

RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE PROJECTS AND FIELD DAYS BEGIN

Our Rural Landholder Initiative has begun in earnest, with a tree planting and fencing project kicking off on a Boatharbour cattle farm and the first of 11 landholder field days starting in late March.

The Rural Landholder Initiative has been assisted by a \$100,000 grant from the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust, combined with \$50,000 from Council's Partnering Fund.

More than 20 landholders were selected last year to become 'champions' for the Rural Landholder Initiative and 11 restoration projects will take place on their properties. The landholders will help undertake on-ground works and host field days to demonstrate best-practice land management techniques.

Council's Rural Extension Officer Kate Steel said the champions range from sugar cane croppers, beef graziers and dairy farmers to orchardists and rural lifestyle landholders.

"Having a large variety of landholders enables us to engage people from right across the Local Government Area and invite them to see commercial and hobby farmers protecting biodiversity and improving their properties," Kate said.

"Good land management is so vital to our wildlife and catchment health and in turn encourages the health and productivity of our farms. The best way to spread that message is to simply show people the results. They speak for themselves."

The Rural Landholder Initiative is part of Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy and will assist landholders to conserve and improve biodiversity and ecosystem function on private land through partnering, incentives and education.

In addition to on-ground works and field days, Council is also producing a range of farm health assessment tools so landholders can slowly adapt their land management techniques to reflect best-practice models.



The first field day is detailed below. For a full list of field days being held during 2016, visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Lunch is provided but numbers are limited. Register with Kate Steel or Vanessa Tallon on 1300 87 83 87.

Bexhill Dairy and Biodiversity Field Day

Wednesday, 23 March, 9am to 2pm

Focus: Active management of a wetland, situated at a dairy farm on Coopers Creek.

Who should attend: Beef and dairy farmers as well as local rural lifestyle landholders in the Coopers Creek catchment wanting to improve waterways and soil biology for improved production.



NEW CAMPAIGN PUTS A HUMAN FACE TO ASBESTOS DANGER

We will soon be rolling out a new campaign to target asbestos dumping, featuring Council workers and their children.

Staff were shocked recently to find asbestos hidden inside several loads of waste dropped off at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. In the past, Council has had problems with asbestos being found in skips coming from building sites, but now the problem is growing to customers with utes, trailers and cars hiding asbestos in their waste.

The reality is, asbestos kills, and this kind of behaviour is putting real people at risk.

After reading a recent media release about our crackdown on this illegal behaviour, one of our staff members was very upset, and had the idea of putting a human face to the story. They suggested we feature real people and their kids on billboards at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, so people would fully appreciate the dire consequences asbestos dumping could have on a local family.

We will begin rolling out this campaign over the coming months and we hope it will make people sit up and take notice. One lungful of asbestos is all it takes to end a life. And that life is someone's dad or mum, brother, sister, daughter or son.

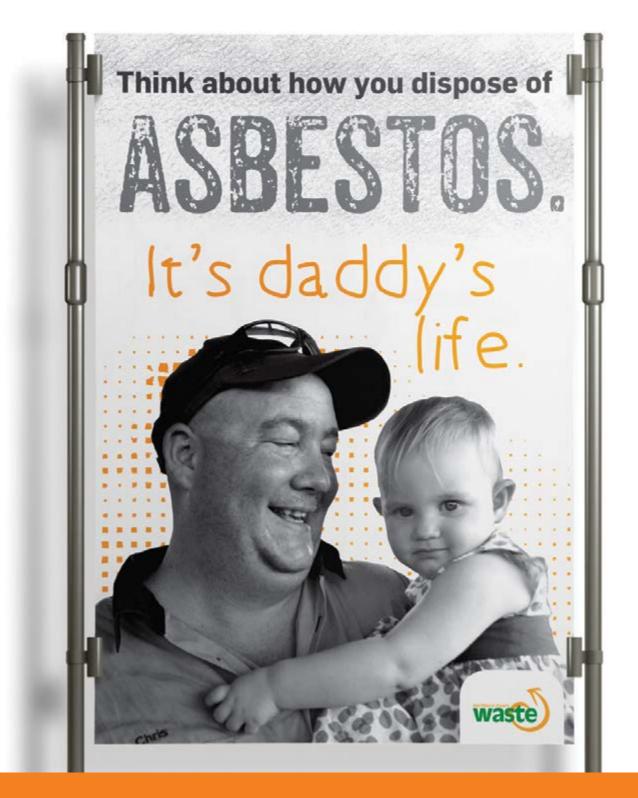
"This is not a game and we have zero tolerance for asbestos dumping," Waste Education Officer Danielle Hanigan said.

