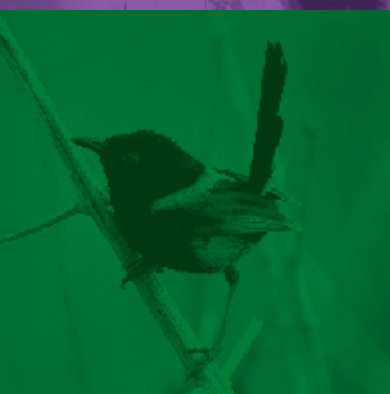




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# FREE LANDHOLDER FIELD DAYS: BOOK NOW!

We have two more landholder field days coming up in 2017 as part of our Rural Landholder Initiative.

The field days are designed to help local farmers, growers and lifestyle landholders restore biodiversity on private land, learn best-practice farming techniques and network with others.

All field days are free and lunch is provided. Please book early on 1300 87 83 87 and Council staff will advise you of the location.

Final field days coming up in 2017 are as follows:

Rural Farmland Ecology Field Day  
Friday, 15 September, 9am-1.30pm, Tuncester

Join ecologists and bush regenerators on an informative tour of a grazing property on a spur of the Caniaba plateau, a landscape with both wet and dry forest types and unique ecological features. There will be practical demonstrations of woody weed control techniques and remote camera equipment for wildlife and wild dog management, as well as traps for Indian myna control. An earlier start for bird watchers is on offer but RSVPs are essential.

Rural Lifestyle/Landholders working together for Biodiversity Field Day  
Saturday, 7 October, 9.30am-1.30pm, Terania Creek

Rural landholders in the upper catchments are faced with a range of issues when looking after small to medium-sized lifestyle blocks. Fast-growing weeds, creek bank erosion, and habitat fragmentation are a few issues impacting across property boundaries. This field day will demonstrate how a group of neighbours are working together to restore degraded rainforest areas and control weeds across their boundaries. Professional bushland regenerators will be available to discuss options for restoration, including no and low-chemical techniques. Koala habitat restoration is also occurring amongst the neighbourhood and the group is keen to share the experiences of the work they are doing.



# LOCAL ORGANISATIONS GIFTED ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Lismore City Council has presented more than 20 community organisations with thousands of dollars in grant funding as part of its Annual Community Grants Scheme.

The Annual Community Grants Scheme presentation is held each year during Local Government Week to present local community groups with small grants of up to \$10,000.

As part of the scheme, all 29 rural halls in the Lismore Local Government Area also receive \$2,000 toward insurance and maintenance costs, and the 19 rural halls subject to rates charges have these waived.

“Council believes in partnerships with our community, and the Annual Community Grants Scheme recognises that a little money invested in a community group can go a long way,” General Manager Gary Murphy said.



“These organisations enrich our community in so many ways. From sports to arts, the environment and community services, they really are the unseen heroes in our community, who take every dollar and transform it into something much more valuable.

“The grants scheme is a wonderful way that Council can acknowledge these groups, and help build a more vibrant and connected community.”

Following is a list of community organisations successful in 2017/18:

Applicant	Amount
Lismore Toy Library	\$2,900
Martin Drive/Upper Monaltrie Creek Landcare	\$800
Wilson's River Landcare Group	\$2,000
WIRES Northern Rivers	\$1,350
Dorrobbee Grass Reserve Trust	\$770
Reel Abrupt Film Festival	\$5,001
LightnUp	\$2,000
RED (Realising Every Dream) Incorporated	\$5,000
Lismore Home Garden Education Club	\$1,100
U3A Northern Rivers (Lismore)	\$2,000
Boomerang Bags Lismore	\$7,000
Lismore Heights Sports, Recreation and Community Club	\$7,200
Dunoon Preschool	\$6,822
RealArtWorks	\$4,000
Lismore Regional Gallery	\$5,000
Nimbin School of Arts	\$4,415
North East Community Panel	\$750
Richmond River Historical Society	\$1,097
Jiggi School of Arts	\$4,300
Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre	\$3,500
Lismore Police Citizens and Youth Club	\$7,500
Australian Red Cross Lismore Branch	\$800

# IMPORTANT WASTE INFORMATION FOR LISMORE RESIDENTS

We would like to reassure residents that recycling and waste practices in Lismore are best-practice in the wake of a *Four Corners* program recently that revealed many councils are trucking waste to landfills in Queensland.

Lismore has its own landfill cell and anything that cannot be recycled is landfilled right here in Lismore. There was an exception to this during the March flood, when Council received almost 50% of its entire annual waste stream in a four-week period.

