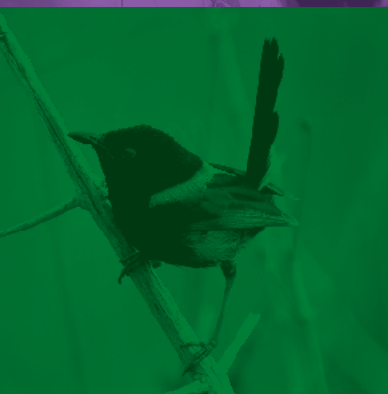




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# LISMORE'S LANEWAYS TO TRANSFORM FOR VIBRANT NEW LOLA FESTIVAL

**23 August / Carrington Street - Lismore CBD**

**Lismore's iconic laneways will be transformed into a celebration of music, art, food and creativity on Saturday, 23 August, for the inaugural LOLA: Laneways of Lismore Arts Festival. LOLA is a free, all-ages arts and music event showcasing both local and national talent.**

Running from 1pm to 9pm, LOLA will transform Carrington Street and its laneways into a vibrant festival precinct, featuring a dynamic mix of live music, visual art, lighting installations, vintage, art and vinyl markets, a dedicated children's zone, food trucks and licensed bars.

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said LOLA is a welcome addition to Lismore's proud tradition of unique and much-loved events.

"Lismore has always been known for its vibrant, creative community and its ability to deliver standout events that celebrate who we are," he said.

"This event will activate our city centre and showcase Lismore as a vibrant destination. I'm really looking forward to seeing LOLA grow into a staple of Lismore's annual event calendar."

Festivalgoers can look forward to an exciting music line-up including acclaimed musician Mitch Tambo, high-energy sets from FLO DJs, and Melbourne indie favourites Cool Sounds and Eggy, presented by Jet Black Cat Music, alongside a vibrant showcase of local talent. Visual highlights include bold, immersive works from celebrated Australian artists Paul McNeil (Mambo, Deus ex Machina) and Marty Baptist, who will bring Lismore's iconic laneways to life with colour and creativity.

LOLA is proudly funded by Lismore City Council and the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund.

Designed to attract locals and visitors from across the Northern Rivers and beyond, LOLA is a celebration of Lismore's thriving creative culture, offering something for everyone, from art and music lovers to families, foodies and marketgoers.

For more information, visit  
[www.visitlismore.com.au/lola](http://www.visitlismore.com.au/lola)  
or scan the QR Code.



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# FROM NEW FLOOD GAUGES TO MODERNISED PUMP STATIONS

**Council is investing in smarter flood monitoring and stronger stormwater infrastructure, with new flood gauges now live and major pump station upgrades underway across the city.**

The two newly installed flood gauges are now live with one at Rocky Creek Dam and the other on Ballina Street Bridge, delivering real-time data to support Council, the SES and local emergency teams during storm and flood events.

Funded and installed by Lismore City Council, the gauges are part of a broader shift toward smarter, more responsive flood monitoring. The Rocky Creek Dam gauge was delivered in partnership with Rous County Council, state agencies and local advocates from the Terania–Keerong Flood Safety Project. Council is also working to make the data publicly available via the Disaster Dashboard, with national integration through the Bureau of Meteorology's Flood Warning Infrastructure Network to follow.

These upgrades are one part of a much larger program.

Under the \$150 million Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program (NRRRP), Lismore has secured \$29.4 million for seven major projects, with two already completed. This includes major upgrades to the city's pump stations and stormwater infrastructure, critical works to strengthen Lismore's reliability during future events.

Project Director of Council's Flood Resilience Program, Garon Clough, said the aim is to bring the city's full levee system and stormwater network up to a consistent standard.

"It's about making sure everything functions as best as it can during an event and closing the gaps that were left unaddressed in earlier works," he said.

A major focus is Browns Creek Pump Station, built in the 1970s and never upgraded. A new four-pump station will be built in parallel, increasing capacity up to five times the current volume. These pumps are designed to pump out stormwater inside the basin and keep evacuation routes open as long as possible.

