## LOCAL MATTERS

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# TWO POPULAR WALKING TRACKS REOPENED IN MARCH

# Two popular walking tracks have reopened after significant improvements.

Lismore's popular Rotary Park, known for its Flying Fox population, now has a new walking platform. Raised off the forest floor, the structure regains access to one of Lismore's oldest and largest fig trees, the Moreton Bay Fig.

Replacing the old timber structure, the new fibre-reinforced plastic construction is not only good for the environment by excluding timber products, it's also financially sustainable with minimal maintenance and a very long life compared with timber.

Rotary Park has been closed for more than three years, following the deterioration of the original structure.

Just as popular, the walking track between Albert Park and John Street in East Lismore adjacent to the Wilsons River has already been reopened to the public.

The new concrete construction is suitable for all-weather conditions and takes advantage of the amenity of the natural vegetation and fauna along the Wilsons River, including the beautiful Striated Pardelote (cover) that the crew encountered during the project.

Extensive revegetation was undertaken as part of the works and an additional two seats were installed along the walk for tired legs. Some additional signage works are due in April to complete both projects in full.

Both locations are fully accessible for those looking to enjoy the great outdoors.



### REACH BEYOND AT THIS YEAR'S Seniors Festival

Community members aged 55 and over are invited to attend this year's free Lismore 2024 Seniors Festival, hosted by Lismore City Council.

With the theme of "Reach Beyond", the festival features author talks, including the ABC's Dr Norman Swan in conversation with Jenny Dowell, and novelist Karen Viggers. You can test your knowledge at the fun-filled trivia night or learn how your recipes are a part of history.

If you are after something more active, why not try our Fit & Fab, Eat & Grab at GSAC, take part in a gentle walk along the beautiful Tucki Tucki walking track, or try your hand at lawn bowls, croquet or aqua?

The festival runs from **Monday, 11 March to Friday, 22 March** at various times and locations in Lismore and Goonellabah. To see the full program, simply scan the QR code or go to **www.lismore.nsw.gov.au** 

All events are free, but you will need to book to ensure your spot. That's as easy as calling Council on 6625 0500,

emailing contact.centre@lismore.nsw.gov.au, or coming into our Corporate Centre at 43 Oliver Ave, Goonellabah.

The Lismore 2024 Seniors Festival is proudly funded by the NSW Government.



# Lismore's **2024 Seniors Festival** 11-22 March

**Reach beyond** 

### LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

Two years on from the worst natural disaster in Australia's recorded history, the Lismore Local Government Area is well on the road to recovery.

While not everyone is back to where they would like to be, the anniversary is a good opportunity to look at how far we have come in our rebuild.

#### **Restorations and refurbishments**

- Completed \$50 million of emergency works.
- \$60 million of restorations works completed or undeway, including 50 buidlings, parks and facilities.
- Close to \$40 million for capital expenditure over the past eight months, including Albert Park which was completed in tiem to host two major junior championship baseball events this year.
- ✓ 7 ovals refurbished.
- ✓ 11 parks refurbished.

- ✓ 4 bridges replaced.
- ✓ 25,000 potholes repaired each year – almost 70 potholes a day.
- ✓ 56,000 trees planted through Rural Landholder Initiative.
- Keen street and footpath upgraded and made wheelchair accessible.
- Emergency repairs on more than 80 roads to allow access for residents.
- \$14.9m spent on Nimbin Road repairing landslips and other structural problems as a result of the floods.





#### **Growth and employment**

- ✓ 73.4% of all inner CBD premises are now occupied.
- Experienced a 22% increase in dining and entertainment spend.
- Visitor spending increased by 12.75%.
- 310 new businesses registered in 2023.

#### Innovation and new projects

- Opened \$14.2 million
  Employment Lands project to unlock Goonellabah Industrial Estate.
- New electric vehicle solar carpark opened in Clyde Campbell Carpark.

- Council is supporting local jobs, working with locally owned Bennett Constructions as Managing Contractor on 27 other building projects in progress, including the Art Gallery, Library and Lismore Quad, City Hall and the airport terminal.
- Funding received for new Lismore Skatepark and Youth Precinct.
- Upgrades planned for Lismore Basketball Stadium in time for state titles in June.

