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LISMORE GALLERY REOPENING SOON

The Lismore Regional Gallery pop-up space is now closed as Lismore City Council prepares to reopen the fully repaired gallery at 11 Rural Street in the coming months.

The pop-up space was open between January 2023 and May 2024, with support from the Australian Government through Creative Australia and the NSW Government through Create NSW.

During that time, the pop-up gallery attracted 24,751 visitors and participants through 215 programs, including 16 exhibitions, up-late events, recovery programs, talk series, outdoor installations and various activities for all generations.

Lismore Regional Gallery Director Ashleigh Ralph said the pop-up provided a safe space for art enthusiasts to come together as the region recovered from the worst natural disaster in Australia's recorded history.

"It's been wonderful to see people come into the pop-up and smile as they wonder through the various exhibitions. It really has been good for the community's mental wellbeing," she said.

"Now our focus is on moving back into our permanent home and once again welcoming major artists and exhibitions to our region and community.

Ms Ralph said the rich history of the Gallery has been preserved in the Lismore Quadrangle (the Quad) with the enhancement of the existing infrastructure, thanks to funding from the NSW and Australian governments.

◀ Aris Prabawa *Flame of Power* exhibition at the pop-up space. Photo: Mia Forrest 2023.



"The Gallery has long been a cherished community space and its reopening will not only improve the functionality and appeal of the reception and artist studio, but it will also provide exciting opportunities for artists and designers to showcase their work in the gallery shop," she said.

"Visitors will also have a new cafe to connect in and enjoy, which will soon be available for lease. The community will have endless possibilities to create, make, and learn across the multi-functional spaces within and throughout the Gallery."

The restoration projects include a facelift to the Quad, which connects the Gallery to the Lismore Library and Northern Rivers Conservatorium. Other works such as landscaping, soil drainage, pathways and seating will make the Quad a safer and more enjoyable place to gather and participate in arts and culture in the heart of Lismore.

The Gallery will re-open with a full exhibition program in the five newly restored gallery spaces, plus events and activities both inside the Gallery and outside in the Quad. These dates will be announced soon.

The best way to ensure you don't miss out on the exciting, grand re-opening plans is to subscribe to the Gallery's email list via the website: lismoregallery.org.



Update from the NSW Reconstruction Authority

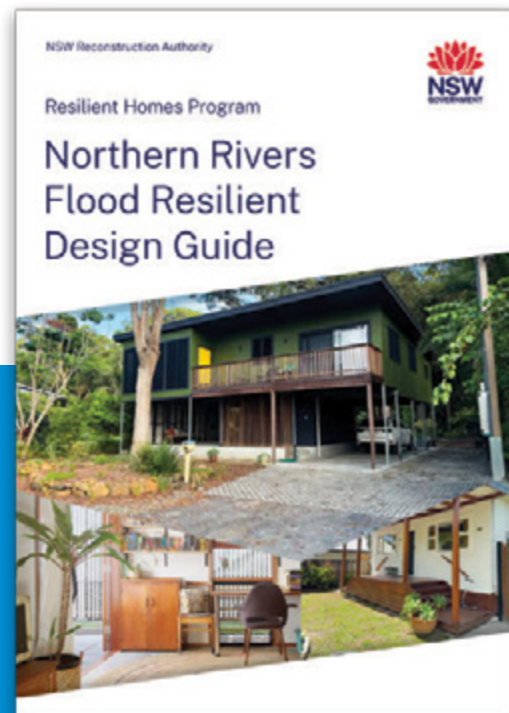
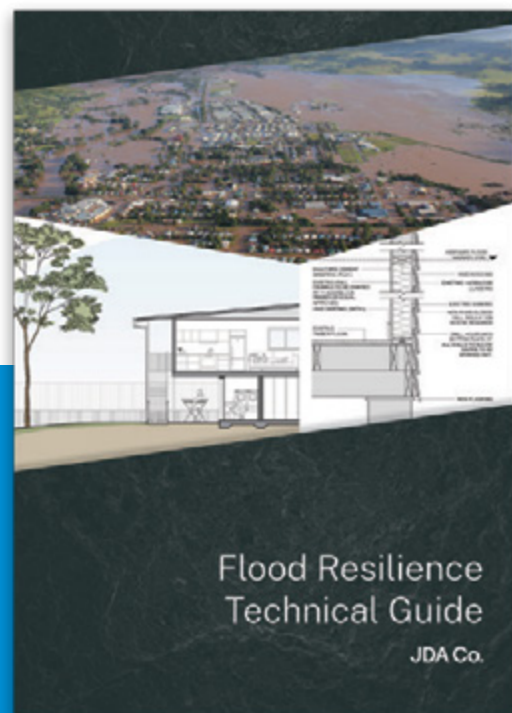
NEW FLOOD RESILIENT HOMES GUIDANCE

