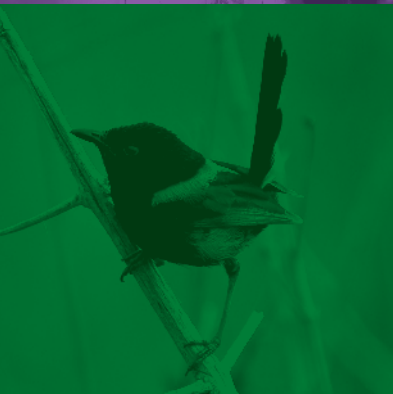


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CBD OCCUPANCY RATES IMPROVE AS SPENDING INCREASES



Exciting News for the Lismore CBD! Occupancy rates continue to edge closer to pre-February 2022 levels with local businesses experiencing an increase in customer spending, according to two reports.

- **Lismore City Council CBD Audit:** A Pre-Christmas CBD audit shows a 73.4% occupancy rate in inner CBD premises, up from 70.1% in June. Shopfront occupancy rates surged by 7.3% to reach 68.8%. Meanwhile, upstairs rates experienced a slight dip of 1.2% due to ongoing office renovations as the city undergoes renewal.
- **Increased Customer Spending:** Independent analysis of credit card expenditure in December reveals a 6% overall spending increase in the CBD compared to last year. Dining and entertainment experienced a remarkable 22% surge. Spending by visitors to Lismore also increased by 13% compared to December 2022. Across the Lismore Local Government Area, spending increased by a total of 3.89%, with visitor spending increasing 12.75%.

Below are the street-by-street occupation rates at December 2023, compared with June 2023:

- Keen Street occupancy rate – 81.1% (up from 74.5%)
- Molesworth Street occupancy rate – 74% (up from 73.6)
- Conway Street occupancy rate – 72.1% (up from 69.2%)
- Carrington Street occupancy rate – 73.1% (up from 69.3%)
- Magellan Street occupancy rate – 76.3% (up from 62.7%)
- Woodlark Street occupancy rate – 60.7% (up from 60.2%)

Council-organised events leading up to Christmas, such as the Lismore Delights weekends and Carols in the Heart, contributed to the festive buzz. Over 3800 people attended Carols in the Heart and 1500 visited Santa's Wonderland, with more than 600 youngsters claiming prizes in the popular cheeky Elf Hunt.

A guide to understanding flood-related terms



Advice



Watch and Act



Emergency Warning

KNOW YOUR FLOOD WARNINGS



FLOOD WATCH VS FLOOD WARNING

A 'Flood Watch' signals potential flooding based on forecasts, urging preparedness. It's an early alert, not confirming flooding but indicating its a possibility.

A 'Flood Warning' is issued when flooding is expected to occur at key river sites. It indicates more immediate and specific flooding risks, like road closures, bridge submergence, farmland and property threats.

Residents should stay informed and ready for necessary action in both scenarios.

MINOR, MODERATE AND MAJOR FLOODING

Minor Flooding: When the Wilsons River reaches 4.20m, it is classified as a Minor Flood. This causes inconveniences like road and some CBD carpark closures near the river. Some causeways in rural areas are also closed.

At 3.5m, the Rowing Club, Hensley and Westlawn carparks are flooded.

Moderate Flooding: Moderate flooding is when the Wilsons River reaches 7.2m.

This leads to the inundation of low-lying areas, affecting homes and roads and possibly requiring some location-specific evacuations.

Major Flooding: Major Flooding occurs when the Wilsons River reaches 9.7m.

This results in extensive inundation, isolating communities and demands significant emergency response.

The levee overtops at around 10.2m - 10.6m.

EVACUATE

Evacuation Warning is early advice by NSW SES that evacuation may be necessary.

Evacuation Order is a direction by NSW SES when evacuation is needed.

EXCEED, REACH AND PEAK

Exceed: The river level will pass this height based on current rainfall.

Reach: The highest level expected based on current or forecast rainfall. Further rainfall or tributary inflows mean the flood level could go higher.

Peak: Rainfall has eased or stopped. This is the highest expected river height.

For more information

You can find out how Lismore's levees and gates operate during floods and other information by reading the Flood Edition of Local Matters via the **QR Code**.

During a weather event, you can get more information at **www.bom.gov.au**.

You can also follow the SES Northern Rivers Facebook page. Updates from the BoM and SES are also posted on Lismore City Council's Facebook page.

For updates on road closures, go to **www.livetraffic.com**



UPGRADING CBD WATER SUPPLY

Council is currently undertaking a CBD Watermain Replacement project to ensure businesses and residents continue to have a reliable water supply.

The existing mains, which have reached the end of their life, will be replaced in five sections throughout the CBD. Sections will be completed one after the other as most practicable and as works are finalised.

During the works, temporary above-ground water pipes will be used to provide the same quality drinking water as the existing mains. Crossing ramps will be installed to protect the pipe and maintain property access.

While this project may require excavation, the construction preference is to use horizontal directional drilling where possible to minimise disruption.

The water supply is expected to be maintained throughout the works, with minor outages expected at time of connection and commissioning.

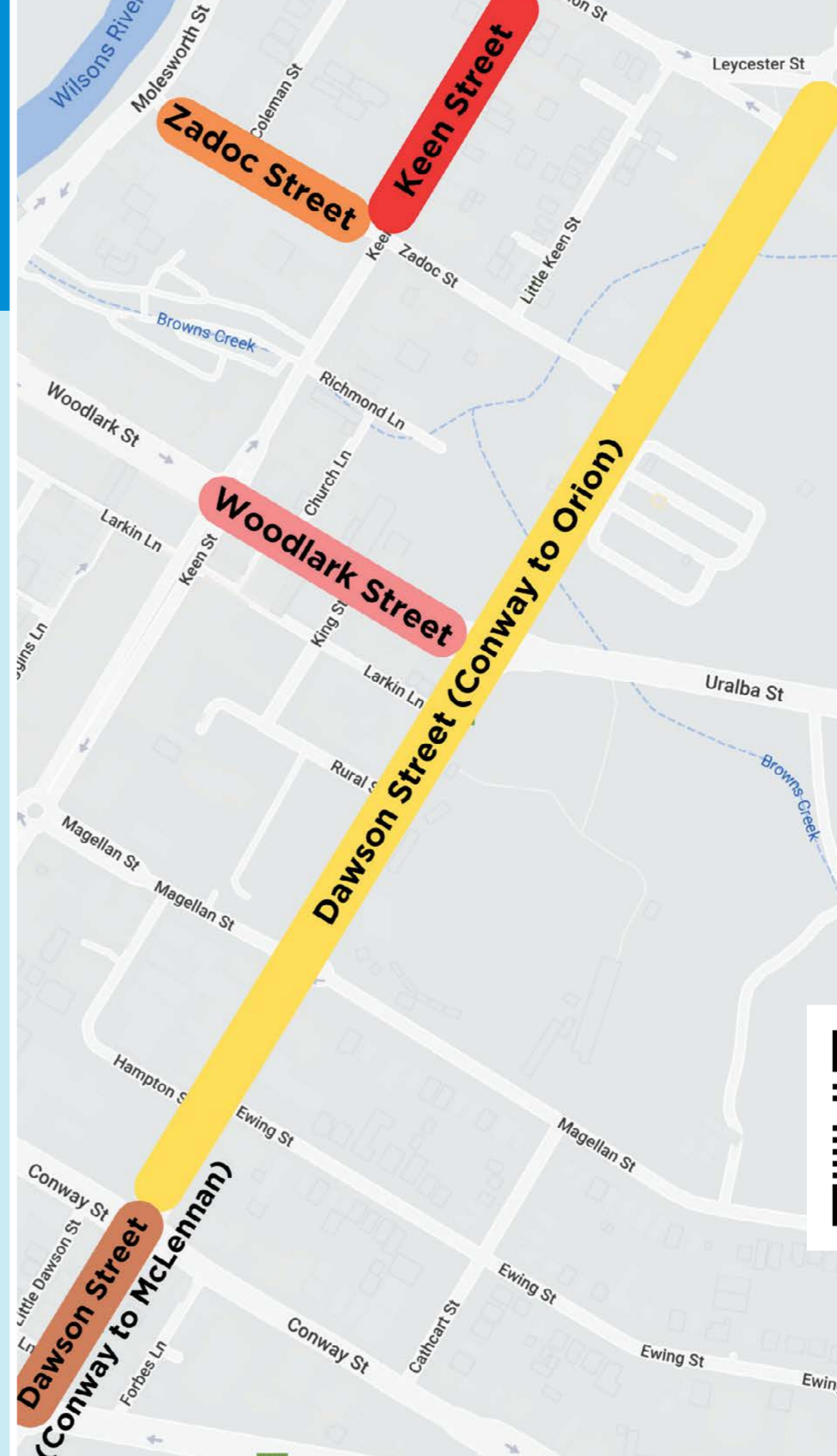
Works will generally be carried out between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. If there are any works that are required to be carried out after hours, notice will be provided.