To cope with this, Council sent around 5000 tonnes of flood waste to a tea tree bioenergy landfill in Ipswich. This was not a traditional landfill but an old coal mine pit that will be filled, capped and the methane converted to electricity to power homes.

“While this was necessary due to the sheer volume of waste collected during the flood, our normal practice is not to send waste away to landfill,” Council’s Commercial Services Business Manager Kevin Trustum said.

“We are committed to recycling waste we generate in our own backyard locally wherever possible, and this was a big motivation for building the \$3.65 million Materials Recovery Facility and Glass Processing Plant in 2014.”

In the next financial year, Council will build a \$2.5 million commercial waste sorting facility, which will hopefully reduce waste going to landfill by another 50% – or around 10,000 tonnes per year.

Much like the Materials Recovery Facility, this machine is essentially a large conveyor belt, and staff will be employed to remove any recyclable materials so these can be fed into the recycling stream.

“We are always trying to improve our recycling and find ways to keep reducing what is going to landfill,” Kevin said.

“Not only is this good for the environment but we will save money as we will not have to pay the NSW waste levy on materials that don’t go to landfill. On top of this, we can earn money by selling more recyclables and provide jobs for local people.”

As well as operating its own landfill, Council recycles other products in the following ways:

- Plastics, aluminium, steel, paper and cardboard is baled and sold to market.
- Glass is crushed into a sand product, which is used in road base and pipe bedding.
- Green waste is collected and turned into compost on site at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.
- Plastic bags and polystyrene are recycled and sold to market.
- Mobile phones, electronics and other hard to recycle items are collected by the EPA to be dismantled and component parts recycled.
- Chemicals, paints and other hazardous materials are collected by the EPA to be disposed of safely.

The Materials Recovery Facility has grown to become a regional recycling hub, and currently processes recyclables for surrounding councils including Ballina, Byron, Richmond Valley and Tenterfield.

# COUNCIL DECIDES...

## At the ordinary meeting of 8 August 2017, Council decisions included the following:

▶ Council resolved (7/3 with one absent) to refer the following points to the next meeting of Council's Aboriginal Advisory Group for their endorsement and report back to Council.

1. Write to the prime minister, local members and relevant federal and state government ministers urging them to change the date of Australia Day.
2. Identify more appropriate dates for holding Lismore citizenship ceremonies.
3. Work toward culturally inclusive Australia Day celebrations.

▶ Council resolved (6/4 with one absent) to remove the opening prayer from Council meetings, and consider replacing it with a non-denominational opening affirmation as part of the current review of the Code of Meeting Practice. A rescission motion had been lodged the matter will be rebated at the 12 September meeting.

▶ Council resolved (6/4 with one absent) to place on public exhibition the draft Community Loans Policy from 16 August to 15 September 2017.

Occasionally Council receives requests for financial assistance in the form of a loan arrangement from community groups. The Community Loans Policy has been developed to provide guidance to applicants on how loans can be provided to community groups.

Copies of the draft policy are available at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions can be made online, by email to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. For more information phone Finance Manager Rino Santin on 1300 87 83 87.

▶ Council resolved (unanimous with one absent) to expand the eligible area in the CBD for the Infrastructure Contributions Discount Policy to waive infrastructure levies for people wanting to establish new businesses.

The policy means Section 64 and 94 fees (water, sewer, road and community infra-structure charges) are waived for those setting up business in existing buildings in the CBD, and charges no longer apply to new businesses or existing businesses changing location or varying their operations within the defined area. This could represent potential savings of up to \$50,000 for some businesses, and has been initiated to encourage new business within the greater CBD area.

The policy and amended map showing where the discount applies is available on Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

▶ Council resolved (9/1 with one absent) to place on public exhibition a proposal to provide free parking permits to tradespeople working in the CBD, from 16 August to 15 September 2017.

In June, Council adopted a fee of \$50 per day for parking permits to be issued to tradespeople working in the CBD to avoid parking fines. The tradies permit scheme has not yet been implemented, but is expected to be in place before the end of the year.

The intention of the proposal is to ensure that tradespeople undertaking flood repairs in the CBD can park free of charge for extended periods near local businesses while carrying out work and using short-term parking spaces.

Copies of the draft proposal are available on our website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) under the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

Submissions can be made online, by email to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480.

For more information phone Development & Compliance Manager Peter Jeuken on 1300 87 83 87.

