

APPLY NOW FOR RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE FUNDS

Expressions of interest for funding through the Rural Landholder Initiative are now open until 13 December.

The Rural Landholder Initiative has been operating for three years and is proving a success with landholders obtaining small grants to improve biodiversity and farm productivity on their land.

Assistance of up to \$5000 is available for primary works and initial maintenance in the first year, with complex restoration projects eligible for second-year funds of up to \$2500. Sites along floodplain riverbanks can apply for up to \$10,000 if works include fencing and off-stream watering.

Landholders can apply for funds to help with the following projects:

- Bush regeneration works restoring areas of native habitat or revegetation with local native plants.
- Environmental weed control and initial follow-up maintenance.
- Plantings for erosion stabilisation using local native plants.
- Purchasing fencing materials to control livestock in riparian and wetland areas, and remnant vegetation improvement.

- Purchasing off-stream watering equipment to protect waterways from stock impact.
- Stabilising stock crossing points.

If you are considering applying for funds, please make use of the resources available on our website to plan your project and address the questions in the application. These include using best-practice techniques, addressing priority conservation issues in our region, talking to your neighbours and connecting with others in the natural resource management community.

Our Environmental Strategies staff can help landholders with ideas, knowledge and resources. However, the single most important thing you can do to make your project more attractive for funding is to get started yourself. A simple project plan will show us what you are already doing, where you need some extra help and what your overall goals are.

The Expression of Interest closes on Thursday, 13 December. New projects will begin in mid-2019.

Visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au to apply or contact our Rural Landholder Initiative Extension Officer Kate Steel on 1300 87 83 87.



FREE CHRISTMAS FUN AT 2018 CAROLS IN THE HEART

Aria award-winning singer-songwriter Samantha Jade has been announced as the headline act for this year's Shopbaby Carols in the Heart.

Samantha Jade won the fourth season of *The X Factor Australia* and has gone on to have a successful music and acting career including a role on *Home and Away*.

She has recently release her new album *The Magic of Christmas* and will be singing classic carols as well as some of her best-known hits at the event.

Lismore families are invited to see Jade perform live as well as enjoy musical performances and plenty of Christmas spirit at the annual Shopbaby Carols in the Heart on Sunday, 9 December at Crozier Field.

The annual event is free and will also include face painting and a jumping castle, a visit from Santa, and spectacular fireworks to end the evening.

"This is a beautiful way to celebrate Christmas as a community and come together for some festive fun and carol singing," Tourism and Events Manager Mitch Lowe said.

"We are really thrilled to have Samantha Jade as our headline performer as well as a line-up of talented local performers who will be there with jingle bells on!

"Food and refreshments will be available on the day and we warmly welcome everyone in the Lismore community and beyond to come and join us for this special Christmas afternoon."

Gates open at 4.30pm and entry is free. Crozier Field is at 144 Magellan Street, Lismore.



SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR LISMORE

Wherever our staff go wearing our little Lismore loveheart pins, people comment on how much they love them.

We've had the same feedback from others who wear them out and about and we want to spread the word to everyone in our community!

We would particularly love to see all our businesses proudly wearing a heart pin as visitors enter their store.

The heart pins are just \$2 from our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah.

You could give one to incoming

staff, or place them in Christmas stockings and gift bags, use them as prizes or award recognition, or simply purchase one because they look fabulous and show you love Lismore!

Buying a heart pin and wearing it proudly is a great way to promote our city's brand and remind people that **Lismore** is the heart of the Northern Rivers.

Buy one today!















CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN THE CBD

Join us soon for Christmas in the Heart – our festive and fun activities happening the Lismore CBD this December.

Christmas is an important time for local retailers and shopping local is one of the best things you can do for our city, keeping our businesses and our economy alive and well.

The highlight of our special Christmas in the Heart celebrations is a delightful Santa's Wonderland in Molesworth Street, which will be open every day from December 1 until Christmas Eve. You can:

- Have a photo with Santa from 10am-2pm
- Write and post a letter to Santa
- Use the present-wrapping station

 Take a break in the rest area for tired grown ups! A \$100 voucher and fantastic mystery prize will also be given away daily during

at participating retailers and drop your entry in at Santa's Wonderland. There is more than \$15,000 in cash

and prizes to be won.

