

MEMORIAL BATHS OPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON

The Lismore Baths has reopened for a summer season of swimming.

The Baths will be open from 6am to 7pm on weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on weekends and public holidays.

As well as superb swimming facilities and change rooms, the Lismore Memorial Baths also has accessible amenities and access, and a kiosk, where you can get your post-swim energy boost with tasty treats like espresso coffee, hot chips and ice cream.

Pool entry is just 6.60 for adults and 5.80 for students/concession card holders.

For just \$4.60 extra, kids can enjoy the ever-popular inflatable obstacle course on the weekends from 12pm - 3pm.

Visit packs, season passes and monthly memberships are also available.

For more details, go to www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Lismore Memorial Baths'.



BRIDGE NAMED IN HONOUR OF A DEDICATED BRIDGE BUILDER

A previously unnamed bridge on Wilson Street, South Lismore was today named in honour of Lenny Perren, one of Lismore City Council's dedicated bridge builders.

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said Lenny had devoted over two decades to the improvement and development of these areas, before he passed away in 2014.

"His expertise as a carpenter and concreter translated into the construction of numerous bridges, both small and large which have played an essential role in enhancing the connectivity and infrastructure that supports our local community," he said.

"Lenny's sense of community was profoundly generous, characterising his deep connection to the Rock Valley area where he lived and raised his family. The community continues to fondly remember Lenny for his friendly disposition, the values he embodied and his unwavering commitment to ensuring safe passage for all."

Lenny is survived by his wife, Julie, and their three children Nathan, Lochie and Megan.





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MAGPIE SEASON IS HERE

It's that time of year again when Magpie swooping season is upon us.

Council urges everyone to be aware of the increased Magpie activity during the next few months as these birds protect their nestsand young ones.

Magpies often swoop to protect their young from July to November. A pair of magpies can claim territory for up to 20 years, which is why birds are often seen swooping in the same location year after year.



Male magpies only swoop during mating season in spring due to a huge increase in testosterone where they become over-protective dads. The mating season may be starting earlier than expected due to the warmer winter on the northern rivers. The 'magpie season' may continue to late October, generally when the young leave the nest. The best thing to do is avoid areas with swooping magpies and plan an alternative route until the behaviour stops.

If you have a troublesome magpie this season, make a request to Council to install a Magpie Alert Sign by calling 6625 0500. You can also record the sighting on the 2025 Australian Magpie Swooping Map by visiting www.magpiealert.com.

UPGRADED CANIABA MULTI-SPORT FACILITIES

Lismore City Council officially opened the upgraded multi-sport courts at Caniaba, with residents turning out to enjoy the new facilities.

The upgraded facility includes a shared basketball and netball half-court, a shared tennis and pickleball court and two new synthetic cricket nets.

The upgrade replaces the former tennis court that had reached the end of its life and follows strong community input gathered through an online survey with 108 responses and a community BBQ attended by around 50 people.

Mayor Steve Krieg said the upgrades reflect Council's focus on delivering quality recreational facilities for local communities.

"Caniaba now has a modern, multi-use space that will serve residents for years to come," he said.

"It is fantastic to see the community out here enjoying the courts already. These facilities give people more opportunities to connect, stay active and have fun close to home.

"Projects like this also support Council's long-term goals under the Community Strategic Plan 2025–2035, ensuring our recreation spaces remain fit for purpose and accessible to all."

The project was funded through Council's Capital Works Program and delivered as Phase 1 of the broader Caniaba Recreation Facilities Improvement Plan. Community feedback identified a multipurpose court and cricket nets as the top priorities for sporting facilities, while swings, outdoor fitness equipment and a slide were the most popular ideas for future playground upgrades.



Phase 2 of the plan, expected in four to six years subject to funding, will explore options to replace the playground, with a focus on inclusive, accessible and safe design to give children more space and variety for play.

Council also acknowledged the ongoing support of the operators at the Adam Gilchrist Pavilion in Caniaba throughout the upgrade works.





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NEW INCENTIVES TO BUILD GRANNY FLATS

Lismore City Council has introduced new incentives to encourage the development of secondary dwellings, also known as granny flats, in urban areas across the city.

Council will waive 100% of its developer contributions for secondary dwellings in sewer-connected areas until 30 June 2027. This means residents will no longer have to pay the additional levies normally charged on top of standard development application costs, making it significantly cheaper to add a granny flat to their property.

The initiative is part of Council's Affordable and Diverse Housing Incentives Policy, designed to respond to Lismore's changing housing needs.

Whether it is to provide space for family or rental income, this policy helps residents invest in housing that supports both their household and our wider community.

By removing developer contributions for the next two years, Council is lowering a key cost barrier and encouraging more residents to consider building.

This supports the targets in our Affordable and Diverse Housing Strategy, which commits to ensuring 40% of new housing in Lismore is diverse or medium density by 2033.

Applicants who receive the 100% fee waiver of developer contributions, can also combine the Council's \$15,000 Housing Grant Program incentive if eligible, which is helping residents, landowners and housing providers to build or relocate homes, within the Lismore Local Government Area.



The grants cover six categories, including first-home buyers, landowners adding a second small dwelling, flood-affected relocations and developers delivering affordable rental housing.

Residents considering a granny flat are also encouraged to take advantage of Council's free duty planning service, available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The service offers a 30-minute session with a Development Assessment planner who can provide general planning advice in person or over the phone.

For more information, go to **www.lismore.nsw.gov.au** and search for affordable and diverse housing incentives policy.

DUNOON ROAD/TWEED STREET CORRIDOR UPGRADE

Council is applying for funding to upgrade the Dunoon Road/Tweed Street Corridor.

These upgrades will significantly improve road access and safety in the area, as well as support a range of important community assets and future developments.

As part of this application, Council is undertaking community engagement to gather supportive feedback for the application.

Council has started assessments and preliminary scoping on the proposed upgrades, which include:

- Upgrades to the Tweed Street and Terania Street intersection
- A new shared path along Tweed Street
- Widening and upgrading of Tweed Street
- Upgrades to the Lake Street entrance
- A new roundabout at Alexandra Parade/Tweed Street/Dunoon Road
- Sealing of Alexandra Parade and Dunoon Road sections
- Design for future car parking at the south-west corner of Tweed Street/Alexandra Parade.
- Shared path and road improvements along Dunoon Road to the second roundabout

These works are eligible for the Australian Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP). To support the funding application, community feedback is sought via a five-minute online survey available at www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au. Council officers will be speaking directly with businesses and

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PRIMEX COMES TO LISMORE

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg has welcomed the announcement that the popular Norco PRIMEX Field Day will be held in Lismore at the Lismore Showgrounds next year.

"This Council is unashamedly pro-business. We want to grow Lismore and create new jobs. Events like PRIMEX bring people to Lismore who spend money in our local businesses," he said.

"I congratulate Bruce Wright and the PRIMEX team on making Lismore their new home."

For 41 years, Primex has generated over \$1 billion in exhibitor sales and delivered nearly \$100 million in direct regional economic impact. As Australia's largest coastal based field day and the only agribusiness event of its kind in Northern NSW, Primex will inject over \$4.5 million directly into the Lismore LGA and surrounds.

Left to right: Mayor Steve Krieg, chair of NORCO Primex Field Days Bruce Wright, President of the North Coast A&I Society - Lismore Showground John Gibson and State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin.