

# FREE FUN AND LOTS TO LEARN AT BIG SCRUB RAINFOREST DAY

## The 18th annual Big Scrub Rainforest Day is on this Sunday, 16 October at Rocky Creek Dam.

This year's event features a community tree planting, talks, workshops, and rainforest and bird walks throughout the day led by some of Australia's leading ecologists, bush regenerators, naturalists and scientists. In addition there is live music, food and information stalls, and lots of free fun for children.

The keynote address in 2016 will be by environmentalist, chair of the Bob Brown Foundation and founder of Bush Heritage Australia, Bob Brown, at 11.15am.

"Bob Brown is an excellent ambassador for conservation and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the Big Scrub," Big Scrub Landcare President Dr Tony Parkes said.

"To succeed in our task of restoring the critically endangered Big Scrub rainforest we need to engage with landholders and local communities throughout our region."

Lismore City Council is sponsoring the event and will be launching its new publication *My Local Native Garden*, a partnership with Rous County Council. *My Native Local Garden* is a comprehensive guide to help people design, plant and maintain a garden that provides habitat for native wildlife.

Council's Environmental Strategies Coordinator Theresa Adams will also be presenting on opportunities for rural landholders through the Rural Landholder Initiative and the Biodiversity Management Strategy at 9am. This is a chance for farmers and landholders to discover what support and funding is available to help improve their property and increase farm productivity.

The 2016 Big Scrub Rainforest Day will be celebrating 30 years of restoration at Rocky Creek Dam, which is the key water source



for the Lismore area. Rous County Council's Anthony Acret said Big Scrub conservation and restoration at Rocky Creek Dam and throughout the catchment results in cleaner and healthier water for everyone.

"Rous County Council commenced pioneering restoration work at Rocky Creek Dam in 1983, applying what would become known as 'the Woodford Method' to restore lowland subtropical rainforest in Big Scrub areas that had previously been cleared and used for dairy farming," he explained. "Over 30 years later and the benefits of this work provide us all with inspiration and a vision of what can be."

Throughout the day, visitors can join in rainforest and bird walks, talks and workshops, sustainable cooking demonstrations, live music under the trees and more.

There will also be food stalls and lots of free fun for children including face painting, a storytelling tent for kids under eight, a children's playground, the interactive Catchment Model and more.

Big Scrub Rainforest Day runs from 7am to 3pm and entry is by gold coin donation. For a full program visit www.bigscrubrainforest.org.au.

# TAKE OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY AND HELP DECIDE LISMORE'S FUTURE

Next week we are launching a community-wide survey as part of a review of the Imagine Lismore Community Strategic Plan.

The plan was developed four years ago and was created following an 18-month community consultation. Now, we need your feedback on how it's been going.

Every four years under NSW legislation, we are required to review our Community Strategic Plan with the new Council and create a revised plan with clear projects and actions for the next four years.

We are seeking community input on how this plan should look. We need to check in and ensure our plan continues to reflect what the community wants and needs into the future.

The community-wide survey is just one component of our community engagement – we will also hold face-to-face workshops with community members and hard-to-reach groups.

All feedback will be presented to the new Council so they can make informed decisions about the plan. We will develop the plan early next year and exhibit a draft for public feedback before a final plan is presented to Council. The new plan will take effect from July 1 2017.

Help us to create a plan that captures what you want for your future. The survey will go live on Wednesday, 19 October.



# SAVE THE DATE: HELP CELEBRATE OUR 15TH BIRTHDAY!

There will be a special community open day at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Saturday, 19 November to celebrate the 15th birthday of Northern Rivers Waste.

Northern Rivers Waste is the waste operations arm of Council and a leader in recycling innovation.

The birthday coincides with National Recycling Week so Council is hosting a big family fun day with lots for kids and adults to enjoy.



- Bus tours of the facility including the MRF and organics processing pad
- Bin-lifting competition
- Recycled markets
- Old wares sale
- Guided walks through our rainforest botanic gardens and landfill rehabilitation areas
- Recycled craft and composting activities for kids
- Love Food Hate Waste cooking workshops
- North East Waste's The Greenhouse (fun recycling games for kids)
- Interactive water catchment model
- Food and coffee
- Free face painting
- Recycled sculpture displays
- Prizes and giveaways

**The open day is on Saturday, 19 November from 9am to 2pm.** 

Please note: The facility will only be open for waste disposal from 2pm.



## **COME AND VISIT US AT LISMORE SHOW**

Lismore City Council will once again have a stand at this year's North Coast National, 20-22 October, with fun activities for all ages.

As well as providing a wide range of information on Council services we will also have lots of free things to see, do and learn.

On Thursday and Friday you can watch local street artist Jeremy Austin paint one of our roadwork site offices live at the Show. This is the seventh roadwork site office to be painted by local artists as part of a project to spruce up the offices, deter tagging and save on cleaning costs.