Throughout December there will also be carol singers in the streets, window displays, and lots of surprise Christmas fun!

To find out more, go to



KOALA SIGNAGE IMPLORES DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN

Council has installed signage and pavement markings along the Wyrallah Road and Tuckurimba Road koala blackspot areas urging drivers to slow down.

This section of road has the highest known rate of koala deaths due to vehicle strikes in Lismore with people often going faster than the posted 80km/hr speed limit.

The signage and markings clearly state it is a koala zone and encourage drivers to stick to the speed limit along this stretch of road.

"September to March is when Friends of the Koala receives its highest number of calls for assistance for injured or dead animals," Council's Environmental Strategies Officer Wendy Neilan said.

"Driving at the speed limit of 80km/hr as opposed to 90km/hr in the Wyrallah Road blackspot area may extend your travel time by less than one minute. We hope that the community will consider this a small price to pay to help save our beautiful koalas."

People in Lismore have the wonderful and rare opportunity to live near

this iconic Australian species and see koalas in our trees, roadside reserves and backyards.

However, living close to humans places koalas at greater risk of injury and death from cars and dogs, which are the two greatest threats to their survival after habitat loss and disease.

Slowing down to the posted speed limit can greatly reduce the chances of hitting a koala as well as keeping all road users safe.

Wendy said drivers should also keep in mind that koalas are constantly moving between habitat areas across the landscape. Dusk and dawn are the peak times for wildlife to be moving between trees and bushland.

To report sick or injured koalas, phone the Friends of the Koala hotline on 6622 1233.



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.

16/165-3 6 Taylor Street, South Lismore: Section 4.55(1A) to amend conditions one and three pertaining to amending the vehicular access and to delete condition four pertaining to a right of carriageway.

18/63-2 53 Fox Road and 2513 Dunoon Road, Rosebank: Section 4.55(1A) modification to amend condition five.

18/65-2 163 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah: Section 4.55(1A) modification to delete condition four pertaining to the bushfire construction upgrade of existing cabins and the removal of two additional trees.

18/266 16 Talbot Close, Boat Harbour: Dwelling.

18/318 180 Wilson Street, South Lismore: Construction of retaining wall, associated fill and tree removal.

18/321 15 Earls Court, Goonellabah: Detached dual occupancy.

18/326 16 Forestoak Way, Goonellabah: Dwelling and retaining walls.

18/341 747 Corndale Road, Corndale: Subdivision (to create one additional primary production lot).

18/348 7 Schurr Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling.

18/350 43 William Blair Avenue, Goonellabah: Erection of a two-storey dwelling and retaining walls requiring variation to the building line to 5.5 metres to William Blair Avenue.

18/354 1 Schurr Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling with variation to the primary building line to 5.0 metres to Schurr Drive and to the secondary building line to 3.186 metres to Waratah Way.

18/360 519 Humpty Back Road, Pearces Creek: Inground swimming pool.

18/361 3 Jeecama Place, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool.

18/362 51 Walker Street, East Lismore: Dwelling addition (extension to existing garage).

18/367 37 Conte Street, East Lismore: Dwelling.

18/371 204 High Street, Lismore Heights: Dwelling alteration (remove existing deck and construct new covered deck).

18/376 6 Kahala Place, Richmond Hill: Freestanding covered outdoor entertaining area.

18/379 428 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill: Shed.

18/390 11 Heather Avenue, Goonellabah: 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.

TRAFFIC ALERT: ROADWORKS

Our roadworks program will be busy up until the Christmas break. Here are some roadworks that you may encounter on our main roads and around the CBD.

▶ Conway and Keen Streets, CBD (final asphalt seal)

Now that we have fixed some key parts of our CBD road network over the past year, the final stage of laying asphalt on these new roads can be completed. This has allowed time for the new road foundation to settle and our initial bitumen seal to cure.