New publications have been released to provide homeowners and builders with information about how to build or retrofit flood resilient homes in the Northern Rivers.

The publications were developed by the NSW Reconstruction Authority and flood resilience experts JDA Co. They include:

- Northern Rivers Flood Resilient Design Guide which provides guidance on flood resilient design and information on the types of works that will improve the resilience of your home.
- Flood Resilience Technical Design Guide from JDA Co. which provides more technical guidance about retrofitting and materials for builders and homeowners.

These resources and other materials are available at:
nsw.gov.au/resilienthomesprogram



RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM UPDATE

The Resilient Homes Program provides financial support for prioritised homeowners across one of three streams: Home Buybacks for homes with the highest flood risk, and grants for Home Raising or Home Retrofit to minimise the impact of future floods.

We are continuing to rollout the Resilient Homes Program and are working with eligible homeowners to help them through the process.

We are also contacting prioritised homeowners in the Home Raising and Home Retrofit stream to offer a free home assessment and report. This report will give homeowners information on works needed to improve the resilience of their home and details about how to engage builders to deliver the works.

If you want to know more about the program or have questions about your situation, please visit one of our pop-ups or talk with someone over the phone on 1800 844 085.

A dedicated concierge service is available to prioritised homeowners and building professionals to help guide them through the process. You can book a call with an expert on the phone number or email below.

Please get in touch for program information

Ph: 1800 844 085

resilienthomesprogram@reconstruction.nsw.gov.au
nsw.gov.au/resilienthomesprogram

Visit us in person at our Information Pop-ups:
nsw.gov.au/northern-rivers-recovery/events

RECORD-SETTING RESTORATION OF RURAL GRAVEL ROADS COMMENCES

Lismore City Council has commenced an historic effort to restore more than 120km of unsealed gravel roads damaged by natural disasters.

Over the next three months, Council will deploy six dedicated local crews to grade and repair the most severely affected areas.

This extensive project, one of the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Lismore's rural areas, represents a multi-million-dollar investment into improving Lismore's key transport corridors for safer and faster commute times.

Council's Chief Operating Officer, Brendan Logan, said rural roads are lifelines for many in our community, providing essential access for locals, visitors, emergency services and local businesses.

"This record-setting grading project demonstrates our commitment to restoring these vital routes to their optimal condition as quickly as possible," he said.

"This blitz on over 120km of unsealed roads is a welcome investment for our teams who are responsible annually for maintaining 1,215km of sealed and unsealed roads across the local government area."

The undertaking not only addresses the critical need for road restoration post-flood, but also injects significant financial benefit into Lismore's local economy with local contractors intentionally engaged to deliver the works.

"This initiative is more than just road repairs, it's an incredible 'shop local' initiative. By engaging local contractors, we're ensuring that the investment benefits our community directly, creating jobs and keeping this money in our community," he said.

The project is expected to take approximately three months to complete, weather permitting, with the most severely damaged roads prioritised to be restored first.

The assessment process is continuing with the possibility that additional roads may be included in the scope of the recovery works.

To access the complete list of roads undergoing restoration and to stay updated on the progress of recovery efforts for roads and bridges, visit the Council's dedicated Flood Recovery – Roads and Bridges Your Say page at yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

The funding for this project is granted by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) guidelines to reconstruct eligible assets to pre-disaster function.



