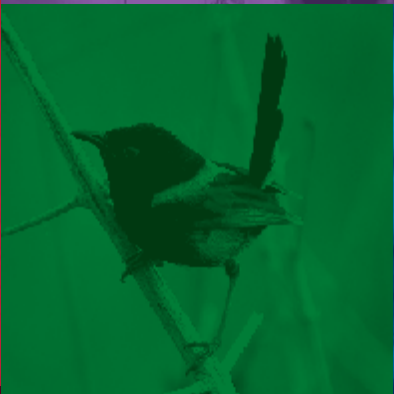


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# SUGAR GLIDERS RESCUED FROM SPORTS FIELD FLOODLIGHT POLE

During repairs to the floodlighting at Balzer Park in Dunoon, our Parks and Open Spaces team discovered a family of four sugar gliders nesting at the base of a floodlight pole.

The gliders were gliding between the nearby trees and the pole by entering and exiting a small hole at the top. While monitoring the situation, two gliders safely exited from the top and our staff carefully rescued the other two at the base. All four quickly returned to the nearby trees unharmed.



To prevent any future risk of electrocution, the entry hole in the pole was sealed.

Our dedicated team then installed three glider boxes in the area. These boxes have been thoughtfully placed to offer a secure, welcoming home for our local sugar glider family while keeping them protected from potential hazards.

**We're proud to support our native wildlife with these proactive measures and look forward to seeing the gliders thrive in their new nests.**





## REVOLVE SHOP:

## TROLLEYS ROAR, DEALS SOAR

**Doors open at 7:30am, but regulars arrive well before then, trolleys ready to roar, lined up like it's the Boxing Day sales.**

Once open, it's a full sprint—customers darting to their favourite sections, some searching for rare finds, others grabbing whatever they can before sorting their haul later.

“The first hour is absolute madness,” Revolve Shop staff member Shani Wood said. “People know what they want and don't waste time.”

Tucked away within Lismore's Waste Facility, the Revolve Shop is a hidden gem where discarded items find new life instead of ending up in landfill.

Staff member Shani has seen everything—from the weird to the wonderful—and knows what makes this place unique.

It all starts with a keen eye. The facility's team assesses incoming goods, judging what has potential. Damaged furniture, broken electronics or unsellable items are redirected, but the gems with a future are set aside for the Revolve Shop.

Some truly quirky items are on homewares, electronics and furniture shelves. Vintage newspapers from the Kennedy assassination, polaroids of unknown diplomats and even airline memorabilia from the early days of aviation have all surfaced.

“You never know what will turn up,” Shani says.

The magic of the Revolve Shop is not just in the treasures but in its environmental and social impact. By giving items a second chance, the shop helps reduce landfill waste, supports the circular economy and provides affordable goods to the community.

The proceeds even go towards running the shop and improving waste recovery efforts at the facility.

There is also a Save 'n' Waste section where you can buy eco-friendly products, such as kitchen caddies and compostable bin liners, as well as household asbestos disposal kits.

### Operating Hours:

**Monday CLOSED**

**Tuesday CLOSED**

**Wednesday 9am to 2pm**

**Thursday CLOSED**

**Friday 9am to 2pm**

**Saturday 9am to 1pm**

**Sunday CLOSED**





# COUNCIL DECIDES

**At the Ordinary February meeting held on Tuesday, 11 February, Councillors resolved to:**

- Receive and adopt the recommendations for the Lismore Flood Risk Management Committee
- Receive and adopt the minutes of the Australia Day Awards committee
- Adopt the Code of Meeting Practice Review until the outcome of the NSW Government review
- Note the responses to Questions on Notice
- Adopt the Code of Meeting Practice as attached to the business papers, with the inclusion that Public Access is livestreamed.
- Request the General Manager develop a Property Strategy, and an implementation model to implement the findings of the Property Strategy, that the strategy include options for Council office presence in the CBD, the property strategy and implementation model be brought back to Council and priority be given to find a suitable location for the Richmond River Historical Society
- Support the Planning Proposal for 1055 and 1055A Bruxner Highway, Goonellabah for amendments to the Local Environmental Plan, (2) send the Planning Proposal and accompanying maps and studies, to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for finalisation in accordance with the Gateway determination and (3) The General Manager finalises and signs the Voluntary Planning Agreement and is delegated to make minor amendments before signing, provided the amendments do not alter the intent of the Voluntary Planning Agreement.
- Receive and endorse the Delivery Program Progress Report from July to December 2024.
- Adopt the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement and approve the recommended variations.
- Note and receive the Investments for December 2024 and January 2025
- Receive the Pecuniary Interest Returns report and acknowledge the tabled Pecuniary Interest Returns.
- Confirm delegates for the 2025 ALGA National General Assembly are Crs Krieg, Hall, Dalton-Earls and Knights-Smith, (2) voting delegated is Cr Krieg.
- Received the Mayoral Attendance Report for December 2024 and January 2025.
- Name the unnamed bridge on Wilson Street South, South Lismore, the “Lenny Perren Bridge”.
- Have a report brought to the Council outlining the structure, objectives and operational framework for establishing a Youth Advisory Group (YAG) with a focus on best practices from surrounding councils who have established a YAG.
- Allocate annual funding to Business Lismore commencing in the 2024-2025 Operational Plan on a similar basis to the funding allocated annually to the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce be prepared for consideration by council at the March Council meeting.
- Repeal Policy Number 3.1.1 Definition of Nuclear Free Peace Zone Policy.
- Accept the Tender T24/26 for the Redevelopment of Damaged Recreation Courts to Multi-Purpose Courts - Perradenya Estate.
- Accept Tender T24/32 for the IT Disaster Recovery Solution.



