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LISMORE CITY COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR 2024 - 2025

At the heart of this year's draft Budget is the overarching principle of delivering for Lismore, while maintaining responsible and prudent financial management.

Over the past 12 months we have delivered a record capital delivery program with significant progress made toward the reconstruction of some of our most important assets, but we still have a lot of work to do.

Earlier this year, Council achieved an unprecedented disaster recovery commitment of \$860 million from the State Government to secure the future of critical road and bridge projects, which provides certainty for our community, and sets out an ambitious program of works for Council to continue to deliver over coming years.

This work is coupled with our own capital delivery and maintenance programs, where we are strategically focussed on essential services,

including a 30.7% increase in drain and stormwater investment.

This budget strikes a balance of focussing on the basics while also keeping a keen eye on ensuring we back Lismore's growth, liveability, and sustainability. In finding this balance we understand the importance of managing our resources effectively and ensuring that every dollar is allocated wisely.

With a total investment of \$301 million, this budget aligns with our commitment to the continued rebuild, growth, sustainability and health of our city. And it does so while minimising the impact to residents.

We know our community is experiencing the real impacts of Australia's cost of living crisis. This is why our budget has ensured that we hold firm to the State Government-set rate peg to minimise increases in rates.

Across both rates and utility charges adjustments, we have managed to keep the average increase to around \$5.30 a week across the board.

This has been achieved while also maintaining a positive trajectory toward achieving the targets of our Long-Term Financial Plan.

The draft Budget is on public exhibition for comment until 14 June at <https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au>

Budget Highlights



\$301 M

Total budget

What we are investing in backing Lismore.



\$0

Increase in stormwater charges

\$0

Increase in sewer charges



4.7%

Rate increase

Maintaining at rate peg set by the state government with no increase.



\$134.5 M

Capital investment

What we are investing in building Lismore.



↑ 30.7%

Increase in drain and stormwater investment

Investing in what matters for our community.



\$221,279

Projected cash surplus



\$2.5 M

Investing in affordable housing



\$0

Borrowings

Limiting burden to rate payers.



\$74.2 M

Dedicated roads and bridges investment

Investing in repairing and reconstructing our transport network.

