

### LOCAL MATTERS

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## PLEASE FOLLOW OUR NEW #RECYCLERIGHT ROUTINES

#### A new #RecycleRight campaign was launched in early December across the Northern Rivers.

Here is why in a nutshell.

In January this year, China changed its 'National Sword' recycling policy to enforce a strict contamination level for recyclables. Countries around the world were unable to meet this new standard and the global recycling industry went into shock. This affected everyone including us here in Lismore.

Up until this change, China was the largest importer of the world's recycling, accepting over 30 million tonnes every year, which was then their problem to deal with.

Instead, we now need to find processors in Australia who can turn our plastics and other recyclables into new products. These processors require much cleaner recycling, which is why we need everyone to ensure they are placing the correct materials in the right bin.

Some changes – such as no more soft plastics recycling – are necessary because we cannot find processors who will take this product. (The good news is you can still recycle soft plastics at major supermarkets!)

As the recycling industry changes, we will continue to change and adapt. When more processors and manufacturers are established and can recycle more products, we will be the first to jump on board.

On the up side, the National Sword policy is a catalyst for change, forcing us to develop new technologies to better sort our recycling and develop new industry within Australia that supports the processing and manufacture of goods using recycled content.

In addition to refining our recycling practices, as a community we need to make better choices about what we buy. This includes choosing to



purchase items with either no packaging or packaging that can be recycled.

Our long-term goal is to see a reduction in waste going to landfill, less mining of primary resources and ultimately less environmental pollution. The only way to achieve this is to move away from plastics completely

The only way to achieve this is to move and **AVOID WASTE**.

Make a conscious choice to move away from using plastics altogether, and instead start using reusable containers, bags, cups and bottles.

You can find detailed information, background on the changes and frequently asked questions about the #RecycleRight campaign at www.northernriverswaste.com.au.

You can also pick up a free fridge magnet detailing what items go in which colour bin at our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah or at our Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries.



### NEW CHRISTMAS TREE CARRIES ON RECYCLED TRADITION

#### Merry Christmas Lismore – we hope you like your 2018 recycled Christmas tree!

The 7.3-metre CBD centrepiece was made from 49 second-hand umbrellas, 18 metres of tinsel made from old CBD decorations and lights donated by Bunnings featuring 2540 LED bulbs.

The steel frame was recycled from last year and there were 778 salvaged screws, 860 cable ties (we had to buy these!), five metres of securing wire and one litre of leftover paint.

This is the fourth tree Council staff have built to celebrate the festive season and Lismore's commitment to recycling and sustainability.

The tradition began in 2015 when staff created a Christmas tree as a gift for the community from old bicycles painted in many colours. In 2016 staff made the tree from old car tyres and in 2017 it was fashioned from old road signs with a 'Give Way' star.

"We love the recycled Christmas tree, although we're starting to feel like there's pressure to deliver!" laughed Tina Irish, Council's Manager of Economic Development, who spearheaded this year's effort.

> "We are very proud of the tree – not because it looks perfect or is the best tree in the world, but because it reflects the values of Lismore. The tree represents everything Lismore is about – it's sustainable, recycled, colourful and quirky. We think it suits the personality of our city and what our community stands for.

"It's our way of saying we love you Lismore!"

Image: Kate Eastham (left) and Tina Irish, our lead elves on the 2018 Christmas tree.



### **BEACH WHEELCHAIR EQUALS SUMMER FUN**

#### Did you know that you can hire an all-terrain beach wheelchair over summer free of charge?

The chair can be used on patrolled beaches or suitable walking tracks and can be folded for transportation in a medium-sized vehicle.

It can be picked up seven days per week from Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and bookings should be made at least 48 hours in advance. To book phone 6625 5370.

Please note that GSAC is closed on public holidays so make arrangements when booking of any extension to the 24-hour loan period.

You will be required to present photo ID to the staff of GSAC prior to hire and will need to undertake a quick safety briefing.

Individuals using the chair are required to be accompanied by a support person at all times and it is recommended to only be used in environments where it is safe to do so such as patrolled beaches and access-friendly walking tracks.

More information and conditions of hire can be found on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or phone Catherine Rosenbaum on 1300 87 83 87 for more information.



### PLEASE DON'T DUMP AT OP-SHOPS

#### People dumping items at local charities costs the community money and creates unnecessary work for volunteers.

The reality is that op-shops such as Lifeline, the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul need good quality items to sell. If you have a couch that is torn and has dog hair all over it, then it's time to throw it away, not dump it for a charity to deal with.

Council provides discounts for charities to dispose of waste, but it is not free. Every charity must still pay the NSW Government's waste levy for every kilo of waste taken to landfill. Every time you dump, it costs that charity money.

