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# LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY HAS REOPENED

The much-loved Lismore Regional Gallery, which was damaged in the 2022 natural disaster, was officially reopened on Friday night, 27 September following a complex restoration by Lismore's Flood Restoration Portfolio (Buildings) and Bennett Constructions.

The 12-month collaboration has seen the revitalisation of gallery spaces, reception area, kitchen/café and artists' studio, all rebuilt with new flood resilience and opportunities for the public.

## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS:

- Hannah Halle
- Buruugaa Garaa Buruu Garaa Budgeramgali
- Blue Island
- Sprung News!
- Unbearable Incandescence

## JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY ART PROGRAMS:

Complementing the exhibitions are responsive art programs including talks, tours and immersive experiences. Visit during the school holidays or anytime!

- Dedicated First Nations Gathering Space
- After-School Art Classes for Teens and 'Tweens
- Art and Ageing Enrichment Program
- Culture Dose for Kids with Mild Anxiety

## Gallery opening times:

Wednesday to Sunday: 10am – 4pm, Thursdays until 6pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday, and public holidays.

## THE QUAD ALSO REOPENS

The Lismore Quadrangle greenspace is also welcoming visitors again, after extensive landscaping and drainage improvements as part of flood restoration works.

Check out The Quad's open-air program at [lismorequad.org.au](http://lismorequad.org.au)

**The \$8.1 million Lismore Regional Gallery restoration project was proudly funded by Federal Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and two NSW Government Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Packages.**





# SEWERAGE PROJECT UNLOCKS FLOOD-FREE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS

**Council has delivered a \$7 million wastewater project, unlocking development opportunity for up to 600 new housing lots in Goonellabah.**

Completed in partnership with BASEC Engineering, DGP Water and Ledonne Constructions, the Pineapple Road Sewerage Scheme involved the installation of a new pump station and over four kilometres of pipeline, creating 30 local jobs.

Mayor Steve Krieg said the project demonstrated Council's commitment to providing the infrastructure needed to support housing development and help address the current housing crisis.

"Lismore City Council declared a housing emergency in May 2021 and the situation was exacerbated by the natural disaster in 2022," he said.

"This significant public investment opens up the potential for 600 new housing lots. Along with a series of other initiatives Council has established in recent years, it is expected this will help address the housing crisis."

Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin MP said: "I am pleased that the NSW Government can make a contribution to this important project that now has the potential to deliver more housing stock, desperately needed, and with the necessary infrastructure in place."

Other projects designed to address the lack of housing in and around Lismore include rezoning land for housing development, implementing the Housing Strategy Action Plan, facilitating strong partnerships with developers and housing providers, and providing advice to encourage the development of a range of housing types close to community services and facilities.

Jointly funded by Lismore City Council (\$5.6 million) and the NSW Government under its NSW Regional Housing Fund (\$1.4 million), the new sewerage scheme connects to Council's established network of 46km of rising mains and 332 kms of Wastewater (sewer) Gravity Pipes.

# LISMORE STUDENTS DEPART FOR A JAPANESE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

The five Lismore students and their chaperone who are taking part in the Lismore City Council's Yamato Takada Sister City Student Exchange Program have flown out to Japan.

The students, who range in age from 14 to 16-years, come from the Living School, Trinity Catholic College and Richmond River High.

The initiative, which strengthens the ties between Lismore and Yamato Takada, offers an unparalleled cultural and educational opportunity for local youth, with the students embarking on a busy schedule of events before returning from Japan on 12 October.

During their 12-day exchange, the students will stay with host families allowing them to immerse themselves in the local culture.

Mayor Krieg said he was excited for the students and their once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"I look forward to hearing from our local students on their return from the beautiful city of Yamato Takada, which has facilitated the exchange of not just students but also ideas, culture and goodwill over the years," he said.

Sixteen-year-old Jemma Parks from Trinity Catholic College said travelling and experiencing another culture was her driving force behind her applying to take part in the Japanese Student Exchange Program.

"I have a desire to travel and experience new cultures, meet people and engage in unique experiences I cannot do here at home," she said.

"I have been to New Zealand and Vanuatu, but never north of the equator, so I am excited and cannot wait to see Japan's natural environment and architecture and how it differs from ours."