"We will now be on the lookout for people dumping asbestos and we will come down on them with the full force of the law. We will not tolerate our workers' lives being put at risk. We really hope this campaign makes people think twice about what their thoughtless actions could mean for families in our community."

If you are removing material from a house built before 1987, it is likely to contain asbestos. It can be found in a wide range of building products including fibro sheeting, roof shingles and guttering, vinyl floor coverings and water drainage and flue pipes.

Council sells Household Disposal Asbestos Kits for \$135 from the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre weighbridge. Kits include the cost of disposal for $10m^2$ of asbestos (equivalent of three sheets of asbestos containing fibro). People with more than this amount are required by law to engage a licensed asbestos removal contactor.

For more information on how to identify asbestos visit www.asbestosawareness.com.au or for disposal information visit www.northernriverswaste.com.au.



ALERT! FREE LUNCH... AND COMMUNITY PLANNING AT MCKEES HILL

Attention all residents of South Lismore, Loftville, Caniaba,
McKees Hill, Tatham, Ruthven, North Coraki and South Gundurimba.
Community Planning Days are coming up in your locality in March
and April.

Please note last week we had the wrong location for our first meeting. We are SO sorry. Correct locations are below.

We are inviting residents from the above areas to attend one of these days and help us create a Community Plan detailing actions for the future, such as events and community improvements.

There is a free lunch and anyone is welcome. The two upcoming Community Planning Days are as follows:

Planning Day One

Where: Clovass/McKees Hill Hall, Bruxner Highway

When: Saturday, 19 March

Time: 9.30am for 10am. Finish at 3.30pm

Planning Day Two

Where: Caniaba/Spring Grove Hall, Caniaba Road

When: Saturday, 2 April

Time: 9.30am for 10am. Finish at 3.30pm



LISMORE RECYCLED MARKET IS HERE!

Don't forget the new Lismore Recycled Market being held for the first time this Saturday, 19 March at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre.

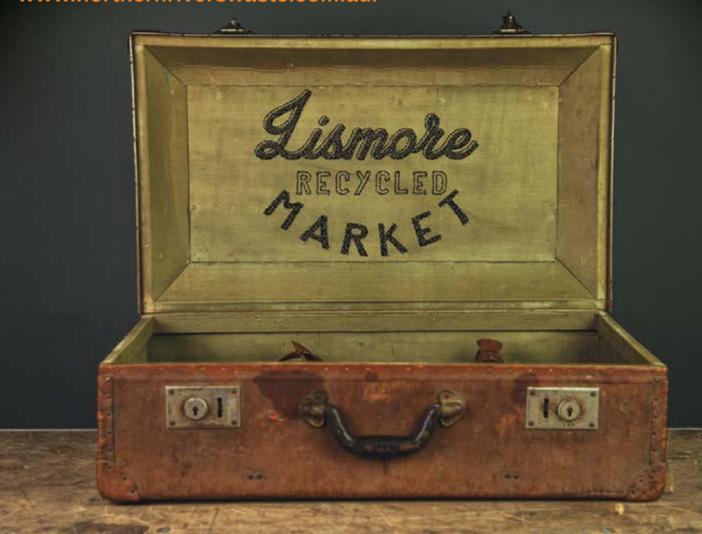
The Lismore Recycled Market will be held on the third Saturday of every month next door to the Lismore Revolve Shop, which will be open so people can also look for second-hand bargains.

Stallholders will sell their goods from a series of shipping containers and there will be music, children's activities, food, coffee and more.

All stallholders must have made something new and innovative from recycled materials.

The Lismore Recycled Market runs from 9am to 2pm on the third Saturday of every month, and will take place rain, hail or shine.

For more information phone 1300 87 83 87 or visit www.northernriverswaste.com.au.



T2016-5: RUNWAY LIGHTING UPGRADE, LISMORE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified companies/contractors that have the capability and knowledge to undertake the design, supply, installation and commissioning of a runway lighting upgrade at Lismore Regional Airport.

The works will provide new AGL facilities for the Lismore Regional Airport including runway, taxiway and apron requirements, and will:

- A. comply with current CASA standards for runway lighting; and
- B. reduce fog-related delays currently experienced at the Lismore Regional Airport.

The airport must be suitable for day and night operation and must cater for the design category for aircraft. The airport is coded as 3C.

On-site inspection held Wednesday, 23 March at 10am at Lismore Regional Airport, 173 Bruxner Highway, South Lismore.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Friday, 8 April.

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

Pleasant and Fischer Street roundabout closure

To complete works at the new Pleasant and Fischer Street roundabout, some new lighting will be installed on Tuesday, 29 March. This will require closure of the intersection from 9.30am to 2.30pm on that day.

If you need to travel to or from Goonellabah during this time, please use Ballina Road. Our apologies for inconvenience and thanks for your patience while we finish these essential works.



