LOCAL MATTERS

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL NEWS ISSUE 138, 24 APRIL 2019









FREE FIELD DAY LOOKS AT PLANNING RAINFOREST RESTORATION

We are hosting our second free landholder field day for 2019 on Friday, 24 May.

The field days are presented as part of the Rural Landholder Initiative, which is a major project delivered as part of Council's 10-year **Biodiversity Management Strategy.**

The field days provide landholders with expert advice and practical assistance to improve their properties for biodiversity and productivity, as well as creating a valuable opportunity for landholders to network with one another in a friendly and informal setting.

The May event is called Planning Your Restoration Project Field Day and will take place at The Channon from 9.30am to 3pm with free lunch included.



This field day is for rural lifestyle landholders looking for practical

help to plan a restoration project. It will involve a practical look at how planning approaches and techniques are used by a local landholder and the Tuntable Landcare Group restoring rainforest habitat on two dynamic and challenging creek bank sites.



A minimal chemical injection method for camphor will be demonstrated and discussions of best-practice and low-chemical weed control will be highlighted. The final session will allow landholders to speak individually with a range of natural resource management experts and mentors to identify priorities and limitations on individual properties.

Landholders are encouraged to come prepared to seek practical input into their own property plan or restoration projects.

Topics covered are likely to include:

- Best-practice weed and low chemical control options.
- Erosion management and stabilisation.
- Waterways and wetlands management.
- Farm forestry opportunities
- Stock and fencing management

RSVPs for this field day are essential. Phone 1300 87 83 87.

- Improving fish habitat.
- Restoration and regeneration options.
- Monitoring and documentation.
- Costing and resourcing projects.
- Additional funding, benefits and partnerships.

LOTS OF FREE FUN COMING UP AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES

Introduction to Facebook

Friday, 26 April – Lismore Library, 1-2pm

If you would like to keep up with family and friends on Facebook, this could be the place to start. Our staff will guide you through the basics. You will learn about making an account, 'liking', 'sharing', 'friending' and 'following' a person or a page. This group tech lesson is free and everyone is welcome. Bookings are essential. Phone 6621 2464.

Magic the Gathering Afternoon

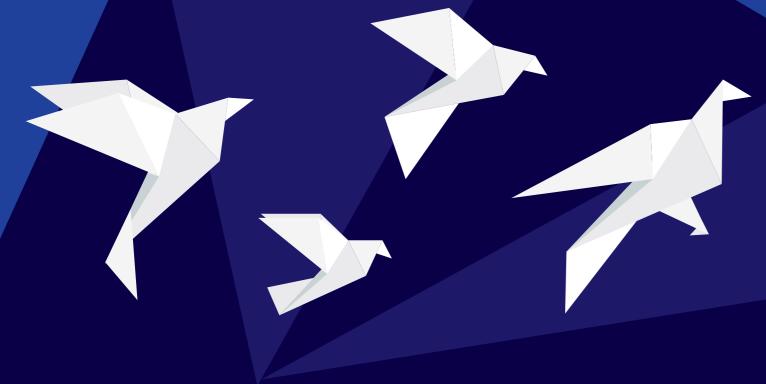
Friday, 26 April – Lismore Library, 3-4.45pm

Do you love gaming? Here is an opportunity to learn and play the roleplaying card game Magic the Gathering. This is for ages 13+. Everyone welcome. Questions? Phone us on 6621 2464.

Origami at Goonellabah Library

Friday, 26 April – 2-2.45pm

We are getting creative with paper! Bring along your own ideas, or try out some of ours. This activity is for school-aged children. Bookings are essential on 6625 1235.



Accommodation Options in Retirement

Monday, 29 April – Goonellabah Library, 9.30-11am

The Department of Human Services will present this free financial information seminar. Topics covered include: your choice to own or not; how financial considerations can alter choice; Centrelink assessment for each choice; and financial advantages and disadvantages. For bookings and information phone 6625 1235

Creative Writing Masterclass

Thursday, 2 May – Lismore Library, 5-6.30pm

Join us for a rollercoaster ride through the twists, turns and strobe-lit tunnels of the writing world. Lismore Library, in conjunction with Byron Writers Festival and StoryBoard, invite you to throw your arms in the air and catapult into this creative consortium. For 10 to 18-year-olds. Attendance is free and there will be pizza! Questions? Phone the Lismore Library on 6621 2464.

