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# ALL ABOARD FOR A TRIP TO MAUDEVILLE

A new exhibition at Lismore Regional Gallery, *Maudeville*, showcases the costumes of Maude Boate – the 'Queen of Lismore's drag queens'. Maude is the creation of Michael Gates, a fourth generation Lismore man, son of former Lismore Mayor Bob Gates, ex-owner of Lismore Bridal, and current Events Coordinator of the Tropical Fruits Festival.

Maude came into being in the 80s performing at venues such as the Albury in Sydney. Her signature sculpted wigs became known outside the gay club scene when they were adapted for the stage play and movie *Priscilla: Queen of the Desert*. Maude's polystyrene wigs were shown in 1996 in the Powerhouse in Sydney in an exhibition called *Absolutely Mardi Gra*. They acquired two pieces.

## Maude has won 18 Diva Awards (Drag Industry Variety Awards) and in 2007 was inducted into the DIVA Hall of Fame.

Maude came into being as a larger-than-life voice against conservative attitudes towards homosexuality and queerness.

Maudeville is on exhibition from 5 December to 30 January 2016 at the Lismore Regional Gallery. The gallery opening on Friday, 4 December, also incorporates two other exhibitions: *The Presidents: from JFK to Obama*, featuring photographs by David Burnett (one of the few people to have photographed all the American presidents since John F. Kennedy), and *Room to Move* by painter Kathryn Dolby, the winner of the 2014 Lismore Regional Gallery Graduate Award. The opening is at 5.30 for 6pm.



## MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

Please note: Council does not hold meetings, briefings or interviews in January. We will have details of the first 2016 meetings in Local Matters on 20 January. Final meetings etc for the year are listed below.

## **COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS**

On Tuesday, 1 December Councillors will be briefed on:

• South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade and North Lismore Plateau.

This briefing is in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8 December. Items on the agenda include: Lismore Base Hospital Parking Strategy, Nimbin Cubes tourist and visitor accommodation proposal, and off-leash area for Goonellabah.

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

An extraordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15 December. Items on the agenda include: North Lismore Plateau LEP amendment. Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

## LUNCHTIME COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for 15-minute interviews on the third Thursday of each month between 12.30pm and 1.30pm at Lismore City Library.

On Thursday, 17 December interviews will be conducted by Councillors Neil Marks and Ray Houston. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 15 December.

For more information about meetings and briefings or to book a Councillor interview, phone 1300 87 83 87.

## **2015 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

## The 2015 Carols by Candlelight will be held at Oakes Oval in Lismore on Sunday, 13 December.

The event is free and families are invited to bring a picnic rug or blanket and enjoy a night of carol singing, performances, music and fireworks.

The 2015 event will be hosted by Peggy Popart and will feature visits by Santa and NBN's Big Dog with music from Luke Vassella, The Batten Twins and Sophistication.

Little ones will have an entire Kids Zone to explore, with glowsticks and refreshments for sale. Proceeds will be used by the Lismore Business Panel Children's Christmas Fund to help disadvantaged children in the 2480 postcode area through the YWCA.

Gates open at 4pm, with entertainment from 6-8pm and then the fireworks finale.

Carols by Candlelight is generously sponsored by SHOPBABY, Summerland Credit Union, Lismore Shopping Square and Chandlers Betta Home Living.



# PLEASE COMPLETE OUR BUSINESS SURVEY

Lismore City Council has commissioned an independent research company to evaluate the Lismore Business Promotion Program. The program is responsible for a number of activities around Lismore including:

- advertising, marketing and promotions;
- coordination of major events, markets, music, entertainment and activities in the city centre;
- place-making and place management; and
- effective use and dissemination of the 'Lismore Come to the Heart' brand.

As part of the overall evaluation we are inviting business owners and shoppers to make comment about their perceptions of and participation in the program. This part of the research is being undertaken via an online survey that can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LismoreBusinessPromotionPanel

We encourage everybody to log on and have your say!

## **RATES REMINDER** All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your second rates

instalment for the 2015/16 rateable year is due for payment on Monday, 30 November 2015.

## **FASCINATING ACTORS AND AUTHORS VISIT LISMORE**

The Richmond Tweed Regional Library is presenting two free talks this week actors Michael Caton and John Ley in conversation on 27 November and the extraordinary life story of Dr Munjed Al Muderis on 28 November.

Michael Caton and John Ley are both Australian actors: Caton is best known for his role in The *Castle* and is currently promoting his new film Last Cab to Darwin while Ley starred in Mad Max I and Mad Max II as well as BMX Bandits.

The pair will be speaking at 4.30pm at Lismore Library on Friday, 27 November.

The following evening, former Lismore Base Hospital intern Dr Munjed Al Muderis will come back to Lismore to talk about his life journey and new book Walking Free. The book is an account of his escape from Saddam Hussein's Irag on a people smuggler boat and his detention on Christmas Island, to becoming an orthopaedic robotics limb surgeon. He is now one of the world's leading specialists in Osseo integration, a procedure that involves using titanium implants instead of old socket prosthesis.