By the time you read this article, Lismore's much-loved street art girl in the Back Alley Gallery will be no more.



International street artist
Guido van Helten has
been commissioned
through Council's Public
Art Maintenance Budget
to do a new artwork in
place of the girl, which
was vandalised in
September last year.
A stand-out feature of
the Back Alley Gallery

since it began in 2011, the girl's destruction elicited a massive community response, and Guido was invited back to create something new in her stead.

As this article is written, we have no idea what the new work will look like, but by the time you read it, a new piece of street art will grace the laneway.

Guido van Helten, who hails from Lismore and studied at Southern Cross University, has gone on to international acclaim. His works can be found in major cities across the globe from Australia to the United Kingdom, from Iceland to Italy.

"His work has come a long way since he did the girl," Back Alley Gallery Project Manager Erin Lewis said.

"Like all artists his style has evolved and changed. Guido is a high-calibre artist and I think people will really appreciate something new. It is the nature of street art and we want to be true to that – the Back Alley Gallery will always be transient and pieces that people love will always be temporary."

The new artwork is in Eggins Lane off Carrington Street, Lismore.



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.

11/350-2 183 Cross Road, Numulgi

Section 96(1) modification to remove condition 7 inserted in error.

13/79-2 10 Opal Crescent, Lismore Heights

Section 96(2) modification to change the method of safeguarding the site.

15/79 90 Terania Creek Road, The Channon Rural detached dual occupancy.

15/293 357 and 357A Boatharbour Road, Boat Harbour

A staged subdivision including a Stage 1 consolidation and Stage 2 subdivision including a SEPP Rural Lands Allotment.

15/301 124 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah Dwelling, retaining wall and tree removal.

15/307 3/45 Cullen Street, Nimbin

Expansion of existing restaurant into shop previously used as retail.

15/314 23 DA Olley Drive, Goonellabah Group Home (Permanent).

15/317 54 Satinwood Drive and 17 Carabeen Place, McLeans Ridges

Subdivision (boundary alteration of two lots to create two lots).

15/325 634 and 640 Dorroughby Road, Dorroughby

Subdivision (boundary adjustment).

15/331 122 Numulgi Road, Woodlawn

Rural Lands Subdivision of one lot to create two lots.

15/350 4 Greenhills Drive, Goonellabah

Demolish ground floor skillion roof and construct a first floor rear covered deck.

15/354 647 Cowlong Road, Eltham

Aboveground pool, decking, fencing and screening.

16/2 249 Pinchin Road, Goolmangar

Dwelling additions and part demolition of the existing dwelling.

16/4 29 William Blair Avenue, Goonellabah Dwelling addition (covered deck).

16/11 25 Atlas Street, East Lismore Dwelling additions and alterations.

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 consenting authority, Council has received the following development applications (and/or applications for modifications to existing consents) for consideration.

DA NUMBER: 95/358-2

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 265 Martin Road, Larnook (Lot 0 SP 36965).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle

DESCRIPTION: Section 96(1A) modification to extend the life of the quarry for an additional 10 years (condition 12) and to establish a timeframe for the new

Environmental Management Plan (condition 8).

CLOSING DATE: 13 April 2016.

DA NUMBER: 16/45

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 463 and 471 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill and 11 and 15 Misty Valley View, Goonellabah (Lots 11, 12 and 13 DP 810542 and Lot 1 DP 1136812).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

DESCRIPTION: Staged subdivision to create 82 residential lots and a residual lot with associated public road, infrastructure services, bulk earthworks, tree removal and vegetation management works. The proposal constitutes integrated development in accordance with S91 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Approval from NSW Office of Water is required in accordance with the *Water Management Act 2000*, and approval from NSW Rural Fire Service is required in accordance with the *Rural Fires Act 1997*. The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

CLOSING DATE: 15 April 2016.

DA NUMBER: 16/31

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 105 Henson Road, Wyrallah (Lot 10 DP 1021225).

APPLICANT: Stephen Fletcher & Associates.

DESCRIPTION: Resource Recovery Facility involving crushing and processing of

building materials, principally concrete and bricks.

CLOSING DATE: 30 March 2016.

DA NUMBER: 15/170

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 78, 80 and 82 Cullen Street, Nimbin (Lot 310 DP 852412

and Lots 3 and 4 DP 1026562).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

DESCRIPTION: Amended Plans and Additional Information – Construction of a tourist and visitor accommodation development incorporating 24 accommodation rooms, manager's residence, on-site car parking, landscaping, tree removal, civil works and includes the construction of six new car spaces and the line marking of 76 car spaces within the adjacent Council-owned public car park.

CLOSING DATE: 30 March 2016.

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, 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.



MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

AFTER HOURS COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for interviews on the first and third Monday of each month from 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

On Monday, 21 March interviews will be conducted by Councillors Greg Bennett and Ray Houston. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 18 March.

On Monday, 4 April interviews will be conducted by Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Simon Clough. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 1 April.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings so staff can provide background on issues or projects and Councillors have a chance to brainstorm and discuss.

On Tuesday, 22 March the agenda includes:

- Stormwater Management Plan.
- Lismore South Public School traffic improvements.

On Tuesday, 29 March the agenda includes:

- Creative Alliance with NORPA.
- Service Review updates.

Both briefings are 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, 24 March interviews will be conducted by Councillors Glenys Ritchie and Mathew Scheibel. Interviews must be booked no later than Tuesday, 22 March.

LISMORE BUSINESS PANEL

The Lismore Business Panel will meet on Friday, 18 March from midday at the Gordon Pavilion, Oakes Oval.

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



PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF RIDERS WHEN SLASHING OR MOWING

Many people around the Local Government Area, both in rural and urban areas, slash their nature strips or roadside verges.

The reality is, Council does not have the funds to slash every nature strip or roadside verge, so this practice is encouraged and incredibly helpful for Council, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

However, it is also important to be mindful of a few things when slashing or mowing. Council recently received correspondence from a motorcycle rider who explained that grass clippings left on the road can be dangerous for riders.

For a rider, coming upon grass clippings suddenly can present a hazard as there is the potential for loss of traction. In the event that a rider needs to swerve or brake, this loss of traction can cause an accident, and in the wet, the damp grass can be even more hazardous.

We understand why many people like to cut the grass along the roadside neighbouring their property, and once again, we take this opportunity to thank you for your help. This is a call out to all property owners to please clean up any clippings from the road itself, or cut the grass in a way that scatters it away from the road, so that motorcycle riders don't come upon an unexpected hazard.

If we all work together, we can achieve the best outcome for everyone.





ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proposed relocation of Jarjum Preschool

16 March to 10 April 2016

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Jarjum Preschool to relocate it services from East Lismore and build a new childcare centre at Clifford Park in Goonellabah.

Jarjum Preschool is a not-for-profit organisation that provides childcare services to Lismore's Indigenous community.

Late last year Jarjum approached Council about opportunities to relocate its operations from Rifle Range Road, East Lismore, for a number of reasons. These included the need for extra space, significant costs associated with repairs and upkeep at the existing premises, and problems experienced at the current premises with anti-social behaviour.

Jarjum has proposed that it could build a new preschool on land formerly occupied by the Goonellabah Scout Hall (in the south-western corner of Clifford Park), which was demolished when the recent park upgrade took place.

In November last year, Council resolved to consult with neighbours of Clifford Park and the general community, as well as the Aboriginal Advisory Group, Northern United Rugby League Club and the Northern Rivers K9 Sports Club Dog Obedience School about the proposal.

More information regarding this proposal is available at www.lismorensw.gov.au. Submissions can be made online, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

Submissions are due by 10 April 2016.

Changes to Code of Conduct

The Office of Local Government has advised Council that changes have been made to the Model Code of Conduct and Council is required to reflect these changes in its own Code of Conduct.

The change is an amendment to clause 429, which relates to disciplinary measures for misconduct and poor performance.

The revised Code of Conduct can be viewed at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



REBATES AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE WITH STAND-ALONE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

We have several rebates available for ratepayers that are able to connect with Council's reticulated water supply or sewerage system, but choose to have their own stand-alone systems.

Below are the rebates we offer:

- If you have a stand-alone water supply system and are not connected to Council's reticulated water supply, you can receive a 50% rebate on water availability charges. (Current rebate value \$117.24 per annum.)
- If you have a dry composting toilet (and no other toilets connected to the sewerage system), but still have your grey water discharges connected to the sewer, you receive a 30% rebate on the residential wastewater charge. (Current rebate value \$242.40 per annum.)
- If you have a stand-alone system of wastewater management and are not connected to Council's sewerage system, you receive a 50% rebate on the residential wastewater charge. (Current rebate value \$404 per annum.)

The condition is that any stand-alone systems installed have to meet all necessary state and local government approvals. For more information or to apply for a rebate, phone 1300 87 83 87.

YOUR COVER

David Wilson is a Bexhill dairy farmer. He owns and runs the farm with his

son Josh, Josh's wife Teresa and their son Flynn, and the family dog, Buster. The Wilsons are hosting the first of 11 field days during 2016 as part of the Rural Landholder Initiative. They will demonstrate how their farming methods are increasing biodiversity and improving the health and productivity of their farm. Field days throughout the year cater to all sorts of landholders including sugar cane croppers, dairy and beef cattle farmers, orchardists and rural lifestyle landholders. More details inside.





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

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