Kenta Nakada Wiseman, 14, from Richmond River High, who has family in Japan, said he was taking part in the program to enhance his Japanese language skills.

"The 2022 floods essentially forced me to live with my family in Japan for 15 months as there were no available homes for me in Lismore," he said.

"Since returning to Australia, I have noticed my Japanese language skills are not as sharp, so I look forward to speaking Japanese a lot better again. Also, when I lived in Japan for 15 months after the floods, I attended several schools, so I look forward to visiting other Japanese schools compared to the ones I attended when living in Japan and the schools here."

Lismore City Council established a Sister City relationship with Yamato Takada on 7 August 1963 through the efforts of Father Tony Glynn.

Father Glynn, who had been working in Yamato Takada, collaborated with businesses in his hometown of Lismore to raise funds to construct a kindergarten in Yamato Takada. Through this collaboration, the Sister City relationship developed.

*From left to right: Kenta Nakada-Wiseman, Toby Yee, Minnie Porter, Jemma Du Preez-Parks and chaperone Tonia Dynan. Student Asha Baker is absent.*



# RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS: APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON

Expressions of Interest for Lismore City Council's Rural Landholder Initiative Community Grants will open from Tuesday, 1 October 2024 until Sunday, 2 February 2025.

This program is designed to fund projects by community and industry groups that achieve large-scale strategic outcomes by collaborating with multiple landholders, neighbours, and industry stakeholders.

Up to \$50,000 will be available over three years for on-ground activities such as:

- Geographically connected bush regeneration projects: Initiatives involving neighbouring properties or creating habitat corridors
- Projects with a common theme across the Lismore Local Government Area (LGA): Efforts focusing on koala habitat restoration, regenerative farming practices, or other nature-based solutions.



**HEALTHY LAND AND WATERWAYS**



Applications are invited from community groups that have a suitable governance structure for managing public funds. This includes incorporated Landcare groups, industry bodies and other non-profit organisations.

Interested groups are encouraged to review the guidelines by scanning the QR Code and begin planning their projects.

Proposals should align with the principles of the Lismore City Council Biodiversity Management Strategy and aim to benefit the wider rural communities within the LGA.

To assist applicants, a community information drop-in session will be held in November to offer advice and guidance to applicants. Join Council staff and industry experts at:

**Lismore Library Meeting Room at Lismore Central Shopping Centre  
Thursday, 7 November, 2024 3pm to 7pm. \*subject to change - see Council's Facebook page for updates closer to the event.**

For further details please contact The Rural Landholder Initiative officer, David Dreher on 6625 0500.



# 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

**DA10/311-2 362 Koonorigan Road, Koonorigan:** To undertake a Section 4.55(1A) application to modify consent 5.2010.311.1 to amend conditions 29, 30 & 33 relating to Stage 2 to provide flexibility in the provision of essential services.

**DA21/484-2 131 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to development consent 5.2021.484.1 by changing the shed size and design (stage 2).

**Da21/562-2 6 Belvedere Drive, East Lismore:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to development consent 5.2021.562.1 by reducing the height of the dwelling.

**DA21/567 3 Rural Street, Lismore:** Staged Development to change of use to an information and education facility (Art Gallery) Stage 1 - Change of use of the existing premises to an Information and Education Facility (Art Gallery); and Stage 2 - Bar area on the ground floor to only be used during exhibition openings of the Art Gallery.

**DA22/319 144 Gungas Road, Nimbin:** To convert the use of an existing building to a dwelling to create a dual occupancy.

**DA23/205-3 29 Lancaster Drive, Goonellabah:** To undertake a Section 4.55(1A) application to modify consent 5.2023.205.1 to amend s7.11 contributions based on the reduced number of equivalent full-time employees from eight (8) to six (6).

**DA24/112 28 Spurfield Road, McLeans Ridges:** To undertake the following staged development: 1. the erection of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy and associated driveway, earthworks, retaining walls and on-site effluent disposal system (Stage 1); and 2. the strata subdivision to create 2 lots (Stage 2).

**DA24/122 10 & 10A Elliott Road, South Lismore:** Shed.

**DA24/163 47 Barrys Road, Modanville:** Additions and alterations to an existing dwelling in two stages.

**DA24/164 96D Yeager Road, Leycester:** To undertake the construction of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy and associated shed and

carport, driveway, earthworks and wastewater system.