In 2013, British Irag war soldier and double amputee Michael Swain flew to Australia for treatment after hearing about Dr Al Muderis' innovative procedure. The former soldier invited the doctor to be by his side when he received his MBE from the Queen in June last year.

Dr Al Muderis will speak at Goonellabah Library at 7pm on Saturday, 28 November.

Both events are free but bookings are essential. Phone 6621 2464.



# Munjed Al Muderis Walking

## **COUNCIL CONTINUES HOUSEHOLD ASBESTOS SCHEME**

**To mark Asbestos Awareness Month** (November), we are announcing the continuation of the Household Asbestos **Disposal Scheme that has been run** over the last 12 months.

As part of the Household Asbestos Disposal Scheme, we sell asbestos disposal kits for householders wanting to remove and dispose of up to 10m<sup>2</sup> of bonded asbestos.



The kits include safety gear, plastic and tape for wrapping asbestos for disposal, information on the safe removal of asbestos, and a voucher for disposal at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.

The Asbestos Awareness Month campaign urges people not to play 'renovation roulette' and always take a safety first approach when disposing of asbestos. The reality is, asbestos can kill and a bad decision could be deadly.

One in three Australian homes contain asbestos. The deadly substance was used in a wide range of building products including fibro sheeting, roof shingles and guttering, vinyl floor covering and water drainage and flue pipes. All houses built before 1987 in Australia potentially contain asbestos products.

If you have more than 10m<sup>2</sup> (equivalent of three sheets of asbestos containing fibro) you are required by law to engage a licensed asbestos removal contactor.

If you have less than 10m<sup>2</sup>, you can buy a disposal kit at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre for \$135, which includes the cost of disposal. For further information, phone 1300 87 83 87.

This Household Asbestos Disposal Scheme is an initiative of North East Waste, a voluntary waste group of Lismore, Kyogle, Richmond Valley, Tweed, Byron, Ballina and Clarence Valley councils working together towards cost-effective waste management solutions.

# **COUNCIL DECIDES...**

#### At the ordinary meeting of 10 November, Council decisions included the following:

- Council resolved (9/1 in favour with one absent) to increase the opening hours of the toilet facilities at Clifford Park to be open during daylight hours.
- Council resolved (9/1 in favour with one absent) to participate in the final round of consultation for the Fit for the Future process and advise the State Government that it does not wish to merge with Kyogle or any other Local Government Area.

A complete list of Council resolutions can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



We are having trouble with people burning our public bins near Lismore Park. Not only is this very annoying, but it means we are spending money installing new bins that could be better spent elsewhere.

Council installed nine of the colourful bins at local parks and reserves in May. Most are fine, but along Uralba Street in the centre of the city two bins so far have been set on fire.

Already a three-month waste audit has shown that having clearly marked bins in the vicinity is reducing waste significantly in that area, and we think they look pretty good too.

To whoever is burning the bins, PLEASE don't. They are there to help everyone recycle right and are helping to make Lismore a recycling capital. Destroying them is rubbish.

If anyone witnesses people destroying the bins, please phone Lismore Police immediately on 6626 0599.

## **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.

#### 14/112-3 24 Redwood Grove, Goonellabah

Section 96(2) modification to relocate carport and redirect driveway.

#### **14/198-2** 22 Carramar Drive, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to reposition carport and move dwelling forward 1m.

### **15/42** 38 Blue Hills Avenue, Goonellabah

To develop an attached dual occupancy by converting the existing garage to a dwelling and constructing a new detached three-car garage.

#### 15/124 224 Humpty Back Road, McLeans Ridges

Dwelling, semi-detached garage and swimming pool.

### 15/143 9 Club Lane, Lismore

To undertake alterations and additions to existing building including new access ramp, new doorways, refurbishment of existing bathroom and kitchenette, creation of accessible toilet, security fencing and two wall business identification signs.

#### 15/167 20 Fischer Street, Goonellabah

Conversion of existing shed to a detached dual occupancy and deck addition.

#### 15/175-2 73 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah

Section 96(1A) modification to relocate carport.

### **15/209** 154 Cecil Street, Nimbin

Detached dual occupancy development comprising a new dwelling one (partially constructed) including a detached laundry and dwelling two (conversion of existing shed).

## 15/218 1085 Bruxner Highway, Goonellabah

Shed with a building line variation to 9m to Bruxner Highway.

**15/224** 778 and 836 Pinchin Road, Goolmangar Subdivision (boundary alteration).

15/233 76 Woodlark Street, Lismore Replace existing cantilevered awning over the footpath.

15/234 26 Dunromin Drive, Modanville Aboveground swimming pool and deck.

15/237 6 Kallee Place, Goonellabah Strata subdivision to create two lots and a common property lot.