Council's on-site team will make every effort to reduce impacts as much as practical during the works. However, you may notice some localised construction impacts, such as changed traffic conditions, a slight reduction in water pressure during the use of temporary water supply pipes and temporary footpath closures.

Council is working in conjunction with Ledonne Construction Pty Ltd to carry out the works.

The entire project is expected to be completed by 30 June, depending on weather.

We appreciate your understanding and patience while we carry out this essential work. If you have any concerns, please phone **6625 0500** (24-hour service) or email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.



Use the QR Code to find more information.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS

Mieke Bell (pictured on cover) was named Lismore City Council's 2024 Citizen of the Year at this year's Australia Day Awards held at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

Mieke has run The Winsome and Lismore Soup Kitchen for 33 years, putting her heart, soul and love into every meal. She imparts dignity and grace to each person facing tough circumstances, through every meal served and every act of kindness.

Other winners were:

- Services in the Community (Individual) - Rod Gibson
- Services in the Community (Group) - U3A
- Sportsperson (Junior) - Daisy Smith
- Sportsperson (Senior) - Ned Cain
- Environment - Doug Blythe and Shaen Springall, Goonellabah Tucki Landcare Group
- Arts/Culture - Arts Northern Rivers

Congratulations to our 2024 Australia Day Award winners and nominees. You have all made our community an even better place to live. Thank you!

Senator Jenny McAllister also attended the day and helped to welcome our 23 new Australian citizens, including three families, from 10 countries. We hope you enjoyed this special day and thank you for choosing Lismore and its villages as your new home.

Thank you to Dr Clio Cresswell for being Lismore's 2024 Australia Day Ambassador.



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

DA05/291-4 41 William Blair Avenue, Goonellabah: A subdivision to create five (5) residential lots and one (1) residue lot being 5.5 hectares, and the establishment of 2 attached dual occupancies and 11 residential units. The development is to be carried out in five (5) stages.

DA21/541-2 52 Elliott Road, South Lismore: To undertake a Section 4.55(1A) Application to Modify Consent 2021.541 (Establishment of a Depot) to amend the siting, layout and design of the northern half of the approved depot development, including: 1) amending the site layout, driveway, parking configuration and landscaping of the northern half of the development; 2) amending the siting and floor layout of the northern half of the approved building; 3) amending the design and appearance of the northern half of the approved building; and 4) raising the first-floor level of northern half of the approved building by an additional 400mm.

DA23/196 171 Keen Street, Lismore: To expand the existing restaurant by converting part of the premises used as a shop into an addition fifty (50) seats and the associated upgrade of amenities.

DA23/205 29 Lancaster Drive, Goonellabah: To undertake the change the use of the existing industrial building to a warehouse and specialised retail premise (Lifeline) with minor internal alterations, line marking of seven (7) on-site car space and installation of signage.

DA23/208 62 & 64 Rous Road, Goonellabah: Centre-Based Child Care Facility (98 Children).

DA23/219 2/121 Keen Street, Lismore: Change of use to a bottle shop (shop) and associated tasting room for up to ten people (food and drink premises).

DA23/225 647 Corndale Road, Corndale: Shed ancillary to education establishment.

DA23/293 17 Mandala Crescent, Richmond Hill: Dwelling alterations and additions.

DA23/316 3 Oak Drive, Goonellabah: Home Business, including alterations and additions to dwelling.

DA23/317 19 Cavendish Road, Goonellabah: Shed.

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.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

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

DA NUMBER: 23/330

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 16 George Drive, 123 Taylor Road, 13 McIntosh and 5 Vintage Drive Chilcotts Grass (Lot 2 DP 1295074, Lot 2 DP 1185561, Lot 43 DP 258987 and Lot 50 DP 258987).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To undertake a staged subdivision to create thirty-four (34) residential lots, one (1) residue lot, one (1) public reserve lot, two (2) public roads, and associated bulk earthworks, civil and infrastructure works / services, tree removal and vegetation management works.

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

The consent authority is the Lismore City Council.

CLOSING DATE: 4 March 2024.

DA NUMBER: 23/331

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 5 Foleys Road, South Lismore (Lot 1 DP 1264737).