The strong pipeline of new infrastructure alongside work undertaken by the State Government, reiterates the future of Lismore is on track to become a thriving regional centre, with businesses back on their feet and booming.

To have your say on the future of Lismore, visit Lismore Now at **www.lismorenow.com.au** 

To keep up to date with the rebuild, visit **yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au** 

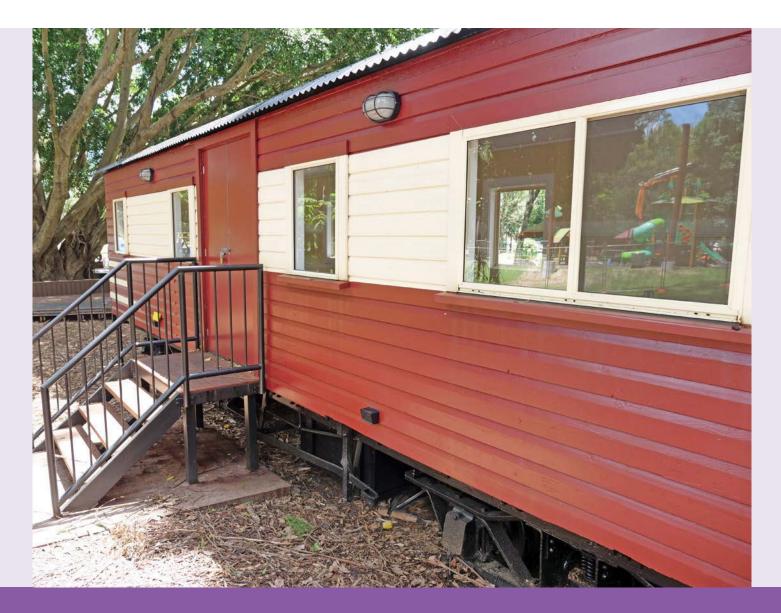
### TINY TOTS COOL FOR SUMMER AT HERITAGE PARK

### Heritage Park has a new addition, with Council installing shade sails over the Tiny Tots play area.

The new addition is designed to give "sun safe play" during the hot summer months and allow our younger children to play all year round. The southern end of the playground is now visually stunning and ready to explore again.

The shade sails feature wattle sprigs and vibrant colours in a rainforest theme, marrying beautifully with the water play area and the natural beauty of Heritage Park.

Funding for the project is thanks to the Stronger Country Communities Fund Program (Round 5).



### The shade sail installation continues many upgrades at Heritage Park, like the recent improvements to the almost 100-year-old train carriage, which was given a well-overdue makeover.

The carriage received a new interior, lighting, stairs, concrete pathway and finally, a new exterior paint job restoring it to its historic charm as a Red Rattler train.

Other park upgrades include a new pathway connecting other additions to the park, such as the water play, the future Giga Dome equipment, new landscaping, and the everpopular Heritage Park Train Railway.

#### To stay updated with the Heritage Park upgrade, visit our yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au







# **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

DA21/555-2 2/12 Lucia Crescent, Howards Grass: Section 4.55(2) modification to the construction of a dwelling house with an attached garage, secondary dwelling and associated works.

DA23/015-2 96D Yeager Road, Leycester: Section 4.55(1) modification to amend a number of conditions to rectify an administrative error and provide flexibility in the provision of services.

DA23/110-2 22 Evergreen Drive, Goonellabah: Section 4.55(1) modification to correct version of stamped plan set.

DA23/112-2 26 Evergreen Drive, Goonellabah: Section 4.55(1) modification to correct version of stamped plan set.

DA23/113-2 36 Evergreen Drive, Goonellabah: Section 4.55(1) modification to correct version of stamped plan set.

DA23/156-2 25 Newbridge Street, South Lismore: Section 4.55(1) application to modify consent to change the internal location and orientation of the mezzanine floors.

DA23/180 34 Caldwell Avenue, East Lismore: Alterations and additions to dwelling.