\$107.3 M

Total investment in natural disaster restoration works



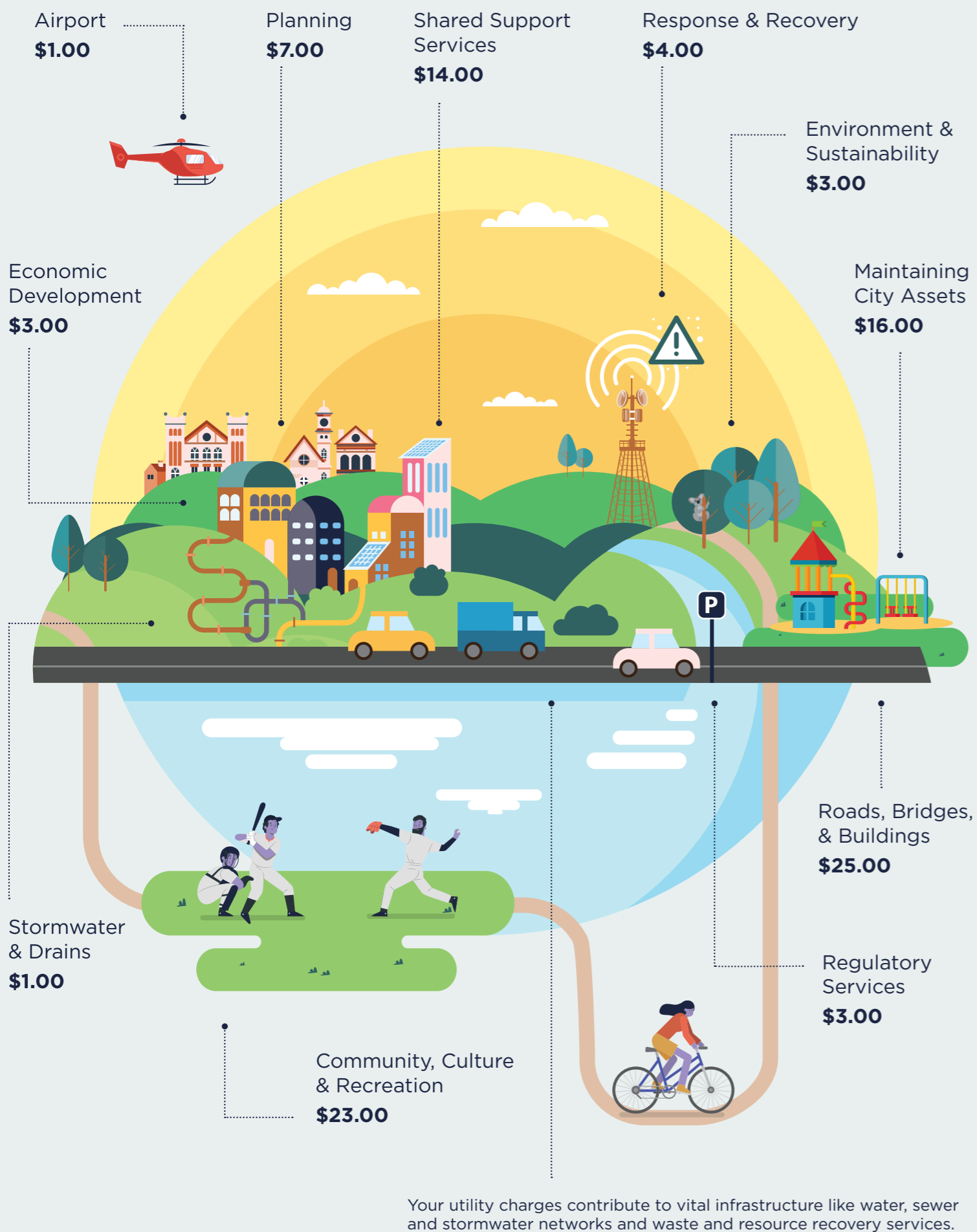
\$1.3 M

To complete the Lismore Urban Sports Precinct