APPLICANT: GM Project Development and Management.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To undertake the construction of 13 mini storage sheds (12 x 9m² and 1 x 4.5m²)

CLOSING DATE: 19 February 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.

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.



WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Junior Writers Masterclass

Five classes per term, first class Thursday, 15 February, 5pm-6.30pm at Lismore Pop-up Library

Join author Zanni Louise for a five-class-per-term series of fun writing classes. Hone your craft, meet like-minded kids and celebrate the joy of storytelling. Suitable for 8–12-year-olds. Registration essential, which can be done on the Byron Writers Festival website by selecting the Storyboard tab, then browse workshops, then Lismore Junior Writers Masterclass.



Atlas

Wednesday afternoons from 14 February, 4pm-5pm at Goonellabah Library

Atlas brings together three clubs — Young Writers Club, Art Club and Book Lover Club — and is designed for young people between 5 to 15 years. Each club meets regularly during school terms for interactive online sessions led by Library educators, with special guest appearances by authors and illustrators. The first session this term will be Young Writers Club!

Author talk – P.A. Thomas

Friday, 9 February, 10am at Lismore Pop-up Library

Join local author P.A. Thomas to discuss his debut novel, *The Beacon*, a page-turning murder mystery set in Byron Bay.

Tech-Savvy Seniors: Service NSW

Monday, 12 February, 3pm-4pm at Lismore Pop-up Library

Learn about the beneficial government services you can access online via the [service.nsw.gov.au](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au) website and the Service NSW app.



CONCRETING WORKS PANEL CONTRACT

Tender T 2024/1

Lismore City Council requires various concreting works on a project-by-project basis to be used by a variety of program areas and business units within Council.

Concreting works including concrete footpath, driveways, non-structural retaining walls, machine extruded, hand-formed kerb and gutter, and mountable concrete roundabouts are regularly required to be constructed in both Council's construction and maintenance programs.

The objective of this tender is to compile an unranked panel of contractors which are able to provide concreting works to Lismore City Council when required.

The panel contract is for a period of One (1) year with possibility of two (2) x one (1) year extensions at Council's absolute discretion.

Tender submissions close at 5pm Friday, 23 February 2024.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal www.vendorpanel.com.au to access relevant documents.

Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

VendorPanel Reference # VP 398627

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website, email VendorPanel support on support@vendorpanel.com.au

For further information regarding this tender, email the Lismore City Council Procurement team at procurement@lismore.nsw.gov.au





RETURN & EARN BULK COLLECTION CENTRE OPERATING HOURS

The Return & Earn Bulk Collection Centre at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre gets VERY busy over December and January and has recently had some record-breaking days for the number of containers processed since its opening in 2018!

While the bulk collection centre operates six days a week, the operating hours are slightly shorter than the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre's opening hours. This is because time is needed to undertake maintenance, clean the machine and avoid break downs.

Customers are also reminded not to queue at the site entrance before opening hours as this creates traffic hazards on Wyrallah Road.

Police and Council rangers regularly patrol these areas to ensure everyone's safety.



The operating hours for Return & Earn are:

Monday
10am to 3pm

Tuesday to Friday
7.30am to 3pm

Saturday
9am to 3pm



ABANDONED VEHICLES FOR SALE

Lismore City Council is disposing of the following vehicles by written Auction:



FOR SALE

- X1 Holden Commodore (2007) Blue in colour (Imp # 26/22)**
- X1 Holden Commodore (2009) White in colour (Imp # 39/21)**
- X1 Holden Commodore (2006) Red in colour (Imp # 93/22)**
- X1 Honda Civic (2005) Silver in colour (Imp # 80/21)**
- X1 Mazda Sedan (2008) Red in colour (Imp # 4/22)**
- X1 Subaru Liberty (2005) Silver in colour (Imp # 66/22)**
- X1 Toyota Avalon (2003) White in colour (Imp # 7/22)**
- X1 Holden Cruze (2009) Black in colour (Imp # 27/22)**

Vehicles will be available for inspection (no Keys, vehicle sold as is, all vehicles are unregistered) from 9am to 9:30am on Friday, 9 February 2024 at Council's Impound Yard, located at the Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

Bid sheets will be available on the day. Submissions will only be accepted in writing and are required to be placed in the Tender Box in the foyer of Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

Auction Submissions close: 2pm, Friday, 9 February 2024.



CONTACT US: 6625 0500

Corporate Centre: 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm

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