On Saturday, join us for a free lunch with your new Councillors at 1pm and meet your elected representatives in the flesh. You can also enter our new competition – the Great Garbage Truck Challenge – for a chance to win family tickets to Nitro Circus. Your skills and reflexes will be put to the test as we invite you to empty a wheelie bin in record time. The rules are simple – fastest time wins the prize!





We will also have lots of other activities including a new interactive recycling game and a recycled sculpture exhibition by local primary schools. Vote for your favourite in the People's Choice Award.

You can also learn about our water catchment with the interactive Catchment Model and help us paint a 'Merry Christmas' sign to be put up for all the community to see during the festive season.

Finally, and most importantly, we will be conducting a survey on our Community Strategic Plan to identify what the community's priorities are for the future and gather ideas for Lismore and our villages. This feedback will assist Council to develop a new Community Strategic Plan that will govern what we do over the next decade.

Come on down to the Lismore City Council stand at the Lismore Show and learn something new, have some fun and tell us what you really think! See you there.

## MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 October. Items on the agenda include:

- 2015/16 Financial Statements.
- 2015/16 Reserves.
- Investments.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

#### **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, 25 October the agenda includes:

- · LEP amendments.
- Planning and Rezoning 101.

#### On Tuesday, 1 November the agenda includes:

- September Quarterly Budget Review Statement.
- Investments.
- Part road closure of Brunswick Street.
- · CBD, economic development, tourism and events.
- Emergency management.

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

#### **COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS**

Interviews with newly elected Councillors will begin in November.

Councillor interviews are held on the first and third Monday of each month from 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and on the third Thursday of each month between 12.30pm and 1.30pm at Lismore City Library.

Full details will be available in the next edition of *Local Matters*.

For more information about meetings and briefings, phone Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87.

## ATTENTION ALL RURAL LANDHOLDERS: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Council is currently seeking expressions of interest from rural landholders to participate in the Rural Landholder Initiative.

The Rural Landholder Initiative is designed to assist rural landholders to restore and rehabilitate biodiversity hotspots on their properties, whether they be commercial production



properties, small-scale operations or more lifestyle-based properties.

Council is offering support to landholders to protect and restore high conservation value areas on their properties, including restoration of koala habitat, priority corridors, river and creek banks, and threatened species habitat.

Eligible projects include:

- Environmental weed control
- Regeneration and/or revegetation with local native plants
- Fencing to exclude livestock from important areas, such as riverbanks
- Off-stream watering (e.g. drinking troughs)
- Stabilising stock stream access or crossing points
- Plantings for erosion stabilisation

Landholders need to commit to maintain the project area if they would like to be involved.

Applications for the landholder expression of interest can be made online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

Applications close on Thursday, 27 October at 4pm. For more information, please phone Council's Rural Landholder Initiative Extension Officer Kate Steel on 1300 87 83 87.



## 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.

**15/42 38 Blue Hills Avenue, Goonellabah:** Develop an attached dual occupancy by converting the existing garage to a dwelling and constructing a new detached three-car garage.

**15/266 24 Centenary Drive, Goonellabah:** New industrial building, retaining wall, carparking and associated infrastructure.

**16/20 29 Molesworth Street, Lismore:** Commercial office fit out to an existing office suite.

**16/149 11 Panorama Road, Girards Hill:** Removal of a tree in a heritage conservation area (bamboo clump and cherry guava).

**16/171 246 Union Street, South Lismore:** Demolish existing roof and replace, replace external cladding items and windows and painting throughout.

**16/203 98 Woodlark Street, Lismore:** To use shops 10, 11 and 12 of the existing building (first three shops off Woodlark Street on the eastern side of arcade) as part business premises (hairdresser) and part retail premises (florist).

16/205 13 Hollingsworth Street and 16 Taylor Street, South Lismore: Building works for a cool room and awning.

**16/222 1 Flatley Drive, Clunes:** Dwelling with a building line variation to 6.9m to Flatley Drive.

16/243 9/136 David Road, Jiggi: Dwelling.

**16/245 82 Woodlark Street, Lismore:** Business identification signage and external alterations.

**16/251 247 Magellan Street, Lismore:** Covered entry deck and steps with a building line variation to 5.1 metres.

**16/259 313 Wyrallah Road, Monaltrie:** Construction of two awnings attached to the existing shed.

**16/261 216 Ballina Road, Lismore:** Demolish existing deck and replace with new deck.

16/263 200 Rous Road, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool.

16/266 31 Beaumont Drive, East Lismore: Inground swimming pool.

**16/271 16 Donaghue Street, Dunoon:** Inground swimming pool.

16/272 15 Sunny Valley Place, Modanville: Carport.

**16/276 62 Phyllis Street, South Lismore:** Shed with a building line variation to the rear laneway.

**16/278 192 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah:** Removal of existing awning and installation of new insulated patio awning.

16/279 4 Myall Court, Caniaba: Garage and storage shed.

16/285 20 Livotto Drive, Richmond Hill: Inground swimming pool.

16/286 93 Maso Road, Repentance Creek: Inground swimming pool.

