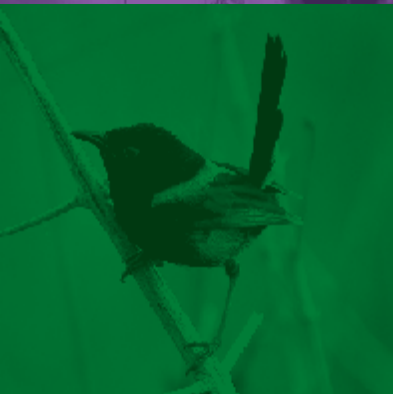




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NIMBIN RAINBOW WALK BECOMES REALITY

The long-dreamed of Nimbin Rainbow Walk has finally become a reality with hundreds of locals and tourists attending the Community Open Day recently.

Featuring well-formed pathways, picturesque boardwalks and sturdy bridges, the 750-metre walk seamlessly blends into the surrounding landscape. Interpretive signage, locally crafted artworks, comfortable park furniture, a large timber pergola and more than 5700 new native plantings enhance the experience.

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said the walk would attract both locals who want to exercise and tourists.

“This project has always been driven by the community and it’s very humbling to finally open it after many years of hoping and lobbying by the Nimbin community,” he said.

“Nimbin is one of Australia’s most popular tourist attractions, and this adds to the village’s appeal and encourages visitors to spend more time exploring everything Nimbin has to offer.

“This will be a lasting asset for Nimbin, supporting tourism, boosting the local economy and providing a special place for locals to enjoy for years to come.

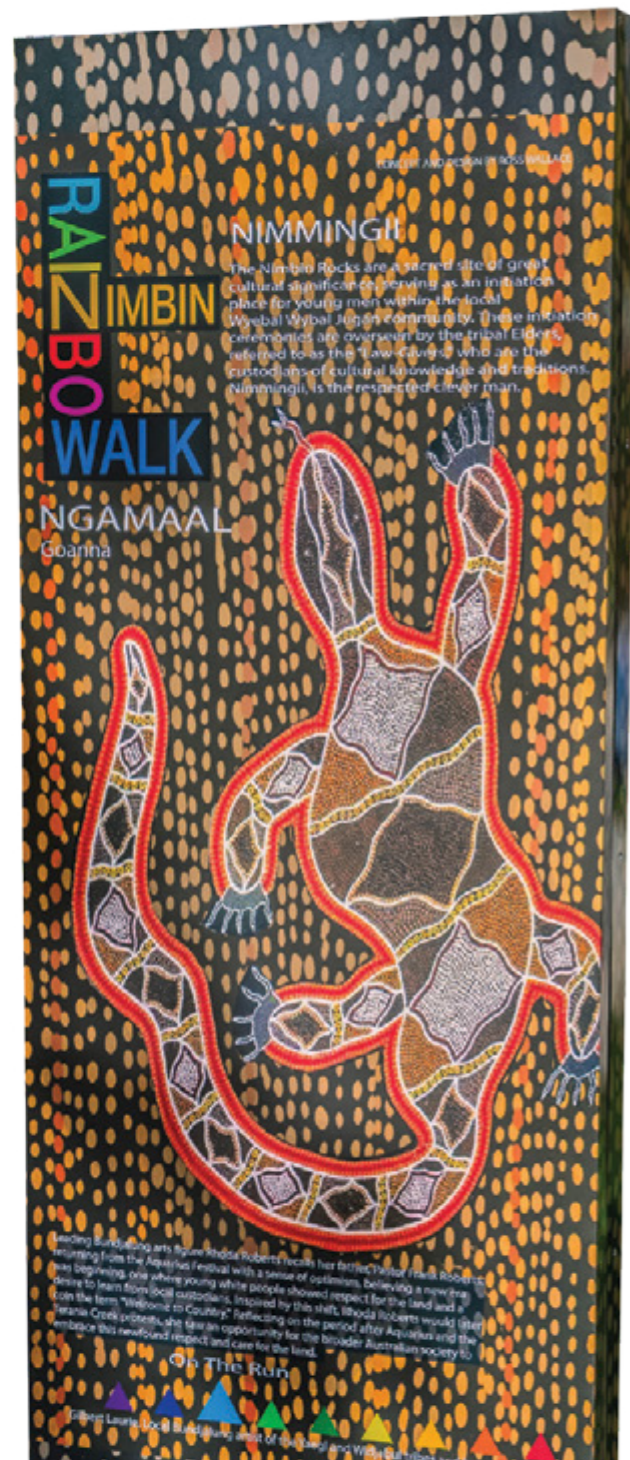
“Investments like this are about creating long-term opportunities for both tourism and local businesses.”

