

NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN LISMORE

Now is the time to invest in Lismore and its future as the latest audit of the CBD reveals empty business premises are getting harder to find, with the June occupancy rate reaching an impressive 76.8%.

Conducted in the week beginning 17 June, Lismore City Council's audit of shopfront and upstairs premises in the Central Business District showed that despite increasing cost of living pressures across the nation, more businesses are opening in Lismore.



The Lismore CBD Audit assesses the occupancy rates of central portions of Keen, Molesworth, Woodlark, Conway, Magellan and Carrington streets. Below are the street-by-street occupation rates at June 2024 compared with December 2023:

- Keen Street occupancy rate – 82.4% (up from 81.1%)
- Magellan Street occupancy rate – 81.7% (up from 76.3)
- Conway Street occupancy rate – 77.3% (up from 72.1%)
- Carrington Street occupancy rate – 77.3% (up from 73.1)
- Molesworth Street occupancy rate – 77.0% (up from 74%)
- Woodlark Street occupancy rate – 65.1% (up from 60.7%)

Lismore CBD occupation rate was 90.2% in late February 2022, just prior to the natural disaster.

The latest CBD audit is the fifth audit since then, with previous audits undertaken in December, June and January 2023 and August 2022.

“We’ve had a huge amount of interest from our local players and this year will be entering five highly competitive teams in the event, from the Over 34 Div 1 team up to the Over 55’s Div 1.”

“We are looking forward to welcoming teams, supporters and hockey enthusiasts to what promises to be an unforgettable weekend of competition.”

This is the first time the Championships will be held on the Far North Coast, marking a significant milestone for the region. The championships promises to be an exciting and competitive event, showcasing the talent and dedication of athletes from across the northern part of the state.

Local residents and visitors are invited to attend the event, support the teams and enjoy the exciting matches and vibrant atmosphere of the championships. The first game commences at 11am on Friday, 26 July at the Goonellabah Hockey Centre, 214 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah and the Ballina Hockey Centre at 2C Bentinck Street, Ballina.



NSW WOMEN'S MASTERS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Get ready for an action-packed weekend of hockey as Lismore teams up with Ballina to host the NSW Northern Division Women's Masters Hockey Championships.

The event kicks off on Friday, 26 July and runs through to Sunday, 28 July, at the Goonellabah Hockey Centre in Hepburn Park and the Ballina Hockey Centre.

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said the collaboration between Lismore and Ballina showcases the strength and unity of our communities.

“A lot of effort has gone into developing our Hockey Centre and hosting an event of this magnitude in Lismore is a significant achievement,” he said.

“This event not only brings top-tier hockey to our area but also offers an opportunity for local businesses and the community to benefit from the influx of visitors. It’s a win-win situation for everyone involved and I encourage our community to come out and support the event.”

This year's championships will feature 50 teams with over 850 competitors competing for top honours across the two venues. The NSW Women's Masters Hockey Championships, which began in 1985 in Newcastle with only 16 teams, has grown significantly in size and stature over the years.

President of Far North Coast Hockey Inc., Nathan Kesteven, said they are thrilled to be hosting the NSW Women's Masters Hockey State Championships.

“This event not only celebrates the athleticism and sportsmanship of our players but also fosters a sense of camaraderie and community spirit among all participants,” he said.

REMIATIATON WORKS TO MAINTAIN PERFECT WATER QUALITY

Lismore City Council is investing \$1 million in important remediation work on two water reservoirs after a scheduled in-depth health check on the system's condition.

The two identified for repairs are the Esmonde Street and Wyreema Avenue reservoirs. Both require the emptying of all water to ensure all necessary repairs and remediation can be carried out.

Work has begun on the 1938-built Esmonde Street Reservoir. It is a 7.38-meter-high, 30.5-meter-diameter water storage tank with 5.68 megalitres, equivalent to almost three Olympic swimming pools.



Work on the 1959-built Wyreema Reservoir will begin in early 2025. With a total capacity of 2.84 megalitres, it is half the size of the Esmonde Street reservoir. Both reservoirs are critical to Lismore's water supply network.