The best thing you can do is take your items to the op-shop during their opening hours. See what they can use and anything that can't be re-sold can be taken to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre where it can be placed in the Revolve Shop, recycled or taken to landfill.

Also, residents are entitled to three free visits to the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre each year via our waste voucher system. Please take advantage of this system should you need to dispose of waste and PLEASE do not create work and expense for our wonderful local charities.

These people work tirelessly to help those less fortunate - let's help them continue that awesome work.

To apply for a free waste voucher, simply visit northernriverswaste.com.au or phone 1300 87 83 87.

Thank you everyone let's all be waste wise!



## FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE LIBRARY

#### **School Holiday Timetable**

Head to Lismore Library or jump online at www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au and grab a copy of the School Holiday Timetable for Lismore and **Goonellabah Libraries.** 

There are many fantastic free activities from Toddler Time and Storytime to Wii and Robotics, Chalkboard Decorating, Mystery Craft, Making Mini Succulent Gardens and loads more.

All welcome – we love having new members so please come along!

#### **#RecycleRight Scratch Coding Workshops**

Every week from 3 January to 31 January, Lismore Library will be running Scratch Coding Workshops creating fun games and animations to help teach our community to #RecycleRight.

Local coders will be on hand to help and the best projects will feature on the Lismore City Council and Richmond Tweed Regional Library websites for our community to see and play.

#RecycleRight Scratch Coding Workshops will run on Tuesdays 10.30am-11.30am and Thursdays 3.30pm-4.30pm. For information and bookings phone Lismore Library on 6621 2464.

#### **Shredded Book Competition**

We have shredded a book and put it on display in a jar on the first floor of Lismore Library.

Your job is to read the shredded pages through the glass and try to guess which book it was – and you could win a gift voucher from Book Warehouse!

Come on down and read the 'shreddings' today. While you are there, check out the Summer Reading Club display which includes staff picks and a selection of new and classic children's books.



Bring along your favourite summer read and be part of the Summer Reading Club Book Club. Tell us about what you have been reading, get online and learn to navigate with 'reader tools' and have fun with storytelling games.

Book Club is on Wednesday, 9 and 23 January, from 2.30pm–3.30pm at Lismore Library. Children up to 18 years are invited to come along. Phone 6621 2464 for information.

# 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.

**13/38-3 1 Mary-Ellen Crescent, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1) modification to delete the last sentence of condition 9(a) regarding future roadworks.

**17/165-3 22 Karissa Drive, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to convert proposed triple garage to double garage and storage room; convert proposed first floor laundry to new entry and add porch to front of house; relocate laundry to ground floor; change windows and doors for new layout; and add double carport to front of house.

**18/62 41 Dunromin Drive, Modanville:** Subdivision to create nine large lots and one residue lot, inclusive of associated public road network and infrastructure services, bulk earthworks and vegetation management works.

18/298 701 Eltham Road, Eltham: Dwelling.

18/311 4B Coraki Road, South Gundurimba: Dwelling.

**18/339 179 Ballina Road, East Lismore:** Staged development comprising Stage 1 – subdivision (to create one additional lot) and Stage 2 – detached dual occupancy (to be constructed on proposed lot 295).

**18/343 27 and 29 Centenary Drive, Goonellabah:** Change of use from light industry (commercial laundry) to a recreation facility (indoor) gym including associated building and infrastructure works.

18/352 24 Grace Road, Bexhill: Dwelling.

**18/358 1 Eleanor Place, Boat Harbour:** Dwelling requiring the following changes to DCP Chapter 1 – variation to secondary building line to 6.5m to Cameron Road and variation to permit earthworks being undertaken within a registered easement.

**18/364 116 Mountain View Drive, Goonellabah:** Two-storey dwelling with retaining walls requiring variation to DCP Chapter 1 – Element 4.5.

18/366 8 Schurr Drive, Goonellabah: Dwelling and retaining walls.

18/375 7 Kerrabee Court, Goonellabah: Dwelling addition (covered deck).

**18/385 Pet Barn, 95 Diadem Street, Lismore:** Removal of existing signage and replacement of new signage on the front façade including cladding and painting.

18/389 912 Boatharbour Road, Eltham: Farm shed.

18/400 438 Rosebank Road, Rosebank: Inground swimming pool.
18/405 58 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour: Detached dual occupancy and carport.

**18/412 54 Oakley Avenue, East Lismore:** Dwelling additions and alterations including front porch with a building line variation to 4.5m to Oakley Avenue.

18/413 54 Spring Street, East Lismore: Dwelling addition (carport) with a building line variation to 0m to Spring Street.
18/417 16 Kurrajong Place, Caniaba: Dwelling addition (carport).

18/418 511 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges: Inground swimming pool.18/421 188 Fox Road, Rosebank: Aboveground swimming pool.