We will be working after-hours on weekends to reduce the disruption to traffic and adjoining businesses. Subject to fine weather, these roadworks are planned to occur as follows:

- Keen Street between Conway and Magellan Streets 12pm to 2am on Sunday, 18 November.
- Conway Street between Keen and Molesworth Streets starting 4pm Friday,
 23 November then between 6am and 4pm over the weekend of 24-25 November.
 The top layer of asphalt will be applied on Sunday, 2 December.
- Keen Street again, between Conway and Magellan Streets, then between Woodlark and Zadoc Streets – between 6am and 4pm on Sunday, 9 December or at another date to be advised in January.

Traffic controls will be in place during these works that will include temporary road closures and detours. We will install our electronic message trailers to keep you updated as these CBD roadworks progress.

► Wilson Street between the new bridge and Elliott Road, South Lismore (fixing the road)

Traffic delays can be expected here for a few days as we fix this section of road as planned after the new Wilson Street Bridge was opened. Works will take about one month to complete.

▶Bruxner Highway at South Gundurimba (fixing the road)

Traffic delays can be expected on the Bruxner Highway north of Atfield Street as we progress onto the next stage of roadworks on behalf of NSW Roads and Maritime Services. Works will take about two weeks to complete.



WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY...

English in the Library

Lismore Library is running individual and small group support sessions to assist people who are not native English speakers to improve their English communication skills. These sessions are free, relaxed and friendly, and help participants link up with library resources and community groups, as well as improving their English language confidence.

Group and individual sessions are available on Mondays during school term. Bookings are essential. Phone Lismore Library on 6621 2464.

Financial Information Seminar

The Department of Human Services will be presenting free information sessions at the Lismore Library on Monday, 26 November. To book your place, phone 6621 2464.

Accommodation Options in Retirement – 10am

- Comparison of accommodation types
- Financial advantages and disadvantages
- Centrelink assessment

Estate Planning – 1pm

- Intestacy and wills
- Guardianship and enduring power of attorney
- The role of insurance
- Estate plan within your financial plan





Recycling Storytime

Goonellabah Library – Tuesday, 27 November Lismore Library – Wednesday and Thursday, 28-29 November

Lismore City Council's Environmental Strategies Officer Barbara Jensen will be a special guest at Storytime to teach everyone about sorting and recycling. Join the 'recycled band' and have some hands-on educational fun.

Storytime is for pre-schoolers with their parent or carer. Storytime is on every week. It is free and there is no need to book, just come along. All sessions start at 10.30am.

TENDER T2018-27: ALBERT PARK REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 2

Council is inviting submissions from appropriately qualified and experienced companies for the reconstruction and remediation of the four existing baseball/softball fields.

A detailed brief of the extent of services required by Council is set out in Section 2 – the Specification of this Tender document.

A compulsory site inspection will be held at the Albert Park Baseball Complex carpark (Keen Street, Lismore) on 21 November 2018 at 10am. Please ensure that all attendees have correct PPE including high-visibility vests, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and hats.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Wednesday, 5 December 2018.

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. All tender schedules must be completed for submission of a conforming tender.

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

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

In accordance with section 38B of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is given of the proposal to close an unformed Council public road which dissects 200, 203 and 223 Parrots Nest Road, South Gundurimba. Upon closure of the road, Council intends to undertake a land swap to resolve the access issues for Parrots Nest Road.

All interested persons are invited to make written submissions to the General Manager, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480 by 19 December 2018.

WHY SAVE WATER IN THE NORTHERN RIVERS?

Rous County Council and its constituent councils are encouraging people to adopt some simple water saving tips in the seemingly green Northern Rivers.

Our growing population means demand will exceed our water supply by the year 2024 unless we act.

Changing climate means less reliable rainfall and more extreme weather, including droughts.

If you have been splashing your cash down the drain with wasted water and high water bills, try these simple changes to your day-to-day use.

- 1. Trigger up Fit your hand-held hose with an on/off trigger nozzle.
- 2. Dusk or dawn Water your garden after 3pm or before 10am.
- 3. Tank it Install a rainwater tank and save on your water bills.

STEPS TO SAVE WATER - OUTDOORS



Fit your hand-held hose with an on/off trigger nozzle



Water your garden after 3pm & before 10am



Rous County Council offers rebates of up to \$2170 to install a rainwater tank. For more information contact 02 6623 3800 or www.rous.nsw.gov.au.



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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You can email us at council@lismore.nsw.gov.au













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