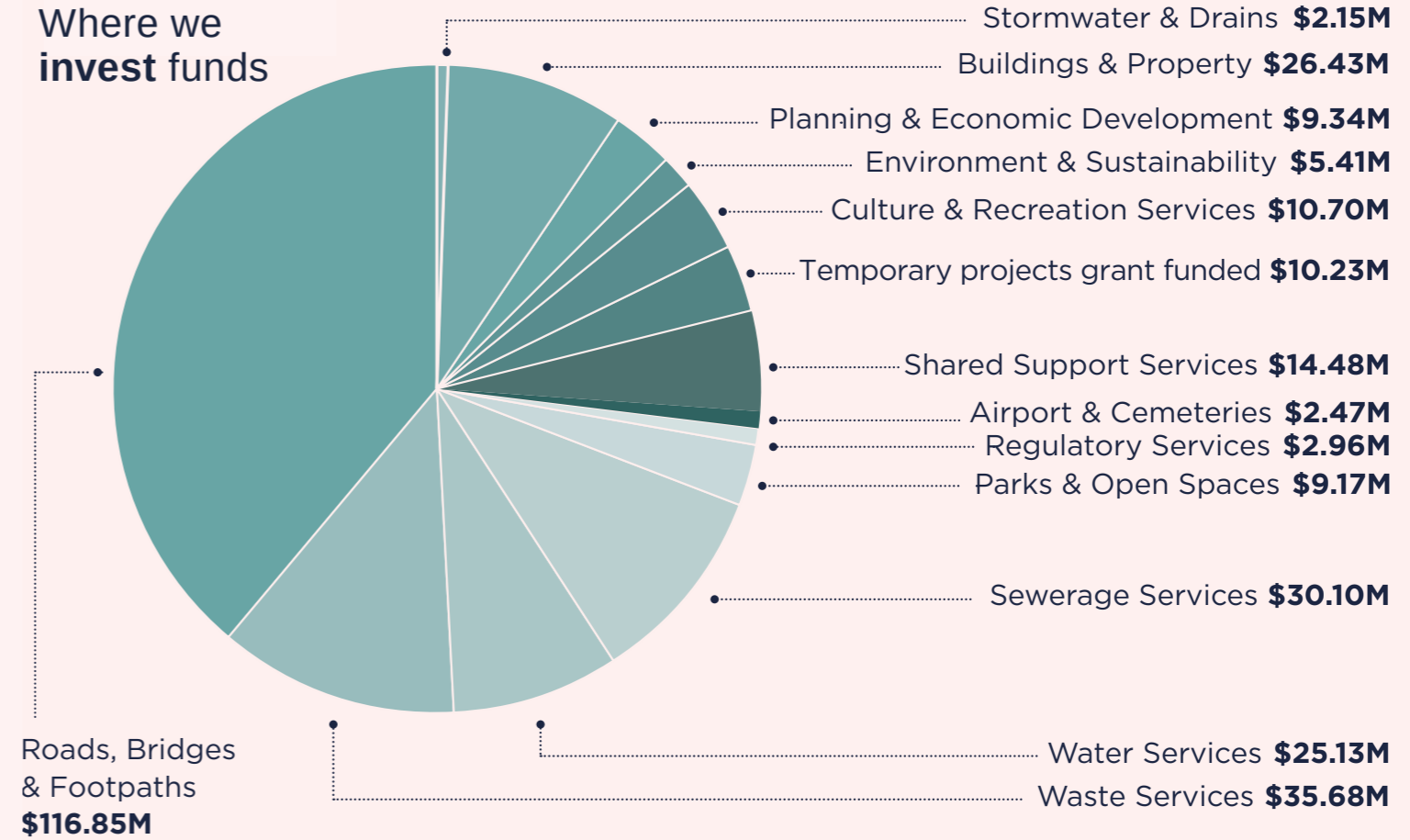
How your rate dollar is invested

Every \$100 can be divided into the following facilities and services costs.



