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RESILIENCE PROJECTS UPDATE

All Resilience projects following the 2022 natural disaster are now listed on the Flood Restoration Portfolio section of Lismore City Council's website at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au, with updates provided as milestones are reached.

As critical infrastructure projects, it's imperative to get the function of each asset correct. To that end, much work has been done assessing options and concept designs to ensure we deliver on the goal of making Lismore more resilient in future flooding events.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the NSW Reconstruction Authority are supportive of this approach, receive regular updates, and have agreed to the revised program delivery timeframes. If projects had been rushed, we would not have seen the same benefits realised for the city.

Tenders for upgrade works at Gasworks Creek and CBD Pump Stations will be released in the second quarter of next year.

The projects are funded by the Australian and NSW governments.



Below is a brief outline of various projects commencing over the next two years. Scan the above QR Code for more information.

Fibre Connect Pump Stations Project

Preparations are underway to deliver a fibre optic link that will connect Lismore's key flood infrastructure, including Browns Creek and Lower Hollingworth pump stations, to a central system. This will allow for the remote monitoring, surveillance and operation of all pumping stations during future flooding events.

Browns Creek Pump Station

Built in the 1970s and tasked with pumping stormwater from the low-lying Lismore basin into the Wilsons River, Browns Creek pump station is set for a key upgrade which will include replacement of existing pumps, capacity upgrades and provision for additional pumps.

Browns Creek Channel (Brewster Street)

Browns Creek is a primary channel facilitating the removal of stormwater from East Lismore. However, its design has room for improvement, with a culvert and the location of telecommunications services catching debris and restricting flow.

Browns Creek Inlet (Clyde Campbell Carpark)

Browns Creek is one of the primary stormwater channels from downtown and East Lismore into the Wilsons River, via the Browns Creek Pump Station. The station inlet – alongside Clyde Campbell Carpark will undergo a key upgrade that includes the introduction of screens to protect pumps from debris damage.

Gasworks Creek Pump Station

Gasworks Creek Pump Station in East Lismore will soon see several upgrades, including raising the station electricals above 14.4m, installation of mechanical trash racks, and connection to the new fibre optic network.

Magellan Street Pump Station

Magellan Street Pump Station has been approved for a significant upgrade, which will replace the tractor-driven pump that has long served the community with two new electric pumps. Connecting to the fibre optic network, these remotely operated pumps will provide greater evacuation of water from the CBD during flooding events, as well as reducing risk to human life, by removing the need to manually operate the pump.

Snow Street Pump Station

Lismore City Council is working hard to enhance the community's resilience during future flooding events. To facilitate this, a new pump station will be constructed in South Lismore at Snow Street alongside an enhanced stormwater drainage network designed to improve drainage to the pump station. This is intended to keep roads open for longer and help expedite their reopening in future flooding events.

Lower Hollingworth Creek Pump Station

Lower Hollingworth Creek Pump Station, at Riverview Park in South Lismore, will see the installation of improved screening and the raising of electricals above the 2022 flood height, with the goal of protecting the vital pumping station in future floods.

Upper Hollingworth Creek Flood Gate

Refurbishment of the Upper Hollingworth Creek Flood Gate has been identified as an important flood resilience project. Works will include sand blasting and painting of the existing flood gate, the raising and installation of electrical systems above 14.4m, and connection to a new remote monitoring system.

NIMBIN PEACE PARK TOILETS OPEN

Lismore Mayor Steve Krieg was joined by State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin last week to open the newly constructed accessible amenities block at Peace Park in Nimbin.

Thanks to funding support from the Department of Regional NSW, Lismore City Council has completed works on the \$400,000 public toilet block at Peace Park in Nimbin.

This much-anticipated facility was designed to meet the needs of a diverse range of users. It features an accessible toilet/changeroom with shower, and single toilet cubicle to service the skate park, playground, Nimbin Rainbow Walking Track and surrounding areas, as well as an accessible toilet/changeroom with shower to service Nimbin Pool users.

Mayor Krieg said the facility is built with resilience and practicality in mind, ensuring it can be easily cleaned and maintained, even after potential flooding or damage.

“This toilet is something the local community has wanted for a long time, and I would like to thank our local member Janelle Saffin who followed through on her election promise and worked hard to get the \$400,000 to make it happen,” he said.

Accessible amenities at Nimbin Peace Park had long been called for by the Nimbin community due to its central location near the local pool, children’s playground, basketball courts and recreation area.

The existing shade sail in the construction area has been relocated to the other end of the pool to provide further shade for users.

Mural artwork will be completed by local Nimbin artist Julie De Lorenzo. Julie’s application was selected following an EOI process. Nimbin Artists Gallery representatives Pauline Ahearn and Karen Welsh assisted with this EOI, providing local knowledge and expertise.

Julie is currently working with the project team to finalise details prior to commencing soon.

Artwork of this scale is expected to take six weeks (weather dependent). The toilet block will be operational during this time.