18/421 188 Fox Road, Rosebank: Aboveground swimming pool. Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at our Corporate Centre during business hours or via DA Tracking at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

### Retraction

We incorrectly published a development consent in the last edition of *Local Matters* for DA18/384 – 20/126 Molesworth Street, Lismore, for a change of use of part of a building (tenancy 20) to a retail bottle shop with a secondary/ancillary component offering tasting.

Our sincere apologies for this error.

### **TENDER: PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES**

Council is inviting submissions from interested and qualified parties for the provision of transactional banking services for a five-year period commencing 1 April 2019.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Friday, 4 January 2019.

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**.



### CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS

Following is a list of Christmas/New Year operating hours for Council's various sites and offices.

#### **Corporate Centre**

Closed from Friday, 21 December until Wednesday, 2 January.

#### Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre

The Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25-26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January). Operating hours remain as normal on other days.

#### **Lismore Revolve Shop**

The Lismore Revolve Shop will close at 1pm on Saturday, 22 December and reopen at 9am on Thursday, 3 January.

#### Nimbin Transfer Station

The Nimbin Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas Day (25 December) and New Year's Day (1 January). Operating hours remain as normal on other days.

#### **Return & Earn Bulk Collection Drop-off**

The Return & Earn Bulk Collection Drop-off at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25-26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January). Operating hours remain as normal on other days.

#### Libraries

Lismore and Lismore Libraries will close at 2pm on Monday, 24 December and reopen on Wednesday, 2 January.





#### **Lismore Regional Gallery**

The Lismore Regional Gallery will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25-26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January). Operating hours remain as normal on other days.

#### **GSAC and Lismore Memorial Baths**

Following are the hours for the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and the Lismore Memorial Baths over the Christmas period.

| Day                             | GSAC     | LMB                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Christmas Eve                   | 10am–5pm | 9am–5pm                              |
| Christmas Day                   | Closed   | Closed                               |
| Boxing Day                      | Closed   | 9am–5pm                              |
| Between Christmas<br>& New Year | 10am–5pm | 9am–6pm weekdays<br>9am–5pm weekends |
| New Year's Day                  | Closed   | Closed                               |

#### Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres

The Lismore and Nimbin Visitor Information Centres will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25-26 December). There will also be reduced hours on New Year's Day (1 January) – Lismore 9.30am to 1.30pm and Nimbin 10am to 2pm.

A huge thank you to all our readers for your feedback and thoughts during 2018... we love hearing your suggestions to make *Local* Matters more relevant and useful for everyone.

We wish all our residents a very happy Christmas and a safe and joyous new year.

Our first edition for 2019 will be published on 2 January.



### **COUNCIL DECIDES...**

At the 11 December ordinary meeting, Council decisions included the following:

#### **Adoption of new Procurement Policy**

Council resolved (5/4) to adopt a new Procurement Policy 1.4.19.

Council does not meet in January. The next ordinary meeting of Lismore City Council will be held on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 in the Council Chambers from 6pm.

All relevant business papers, minutes and live webcasts can be found at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

### **DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS DURING NEW YEAR FIREWORKS**

This is just a friendly reminder to all pet owners to be aware that fireworks will take place on New Year's Eve and that it's very important people keep their pets secured inside.

We do not want local pet owners to start the year looking for a missing loved one!

So be aware and secure your pet inside nice and early before fireworks begin.

Thanks everyone and a very happy new year to all!



### **NEW ROAD NAMES**

In accordance with Section 162 of the Roads Act 1993, notice is given of the undermentioned officially named roads.

WALTON DRIVE - new road created within subdivision of 171 Wilson Street, South Lismore.

**ANGELA PLACE** – road located within 32 Barham Street. East Lismore. For more information phone our Property and Legal Services team on

1300 87 83 87.

### Please note: public notices now on Council website

Due to changes in legislation, proposals to grant leases or licences over community land and proposals to name or rename roads will now be published on Council's website in a new section called 'Public Notices' under our purple Community & Engagement tab.

You can visit the website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

### **YOUR COVER**

Tina Irish is Council's Manager of Economic Development and one of the people who was instrumental in this year's recycled Christmas tree effort. Tina and a team of other staff spent around 70 hours making the 2018 tree.

"It never quite works out how you imagine in your mind's eye – but perfection is not the aim," she said. "We realised early on we had to screw down the umbrellas for safety reasons, so that changed the way it looked a bit. But we're very proud of it all the same. The morning we were putting up the tree someone drove around the roundabout with a huge grin on their face. That's what it's all about spreading a little joy at Christmas."





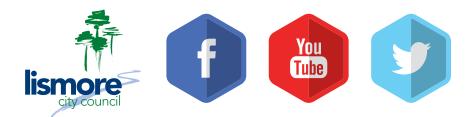
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Lismore City Council's Corporate Centre is located at 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

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

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