15/238 1 Oakley Avenue, East Lismore Dwelling alteration to replace skillion roof with new hipped roof.

15/241 48 Dudley Drive, Goonellabah Carport.

15/243 54 Spring Street, East Lismore Demolition of existing patio and external laundry and construction of covered deck, laundry and ramp.

15/244 105 Dalley Street, East Lismore Dwelling addition (rear deck).

15/247 27 Clare Street, Goonellabah Dwelling.

15/265 37 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah Demolition and alterations and additions to the existing dental clinic and removal of one weeping paperbark tree.

15/267 35 Smith Street. Clunes Alterations to existing dwelling.

15/272 9B Asunta Place, Goonellabah Inground swimming pool.

15/273 48 James Road, Goonellabah Deck with roof.

**15/277** 24 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill Swimming pool, concrete footings and 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.

# **ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

#### LEP 2012 Amendment No. 14 **Rezoning Planning Proposal at 87 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah**

#### 25 November to 23 December 2015

Council resolved to support a planning proposal for the rezoning of part of 87 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah (Lot 5 DP 253464) at its ordinary meeting of 14 April 2015.

The Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination on 7 May 2015.

It is proposed to rezone approximately 3ha of the eastern side of the 6ha site from Zone RU1 Primary Production to Zone R1 General Residential. A minimum lot size of 400m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of 8.5m are proposed to apply within the Zone R1.

The planning proposal to amend LEP 2012 can be viewed on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or at the Corporate Centre,

43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Submissions should state reasons for objection or support.

Submissions can be made online, posted to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 or emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au.

For more information phone Council's Senior Strategic Planner Greg Yopp on 1300 87 83 87.

#### Submissions are due by 4.30pm on 23 December 2015.

#### Do you need to report a problem or provide feedback?

If you have seen a problem in your neighbourhood or there is an issue you wish to give us feedback on, you can head to our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Simply click on the 'Report a Problem' or 'Give us Feedback' links on our homepage and fill in the blanks. It's a guick and easy way to provide us with information. Alternatively, you can click on the Live Chat function and speak in real time to one of our Customer Service Offices. It's just like a phone call, but at your fingertips!

# **PUBLIC HEARING REPORT**

Planning Proposal – Local Environmental Plan 2012 Amendment: Reclassification with some rezoning of selected Council-owned land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Pursuant to Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993, a public hearing was held into the reclassification of seven Council-owned sites from 'community' to 'operational' under the Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2012 on Thursday, 12 November 2015.

The report on the public hearing, prepared by the chairperson, may be viewed on Council's website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au under 'On Public Exhibition' and at Council's Corporate Centre in Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal office hours.

The public hearing report will be considered by Council in the coming months, along with all written submissions relating to the proposed reclassification with some rezoning under the Lismore LEP 2012.

#### NAMING OF ROAD IN SUBDIVISION: Earls Court

#### Roads Act 1993, Section 162

Development Application No. 5.2013.324.1

Council received an application to name the new road in the plan of subdivision of DP 1021834 Lot 2, 20 Holland Street, Goonellabah, as shown below:

#### Earls Court

Interested parties wishing to lodge a written objection to the proposed name should do so within 28 days. Please clearly state the reasons for such objection and post to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

# **ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Draft Urban Stormwater Management Plan

#### 25 November to 22 January 2015

The Draft Urban Stormwater Management Plan (USMP) has been prepared to improve the way Council manages the city's stormwater challenges.

This plan takes an holistic approach that looks at stormwater quality and how to reduce pollution, stormwater quantity and how to manage localised flooding, and stormwater assets and how to maintain them into the future. This is the first time Council has integrated these three components of stormwater management into one plan.

The Draft USMP Implementation Program provides prioritised actions with funding commitments over the next 10 years.

This is your chance to have a say on the Draft USMP prepared for the Lismore urban rated area. All submissions are available to the public and your feedback will be recorded and presented to Council for consideration and final decision.

The Draft USMP can be viewed on our website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or at the Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Submissions should state reasons for objection or support.

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Submissions are due by 4.30pm on 22 January 2016.



Emergency services have expressed concern, following minor floods earlier this year, that people ignore road closed signs and drive into floodwater.

On behalf of all emergency services, we ask everyone: PLEASE NEVER DRIVE THROUGH FLOODWATER!

It's a very simple message and one that should be taken seriously. Thinking you can beat the floodwater and quickly make it through is simply not worth a loss of life or injury. And it does happen.

Police also have the power to issue fines to drivers that ignore road closure signs.

Please heed the advice of your emergency services and do not drive through floodwater for your own sake and that of others.

# **YOUR COVER**

Maude Boate is the invention of Michael Gates. a fourth generation Lismore man whose colourful costumes and hair pieces have featured in stage and screen performances, including the Australian film Priscilla: Queen of the Desert. An exhibition of his work begins on 5 December at Lismore Regional Gallery. More details inside.

Photograph by John Webber.





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