Navigating the 'My Aged Care' System

Friday, 3 May – Lismore Library, 11am-1pm

Janelle from Baptist Care is coming along to Human Library to talk about some of the ways to navigate and have discussions with 'My Aged Care' to find what you need to know. She will also be available to answer your questions regarding the aged care system, or assist you to find the right place to get the information you need. Enquiries 6621 2464.

Lismore Library's book clubs will meet again from the start of May. Join us for some lively discussion and a few laughs. First Monday (10am), Tuesday (10.30am) and Thursday (10.30am) of the month. Everyone welcome.

English at the Lismore Library also continues. We have free, one-hour individual or small group sessions to improve language confidence in a safe, supportive environment. For bookings phone us on 6621 2464.

ent

SAVE WATER AND WIN IN THE 160 LITRE CHALLENGE COMPETITION!

The challenge is on to come up with innovative ideas on how to use less than 160 litres of water per person per day.

The 160 Litre Challenge is an initiative by Rous County Council in conjunction with Lismore City, Ballina Shire, Byron Shire and Richmond Valley councils.

Kids under 18 years old can win double yearly passes to Wet 'n' Wild by submitting their most creative photo or video on how to reduce water use.

Northern Rivers residents can win a water-efficient dishwasher or washing machine up to the value of \$1500 as the major prize in the competition.

In a region with a rapidly growing population and increasing extreme weather conditions, being water aware and water wise is more relevant than ever.

Northern Rivers residents use around 194 litres of water per person per day on average. A four-minute shower alone can use between 24 and 36 litres, even with a water-efficient showerhead.

Simple changes to everyday behaviour, such as turning the taps off while brushing your teeth, can make an impact on water use in the home.

By limiting water use to 160 litres per person per day you'll be saving money on your water and electricity bills as well as helping to preserve our precious water resources in this region.

Are you up for the 160 Litre Challenge? Reduce your water use. Prove you're a water saver and win!

For more information on how to enter go to **www.rous.nsw.gov.au/160litrechallenge** or find us on Instagram @160LitreChallenge.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 BIODIVERSITY AWARDS

Lismore City Council is calling for nominations for the 2019 Lismore Biodiversity Awards.

The inaugural awards were held in August 2017 to acknowledge and thank the farmers, rural landholders, community groups and schools working to protect and enhance our local biodiversity.

The biennial awards are part of Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy and promote community recognition of the many Landcare groups, wildlife carers, volunteers, farmers, landholders and environmental crusaders who help support and protect healthy habitats and native wildlife.

"This year we have introduced a new category, for an educator or school, to recognise passionate communicators that inspire others to take action for biodiversity," Council's Environmental Strategies Officer Vanessa Tallon said.

"We are asking the community to nominate people or groups who show great passion for the environment and an enduring love for the land that is demonstrated in the legacy they are creating."

Winners will receive \$1000 in cash or goods and services such as bush regeneration, native trees or mulch thanks to this year's generous sponsors – the NSW Department of Primary Industry, North Coast Local Land Services, Fire-wheel Rainforest Nursery and Richmond Landcare Inc.

The 2019 awards categories are:

- NSW Department of Primary Industry Primary Producer: For farmers demonstrating best practice managing biodiversity alongside agricultural production.
- North Coast Local Land Services Rural Lifestyle Landholder: For 'rural lifestyle' landholders demonstrating outstanding biodiversity work.
- Community Group: For community groups doing excellent biodiversity restoration or protection work e.g. Landcare, wildlife care and rescue groups.
- Educator or School: For any school or community educator inspiring action for biodiversity protection and restoration.

Award nominations are now open and entry forms can be found at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



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.

14/349-3 66 Newbridge Street, South Lismore: Section 4.55(1A) modification to approved consent Condition 1 to refer to new plans; Condition 2 to be deleted (no need for landscaped buffer); Condition 3 to be deleted (no detailed landscaping plan is needed); and Conditions 1, 7, 11 and 28 to be amended to reflect the new design.