# OAKES OVAL AWARD

Lismore City Council has been recognised for its commitment to top-tier sporting facilities, with Oakes Oval named the NSW winner of the prestigious Ken Gannon Community Football Facility Award.

This award celebrates best practices in community football facility development nationwide, and Oakes Oval is now in the running for the national title.

Following a \$12.4 million upgrade, Oakes Oval has solidified its place as the premier AFL venue in regional NSW. Lismore Mayor Steve Krieg said Oakes Oval is a community asset we can be proud of.

“Local sports fans can now enjoy the best of the best playing right here in our hometown,” he said.

“Sport is a cornerstone of Lismore’s identity, and the award-winning upgrades now position Oakes Oval as a prime candidate for more high-profile games and events in the future, further cementing Lismore’s reputation as a regional sporting hub.”

The redevelopment included upgrades to the grandstand with new seating, improved media and coaches’ boxes and a complete refurbishment of the Gordon Pavilion, which now features a function room, bar and kitchen.

The change rooms, amenities and storage areas were also upgraded to meet modern standards, ensuring a top-quality experience for players and spectators alike.

Oakes Oval has already hosted AFL pre-season matches, local Australian Rules Football, Rugby League and cricket games and various major community events, including Carols in the Heart.

AFL Venue and Government Partnerships Manager for NSW Samuel Thomson, said the award will open Oakes Oval up to opportunities for Lismore.

**“Now one of the premier AFL venues in all of NSW, we look forward to Oakes Oval becoming the centrepiece of the continued growth of our game across Northern NSW,” he said.**

The refurbishment, delayed by the 2022 floods, was a collaborative effort between all levels of government, with funding contributions from the Australian Government (\$6 million), the NSW Government (\$4.9 million) and Lismore City Council (\$1.5 million).





# DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUE

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT

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

**DA22/223 6 Funnell Drive, Modanville:** Alterations and additions to an existing commercial premises, including: **1)** conversion of 3 shops to a create a kitchen and takeaway food premise (bakery), **2)** reconfiguration of general store and bottle shop areas to include a licenced café with outdoor dining, **3)** extension of driveway and conversion of tennis court to car parking and **4)** associated amendment to existing signage.

**DA24/274 11 Emma Way, Goonellabah:** Shed with attached carport.

**DA24/324 21A & 25 Elton Street, Girards Hill:** Dwelling addition (carport).

**DA24/336 29 Muller Road, Tregagle:** Demolition of existing dwelling and shed and construction of a new dwelling, inground swimming pool and shed with amenities.

**DA24/338 17 Keoghan Drive, Goonellabah:** Inground swimming pool and retaining walls.

**DA25/2 37 Wyrallah Road, Girards Hill:** Raise existing dwelling with associated alterations and additions.

**DA25/5 14 Pinecrest Drive, Goonellabah:** Dwelling.

**DA25/7 3 Eleanor Place, McLeans Ridges:** Shed.

**DA25/8 70 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah:** Above ground swimming pool and associated decking.

**DA25/9 117 Lockton Road, Bexhill:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA25/10 4 Sunny Valley Place, Modanville:** Replace existing aboveground swimming pool with a plunge pool with associated alterations to decking.

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).

# TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING SAMSON CHALLENGE

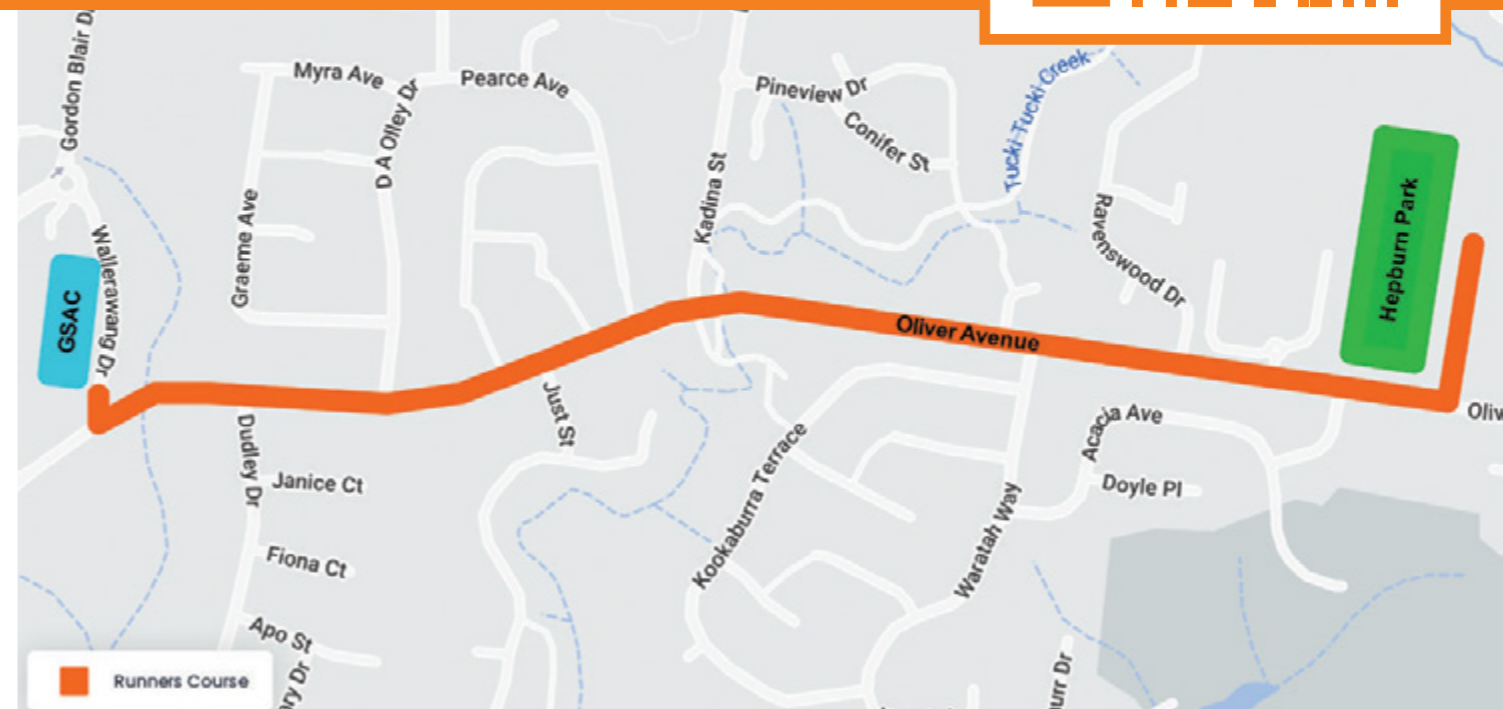
The popular annual Samson Challenge returns to push competitors through a gruelling, yet fun and challenging obstacle course from Friday, 28 February to Saturday, 1 March.

To support the participants, Traffic Controllers will be positioned between Hepburn Park and Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre (GSAC) to ensure their safety.

This event is a significant fundraiser for Our Kids, a charity dedicated to purchasing paediatric equipment for the Children's Ward and Special Care Nursery at Lismore Base Hospital.

There are 11 categories in 2024 ranging from male open, female open, mixed, masters (over 40), Platinum (over 50), juniors and teenagers. There is also a solo option with limited spots available.

Registrations for the event close on Thursday, 20 February. Scan the QR Code or head over to [www.lismoresamson.com/registration.html](http://www.lismoresamson.com/registration.html) to register.





## ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Have your say on the inclusion of certain light industries in Lismore's rural and employment zones.

In November 2023, Lismore City Council resolved to make amendments to the Lismore Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 for the purpose of enabling additional uses into our rural and employment zones.

The intent of the amendments is to enable revitalisation of Lismore, strengthen the visitor economy and enable appropriate diversification of rural land.