The completed amenity is part of Lismore City Council’s broader effort to maintain and improve public amenities. Twenty-three public toilet upgrades are planned across the LGA, which are currently underway, ensuring access to clean and comfortable public amenities at local parks and rest stops for our residents and visitors alike.



LISMORE SET FOR BUILDING BOOM

Lismore is set for a construction boom with more than \$46 million worth of Development Applications approved in March, which is expected to push the total value of approved developments for this financial year to well in excess of \$100 million.

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said after three years of recovery, the future of the city is looking bright and shows people outside of our community are eager to invest in Lismore.

“Normally in a good year we would be looking at perhaps \$100 million of DAs being approved for the Local Government Area, so \$46 million in one month is an incredible sign of business confidence in our city,” he said.

“We are at slightly under \$100 million just now, so we are going to have a good year.

“The great thing is these are new developments, not rebuilds. They are new developments from people outside of Lismore who understand the growth potential of Lismore and the value of investing their money here.

Mayor Krieg said 34 DAs were approved in March, and the value was “phenomenal”.

One approved office development in the CBD is worth \$8.5 million, with another community facility valued at \$2.7 million.

Council also approved two large residential DAs lodged by the Arch Diocese and Stage 2 of the Eastwood Estate (off Invercauld Road), a \$10 million development with 176 lots.

Mayor Krieg also acknowledged the dedication and professionalism of Council’s planning team who have put new systems and procedures in place to speed up approval times and make investing in Lismore easier.

“The State Government has a planning league table and if you look at how Lismore is going in the region against our peers, we are doing quite well. We are tracking at just under 80 days average for Development Application (DAs) approvals with 80% of DAs approved within expected timeframes,” he said.

“Lismore is a great place to invest and do business and if you put your DAs in with all the correct information, you will receive approval fairly quickly compared to other Local Government Areas.”

The most recent development investment figures for Lismore follows an audit of inner CBD premises in December which found that despite high interest rates and the cost-of-living crisis, occupancy rates held firm.



DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUE

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT

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

DA24/317 77 Houlden Road, Woodlawn: Change use of existing natural disaster temporary accommodation and associated structures to a dwelling to form a dual occupancy (detached).

DA24/328 28 Ballina Road, Lismore: Removal of existing sign and construction of a free standing, digital billboard sign.

DA25/6 125 McKinnon Road, Boat Harbour: Resited dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy with associated alterations and additions including an attached carport.

DA25/25 94 Mountain View Drive, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool.

DA25/50 51 O'Flynn Street, Lismore Heights: Carport.

DA25/52 18 Deloraine Road, Lismore Heights: Staged development: Stage 1 – Swimming pool and retaining wall; and Stage 2 – workshop with alfresco area above.

DA25/53 14 Roseview Road, McLeans Ridges: Change of use of an existing studio to create a secondary dwelling with associated alterations and additions.

DA25/56 304 Dunoon Road, North Lismore: Dwelling additions and alterations (enclosed outdoor area).

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.

Proposed Subdivision at North Lismore Plateau: Amended Submission for Appeal with the NSW Land and Environment Court

In May 2021, a Development Application (DA5.2021.221.1) was made with Lismore City Council for a subdivision in the in the North Lismore Plateau urban land-release area. The application was for 742 residential lots, 2 neighbourhood business lots, and associated infrastructure and reserves. This DA was decided by the Northern Regional Planning Panel at their meeting of 15 December 2022, with their determination being Refusal.

The developer subsequently made an Appeal in the NSW Land and Environment Court (LEC) against the Refusal. As part of the Court process, the developer has recently amended the proposal and has submitted amended documents. The amended subdivision comprises 714 residential lots (including 7 large lots and 2 'super' lots for future development), 2 neighbourhood business lots, plus residual lots, public reserves and associated infrastructure.

The applicant has now made further amendments as part of the Appeal process. The amended subdivision now comprises 667 residential lots, 2 neighbourhood business lots, plus residual lots, public reserves, and associated infrastructure.

The amended submission and accompanying documents may be viewed electronically at the Council's Corporate Centre during business hours (8.30am - 4.30pm) or at any time via the links provided at the webpage address below in Public Notices:

<https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/>

The public exhibition and submission period is until 16 May 2025.

Any person, during the public exhibition and submission period, may make submissions to Council concerning the proposal. Please see the details in the link above for the process and requirements for making a submission.

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.

MUM DESERVES MORE! SHOP & WIN

This Mother's Day let's show Mum just how much she means to you with a special treat she'll never forget!

We're teaming up with amazing local businesses in Lismore and Nimbin to offer an exclusive Mother's Day Giveaway that's as unique and special as Mum herself.

Treat your Mum to something special when you shop in Lismore and enter the draw to WIN beautiful prize packages.

Shop Local: Spend \$30 or more on Mum at a local business* – Whether it's her favourite boutique, gift store, restaurant, or pamper place! You will be helping to support our vibrant community while treating Mum to something amazing!