17/18-2 87 Cameron Road, Boat Harbour: Section 4.55(1A) modification to the location of the onsite wastewater instrument areas.

18/225 252 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah: To undertake the construction of a storage premises development comprising: two buildings to be used for 181 self-storage areas and office, and associated driveways, car parking, earthworks, retaining walls, civil works and landscaping (staged development). 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. The consent authority is Lismore City Council.

19/4 270 Dunoon Road, North Lismore: Subdivision (to create one additional lot).

19/010 407 Humpty Back Road, Pearces Creek: Dwelling.

19/16 8 Mayfield Street, Eltham: Construction of a dwelling house and associated works to create a detached dual occupancy, staged as follows: Stage 1 - Construction of the master bedroom, ensuite, kitchen, dining, media, lounge, front and rear decks and temporary carport; Stage 2 - Construct walls under existing carport area and fit-out of three bedrooms and bathroom. Construct new laundry, storage area and carport.

19/23 392 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill: Dwelling and swimming pool and retaining wall.

19/31 4 Cavendish Road, Goonellabah: Detached dual occupancy and strata subdivision (to create two lots).

19/36 156 Broadwater Road, Dungarubba: Change of use of part of an existing farm shed to create an expanded dwelling.

19/51 254 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill: Dwelling additions and alterations (ensuite and walk in wardrobe, extension to existing deck) and a new shed.

19/53 178 Keen Street, Lismore: Remove two trees from heritage item.

19/55 459 Dunoon Road, Tullera: Partial demolition and partial removal of dwelling.

19/60 231 Molesworth Street, East Lismore: Dwelling alterations and additions including raising dwelling above 1:100 year flood level.

19/61 155 Rosehill Road, Tuncester: Dwelling addition (covered deck) and new farm shed.

19/76 27 Trinity Drive, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool and awning. 19/79 210 Tuntable Falls Road, Nimbin: Dwelling alterations (new bathroom in first floor).

19/82 27 Lincoln Avenue, McLeans Ridges: Inground swimming pool.

19/86 760 Ballina Road, Goonellabah: Shed.

19/87 257 Wyrallah Road, Monaltrie: Shed.

19/88 28 Elton Street, Girards Hill: Removal of two trees and pruning of four trees in a heritage conservation area.

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.

TRAFFIC ALERT: ROADWORKS

Traffic controls will be in place at the following roadworks that are underway or commencing shortly.

Larkin Lane, CBD

Larkin Lane will be temporarily closed to all traffic from Monday, 29 April for about six weeks as we fix the wastewater main. We have advised adjoining businesses. Pedestrian access to the adjoining businesses and arcades will be maintained.

Invercauld Road and Simons Avenue, Goonellabah

The Invercauld Road and Simons Avenue intersection will be under traffic control from Monday, 29 April for about two weeks. We are replacing the water main in preparation for a new Black Spot-funded roundabout.

New Ballina Road, Lismore

New Ballina Road remains temporarily closed while we fix Leycester Street between Diadem Street and Eric Place. Please detour via High Street or Rotary Drive.

Cynthia Wilson and Rifle Range Road intersection, East Lismore

The Cynthia Wilson and Rifle Range Road intersection remains under traffic control while we complete Black Spot-funded traffic safety improvements here.

Caniaba Road at Caniaba Hall, Caniaba

Caniaba Road adjoining the Caniaba Hall and Rural Fire Shed remains under traffic control as we continue road widening funded by the NSW Saving Lives on Country Roads program.

Bangalow Road, east of Eltham Road, Bexhill

Bangalow Road east of the Eltham Road turn-off remains under traffic control as we progressively fix this section of road in stages on behalf of NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

We apologise for any travel delays you experience – we will update changes to traffic controls on our electronic message boards at each site.



BIN AUDITS HELP RESIDENTS RECYCLE RIGHT

We will begin random bin audits next week to check kerbside recycling and organics bins for contamination.

The campaign is designed to spread awareness and educate people about the new #RecycleRight campaign, which requires residents to make some simple changes to household recycling.

The audit team will particularly be on the lookout for loose plastic bags in yellow and green bins as these create a huge problem at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. They contaminate other materials and also break down machinery.