**DA24/173 2/109 James Street, Dunoon:** Construction of a new dwelling and installation of a temporary shipping container for storage.

**DA24/185 529 Ballina Road, Goonellabah:** Shed with carport with a building line variation to 2.920m to Ballina Road.

**DA24/191 27 Webster Street, South Lismore:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA24/192 66 Just Street, Goonellabah:** Inground swimming pool.

# DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

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

**DA NUMBER:** 21/472-4

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 1566 Bangalow Road, Clunes (Lot 33 DP 875064).

**APPLICANT:** Mrs K J Dixon.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Section 4.55(2) Application to Modify Consent 5.2021.472.3 (Mixed-Use Development) by:

1. removing the kitchen from the cellar door / winery building and erection of a new building for the kitchen and storeroom;
2. the erection of a detached office building (former shipping container);
3. amending the internal driveway and carparking layout and associated bulk earthworks;
4. construction of new terrace areas to the north and north-east of the winery / cellar door building with associated retaining walls; and
5. provision of level access between the entrance to the cellar door building and the accessible parking bay.

**CLOSING DATE:** 14 October 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).

# MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Lismore City Council is offering a range of free workshops to support community recovery throughout October.

For Nimbin and surrounding communities, we have the following workshops run by highly experienced and well-known local therapists and counsellors.

**For bookings call 6625 0500 or email [recovery@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recovery@lismore.nsw.gov.au)**

## PRACTICAL AND POWERFUL TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR REGULATING YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM

Join **Lissie Turner**, internationally certified yoga therapist, to learn how to take command of your own internal experience by recognising how your body responds to triggers and traumas, and how to immediately implement practical and powerful tools to come back to centre.

No prior yoga experience necessary. Please bring your own yoga mats or a towel.

**When:** Saturday, 12 October | 12.45pm – 2.45pm

**Where:** Dance Studio, 81 Cullen St Nimbin



## RECOVER ME - A COURSE IN TRAUMA RECOVERY TOOLS

Having trouble making decisions or feeling easily overwhelmed?  
Having flashbacks of the event or repetitive negative thoughts?  
Feel down and depressed?

**RECOVER ME** is a mental health recovery course for those who've experienced disaster.

Learn how to heal a wounded nervous system and get back on top of your world. Join **Paul Dodd**, Counsellor and Mental Health coach.

**When:** Saturday, 19 October | 1pm – 3pm

**Where:** Birth & Beyond, 54 Cullen St Nimbin

## STRESS AND TRAUMA WORKSHOP WITH SHARON MULLAN (ACAP)

Trauma happens when there is a lack of choice. While the person is holding the trauma, that person will continue to feel that they have no choice. This is all completely normal.

It is a natural process that has yet to be completed.

When a person is in the right company with the right skills at hand, the trauma or tension will come away over time and the person can live with choice again.

Stress and trauma therapist **Sharon Mullan** is a person who can provide that safety and those skills.

**When:** Saturday, 26 October | 12.45pm – 2.45pm

**Where:** Dance Studio, 81 Cullen St Nimbin

**For bookings call 6625 0500 or email [recovery@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recovery@lismore.nsw.gov.au)**

More workshops will be announced across the LGA throughout the month of October. Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for details.

# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LISMORE AREA LIBRARIES

## BEAN AND SEED MANDALA CRAFT

Thursday, 3 October, 10am-12pm at Lismore Children's Library

This popular craft is an excellent way to practice a little mindfulness using natural materials, and they look great too.