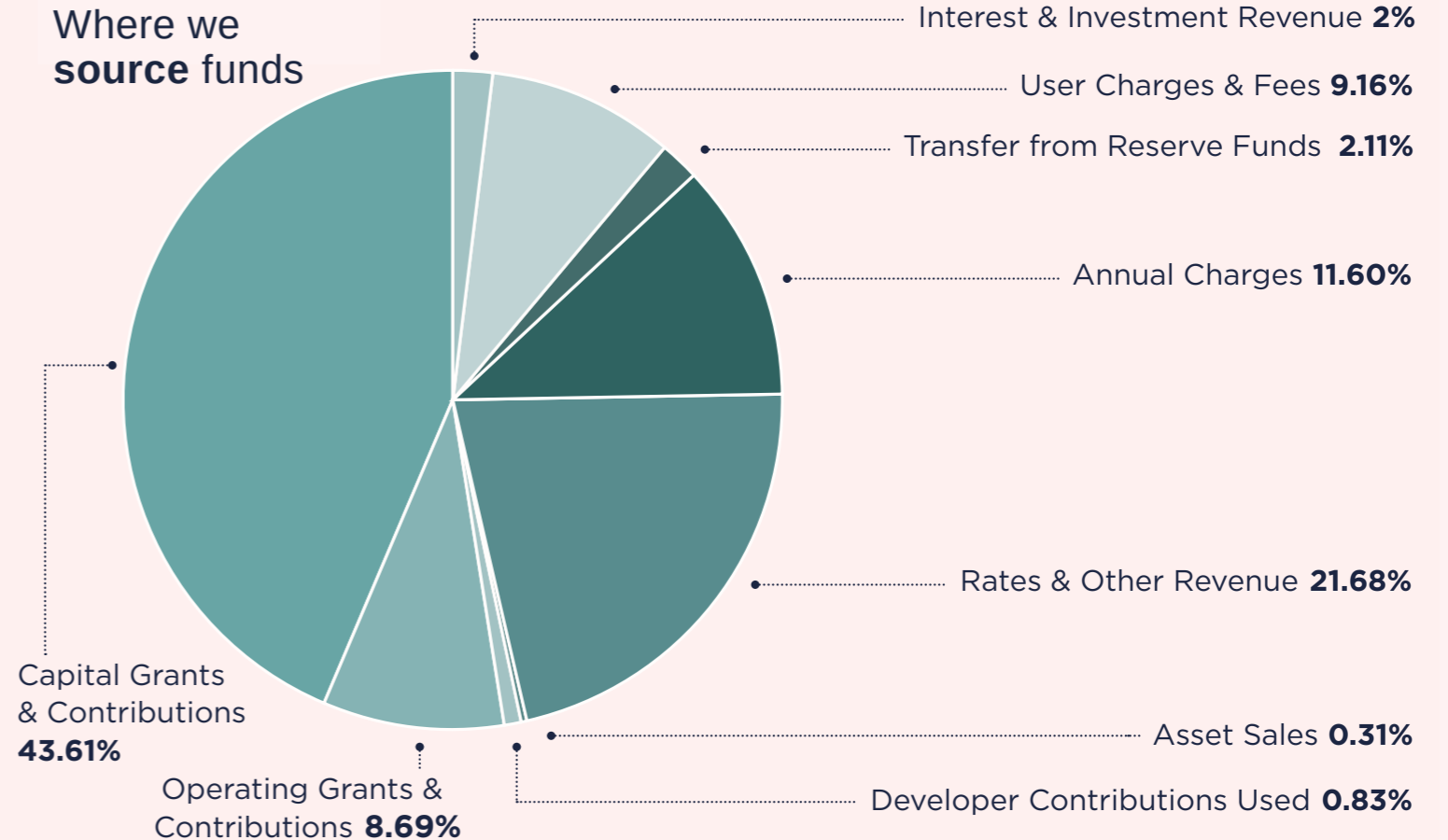
2024/25 Total Budget Spend \$301.1m

Where we invest funds



2024/25 Overall Spend Funding \$301.1m

Where we source funds



GREENS BRIDGE

The new and improved Greens Bridge, just outside Nimbin, was officially opened to traffic last week, enhancing safety for motorists and delivering better outcomes for community.

The original bridge was built in 1930 and despite several major repairs since that time, it had reached the end of its life.

The \$4.5 million project was a joint initiative of the State Government and Lismore City Council, which supported more than 30 local subcontractors, suppliers and workers during construction and also included the installation of a critical new Flood Monitoring Station.

Mayor Steve Krieg, who opened the bridge along with Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin, said the bridge on Stoney Chute Road over Goolmangar Creek is a vital link between Kyogle and Nimbin.

"Importantly, Council has 'Built Back Better' by improving the resilience of the bridge to flooding by raising the deck level," he said.

The new bridge is a three-span 38m-long concrete bridge on bored pier foundations designed to provide unhindered clearance over Goolmangar Creek. The deck height of the bridge is also 1.2m higher than the previous bridge which was inundated during the 2022 natural disaster.

The new bridge was constructed alongside the existing one in order to provide continual access for motorists during the construction period. Following completion of the new connection, the old bridge was demolished and the creek banks rehabilitated.

Council engaged Quickway Constructions Pty Ltd which used its Northern Rivers-based team to build the project.

The project was jointly funded by the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges program and Lismore City Council.



NEW REGIONAL TOURING GUIDE

A new regional touring guide showcasing Lismore, Nimbin and surrounding villages is inspiring locals and visitors to delve deeper into the region.