The new system will be submersible, remotely operated and safer for operators. Browns Creek Pump Station will remain operational throughout construction to ensure Lismore isn't left at risk during the upgrade.

Other pump stations at the Gas Works, Hollingsworth and the CBD are also being modernised, with construction starting this year. These stations, while smaller, are essential for their catchments and will be upgraded with remote control capability and debris screening.

Widening Browns Creek along Brewster Street is also planned to reduce how quickly it floods during prolonged rainfall.





# 100 PROJECTS DELIVERED IN LISMORE'S RECOVERY

Lismore City Council's mission to rebuild, restore and strengthen community assets and infrastructure following the devastating 2022 natural disasters reached a significant milestone this month with 100 projects now complete.

Delivered by Council's Flood Restoration Portfolio (FRP), the projects span roads, bridges and landslips; sporting venues, cultural hubs and community facilities; and vital flood resilience infrastructure, including urban stormwater drainage.

Combined, they represent approximately 30% of projects in the FRP's schedule of works, Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said.

"Our driving goal has been to deliver the best outcome for the Lismore community – to do it once and do it right," he said.

"The Flood Restoration Portfolio team has been doing great work since the disaster, and following extensive emergency repairs, funding applications, and designing innovative solutions to our unique challenges, it's now shifting into an exciting new construction phase."



## Among the notable achievements so far are:

- Restoration of 55 road, bridge and landslip damages, including works on Nimbin Road and Blue Knob Road
- Restoration of Lismore City Library, Lismore Regional Gallery and Quad, Lismore Municipal Building and Lismore Airport Terminal
- Restoration of Albert Park Baseball Complex, Lismore Basketball Stadium, Lismore Workers FC Clubhouse and Marie Mackney Netball Clubhouse
- Clearing of more than 8kms of urban stormwater drains
- More than 230 additional projects are now in the advanced planning, design and construction stages, with road restorations and flood resilience upgrades to see the highest focus in the coming months and years.

The Flood Restoration Portfolio is proudly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments.

Find out more at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Building-and-planning/Flood-Restoration-Portfolio](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Building-and-planning/Flood-Restoration-Portfolio)





# HOUSEHOLDS CAN NOW APPLY FOR TWO FREE WASTE VOUCHERS

**Households in the Lismore Local Government Area (LGA) can now apply for two free waste vouchers annually.**

Issued in six-month intervals, the total value will equate to \$148.80 of free waste disposal at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre or the Nimbin Transfer Station per customer per financial year.

Mayor Steve Krieg said the initiative was a first step in Council responding to the priorities listed in the recent Community Scorecard, which have now been reflected in the Lismore Community Strategic Plan.

“The community told us we should focus on reducing illegal dumping by reviewing our bulk waste services. Doubling the number of waste vouchers available for each household annually demonstrates Council is listening and taking action,” he said.

Individual waste vouchers will remain at \$74.40 in value. Any unused funds from the first ‘Primary’ voucher (above \$2.00) will automatically be transferred to the second ‘Secondary’ voucher. Any funds remaining on the second voucher will not be available after expiry.

Both vouchers must be used within 30 days of issue. If the first voucher expires before use, residents will be eligible to reapply.

Consistent with current practice, commercial customers and businesses are not entitled to apply.

**Applications for a waste voucher can be made on Council’s website. People who do not have access to a computer or email are welcome to apply in person at Council’s Customer Service Centre at 43 Oliver Avenue or by calling Council’s friendly Call Centre team on 02 6625 0500. Rates assessment numbers (property owners) or proof of tenancy (tenants) will be required.**





# 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

**DA17/78-2 2 Tareeda Way, Nimbin:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to development consent 5.20170.78.1 to modify Yurt 2 and deck.

**DA22/331-3 87 & 97 Pineapple Road, Goonellabah:** Section 4.55(1A) modification to development consent 5.2022.331.2 by modifying the stormwater design and associated earthworks.

