion of the CWA rooms, Council is edging closer to the completion of its vital community buildings. For the latest updates on Council's buildings, parks and facilities flood restoration efforts, visit the dedicated page on Council's Your Say website at [yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or by scan the QR Code.



# THE RICHMOND HILL ROAD UPGRADE

The Richmond Hill Road upgrade commenced in September of last year and is progressing well with 1.8km of road successfully constructed.

Road crews are currently working on a 560-metre stretch between Roy Place and Lahaina Crescent.

The reconstruction efforts have significantly improved the road's structural integrity, geometry, stormwater infrastructure and overall ride quality.

The final stage of the Richmond Hill Road reconstruction will extend from the end of the current stage to approximately 300 metres past the Lahaina Crescent intersection.

This phase is in the final planning stages and will likely follow the same methodology and treatments as previous stages. Upon completion, 2.7km of the road will be reconstructed.

Work began to remove the current 560-metre stretch of old road surface in early June. This was followed by treating the lower sub-base pavement layer through in-situ stabilisation.

This process involves incorporating a binder to enhance the performance characteristics of the sub-base layer, enabling the existing material to be reused in the new pavement design.

Stabilisation uses a large reclaimer machine, which mixes the existing pavement material with the binder product to the required depth. This mixture is then compacted and shaped to the necessary geometry. Subsequently, a new base layer is laid and compacted to reach the finished surface height.

Also, as part of the project Council has installed adjustments to adjoining driveways to ensure they align with the new road surface height. This may also involve replacing pipe crossings and installing grates or concrete dish drains to manage stormwater.

You can stay up to date on the Richmond Hill Road upgrade project via Council's Your Say page by visiting [yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au)



The work was jointly funded under State Government's Regional and Local Roads Repair Program and Fixing Local Roads Program, and by Lismore City Council.



# 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

**DA23/197 1A Military Road, East Lismore:** To convert the use of 'E' Block at Southern Cross University to an educational establishment (Primary & Secondary School for the Living School) for a period of up to five (5) years.

**DA24/24 17 Willow Tree Drive, Chilcotts Grass:** To undertake a strata subdivision (to create 2 lots) of an existing dual occupancy.

**DA24/70 366 Whian Whian Road, Whian Whian:** To undertake the erection of a new dwelling, creating a detached dual occupancy.

**DA24/88 116 Woodlark Street, Lismore:** To demolish existing stairs and ramp and undertake the re-construction of stairs and platform lift.

**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).**

## Proposed Subdivision at North Lismore Plateau: Amended Submission for Appeal with the NSW Land and Environment Court

In May 2021, a Development Application (DA5.2021.221.1) was made with Lismore City Council for a subdivision in the North Lismore Plateau urban land-release area. The application was for 742 residential lots, 2 neighbourhood business lots, and associated infrastructure and reserves. DA5.2021.221.1 was decided by the Northern Regional Planning Panel at their meeting of 15 December 2022, with their determination being Refusal.

The developer subsequently made an Appeal in the NSW Land and Environment Court (LEC) against the Refusal. As part of the Court process, the developer has recently amended the proposal and has submitted amended documents. The amended subdivision comprises 714 residential lots (including 7 large lots and 2 'super' lots for future development), 2 neighbourhood business lots, plus residual lots, public reserves and associated infrastructure.

The amended submission and accompanying documents may be viewed electronically at the Council's Corporate Centre during business hours (8.30am - 4.30pm) or at any time via the links provided on this webpage below:

[www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Council/News-and-projects/  
Public-notice-projects-and-consultations](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Council/News-and-projects/Public-notice-projects-and-consultations)

**The public exhibition and submission period is until 5 July 2024. Any person, during the public exhibition and submission period, may make submissions to Council concerning the proposal. Please see the details in the link above for the process and requirements for making a submission.**





## EOI: FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FIRST NATIONS MEMBER

Lismore City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for a First Nations community member to fill a vacancy on its Flood Risk Management Committee (FRMC).

The FRMC acts as a forum to discuss technical, social, economic, environmental and cultural issues, and to distil differing viewpoints on issues into studies a Flood Risk Management Plan.

The FRMC meets approximately four times per year, or as determined by the chairperson. Its role is advisory in nature and it reports directly to Council.

The Committee provides an important link between Council and the local community and provides input on a range of matters from flood behaviour to education and implementation initiatives.

The Committee includes a range of technical specialists from nominated organisations as well as up to six community members as follows:

- 1 First Nations community member
- 1 community member from North Lismore
- 1 community member from South Lismore
- 1 other community member (not geographically specific)
- 1 community member representing business owners
- 1 community members representing environmental groups

### The selection criteria for community representatives are:

- Demonstration of connection and links to their geographic community or community of interest (as appropriate)
- Demonstration of awareness in relation to flood-risk management issues.

If you would like to nominate for the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position on the Committee, go to [www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/floodcommittee](http://www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/floodcommittee) (or use the QR code) for more information and to submit an application. Submissions close on 7 July 2024.