The guide features Tourist Drive 24 and 32, extending from Murwillumbah in the north to Woodburn in the south, and encourages people to explore the region and enjoy its many attractions, including the Northern Rivers Rail Trail and the Nimbin Rainbow Road Walking Track opening later this year.

Pick up your free copy of the guide at Visitor Information Centres across the Northern Rivers region and from local businesses stocking the guide to start discovering the amazing sights and activities that await you and your visitors.

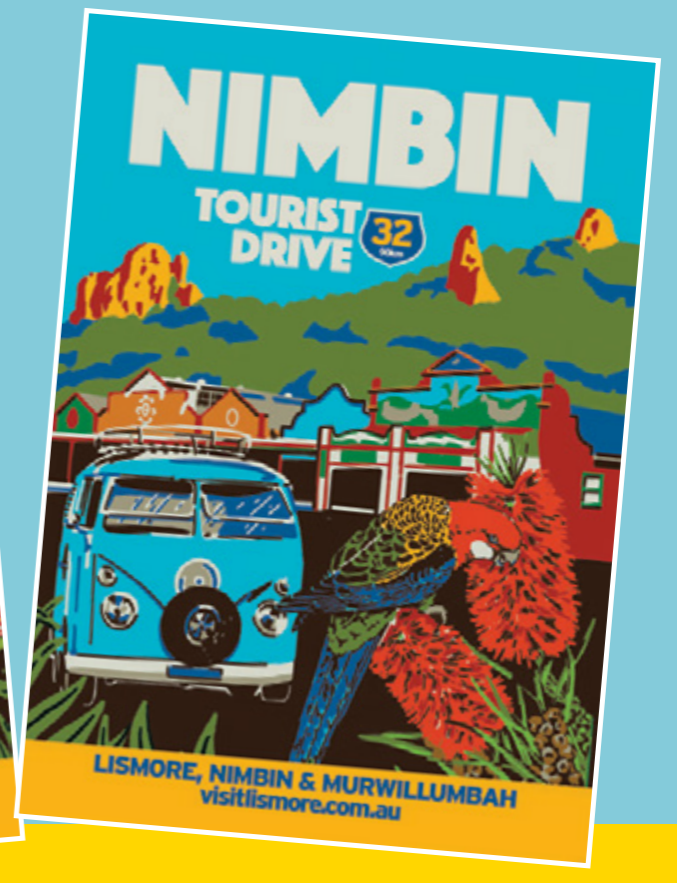
New Guide available at:

Lismore Pop-up Library – 146 Magellan Street, Lismore

Lismore City Council Corporate Centre – 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah

Terania Building – 59 Magellan Street, Lismore

Local businesses interested in displaying and distributing the guides can contact Council's Destination team on 6625 0500 or email tourism@lismore.nsw.gov.au.



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LISMORE LIBRARY OPENS NEW COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

The Lismore Library is excited to announce the opening of its brand-new community meeting room. This dedicated space is available for free use by non-profit organisations and community groups to host meetings, workshops, presentations and other gatherings. This space is thanks to disaster relief funding from Create NSW.

“We are excited to offer this valuable resource to our community,” said Lismore Area Librarian Michael Lewis. “The new meeting room provides a central location for groups to connect, collaborate, and make a difference in our community. The Lismore Toy Library is one such group, which will host its toy lending program throughout the coming months.”

Meeting room features:

- Seating and tables for 50 people.
- Equipped with Wi-Fi, projector, screen and whiteboards.
- Accessible to people with disabilities.
- Centralised location with nearby shops, cafes and covered parking.

Reserving the Meeting Room:

Reservations for the community meeting room can be made online at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Community/Events-and-venues/Venues, by calling the library on 6621 2464 or by scanning the QR Code.





DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4.59 of the Act and Clause 124 of the EP&A Regulation, notification is given that the undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent.