During both the concept design and construction stages, Council worked with key Nimbin community groups and stakeholders to ensure the project reflected the unique nature and story of Nimbin, both environmentally and socially.

Council extends its gratitude to the Nimbin Community, Community Centre, Nimbin Chamber of Commerce, Nimbin Headers Sports Club, the Rainbow Power Company and private landowners for their support and collaboration on this project.

A dedicated Landcare Group has also been established to care for the site.

The \$2.5 million project was jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.







WELCOME OUR NEW CITIZENS

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg welcomed 20 new citizens at an Australian Citizenship Ceremony held this month at the Council Chambers.

The new citizens have come from Brazil, Cambodia, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Thailand.

Mayor Krieg said it's an honour to take part in welcoming new citizens to our nation.

“One of the best parts of my job is to warmly welcome new Australian citizens who are now part of the common bond that unites all Australians and respects diversity,” he said.

“Congratulations and welcome to our new citizens. Australia is one of the most culturally diverse nations in the world, and since 1949, we have welcomed more than five million new citizens to our shores.”

The Lismore City Council, representing the Department of Home Affairs, organises regular citizenship ceremonies to warmly welcome new Australian citizens into our community.

For more information about Australian citizenship, visit www.citizenship.gov.au.



Lismore YOUTH WEEK

Council has put together a dynamic and engaging program for Youth Week 2025, running from Wednesday, 9 April to Thursday, 17 April.

This year's theme, 'We are the future, and the future is now!', highlights the contributions, talents and aspirations of young people in our community.

The program has been developed with the help of young trainees employed through Council's Lismore Employment Acceleration Pathways (LEAP) program. This initiative not only provides trainees with real-world experience in community engagement but also ensures that young people's ideas are reflected throughout the event planning.

Lismore Youth Week events include:

ARTEXPRESS Exhibition – Wednesday, 9 April to Thursday, 17 April Lismore Regional Gallery - features selected artworks from local HSC students. This exhibition showcases the creative talents and achievements of students in the Lismore region.

Rollerworld Regional Skating Event - Thursday, 10 April from 4pm to 7pm – Rollerworld Lismore - a skating event at Lismore Rollerworld offering young people a fun, safe space to skate, socialise and connect.

Goonellabah Skate Jam - Saturday, 12 April from 2pm to 5pm – Goonellabah Skatepark – a high-energy day featuring skateboarding, demonstrations and activities at the Goonellabah Skate Park.

Splash and Dash Obstacle Course and Pool Party - Sunday, 13 April from 9am – Lismore Memorial Baths - the Splash and Dash is an exciting event at Lismore Memorial Baths and Riverside Park for ages 8+. Featuring a mini obstacle course, a 1km riverside run, water inflatables and swimming!

Thready Set Go – Clothing Mending Session - Tuesday, 15 April from 2pm to 4pm – Lismore Library - a sustainable fashion workshop at Lismore Library, teaching young people how to mend and upcycle their clothing. Council encourages all young people to get involved and try something new.

For more information and to register for events, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/youthweek.

Lismore Youth Week is made possible thanks to funding from the Department of Communities and Justice and the Office of Regional Youth.

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

DA22/329-2 54 Bank Street, North Woodburn: Section 4.55(2) modification to development consent 5.2022.329.1 by raising existing dwelling and proposed extensions to create a two-storey dwelling and enclosing lower level to include a garage, internal stairs, store and amenities.

DA23/55 32 Fairview Road, Rosebank: Use of an existing building as an expanded dwelling.

DA23/258-3 670 Broadwater Road, Broadwater: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify development consent 5.2023.258.1 by: amending Condition 23 relating to water and gas connections to the studio, and deleting conditions 28 and 31 relating to driveway upgrade required for Stage 1.

DA24/132 104 James Street, Dunoan: Use of existing alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house (converted church – heritage item) including extensions to an existing carport and new loft.

DA24/168 2 and 6 Keen Street, Lismore: A staged development consisting of 5 stages to change the use of existing buildings from an educational establishment to office premises and associated: demolitions works; building alterations and additions (including building façade upgrades); new driveway, additional car parking, tree removal, landscaping; and a boundary adjustment subdivision.

DA24/169 9 and 11 Orion Street, 11, 13 and 15 Keen Street, Lismore: To undertake the construction of a multi-dwelling housing development comprising twenty-nine (29) dwellings and associated demolition works, earthworks, 2 new driveways, 41 car spaces, civil works, tree removal and landscaping.

DA24/237 54 Pindari Crescent, Goonellabah: Demolition of an existing rear retaining wall and detached small deck area and construction of a new retaining wall.

DA24/308 31 Shearman Drive, Goonellabah: To undertake the erection of a dual occupancy (attached), associated earthworks, retaining walls, driveways, and removal of three trees.