All residents who are audited will have their bins tagged. Those who recycle right will receive a tag inviting them to enter a prize draw for being a great recycler. Those who have contamination will receive a tag inviting them to look in their letterbox for a free fridge magnet and other recycling information.

Everyone visited will also receive new bin stickers which clearly spell out what can go in each bin.

The audits will be conducted over the coming months in randomly selected streets. If you have questions or feedback, phone us on 1300 87 83 87.



HAVE A HEART AND STAY OUT OF **ACCESSIBLE CAR PARKS**

How annoying would it be if you were looking for a car park in the Lismore CBD to do some shopping or attend an appointment and every available parking space had a wheelchair parked in it?

The photo here is credited to Tamara Nguyen and was taken in Portugal where wheelchair users wanted to protest the improper use of accessible parking spaces by people with excuses like, 'Just grabbing a coffee' or 'I'll just be a minute'.

There is never a reason to park in an accessible parking space, except if you have a disability that prevents you from using other car parks! In late February, Council undertook a best-practice review of accessible





car spaces in the CBD. Lismore's Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Group concluded that while some accessible car parks in the CBD needed minor improvements, there were plenty of them if only ambulant people would stop using them to 'Duck in for a quick takeaway coffee!'

Our Council Rangers regularly patrol the CBD and will book you if you are using accessible parking spaces unlawfully.

Please do the right thing and be a good citizen. Thanks everyone.

ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Council resolved at its ordinary meeting on 9 April 2019 to place its draft Code of Meeting Practice on exhibition for 42 days for public comment.

The draft amendments include mandatory changes set down by the Office of Local Government as well as optional clauses that have been agreed upon by Lismore City Council.

Changes to the draft Code of Meeting Practice relate to a variety of issues including public access and briefing sessions, webcasting of meetings, advertising Council agendas, voting and motions.

The draft Code of Meeting Practice is on public exhibition from 12 April to 25 May 2019. Copies of the draft document are available at the front counter of our Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on our website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au by following the 'Your Say Lismore' link.

Submissions outlining grounds of objection or support can be made online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au, emailed to council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or sent to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.

For enquiries, please contact Governance Coordinator Dianne Criss on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by close of business on Saturday, 25 May 2019.

SHORT TERM LEASE OF UNUSED PUBLIC ROAD

Section 154, Roads Act 1993

Notice is given that Council proposes to issue a lease over New Street, North Lismore (being an unused public road) to the adjoining property owner (plan available upon request).

Any person can make a written submission by 22 May 2019. Email council@lismore.nsw.gov.au or write to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480. Please mark all correspondence 'CDR19/15'.

Under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.



ANZAC DAY IN LISMORE

Please be aware that there will be road closures in the Lismore CBD on Thursday, 25 April for the 2019 Anzac Day commemorative activities.

Following are the details of this year's event. Roads will be closed before and during these times – please follow all detours and traffic control in place.

Dawn service: People will form up at the Old Post Office at 4.50am ready to march off at 5am to Lismore Cenotaph.

Main March: People will form up at the Clyde Campbell Carpark at 8.30am ready to march off at 9am to Lismore Cenotaph.

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND BRIEFINGS

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 14 May from 6pm in the Council Chambers.

Members of the public can book to speak at the beginning of the meeting, on any agenda item, for three minutes. People may also request an AUSLAN interpreter should this be required.

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings so Councillors can discuss upcoming issues and projects, and be presented with detailed background information on future Council reports.

You can check the details of what is on the Councillor Briefing agenda in the calendar on our website. Agenda items are usually posted up about one week prior.

Members of the public can book time to speak/ask questions of Councillors during a 15-minute public forum session at the start of each briefing.

For bookings at Council meetings or briefings, or for more information, phone **Michella Wade on 1300 87 83 87**.

All relevant business papers, minutes and live webcasts can be found at **www.lismore.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. Our postal address is PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480. You can email us at **council@lismore.nsw.gov.au**







Find us on Facebook and YouTube or follow us on Twitter.

Local Matters is printed fortnightly on Australian-made, 100% recycled and carbon-neutral paper.