**DA24/291 10/104A Molesworth Street, Lismore:** To change the use of shop 10 to a business premises (beauty salon).

**DA24/319 60 Gaden Road, Numulgi:** Construction of a farm building including mezzanine, workshop, and amenities, and associated driveway and earthworks.

**DA24/330 4 & 6 Leycester Street, 3 Dawson Street and 6 Keen Street, Lismore:** Alterations and additions to an existing Parish building (Doyle House), including the construction of a new meeting room, to be constructed in stages:

- **Stage 1:** Demolition of maintenance building/shed and landscape works adjacent to the northern boundary adjacent to St Mary's Park,
- **Stage 2:** Partial demolition of existing building, alterations, additions and refurbishment of Doyle House, new extension and landscape works including removal of one (1) tree.

**DA25/6-2 125 McKinnon Road, Boat Harbour:** Section 4.55(1) modification to development consent 5.2025.6.1 to modify condition no. 33.

**DA25/38 133 & 135 Keen Street, Lismore:** To change the use of part of the retail premises to a food and drink premises (café) and associated internal alterations by adding a small kitchen and associated seating.

**DA25/94 15 Grace Road, Bexhill:** Change of use of an existing outbuilding for use as an expanded dwelling ancillary to the existing dwelling.

**DA25/96 408 Booerie Creek Road, Booerie Creek & 408A Booerie Creek Road, Tullera:** Change use of existing unapproved structure to a farm building.

**DA25/98 895 Pinchin road, Goolmangar:** Pool and decking.

**DA25/102 40 Ostrom Street, South Lismore:** House raising above flood level and construction of a new deck.

**DA25/106 74 Mahogany Parade, Goonellabah:** New single storey dwelling house, attached secondary dwelling, garage and retaining walls.

**DA25/107 90 Gundurimba Road, Monaltrie:** Shed with amenities.

**DA25/111 6 Grey Gum Close, Caniaba:** Shed.

**DA25/116 10 Merinda Place, Goonellabah:** Carport.

**DA25/120 319 Arthur Road, Corndale:** Inground swimming pool.

**DA25/122 8 Lucia Crescent, Howards Grass:** Inground swimming pool with associated decking and fencing.

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](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).





# COUNCIL REUSES ROAD MATERIALS TO UPGRADE CARPARKS AND DRIVEWAYS

Council has given a second life to road profiling materials, reusing them across several local carparks and internal driveways instead of sending them to a waste stockpile.

The reused materials are a mixture of asphalt and gravel, part of the top layer that was recently stripped away from Dawson Street.

The recycled materials are then rolled and crushed and used to improve surfaces at the Netball Courts, Lismore Workers Football Club, Lismore Lake, the Uralba entrance into the Basin and the Council’s own sports storage facility access ways. Once the weather clears, more surface works will be conducted at the East Lismore Cemetery.

## Using road profiling in this way comes with significant benefits:

- ✓ It reduces waste and landfill
- ✓ Saves ratepayer funds
- ✓ Keeps materials in the local loop
- ✓ Speeds up improvement works for sports and recreation areas

This practical approach results in smoother driveways for clubs and community facilities, eliminating the need to bring in new material. It’s a brilliant example of resource recovery that also supports local sport and recreation infrastructure.



# WHAT’S ON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES

## Lismore Library: Portrait Art Fun These Holidays!

Get creative these school holidays at Lismore Library with a series of hands-on art workshops inspired by the famous Archibald Prize! Kids can explore portrait art, try out different styles and materials, and even show off their masterpieces in our special exhibition.

Join local artist River Mueller for two exciting sessions:

**Tuesday, 8 July | 2–4pm – Continuous Contour Line Portraits**

**Thursday ,17 July | 2–4pm – Life Drawing for Kids**

Scan the QR code to book. Suitable for 12+ years.