The proposed amendments include adding the following land uses as permissible with consent to the LEP:

- 'home industry', 'artisan food and drink industry' and 'creative industry uses' in the RU1 Primary Production zone
- 'creative industry' in the E1 Local Centre and E2 Commercial Centre zones

In addition, the amendments also include an improvement to the function of the existing clause relating to Rural and Nature-Based Tourism.

Full details of the proposed amendment can be viewed, and submissions can be made, on Council's Your Say website at <https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au>

Submissions close Friday, 14 March 2025.



# Lismore's 2025 Seniors Festival

## 3-15 March

Time to Shine



For full list of activities and events, please scan the QR Code.

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# SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS IN LISMORE CAMPAIGNS

Join our upcoming campaigns that celebrate the strength and diversity of our local Lismore businesses. Whether you're a well-known favourite or a hidden gem, we want to highlight your business to customers near and far.

- Participate in photoshoots
- Be featured in promotions
- Share your story through exciting content
- Be part of campaigns throughout 2025



## Sign up today

through the Expression of Interest form on Council's Your Say page by scanning the above QR Code and get involved in promoting Lismore's amazing businesses.



# ROUS ROAD UPGRADE TO IMPROVE SAFETY

The upgrade to the Rous Road roundabout is now half complete and is expected to be fully completed in six weeks.

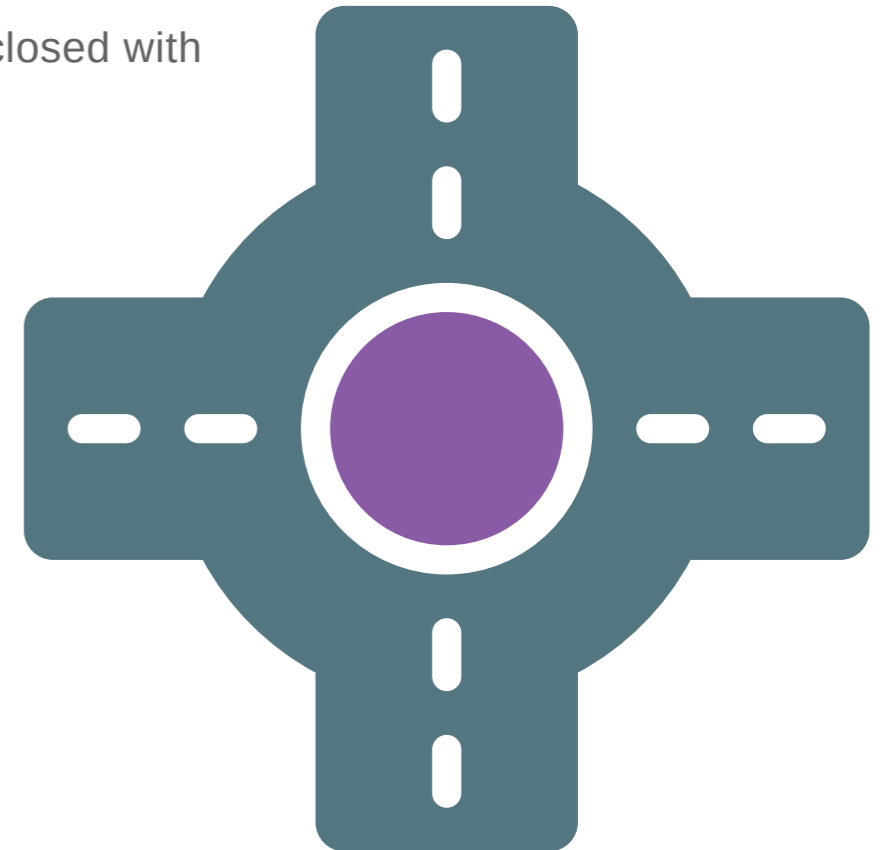
A staged approach has been taken to minimise the impact on Caroona facility residents and other community members.

The first stage of works was completed last month. This included the widening of the northern side, installation of the new kerb and gutter, piped stormwater and drainage pits, and the new entry only Caroona driveway.

The second stage of works will now commence on the southwestern (Caroona facility) side. This will include the removal of the existing roundabout structure and adjustments to the traffic entering/exiting components of the Caroona facility. The existing Caroona entry/exit driveway is now closed, with traffic directed to enter the facility through the new entry only driveway. Traffic exiting the facility will use the existing exit only driveway located near Reserve Street.

Asphalt works are also set to commence in coming weeks, with the final asphalt wearing surface layer to be completed on a Saturday to minimise impact for road users.

Jubilee Street will remain closed with detours in place until the end of the project.







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