DA24/334 80 Diadem Street, 25 and 27 Uralba Street, Lismore: To undertake: 1. demolition of the existing community facility building, car park, access ramp and the removal of four (4) trees, and 2. construction of a new community facility building and associated driveway, car parking and landscaping.

DA25/3 12, 12A and 12B Canary Drive, Goonellabah: Strata subdivision (to create 2 lots).

DA25/13 1 and 19 Stewarts Way, Nimbin: Earthworks and retaining walls.

DA25/19 326 Bice Road, Leycester: Dwelling with attached carport.

DA25/27 303 Keen Street, East Lismore: Raise existing dwelling.

DA25/32 109 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah: Carport with a building line variation to 1.356m to Invercauld Road.

DA25/33 10 Windsor Court, Goonellabah: Shed.

DA25/34 514 Dorroughby Road, Dorroughby: Dwelling alterations and additions and construction of a new inground lap pool.

DA25/35 215 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah: Retaining wall.

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: DA24/26.2

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 5 & 7 McDermott Avenue and 1 Phillip Street Goonellabah (Lot 69 DP230448, lot 70 DP230448 and lot 71 DP230448).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Section 4.55(2) modification to development consent 5.2024.26.1 by:-

- removal of the central courtyard resulting in a reduced site cover and consolidated built form;
- reduction in the number of 2 bedroom units and replacement with additional 1 bedroom units;
- internal design changes to the unit types;
- modified earthworks and landscaping design; and
- other minor design amendments

CLOSING DATE: 14 April 2025.

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.

COUNCIL DECIDES

At the Extraordinary March Council Meeting, Councillors resolved to:

- write to the NSW Police Commissioner and Richmond Police District highlighting safety concerns from CBD businesses and requesting a blitz, send a copy of the correspondence to Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin and Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan, include in the next budget an agreed amount of funding exclusively designed to increase safety in the CBD and surrounding policing areas and seek grant funding, and request police look at community policy strategy be established for the CBD and surrounding areas
- adopt Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy contained within the Business Papers
- note Questions on Notice contained within the Business Papers
- grant consent to Development Consent to DA24/131 Residential Subdivision - 176 Lots plus 3 Public Reserves, subject to the recommended conditions of consent
- place on exhibition the Investment Policy for 28 days and receive submissions from the public, and if any objections are received during the submission period the Policy be reported back to Council for further consideration. If no objections are received during the submission period, the Investment Policy is adopted by Council
- grant an easement, over the airspace above Larkin Lane (being the stratum denoted to the adjoining landowner of 65 Woodlark Street, Lismore, 69 Woodlark Street, Lismore and 29 Larkin Lane, Lismore, to permit the encroaching structure to remain, and delegate the General Manager to negotiate the terms of the easement and the sale price in accordance with a valuation prepared by a registered valuer
- **(1)** Amend the Flood Risk Management Committee's Terms of Reference as follows **(a)** Clause 5 – membership of the Committee be amended to include 'up to 8' instead of 6 community members, with '3 other community members (not geography specific) instead of 1, **(b)** Clause 5 – Advisory member Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation be amended to NSW Reconstruction Authority, **(c)** the '1 technical specialist from Southern Cross University' is removed,
 - ▶ Colin Baker as the North Lismore representative
 - ▶ Graham Askey as the South Lismore representative
 - ▶ Alexander Rubin, Demi Flynn and Bradley Herd as the non-geographically specific representatives
 - ▶ Mark Tirris as the First Nations representative
 - ▶ Michael Ackrell as the business owner representative
 - ▶ William Moorhouse as the environmental group representative
- support granting a lease to Lismore Old Boys Rugby League Football Club Incorporated for a term of 5 years with a further option for an additional 5 years with an annual rental of \$1.00 and, to enable Council to facilitate the granting of a lease to Lismore Old Boys Rugby League Football Club Incorporated
- consent to the assignment of registered lease AG448854 for Nimbin Caravan Park from the current lessee, the late Peter John Mann and Christine Violet Seymour to Truffle Dog,

delegate authority to the General Manager to negotiate the terms of the Deed of Consent and Assignment of registered lease, and supports consideration of subdividing the land (Lot 6 in DP1248506) into two separate lots, the Caravan Park Area and the Public Pool Complex and Recreational Area