APPLICATION DETAILS

DA18/338-4 46 Tulsi Lane, Nimbin: Section 4.55(1A) Application to modify consent 5.2018.338.4 by changing the design (dimensions, layout and appearance) of the approved detached dual occupancy, including converting the detached dual occupancy into a manufactured home and revising conditions of consent.

DA21/636-3 65 James Gibson Road, Clunes: S4.55(1A) Application to modify consent 5.2021.636.3 (3 Lot Subdivision) to remove a fig tree (Ficus Benjamina) and amend the following conditions: Condition 1 – to correct approved drawing numbers referenced. Condition 25 - to amend telecommunications requirement as development is exempt from the requirement that fibre-ready pit and pipe be installed. Condition 34 – to amend the street fire hydrant requirements.

DA22/258 11 Magellan Street, Lismore: To undertake the use of part of the footpath in Magellan Street for a food and drink premises (Lismore Pie Cart) and associated outdoor dining area.

DA22/331-2 87 and 97 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah: To undertake a staged subdivision to create twenty-two (22) residential lots within three (3) stages, with associated public roads, infrastructure services (water, sewer, pressurised sewer, drainage and stormwater management works), bulk earthworks, tree removal, vegetation management works and the demolition of the existing dwelling on 87 Pineapple Road.

DA23/69 11, 13, 15, 17 & 19 Airforce Road, East Lismore: To undertake the erection of a multi-dwelling housing development, comprising 22 dwellings and associated vehicular access, earthworks, civil infrastructure works and landscaping.

DA23/155 124 Warby Road, Jiggi: To re-site a dwelling with associated additions and alterations to create a detached dual occupancy, associated earthworks, internal roadways and an on-site sewerage management system.

DA23/299 417 Rosehill Road, Blakebrook: Demolition of Blakebrook Public School buildings and associated minor earthworks.

DA23/303 3 Pamela Drive, Chilcotts Grass: To undertake the construction of a shed with amenities, retaining wall, earthworks and removal of four (4) trees.

DA24/11 35 Alternative Way, Nimbin: To undertake the construction of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy and associated earthworks, retaining walls, driveway, utility services and strata subdivision to create two (2) lots.

DA24/28 195 & 194A Eltham Road and 62 & 62A Virtue Road, Bexhill: To undertake: the consolidation of Lot 5 DP242254 & Lot 49 DP755686; and a two (2) Lot boundary adjustment subdivision between Lot 2 DP623404 and the new lot created after the consolidation of Lot 5 DP242254 and Lot 49 DP755686.

DA24/36 13 Funnell Drive, Modanville: To undertake a change of use for a portion of an existing dwelling to create an attached secondary dwelling, with associated internal alterations including new kitchen, bedroom and external laundry facilities.

DA24/48 187 Henson Road, Wyrallah: Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including internal renovations (kitchen), convert garage to incorporate bedrooms and bathroom, new rear walkway roof.

DA24/49 1350 Cawongla Road, Larnook: Additions and alterations to an existing dwelling.

DA24/53 54 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah: To undertake a Torrens title subdivision of one (1) lot into two (2) lots.

DA24/61 229 Gwynne Road, Jiggi: Demolition of existing metal sheds, relocation of existing shed and shipping container, construction of new single storey dwelling, swimming pool, extension of existing driveway and removal of one tree.

DA24/63 26 Regency Crescent, Goonellabah: Dwelling alterations and additions including covered decks, carport and gazebo.

DA24/68 5 Grey Gum Close, Caniaba: Erection of a retaining wall and associated earthworks.

DA24/71 380 Whian Whian Road, Whian Whian: Inground swimming pool.

DA24/72 33 Millar Street, Goonellabah: Aboveground swimming pool with associated decking and fencing.

DA24/75 53 Phyllis Street, South Lismore: Raise existing dwelling.

DA24/83 38 Blue Hills Avenue, Goonellabah: Dwelling alterations and additions.