FREE GOONELLABAH SKATE CLINICS THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The upgrade of the popular Goonellabah Skatepark was completed early in time for school holidays and it seems to be a hit with our skating community.

Designed and constructed by skatepark specialists Trinity Skateparks with input from local enthusiasts, the new features include new ramps, manual pad, loading dock and hydrant, flat rail and slappy kerb.

In addition to the new features, the upgrade includes drainage improvements, concrete surface repairs and fresh paint to ensure a smoother ride and enhance the park's appeal.

These upgrades were made possible thanks to funding from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities program.

And now that the skatepark has been upgraded, why not join us for FREE Skate Clinic workshops through the July school holidays?



Proudly supported by Lismore City Council, these workshops are facilitated by Truckstop Sk8 School and are designed for kids aged 5-14 years, catering to all skill levels, from beginners to advanced skaters.

Workshop Schedule:

Dates: 9, 11, 15 and 17 July

Times: Each day features two sessions: 9am – 10am and 10:30am – 11:30am

This flexible schedule allows you to choose the time that best fits your availability. All necessary equipment is provided, so all you need to bring is your enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to improve your skating skills under the guidance of experienced coaches. Places are limited.

To secure your spot, simply scan the QR code.





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

DA22/32 61 Gungas Road, Nimbin: New dwelling with a separate covered structure containing carport, shipping container for storage and prefabricated one bedroom cabin as an expanded dwelling. Alterations to existing approved farm shed with addition of bathroom facilities. Excavate and enlarge an existing dam to provide fill for the dwelling building pad.

DA23/102-3 45, 47 & 51 Cullen Street, 12 & 40 Cecil Street, 11A Alternative Way, 29 Sibley Street and 12 Hillside Drive, Nimbin: Section 4.55(1A) Application to modify Development Consent 5.2023.102.1 (Rainbow Road Walkway Track) to amend Condition 8 to delete the requirements for lighting on the walking track.

DA23/211 2 Graham Road, Marom Creek: Additions and alterations to an existing dwelling.

DA23/229-2 16 Tareeda Way, Nimbin: Section 4.55(1A) Application to modify consent 5.2023.229.1 to undertake the following amendments: · minor increase in overall earthworks, increase height of retaining wall and fence between Dwellings A & B; · Dwelling A - minor changes to external footprint, internal layout and small increase in garage floor height.; and Dwelling B – minor changes to external footprint and internal layout, reduced floor level, change of floor structure to a slab-on-ground and associated changes to earthworks, retaining walls, driveway gradients.

DA23/331 5 Foleys Road, South Lismore: To undertake the construction of 13 mini storage sheds (12 x 9m² and 1 x 4.5m²).

DA24/74 110 Magellan Street and 11 Rural Street, Lismore: To undertake alterations and additions to the Lismore Regional Art Gallery to create an open plan reception and gallery shop area and a new artist studio which includes toilet amenities.

DA24/76 161 Military Road, East Lismore: To undertake the construction of a footbridge over an existing stormwater channel. The proposal is classified as nominated integrated development in accordance with s8A and s4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Approval from NSW Department of Planning and Environment (Water) is required in accordance with Water Management Act 2000. The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

DA24/89 30 North Street, Bexhill: Two storey re-sited dwelling.

DA24/95 138, 144 and 146 Military Road, East Lismore: To undertake the consolidation of three (3) existing lots and the re-subdivision to create two (2) new lots.

DA24/102 122 Cameron Road, McLeans Ridges: Swimming pool and deck.

DA24/104 4 Duke Street, Goonellabah: Dwelling alterations and additions (new roof over existing concrete area and new sleeper retaining wall).

DA24/106 2 Kestrel Court, Goonellabah: Dwelling addition (carport) with a building line variation to 0.1m to Kestrel Court.

DA24/107 16 Stewarts Way, Nimbin: Re-sited dwelling with associated alterations and additions.