Council's Head of Water and Wastewater, Matt Potter, said the works were necessary to ensure Lismore's water quality.

“Typically, concrete assets like these, which are 50 to 80-years-old, require in-depth service and maintenance which will extend their lifespan for many more years,” he said.

“The Esmonde Street Reservoir is empty, and we’re sealing the inside concrete construction joints, which involves applying an adhesive and a bandage system to the internal wall and floor joints to strengthen its design further.

“Concrete spalling, which is when the concrete begins to degrade or break away, was also detected in several locations, necessitating remediation to the concrete.

Mr Potter also said that between large remediation works such as this, Council conducts spot health checks using unexpected methods.

“Much to everyone's surprise, our Water Operations Team uses scuba divers to inspect and clean the reservoirs, preventing sediment buildup and ensuring water quality all year round,” he said.

“Divers are part of our regular maintenance schedule and help keep the water safe for usage. They also provide the Council with a Condition Assessment Report on the internals of the tank.”

The Esmonde Street works are expected to be completed by October this year, with the Wyreema Avenue works expected to start early next year and finish by June 2025.

LISMORE BASKETBALL STADIUM REOPENS

The Lismore Basketball Stadium is the latest disaster-repaired building handed back to the community following the recent handover of the CWA building in Spinks Park.

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said each building that is repaired is an important milestone in Lismore's recovery.

“You can’t underestimate the importance of each and every one of our damaged buildings being returned for community use,” he said.

“Basketball is a very popular sport in Lismore and for those players to return to their home stadium is wonderful in terms of their mental and physical wellbeing.”

Cheryl Amor from Lismore Basketball Association said it was great to be back in the stadium after it had relocated to Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre at the beginning of this year.

“Everyone is very excited about being back home,” she said.

“Bennett Constructions did a great job building back better. I would like to thank everyone involved from both Bennetts and Council.

“Like most sport in the area, we were affected by COVID and then the February 2022 natural disaster, with many players unfortunately leaving the area.

“Now that we are back, we hope to rebuild our Association and attract new players.”



The repair of the stadium by Council's managing contractor for building repairs, Bennett Constructions, was complex.

The first stage of the job was to cut an entry point in the brick wall of the stadium to gain access for demolition. Padded walls of the stadium were then removed and stored for later use. Asbestos was also removed at this time.

Next, subgrade earthworks were undertaken to the stadium floor and the screw piles installed. The waffle pod system (structural flooring) was also installed, as were the steel cages and the slab reinforcement.

With the concrete slab laid, padded walls were built, sheeted and ready for pad installation. The moisture barrier was applied to the slab and waterstop installed around the perimeter of the building. A new basketball hardwood timber floor from Kyogle was laid out for acclimatisation. The flooring was laid, sanded, sealed and lined and the new grandstand and score bench installed. Externally, the damaged driveway and footpath were repaired.

If anyone is interested in taking up basketball, call the Lismore Basketball Association on 0410 777 572 or contact via social media, @LismoreStorm on Facebook or @lismore basketball on Instagram.

The repair work was funded under the Federal and State Government's Natural Disaster Relief Assistance Program, NSW Government Office of Sport - Sport Priority Needs Program and Essential Community Sports Asset Program.





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

DA14/363-3 32 James Street, Girards Hill: Section 4.55(1A) modification to development consent 5.2014.363.2 by changing the approved design relating to reinstatement of alfresco deck on the upper floor and an additional carport.

DA22/279-2 225, 227, 229, 231, 233 and 235 Keen Street and 66 and 68 Carrington Street, Lismore: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify consent 5.2022.279.1 (Lismore Workers Club) to amend condition 33 to permit 24/7 hours of operation so as to match the Liquor License for the premises.

DA23/139-2 2 and 2A Middleton Way, Dunoon: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify consent 5.2023.139.1 to amend the location and orientation of the proposed dual occupancy dwelling.

DA23/290-2 15 Main Street, Clunes: Section 4.55(1A) modification to development consent 5.2023.290.1 by reducing the size of the dwelling additions, decks and swimming pool.