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 consent authority, Council has received the following development applications for consideration.

DA NUMBER: 22/326-2

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 21, 37, 39, 41 North Street, 48, 48A, 48 Osborne Road, 16, 17, 17A, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 23A, 24 Withers Street, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 Numulgi Street, Bexhill.

APPLICANT: Ardill Payne & Partners

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Section 4.55(2) Application to Modify Consent 5.2022.326.1 (38 Lot Subdivision) comprising:

1. minor re-alignment of the southern end of Road 2 and the relocation of the emergency access road (for bushfire) so that it is contained in a road reserve;
2. minor adjustment to some of the village residential lot boundaries and areas;
3. changes to some of the typical/indicative locations of the building envelopes and LAA reserves;
4. minor changes to the levels and alignment of Road 2 to provide an improved relationship between the building envelopes and future access to Road 2; and
5. reconfiguration and siting of the constructed wetlands (for the control and management of stormwater) so that they are situated wholly on the public open space lot (being Approved/Proposed Lot 39).

CLOSING DATE: 10 June 2024.

DA NUMBER: 24/74

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 110 Magellan Street, Lismore (Lot 14 DP 867281).

APPLICANT: Newton Denny Chapelle.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: To undertake alterations and additions to the Lismore Regional Art Gallery to create an open plan reception and gallery shop area and a new artist studio which includes toilet amenities.

CLOSING DATE: 10 June 2024.

If you wish, you may make a submission to the Council in relation to the Development Application. Any submission must specify the grounds of objection (if any).

The above Development Application(s) and accompanying documents may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during ordinary office hours 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.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON RURAL LAND USE

Lismore City Council is working on a plan to better manage our rural areas. Our upcoming Rural Land Use Strategy will serve as a guiding plan for rural areas, improving balance and alignment between farming, conservation, housing, food security, agritourism and industry.

We're starting the process by releasing a Discussion Paper. This paper talks about our current rural industries and future opportunities. Additionally, it outlines the planning tools Council has to manage and protect productive agriculture land and high biodiversity areas, and how we can facilitate emerging opportunities such as rural tourism in appropriate locations. It is not an exhaustive list of all issues facing our rural lands, residents and workers. Rather, it is designed to stimulate conversation and feedback, which will be used to develop a draft Strategy.

Your feedback will be instrumental in helping to shape the direction of our draft Strategy. We invite you to read the Discussion Paper and share your insights on what you value about our rural areas, what you want to protect, and what you think could change.

How to Get Involved:

- Read the Discussion Paper
- Take the Survey
- Make a Submission



Visit www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/rlu or simply scan the QR Code.

The Rural Land Use Discussion Paper is on public exhibition until 30 June 2024



VACUUM EXCAVATION & PUMP OUT SERVICES PANEL CONTRACT

Tender T 2024/11

Lismore City Council from time to time may require the use of vacuum excavation and pump out services at multiple sites throughout the Lismore Local Government area. These services may be required during planned construction and/or maintenance works or as an emergency response to breakdown of plant and equipment.

The objective of this tender is to compile an unranked panel of contractors who are able to provide Vacuum Excavation & Pump Out Services to Lismore City Council when required.

The panel contract is for a period of one (1) year with possibility of two (2) x one (1) year extensions at Council's absolute discretion.

Tender submissions close at 1pm Monday, 10 June 2024.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal www.vendorpanel.com.au to access relevant documents.

Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.