▶ Council resolved (5/5 with one absent – carried on Deputy Mayor's casting vote) to decline tenders for the redevelopment of Oakes Oval and enter into negotiations with Bennett Constructions to undertake the project.

The only tender received was more than \$1 million over the \$2.8 million budget for works, and Council will now work with Bennett Constructions to vary the scope of work to allow the project to proceed. This includes reducing some elements of the stage one redevelopment, including a reduction in upgrades to toilets, no new boundary fencing, reduced landscaping etc.

Elements that will not be affected include the upgrade of the ground to be suitable for AFL matches and player amenities so that the facility can be used for major sporting events in 2018.

Components of the project not completed in stage one will become part of stage two, which is currently unfunded. Council will continue to apply for grants to fund stage two.

**A full list of Council resolutions is available in the Business Papers section of our website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**



# DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Act and Clause 124 of the EP&A Regulation, notification is given that the undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent.

### DA No.

**16/374 1A Sibley Street, Nimbin:** Removal of one gum tree and pruning of four tea trees and one bottlebrush in a Heritage Conservation Area.

**17/77 327 Forest Road, Buckendoon:** Dwelling and temporary occupation of shed constructed under exempt development.

**17/132 59 Cathcart Street, Girards Hill:** Demolish rear of existing dwelling, raise remainder by 2m, infill under storey and extend at the rear and tree removal.

**17/141 236 Graydon Road, Corndale:** Change of use of an existing shed to create a detached dual occupancy.

**17/167 41 Henson Road, Wyrallah:** Alterations and additions to existing dwelling in two stages.

**17/172 59 Ross Street, Lismore:** Demolish existing carport, add a deck with carport underneath, add an ensuite bathroom and extend an existing room with a 4m building line variation to Ross Street.

**17/194 5 Amy Court, Goonellabah:** Aboveground swimming pool, decking, steps and fencing.

**17/195 219 James Gibson Road, Clunes:** Inground swimming pool.

**17/196 5 Greenwood Drive, Goonellabah:** Demolish existing patio roof and replace with new.

**17/198 25 Norwood Avenue, Goonellabah:** Enclose existing front verandah to extend existing bedroom with a building line variation to 5m from Norwood Avenue.

**17/199 92 Rock Valley Road, Blakebrook:** Farm shed and the creation of a building pad.

**17/200 11 Panorama Road, Girards Hill:** Covered pergola at rear of existing house, replace French door and add window to dining room.

**17/201 149 Pearson Road, Eltham:** Alterations to existing dwelling including demolition of laundry, bathroom, bedroom and sleepout and replacement with new main bedroom, laundry, bathroom, ensuite, store room, hall and covered verandahs.

**17/210 18 Casino Street, South Lismore:** 1.8m high fence to front and side boundary.

**17/215 565 Ballina Road, Goonellabah:** Demolition of inground swimming pool.

**17/219 13 Livotto Drive, Richmond Hill:** 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](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

## T2017-14: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT SEWER MAIN

### Larkin Lane to Molesworth Street, Lismore

Council is seeking submissions from suitably qualified companies for a design and construction contract to renew two sections of sewer pipe running through private property, from the north-western end of Larkin Lane through to Molesworth Street in the centre of Lismore CBD.

There is an optional site visit and meeting to be held at 10.30am on Wednesday, 16 August. The meeting will begin in the Clyde Campbell Carpark, at its Molesworth Street entrance, between Woodlark and Zadoc Streets, and will be followed by site inspections. Those wishing to attend this inspection should contact Rod Haig on 1300 87 83 87 by the day before the inspection.

The tender submission closing date and time is 2pm on Friday, 8 September.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal, [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore), to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.



# TURN YOUR TRASH INTO TREASURE AND HELP REDUCE LANDFILL

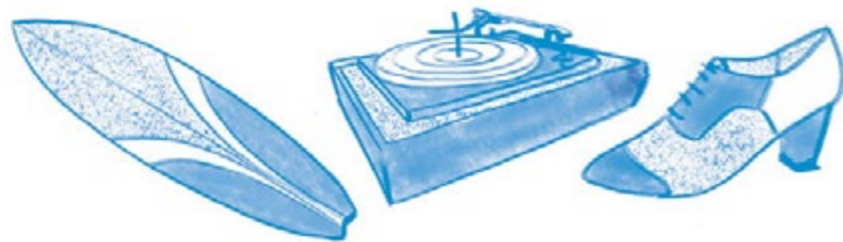
Second Hand Saturday is coming up again on Saturday, 23 September.