DA23/193 8 Blue Wren Place, Goonellabah: To undertake a strata subdivision to create one additional lot and associated driveway extension, extension of services and new retaining wall.

DA23/243 839 Blue Knob Road, Blue Knob: Demolish existing dwelling, construct new dwelling and swimming pool.

DA23/244 63 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah: To undertake the erection of a detached dual occupancy and associated earthworks, driveways, landscaping and strata subdivision (to create 2 lots).

DA23/288 1205 & 1207 Jiggi Road, Jiggi: To undertake a subdivision boundary alteration.

DA23/306 186 Magellan Street, Lismore: Demolish Community Hall (Flood damaged).

**DA23/309 5A Funnell Drive, Modanville:** Resited dwelling and construction of new entry stairs and garage with attached carport.

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: 23/337

**LOCATION AND DP LOT:** 417 Rosehill Road, Blakebrook (Lot 2 DP 859866).

**APPLICANT:** ADCO Constructions Pty Ltd.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** To undertake the construction of a new elevated school building, with at-grade (under croft) amenities and storage, new hard and soft landscaping, new hydrant pump house and relocation and replacement of existing septic tanks and water tanks. The application is regionally significant crown development with the Northern Regional Planning Panel as the consent authority.

CLOSING DATE: 18 March 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.

### WHAT'S ON AT YOUR Local Library

### International Women's Day with Lismore CWA

#### Friday, 8 March at Lismore Pop-up Library, 10am-12pm

The NSW Country Women's Association have been working to improve the lives of women for more than 100 years. What better way to celebrate International Women's Day than to join the Lismore Branch for a cup of tea and an inspiring story or two?



### **Atlas Club**

#### Young Writers Club: Wednesday, 13 March, Art Club: Thursday, 14 March at Goonellabah Library, 4pm-5pm

Atlas brings together three clubs and are designed for young people between 5 to 15 years. Each club meets regularly during school terms for interactive online sessions led by Library educators, with special guest appearances by authors and illustrators.

### **Tech Savvy Seniors: Beyond Google Earth**

### Monday, 11 March at Lismore Pop-up Library, 3pm-4pm

In this course, you'll discover that Google Earth contains a lot more than maps. It's also your own personal tour guide to the world's greatest cultural attractions.



# **SEWER RELINING PANEL CONTRACT**

### Tender T 2024/3

The purpose of this tender is to compile an unranked panel of approved contractors for the provision of sewer relining services. The establishment of this panel will assist Council with:

- Reduced timeframe for procuring scheduled sewer renewals utilising relining or pipe bursting methods
- Establishing a panel of pre-approved providers for emergency works
- Facilitating the efficient procurement of services for scheduled maintenance programs
- Ensuring the utilisation of current technologies for the most effective renewal of ageing wastewater assets

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 5pm Wednesday, 13 March 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 400697

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

For further information regarding this tender email the Lismore City Council Procurement team at **procurement@lismore.nsw.gov.au** 





# JOIN THE CLIMATE CONVERSATION

#### In a proactive move towards community engagement and sustainable initiatives, Lismore City Council is launching a series of monthly 'Climate Conversations'.

These discussions will provide a platform for the community to voice concerns and share aspirations, paving the way for actionable steps to be more resilient to climate change.

The primary focus of these conversations is to listen to the concerns of residents and community groups, encouraging a collective understanding of how individuals can actively contribute to addressing climate challenges.

Explore topics that are both impactful and interesting at the same time. What can we do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing world? Council is eager to hear what you are passionate about and what matters most to the community.

The inaugural event is scheduled for **Friday, 22 March, from 8am to 10am** at Timbre Café in Dawson Street, Lismore. The event will be facilitated by internationally recognised climate change expert Jean Renouf from Plan C. Complimentary coffee and hot chocolate will be provided at each conversation to fuel your discussions.

Climate Conversations are free events open to the entire community. Council encourages as many people as possible to join in as we work towards building a more sustainable and resilient community. No need to book, just drop in. For more information and updates about the events go to the Climate Conversations page at **www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au** or scan the QR Code.







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