Enter to Win: Upload your purchase receipt, minimum \$30 spend, and go in the draw to win one of several fantastic Mother's Day gift packages valued at \$300, each offering a local shopping, dining and pamper experience for Mum. It's the perfect way to make Mum's Day even more special while giving back to our local businesses.



Check out all the details at
www.visitlismore.com.au/mothersday

*Applicable to purchases from independent and locally owned businesses in the Lismore Local Government Area.

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WHATS ON AT YOUR LIBRARY

Author Talk: Naima Brown



Thursday, 1 May
5.30pm-6.30pm
Lismore Library

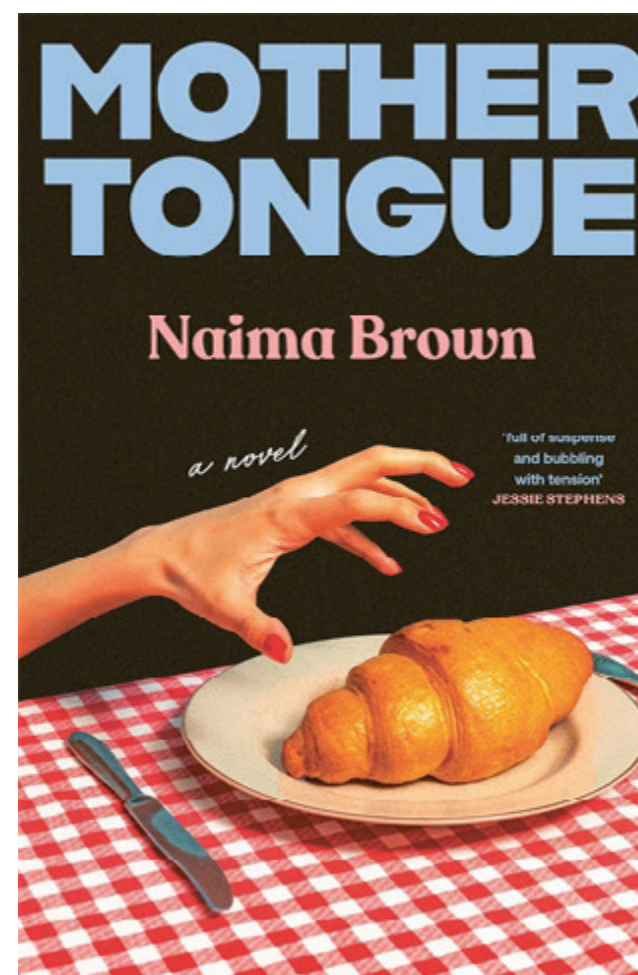
Join Northern Rivers author Naima Brown who will share tales and insights from her new book ***Mother Tongue***.

A bold, outrageous and darkly funny story that ponders, what happens when being true to yourself means hurting everyone around you.

Naima Brown has spent over a decade working in news, current affairs and documentary, including in Yemen and Afghanistan.

Her non-fiction has appeared in Vogue, The Guardian, the ABC and more. Naima is also the co-founder of Elli, a digital platform for women ageing with purpose & meaning.

Mother Tongue is her second novel.



BUSINESS BEYOND DISASTERS

To support businesses and community organisations to build resilience, the Reconstruction Authority (RA) is inviting business owners and non-profits to join the Business Beyond Disasters program—a free, practical training initiative designed to help businesses prepare for, respond to, and recover from future disasters.

Kicking off in May 2025, this 10-week online program delivers 5-minute eLearning modules each week. Participants will explore topics such as keeping operations running during emergencies, understanding financial viability, knowing when to evacuate, and more. The training is flexible, easy to follow, and includes weekly online check-ins to connect with other businesses and share experiences.

Interested participants can join the program after the 5 May start date, with course content available until December 2025.

Business Beyond Disasters is a Disaster Ready Fund project, jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Government and is delivered by Resilient Ready, specialists in business and community resilience.

Participants can select one of five tailored streams based on their industry:

- Retail, professional services and education
- Agribusiness and aqua business
- Tourism
- Health and social services
- Construction, trade and manufacturing.

Find out more or sign up now for Business Beyond Disasters Northern Rivers.

If you'd like to learn more or to request a presentation at your next business or community meeting, please contact RA's Northern Rivers Adaptation Division at: futurebuildnr@reconstruction.nsw.gov.au

CANIABA RECREATION FACILITIES UPGRADE UNDERWAY

Work on the Caniaba sport and recreation upgrade project kicked off last week with the installation of temporary fencing around the worksite.

Following engagement with the local community to gather feedback and input, the final design for the upgrades was confirmed late last year. Construction is expected to be completed by June 2025.

The upgrades include:

Multipurpose Court: The existing tennis court will be transformed to accommodate tennis, basketball and pickleball, featuring a new, durable acrylic surface.

Synthetic Cricket Nets: Two new cricket nets will be installed, providing local cricketers with dedicated training facilities.



For more details about the project and to view the detailed design, scan the QR Code.



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