DA24/109 1 Florence Street, Goonellabah: Change of use of exhibition dwelling to a dwelling.

DA24/111 20 Holmes Circuit, Chilcotts Grass: Dwelling.

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.

Public Notice

Declaration of Establishment Alcohol-free Zone(s) Lismore and Nimbin Village

In accordance with Section 644B of the Local Government Act 1993 notice is hereby given that Lismore City Council at the Ordinary Meeting held 14 May 2024 resolved to re-establish alcohol-free zones within Lismore and Nimbin Village as publically exhibited.

The declared Alcohol-Free Zones shall operate for a period of four (4) years from 10/7/2024 – 10/7/2028 in accordance with the Local Government Act and associated Ministerial Guidelines.

Enquiries:

Council's Contact Centre on 66250500



A MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Help us keep Terania Street open to light vehicles while we continue to prioritise the legislative process relating to the removal of the rail bridge.

Since the reopening of Terania Street on 21 June, Transport for NSW (Transport) has received multiple surveillance footages of heavy vehicles going under the bridge with near misses.

Given the high risk of further strikes destabilising the bridge, it is critical that we restrict heavy vehicles to prevent further strikes, which will lead to the closing of Terania Street again.

If your vehicle is over 4.5 tonne gross vehicle mass (GVM) or if you're in doubt, please use the detour route via Wilson Street, Elliott Road and Ballina Road.

Additional law enforcement will be implemented to monitor vehicle compliance.

Transport acknowledges the additional travel time for heavy vehicles, and we thank you for your patience while we continue to progress planning to remove the bridge.



TYWANA CALDWELL'S ARTWORK CHOSEN FOR COUNCIL PROJECT

Talented Bundjalung artist Tywana Caldwell will work with Lismore City Council to help illustrate the 2024-2026 Reconciliation Action Plan.

Ms Caldwell was selected after a rigorous Expressions of Interest process for indigenous artists who had a connection to country and community.

Announcing the chosen artist, Mayor Steve Krieg said Ms Caldwell's artwork entitled Ngulliboo, which is the Bundjalung word for "all of us", highlighted the unity of country, community and culture.

The artwork features a central symbol representing community dialogue, with Elders on each side and the Richmond River below, symbolising Bundjalung unity. The hoop pine signifies an enduring connection to the land, while the sky reflects the dedication to reconciliation.

This piece will be integral to the Council's Reconciliation Action Plan for 2024-2026 and may also appear on various Council assets, such as vehicles, buildings and digital platforms.

Lismore City Council remains committed to engaging respectfully with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as we continue on the path towards reconciliation.



New flight paths into Ballina

Planning is underway to establish controlled airspace around Ballina Airport in 2025 to support the growth of air traffic in the region.

This may result in changes to flight paths in your local area.



Scan the QR code for more information.

For information on our Community Engagement Plan and to subscribe to updates, visit:



engage.airservicesaustralia.com/ballina-controlled-airspace



communityengagement@airservicesaustralia.com

CALLING ALL SUPER SLEUTHS!

Join us at the Goonellabah Library this school holidays for **Crime Story**, an immersive and exciting workshop where you will navigate through various crime scenes, follow the clues and uncover real evidence.

Learn from Luke Taylor, a former detective and now HSC English teacher with a Masters of Writing. He will immerse you in the world of experiential learning with authentic crime scene analysis.

At the heart of this experience are possibilities and unanswered questions. To solve it, you need to ask the right questions. Make your way through potentially hundreds of pieces of evidence across multiple, interlinked crime scenes. Follow the evidence by learning alongside a 'literary detective'.

Crime Story will take place on Monday, 15 July at the Goonellabah Library with two sessions to choose from:

Session 1	Session 2
9am to 12pm	1pm to 4pm

The workshop is for ages 10 and over and bookings are essential. To book, call the Goonellabah Library on 6625 1235 or scan the QR code.

Have you got what it takes to solve the crime?

This youth event is proudly supported and funded by the Office of Regional Youth NSW.





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