## CLAY MINI-ROOMS (FOR AGES 12-16)

Friday, 4 October, 2pm-3pm at Lismore Library Meeting Room

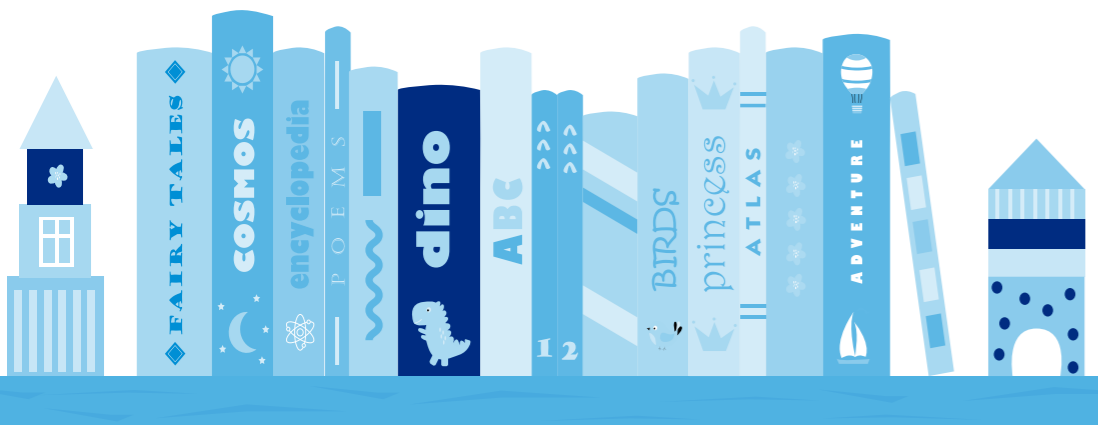
Join Gemma from Art with Wings to design and create your ultimate room, in miniature.

## WORMERY AND COMPOST

Thursday, 10 October, 10:30am-11:30am at Goonellabah Library

Worm farms and compost systems are excellent ways to return nutrient from food scraps to your garden system.

This is just a selection of the school holiday activities on offer. For the full list of activities, and to book a place at an event, please go to the Richmond Tweed Regional Library website and select our Events tab. Alternatively, you can visit us in branch or call, or scan this QR Code.



# SPRINGTIME IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS

What better way to welcome spring than to take a guided walk through the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, or maybe getting in the dirt.

## SPRING IN THE GARDENS

See what's flowering in the rainforest. Guided Walk with Phil.

Sunday, 29 September. Meet at 9.45am at the Visitors Centre in the Gardens. One hour walk from 10am. \$5 for adults. Children free.

Please wear sturdy shoes and a hat, and bring water.

Bookings essential. To book, email: [publicity@friendslrbg.com.au](mailto:publicity@friendslrbg.com.au) Join us for morning tea after the walk. Cash only sorry.

## WEEDING BLITZ - HOOP PINE FOREST

Saturday, 26 October. 8.30am to 1.30pm. Meet at the Visitor's Centre.

The Hoop Pine Forest is calling out to all friends to assist with the removal of the dreaded Asparagus weed, as well as camphor seedlings, coral berry, privet seedlings and corky passionfruit. Can you lend a hand for the morning?

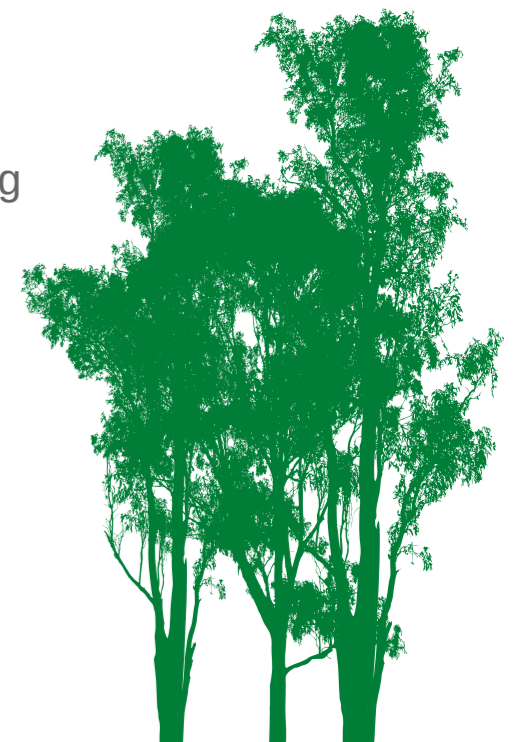
Weeding tools and collection buckets will be provided. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, hat and insect repellent, BYO water. If you have a favourite weeding tool, bring it along too. Note that the Hoop Pine Forest terrain can be steep in part so you need to be prepared for some scrambling in some areas.

**Morning tea will be provided. BYO lunch.**

All help will be very much appreciated.

Please register your participation with Susan Fitzpatrick. Weed Warrior -

[membership@friendslrbg.com.au](mailto:membership@friendslrbg.com.au)







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6625 0500**

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