Plus, drop-in sessions for fun multimedia portraits and framing your own work. No booking needed – just bring your imagination! Check website for details.

## Goonellabah Library: Winter Wonder-Lab!

Step into a world of science, tech, and creativity at Goonellabah Library’s Winter Wonder-Lab! These fun filled S.T.E.A.M. sessions are perfect for curious kids who love to explore, invent, and get hands-on.

School Holiday Highlights include:

**Monday, 7 July | 10:30–12pm & 2:30–3:30pm – Robotics & Coding (Ages 8+)**

**Thursday, 10 July | 10:30–11:30am – Escape from Dr Pythagorix’s Lab (Ages 7–12)**

**Friday, 11 July | 10:30–11:30am – Cyanotype Printing (Ages 5–12)**

**Tuesday 15 July | 10:30–11:30am – Slime-Lab: The Science of Slime (Ages 5–12)**

**Thursday 17 July | 10:30–12pm – The Wildlife Twins Live! (Ages 5+)** Scan the QR code to book.

Don’t miss The Wildlife Twins – a fascinating, interactive show where kids meet amazing native reptiles and learn about their “superpowers”!





# ICONIC ARCHIBALD PRIZE RETURNS TO LISMORE

The annual Archibald Prize is eagerly anticipated by artists and audiences alike across Australia and is returning to Lismore Regional Gallery for the second time, sharing all 57 finalist works from the 2024 iteration at the Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW) in a major exhibition across three of our main galleries.

Judged by the trustees of AGNSW, the prize is awarded to a notable portrait painting annually.

Entries to the Archibald Prize must be painted in the preceding year from at least one live sitting. Since 1921, it has highlighted figures from all walks of life, from famous faces to local heroes, reflecting the personal and intimate stories of our times.

The Archibald Prize 2024 features works by northern NSW artists Matt Adnate (winner of the Packing Room Prize), Angus McDonald and Ben Smith.

The exhibition is on display until **31 August 2025**.

## Ticket information

We encourage you to plan your visit and book tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code.

**General entry** \$15

**Concession** \$10

**Children** free (under 16 years old)

The following session times are available for ticket purchase:

**Wednesday to Sunday**

**10.00am - 12.00pm | 12.00pm - 2.00pm | 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Cover Image:** Archibald Prize 2024 finalist, Shaun Gladwell *A spangled symbolist portrait of Julian Assange floating in reflection* (detail) © the artist



# Through the Heart...

*a photographic exhibition by Jacklyn Wagner*

*Through the Heart...* a deeply moving photographic exhibition by acclaimed local photojournalist Jacklyn Wagner, is showing at Lismore Regional Gallery until **10 August 2025**.

The exhibition captures the profound human stories behind the catastrophic floods that struck in February and March 2022.



For the first time shown locally, after a powerful debut at NSW Parliament House in November 2023, the exhibition features 100 portraits of Lismore residents in their flood-affected homes. Each photograph is accompanied by a personal quote from the subject, offering a poignant narrative of loss, resilience, and the slow process of recovery.

The portraits represent Lismore's diverse community—homeowners who have owned homes within their families for generations, newcomers, renters, young families, artists and creatives, and many more. All share a deep connection to place and have faced heart-wrenching decisions in the wake of the disaster.

*Through the Heart...* is a powerful testament to Wagner's ability to document trauma with compassion and authenticity. Her respectful and intimate approach brings forward the humanity of each subject while highlighting the broader emotional landscape of a community in crisis.

Wagner, a pioneering figure in Australian photojournalism, began her career in 1982. She was the first solo photographer for the Lismore Echo (1991) and the first female photographer at The Northern Star (1994). Her accolades include the National Photographic Hammond Care Group's Images of Our Elders (1997) and the Australian Provincial Newspapers Photographer of the Year (2000).

**Exhibition Dates:** 27 June – 10 August 2025 | Free entry

**Image:** Jacklyn Wagner, *Amoonda Nelson* 2022, digital image on photographic paper. Courtesy the artist





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