**16/293 152 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill:** Inground swimming pool.

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:** 16/300

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 2 Cowlong Road, Lindendale (Lot 22

DP631981).

**APPLICANT:** Macadamia Nut Processing Co Ltd.

**DESCRIPTION:** Increase the drying and storage capacity of the complex, additional floor area for processing and installation of a new fire hydrant system with ancillary water storage tanks.

**CLOSING DATE:** 26 October 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.



### TENDER FOR LIFT INSTALLATION

## T2016-31: Design and construct new internal lift in the former Lismore Municipal Building, Lismore CBD

Tenders are sought for the design, supply and construction of a new internal passenger lift in Lismore City Council's former Municipal Building located at 165 Molesworth Street. The aim of this tender is to select a suitably qualified company/contractor who has the capability and knowledge to undertake the design, supply, installation and commissioning of the new lift.

A compulsory pre-tender meeting and on-site inspection will be held at 1pm on Wednesday, 12 October. Representatives are to meet at the Lismore Municipal Building, 165 Molesworth Street, Lismore.

Interested parties should register their attendance with Steven Dillon on 1300 87 83 87 prior to the scheduled meeting. Please ensure that all attendees at site visits have correct PPE including high visibility vests, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and sun hats.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Monday, 31 October 2016.

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.

### **BOOK SALE**

## Lismore City Library is having a special Book Sale this Saturday, 15 October from 10am to 6pm at Lismore Library.

The sale is part of The Homecoming, a three-day event from 13-15 October celebrating the history of the buildings at the old Lismore High School site.

There are concerts and performances each evening from 7pm and on Saturday, 15 October there is also the Homecoming Family Day from 11am to 6pm. For full program details, visit **www.thehomecoming.org**.



## TENDER FOR BUSH REGENERATION SERVICES

## T2016-27: Supply of bush regeneration and project development services

Council is inviting submissions from businesses and individuals for the supply of bush regeneration and project development services.

Council manages significant areas of natural vegetation, some of which is of high conservation value. This includes riparian vegetation in lowland subtropical rainforests and areas affected by SEPPs 14 and 44. In addition to these areas of public land, Council partners with rural landholders to work on significant areas of private land.

Council regularly requires the services of suitably qualified and experienced bush regenerators to help restore and rehabilitate these areas.

In addition to this, Council is seeking contractors who are able to undertake project development and grant-writing tasks. This includes working through all stages of the grant process including grant research, grant preparation, grant submission and managing awarded grants.

The purpose of this tender is to compile a 'Bush Regeneration and Project Development Supplier Panel' of approved providers to Council. The contract is for a period of two years with an option for an additional 24 months.

Submissions close at 2pm on Thursday, 3 November.

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.

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website or require further information, phone the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.



## ATTENTION NIMBIN RESIDENTS: DISCOVER THE RAINBOW ARCHIVE

The State Library is inviting people to listen to newly released sound recordings from its Rainbow Archive on Thursday, 27 October at the Mobile Library in Nimbin.

The State Library is celebrating the release of an online tool that provides access to its digitised sound archive, and the first collection being made available is a series of interviews with Nimbin residents.

This special event is taking place at the Richmond Tweed Mobile Library (71 Cullen Street) on Thursday, 27 October from 11.30am. No RSVP is required – everyone is welcome to come along.

### **KEEN STREET CARPARK CLOSED**

The Keen Street Carpark will be closed until early November as part of the Lismore Quadrangle project, which includes a new Lismore Regional Gallery and public square.

The carpark is being upgraded and resurfaced. Once complete, the carpark will be two-way with entry and exit from Keen Street only. There will no longer be vehicular access from this carpark to the Lismore Library, as this is where the town square is being created.

Thanks for your patience... the carpark should be reopened in the first week of November.

## **BROWNS CREEK TOILET CLOSED**

The Browns Creek Carpark toilets are currently closed for refurbishment.

We are doing a complete fit out of the building, including new baby change table. While the work is being undertaken, temporary port-a-loos will be available on site.

The toilet should reopen by mid-November.



## **POSITIONS VACANT**

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

Please find below our latest employment opportunities:

<b>Position Title</b>	Salary	<b>Closing Date</b>
Council Secretary	\$1,123.50 to \$1,292.03 per week + super	16 October 2016
Maintenance Coordinator GSAC/LMB	From \$959.51 per week + super	16 October 2016
Head Swimming Coach/ Swim School Training Coordinator	From \$26.76 per hour + super	16 October 2016
Footpath Sweeper/Gardens Team Member	\$849.60 to \$977.04 per week + super	16 October 2016
Payroll Assistant (part-time)	\$26.87 to \$30.90 per hour + super	16 October 2016

For further information or to apply visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

## **YOUR COVER**

In 1999, the Big Scrub Rainforest Landcare Group co-founded the Big Scrub Rainforest Day and it has grown to become Australia's largest annual Landcare education event. The 18th annual event is on at Rocky Creek Dam on Sunday, 16 October. Poster artwork featured on this edition's cover was created by Katherine Castle.





## 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.

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