With more than 1000 garage sales predicted to be held across the North Coast, it is the biggest coordinated garage sale day of the year. An optional 'leftovers' day will also be held on Saturday, 30 September so you have double the chance to sell your stuff.

With millions of tonnes of waste being sent to landfill by Australian households each year, the humble garage sale is about much more than just earning cash or finding a second-hand bargain. Holding a garage sale is an easy way to reduce landfill and avoid a trip to the tip.

It's free to hold a garage sale on Second Hand Saturday and both individuals and organisations are welcome. It's a great opportunity for local clubs to hold a giant fundraising garage sale or for neighbours to get together for a street sale.

Anyone who registers will have their garage sale promoted for free in local newspapers, online and in the



popular Second Hand Saturday app. It's as simple as that. You'll also be able to pick up a free garage sale sign from Council in the weeks leading up to the big day.

Register your garage sale now at [www.secondhandsaturday.com.au](http://www.secondhandsaturday.com.au) or phone us here at Council on 1300 87 83 87. To keep up to date with announcements, follow Second Hand Saturday on Facebook.

*Second Hand Saturday is coordinated by North East Waste on behalf of its member councils including Lismore City Council, and is funded by the NSW EPA's Waste Less Recycle More initiative through the waste levy.*



## POSITIONS VACANT

We are looking for skilled, passionate people to join our workforce who will strive to make the Lismore Local Government Area the best place it can be for our diverse and unique community.

Below are our latest employment opportunities but please note the following:

- **No paper applications will be accepted therefore all applications are to be submitted online.**
- **We are no longer accepting late applications therefore please allow yourself enough time to submit your application prior to the closing deadline as outlined below.**

**Strategic Engineer – Expression of Interest**

Applications close Sunday, 20 August at 4pm.

**Executive Assistant – Mayor and Councillors**

Applications close Friday, 18 August at 4pm.

**For more information or to apply, visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**

## RATES REMINDER

All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your first rates instalment for the 2017/18 rateable year is due for payment on Thursday, 31 August 2017.

# LISMORE REGIONAL PARKLAND: SEEKING CONSULTANT FOR DESIGN

Council is seeking submissions from suitably qualified consultants to prepare a new Master Plan for the Lismore Regional Parkland.

Lismore Regional Parkland is viewed as the key community open space element in the Lismore Central Growth Corridor, which aims to accelerate the economic growth of Lismore city.

The Lismore Regional Parkland will see activation of the city's major green space linking the CBD, Lismore Shopping Square and other key recreation attractions such as the Lismore Regional Gallery, the Quad and Oakes Oval. The project will become a 'destination' recreational zone in the centre of the city.

The request for tenders closing date and time is 2pm on 12 September.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal, [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore), to access relevant documents.

Submissions may be lodged online or at our Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.



# LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR MASTERS GAMES

Registrations for the 10th Lismore Workers Masters Games close this Friday, 18 August.

If you are over 30 and love sport, then join this event! The Games are open to everyone, from true beginners to the very experienced, and people definitely have as much fun off the field as on it.

There is a packed program of social events, and around 1500 competitors will be coming to town. It's a great chance to make new friends, have a laugh and enjoy great sportsmanship and team spirit.

Registrations are open until 18 August for the following sports: baseball, cricket, dressage, golf, hockey, lawn bowls, netball, Oztag, fitness challenge, football, five-side football, softball, swimming and mini-olympics.

The Lismore Workers Masters Games is on from 22-24 September at various venues in Lismore. There is also an extensive merchandise range now on sale, with competitors able to choose from a polo shirt, limited edition T-shirt, bucket hat, cap and jacket.

For information, registrations or to order merchandise, visit [www.lismoremastersgames.com.au](http://www.lismoremastersgames.com.au).

## YOUR COVER

The recent ABC *Four Corners* program on recycling that looked specifically at landfill being trucked to Queensland has highlighted major issues within the waste industry. At Lismore, we try very hard to manage our waste responsibly and locally wherever possible. During the flood we did have to send some waste to Queensland, but our normal practice is to recycle as much as possible, then dispose of the rest at our Lismore Landfill located on Wyrallah Road. We thought this was an opportune time to remind people about some of the ways we recycle here in Lismore. Our systems may not always be perfect, but we are doing our very best to be best-practice, innovative and to make Lismore the recycling capital of Australia, and the city others look to as an example.







CONTACT US:  
**1300 87 83 87**

Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre is located at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

We are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Our postal address is PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480.

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