## HAVE YOUR SAY: DRAFT LISMORE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Lismore City Council is exhibiting its draft Flood Risk Management Plan, which provides a short to medium-term plan to manage flood risk in the Lismore urban area. The goal of the Plan is to enhance community safety and manage the impacts of flooding through a combination of preventative, preparatory and responsive measures.

The Plan includes information on flood risk across Lismore's urban area, and includes a range of measures to improve risk through property modification, flood response and flood behaviour modification. It also includes an implementation plan that Council will enact over the coming years to improve and manage flood risk.

Due to concurrent work being undertaken by CSIRO through the Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative, the Flood Risk Management Plan will be reviewed and updated following the completion of CSIRO's flood model and flood mitigation scenario testing, scheduled for 2026.

The draft Flood Risk Management Plan is on exhibition from 27 May 2024 until 7 July 2024. Go to [www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/frmp](http://www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/frmp) to view the draft Plan and provide your comments.



# COUNCIL DECIDES

Council's Ordinary June meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, 25 June after Councillors ran out of time to complete the business paper.

The following are the decisions made before the meeting was adjourned on Tuesday, 11 June 2024

- Receive and adopt the recommendations contained within the 1 May 2024 minutes of the Sister City Advisory Group
- Receive and adopt the recommendations contained within the 22 May 2024 minutes of the Local Traffic Committee
- Receive and adopt the recommendations contained within the 16 May 2024 minutes of the Nimbin Advisory Group
- Receive and adopt the recommendations contained within the 23 May 2024 minutes of the Disability and Inclusion Advisory Group
- Alter Resolution 10/21 adopted on 13 July 2021 to include:
  1. Transfer Council-owned land on the North Lismore Plateau to the traditional owners: a. this will be undertaken through the following: i) Council enter negotiations with the Widjabul Wia-bal Gurrumbil Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, being the registered native title body corporate that holds native title on trust for Widjabul Wia-bal for the transfer of land ownership of North Lismore Plateau land (NLP land) comprising of Lot 1 in DP 772627, Lot 12 in DP 844585 and Lot 1 in DP 118556, ii) the consideration for the NLP land transfer shall be \$1.00, considered paid, iii) the General Manager be delegated authority to sign all documents necessary to transfer the land, iv) each party involved in the NLP land transfer shall be responsible for their own costs, including but not limited to legal fees, stamp duty (if applicable), and registration fees, v) the Widjabul Wia-bal Gurrumbil Aboriginal Corporation is responsible for conducting its own due diligence to ensure the NLP land meets satisfaction, vi) the Widjabul Wia-bal Gurrumbil Aboriginal Corporation be granted access to the NLP land for the purpose of conducting its due diligence; this access is intended to identify and assess any risks associated with acquiring the NLP land before entering a Contract of Sale, 2. a briefing is prepared for Councillors to examine the relevant processes, possible timeframes and budgetary impacts, 3. an inclusive, transparent consultative process is identified in order to engage all relevant stakeholders to participate in the process, and 4. clarify Council's responsibility in relation to rehabilitation of the quarry
- Adopt the 2024-2025 draft Budget and Fees & Charges for Richmond Tweed Regional Library

1) endorse the recommendation by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, Crown Lands to revoke the Water Supply dedication over the north-western part of Crown Reserve 1002205 used by the Lismore City SES Unit; adding an appropriate reserve purpose to facilitate the use and occupation of the SES

2) endorse adoption of the compulsory partial land acquisition strategy as detailed in this report for public road purposes under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*

3) the landowner's costs associated with the land acquisitions be borne by Council including but not limited to survey, Council fees, reasonable legal and valuation fees, and plan registration fees

4) an application be submitted to the Minister as required for compulsory acquisition approval under Section 177(1) of the Roads Act 1993

5) the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate the compensation payable and finalise the subdivision plan to complete the SES Reserve purpose and road widening purpose, and to sign all required documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

- Adopt Section 7.11 Contribution Plan
- Receive and note the May 2024 Investments Report
- Endorse fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for 2024-2025 be \$66,800 and \$27,500 respectively
- Note the draft minutes of Rous County Council and Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
- Include in the 2024-2025 budget the provision of large sharps disposal bins in three locations in Lismore
- Award a tender for the Provision of Banking Services to Commonwealth Bank of Australia from 1 July 2024 for a five (5) year period, with two (2) x twelve (12) month options to extend
- Delegate to the General Manager the authority to invite tenders under Section 55(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, enter contracts and make variations to those contracts, subject to compliance with Sections 55 and 377(1)(i) of the Act relating to the rebuild of Council infrastructure damaged by the 2022 flood event using external grant and DRFA funding, exceeding \$1,000,000 to a maximum of \$25,000,000
- Instruct Council's legal representatives in the Santin's Quarry legal action to defend Council's position as Lismore City Council and oppose any attempt by the Applicant or the Court to formally name Councillors as a group or individually in any Application, Motion or Order





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