- receive and note the February 2025 Investments Report
- disband the Nimbin Advisory Group and the Koala Implementation Group, establish the Koala Advisory Group and the Lismore Villages Advisory Group, withdraw all Terms of Reference documents relating to Council's advisory groups and the Draft LCC Advisory Groups – Terms of Reference documents be adopted in final form, appoint Councillors to positions on Council's advisory groups, and seek Expressions of Interest to fill representative positions on Council's advisory groups to be reported to the June Council meeting
- appoint Cr Battista as Chair of the Sister City Advisory Committee, Cr Bing as Deputy, and Mayor Krieg as a member, appoint Cr Rob as Chair of the Disability and Inclusion Advisory Group, Cr Waters as Deputy with Crs Dalton-Earls, Krieg and Battista as members, appoint Cr Dalton-Earls as Chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Group, Cr Knight-Smith as Deputy, with Crs Krieg, Hall, Rob and Waters as members, appoint Cr Waters as Chair of the Villages Advisory Group and Cr Rob as Deputy, with Crs Jensen, Dalton-Earls, Hall and Battista and Knight-Smith as members, appoint Cr Krieg as Chair of the Koala Advisory Group and Cr Jensen as Deputy, and Crs Rob, Bing and Waters as members
- suspend all activity in relation to point 1 of item 49/24 (the handover of Council-owned land at North Lismore Plateau to the traditional owners) until further notice, action points 2,3, and 4 of item 49/24 before commencing activity in relation to point 1, this be undertaken as a matter of urgency.
- receive and note Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy - July 2024 to December 2024
- receive the Mayoral Attendance Report for February 2025
- elect Mayor Krieg as the new representative for the Richmond Tweed Regional Library
- **(1)** write to the Richmond Police District Commander to seek a formal explanation relating to why individuals who have broken into, damaged, stolen from, and continue to remain on enclosed lands, have not been arrested and charged with any offences or forcibly removed from the enclosed lands even though the owners have asked for police assistance, **(2)** write to Janelle Saffin, our State Member of Parliament, asking her to seek out any assistance available to help with the removal of the Pine Street alleged criminals, including seeking out an explanation relating to why police are failing to act to prevent ongoing criminal activity in our area, which is resulting in increasing criminal activity and anti-social behaviour, **(3)** write to Kevin Hogan, our Federal Member of Parliament, asking him to seek out any assistance available to help with the removal of the Pine Street alleged criminals, including possible action relating to the cancellation of visas where appropriate on character grounds under section 501 of the Migration Act 1958
- examine a plan to establish an Aboriginal art laneways project, subject to funding and that the matter be brought back to Council for a briefing
- schedule a workshop to explore all options for CBD rates
- accept cash for payments at the Revolve Shop, Lismore Recycling and Recovery Centre
- write to Crown Lands requesting that it maintains its section of the Fire Trail on Wallace Road

LIVESTREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Effective from the April Council meeting, the Council will transition to promoting the livestream of its meetings exclusively on the Council's official website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

A direct link will be provided to enable the public to view the meeting on their preferred device. The March Council meeting, postponed due to Tropical Cyclone Alfred, will be the final occasion where both the livestream on the website and the 'Live Video' on the Council's Facebook page are offered simultaneously.

This decision has been made after careful consideration of resource requirements versus the benefits to both the Council and the community. Streaming events on Facebook necessitate a dedicated moderator to oversee and manage commentary, introducing an additional layer of risk management. Furthermore, the feedback received through comments on Facebook livestreams does not inform Council's work, as social media comments are not considered formal feedback for recognised consultation processes. Currently, these comments do not add substantive value to the meeting or the business of Council.

As a result, a strategic decision has been made to consolidate the Council's livestreaming efforts to one platform—its official website. This will ensure streamlined operations while maintaining public access to meetings. The livestream link will be promoted ahead of each meeting to ensure broad awareness and participation.



FRESH FACES, BRIGHT FUTURES: COUNCIL'S LEAP PROGRAM IN ACTION

Lismore City Council is growing its skilled local workforce through the LEAP (Lismore Employment Acceleration Pathways) program, which is backed by the NSW Government's Fresh Start initiative.

LEAP provides funded traineeships and apprenticeships, helping people gain hands-on experience in Council roles while earning formal qualifications. This year, six new positions were secured under Fresh Start, adding to the eight trainees and apprentices already on board.

The new intake includes roles in water operations, civil construction, business administration, parks and gardens and electrical trades—key areas that will strengthen Council's future workforce.

General Manager Jon Gibbons said the program is about long-term investment in people and services.

"We're not only creating career pathways for local people but ensuring Lismore City Council has the skilled workforce it needs for years to come," he said.

Council received more than 100 Expressions of Interest and held a December info session with over 30 attendees, showing strong local interest.

Trainee Kamron Thurgood (pictured right with staff member Samatha Birmingham) said her experience so far has been supportive and rewarding.

"I've learned a lot quickly without feeling rushed. The team has been amazing," she said.

LEAP is now an annual program open to people of all ages. Applications open at the end of each year.

Experienced mentors support each participant and contribute to essential community services from day one.

For more information regarding careers at Lismore City Council, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Council/Careers-at-Council.





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