DA24/47 130 Cameron Road, McLeans Ridges: To undertake the construction of a new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy and associated driveway.

DA24/74-2 110 Magellan Street and 11 Rural Street, Lismore: Section 4.55(1) modification to rectify an internal administrative error within the approved development consent 5.2024.74.1 in relation to the plans that are referenced.

DA24/123 5 Grey Gum Close, Caniaba: Dwelling and retaining walls.

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.

TENDER T24/10: PANEL CONTRACT FOR BUSH REGENERATION WORKS

Council is inviting tenders from appropriately qualified and experienced tenderers to form a Panel of Contractors for Bush Regeneration Works.

Lismore City Council may choose to use contractors from this panel to undertake Bush Regeneration Works over the next one to three years.

The initial term of the contract is one year, with the possibility for two further one-year extensions at Lismore City Council's discretion.

In order to tender for these works, you must be a member of VendorPanel. VendorPanel is an online website, is free to join, and can be found at www.vendorpanel.com.au.

This Tender closes on Monday, 5 August 2024 at 4pm.

If you have any queries about this, please contact Lismore City Council on 6625 0500 and request to speak with the Procurement Business Partner.



TUCKI TUCKI WALKING TRACK BECKONS

Our dedicated Open Spaces team has done it again.

They recently repaired a section of the Tucki Tucki Walking Track between the Conifer Street footbridge to the creek crossing at the bottom of Pine Park.

The pictures tell the story better than words.

The walk starts from Oliver Ave in Goonellabah, through the Birdwing Butterfly Gully to Hepburn Park. Why not get out for a walk this week and touch some green?



RURAL LANDHOLDER INITIATIVE - COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS



In October 2024, Council will seek Expressions of Interest from incorporated environmental and rural industry groups seeking environmental works grants.

This is a new program under the Rural Landholder Initiative designed to support coordinated projects across the Lismore LGA.

The Community and Industry Groups program will fund projects aimed at larger-scale strategic outcomes achieved when multiple landholders, neighbours and industry groups work together. Up to \$50,000 will be available over three years for on-ground activities such as:

- Geographically connected bush regeneration projects (e.g. neighbours, corridors, etc)
- Projects with a common theme across the LGA (e.g. koala habitat, regenerative farming, nature-based measures, etc)

Now is the time to start talking with neighbours, industry and Landcare networks about activating your project ideas. Applications are encouraged from organisations that recognise the principles and intent of Council's Biodiversity Management Strategy.

Landholders interested in on-ground environmental projects are encouraged to apply as part of a community group in October 2024.

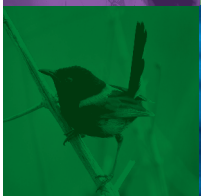
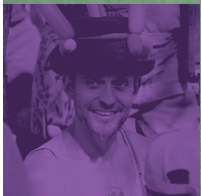
Applicants seeking individual RLI grants will be eligible to apply again in late 2025.

Guidelines will be available soon, please contact The Rural Landholder Initiative officer on 6625 0500 for more details.



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Organics

- All food scraps:
 - Meat, bones, seafood, dairy, grains, leftovers
 - Fruit & veggies
- Only line kitchen caddy with paper or Council approved compostable bags AS 4736.
- All garden organics:
 - Grass clippings, leaves, flowers & weeds
 - Palm fronds & small branches (max. 60cm long x 10cm diameter)

Recycling

- Paper and cardboard (clean - not food soiled)
- Hard plastic bottles & containers
- Steel & aluminium cans
- Juice & milk cartons
- Glass bottles & jars

#RecycleRight

Keep it simple. Keep it clean.
Keep it coming 'round.

Landfill

- Soft, scrunchy plastics
- Nappies, sanitary items
- Clothing, rags, fabrics
- String, rope, hoses
- Tea bags, coffee filters
- Pet waste, kitty litter
- Tissues, paper towels, serviettes
- Fibre-based takeaway containers and cups (food soiled inc. coffee cups, stirrers, burger boxes, bamboo plates)