VendorPanel Reference # VP 413333

If you experience any difficulties with accessing the above website email VendorPanel support on support@vendorpanel.com.au



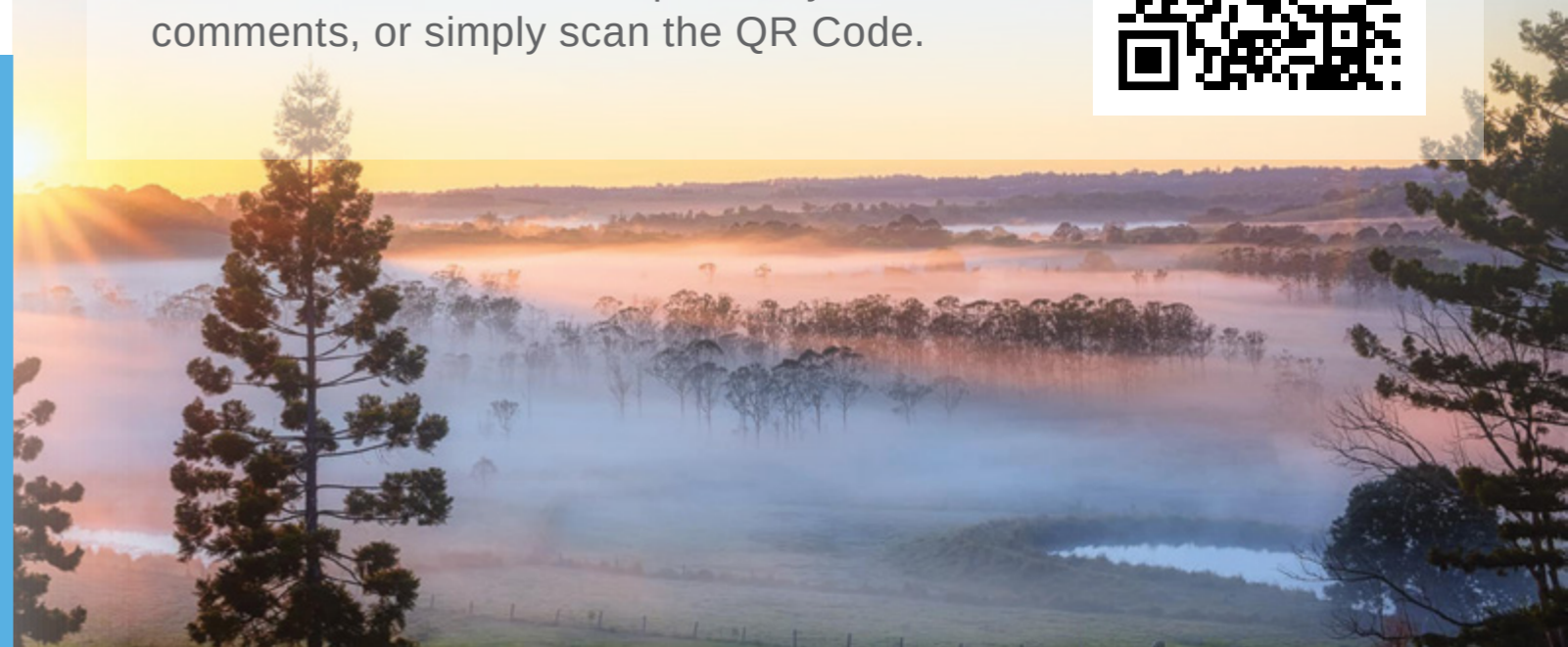
HAVE YOUR SAY: DRAFT LISMORE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Lismore City Council is exhibiting its updated draft Flood Risk Management Plan, which provides a short-to-medium-term plan to manage flood risk in the Lismore urban area. The goal of the updated Plan is to enhance community safety and manage the impacts of flooding through a combination of preventative, preparatory and responsive measures.

The plan includes information on flood risk across Lismore's urban area and includes a range of measures to improve risk through property modification, flood response and flood behaviour modification. It also includes an implementation plan that Council will enact over coming years to improve and manage flood risk.

Due to concurrent work being undertaken by CSIRO through the Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative, the Flood Risk Management Plan will be reviewed and updated following the completion of CSIRO's flood model and flood mitigation scenario testing, scheduled for 2026.

The draft Flood Risk Management Plan is on exhibition until 23 June 2024. Go to www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/frmp to view the draft Plan and provide your comments, or simply scan the QR Code.





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