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LISMORE PUMP STATION UPGRADE TO BEGIN

Lismore City Council is entering a new phase of its flood recovery, with upgrades to essential flood-pumping infrastructure to begin early in the new year.

Key projects include the construction of a new pump station in South Lismore and the expansion of the existing Browns Creek pump station – boosting capacity to speed up stormwater removal and help keep roads and evacuation routes open longer.

Construction partners for the upgrade of the Magellan Street pump station, located next to the Lismore Transit Centre, and the new Snow Street pump station are now being sought. A tender for work at Browns Creek will open in the coming months.

Significant work has been completed to reach this point, from funding to surveys and design to ensure pump stations remain operational throughout construction. Council is sincerely grateful to the community for its support and patience during this important phase.

These projects are proudly funded by the Australian Government through the Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-23, administered by the NSW Reconstruction Authority.



For more info on Lismore's flood pump upgrades, visit
[www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Building-and-planning/
Flood-Restoration-Portfolio/Flood-resilience](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/Building-and-planning/Flood-Restoration-Portfolio/Flood-resilience)

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COMMUNITY TO HELP SHAPE FUTURE USE OF 'BUYBACK' LANDS

Planning for the future use of more than 500 blocks of flood buyback properties is underway thanks to a partnership between Lismore City Council and the State Government.

Since 2022 natural disaster, the NSW Reconstruction Authority has voluntarily purchased properties at the highest risk of repeated flooding, protecting households and reducing long-term disaster risk.

This amounts to 50 hectares of land in the city that can now be repurposed, with Council and the community having a direct say in its future.

While the land can no longer be used for housing, a risk-based approach will be used to determine future uses that are compatible with flooding. Planning will consider how the space connects with surrounding areas, supports community needs and complements the CBD and local economy. Making sure that any future use will not increase flooding risks for neighbouring properties is also critical.

Lismore Centre will be the first precinct plan to be developed from early 2026, followed by North Lismore, South Lismore and East Lismore.

Expressions of Interest for planners, engineers and other experts to work on this project will open soon.

Community members will be invited to have their say through a mix of in-person and online engagement opportunities throughout 2026. Details about the timing and format of consultations will be announced later this year.

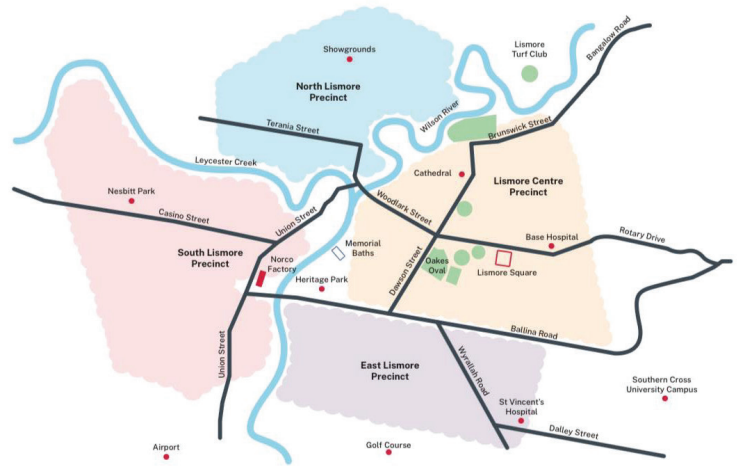
Lismore Mayor Steve Krieg said: "The Lismore Precinct Plan is a crucial milestone in the recovery of our city and our community as we build in resilience to future weather events.

"Lismore City Council has partnered with the State Government to reimagine Lismore's future following the buyback program and ensure the views of the community inform that vision.

"It's about setting Lismore up for the future as a great place to work, invest and raise a family."

NSW Reconstruction Authority and Lismore City Council

Precinct planning for buyback land in Lismore



Minister for Recovery Janelle Saffin said: "The Lismore Precinct Plan is the start of another important journey for Lismore, one more positive step towards a safer and more resilient future.

"The Home Buyback Program has given certainty to hundreds of families and reduced the risk of repeat flooding impacts on residents in some of the most vulnerable areas of Lismore.

"Now we have an opportunity to reimagine this land, creating beautiful neighbourhoods that build community connectiveness and resilience as well as support and grow the local economy."



For more information and to keep up to date go to:
www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/nsw-reconstruction-authority/our-work/resilient-homes-program/home-buybacks/future-buyback-land-use

MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR THIS YEAR'S LISMORE SHOW

The Northern Rivers community and beyond are invited to come along and enjoy this year's Elders North Coast National Lismore Show that will be held on 16, 17 and 18 October.

North Coast National A & I Society President John Gibson said the popular Show would return with all the usual favourites, including a rodeo on the final night.

"It is not long until the Show, so now is the time to get ready for the return of our regular popular competitions and exhibitions. We already have some great attractions booked including the HLB Mann Judd Ashton Circus that will perform throughout each day and Monster Trucks on Thursday and Friday," he said

"Again this year, we also have the Chill and Charge zone, which is a quiet zone for people to relax over a coffee and recharge themselves and their phones.

"The very popular FMX bikes will return, along with Jet Packs, a petting zoo, reptiles, fireworks and a community stage with a range of local acts, plus Dave Graney & the Coral Snakes on Friday night.

"The Show has been at the heart of our community since 1885 and is where memories are made.

"Once again, I would like to thank our naming rights sponsor, Elders, and all our regular sponsors. Without them, the Show could not go on.

"This year we also welcome new major sponsors including Northern Rivers Ford and North Coast Petroleum Liberty Service Stations."

Lismore City Mayor Steve Krieg said Lismore was lucky to have such a great range of community events.

"The Lismore Show is one of my favourites. Now in its 140th year, the show has always brought our community together, to catch up with old friends and make new ones," he said.

Nominations are also now open for the 2024 North Coast National Young Woman and Teen Showgirl Competitions.

If you're between 13 and 25, this is your chance to step into the spotlight and make a difference. The Young Woman competition is for those aged 18 to 25 and Teen Showgirl for girls aged 13 to 17.

This is your chance to be an ambassador for your community, showcase your passion for agriculture and promote Lismore and the Lismore Show.

For more information about how to apply for the Young Woman and Teen Showgirl competitions, go to www.northcoastnational.com.au. Entries close Friday, 4 October.





THE 13TH LISMORE WORKERS MASTERS GAMES

- A record number of almost 12,000 competitors
- Sports included netball, softball, lawn bowls, football, cricket, baseball, Oztag, golf and hockey
- 50% of competitors from outside Lismore LGA
- 25% of competitors from Queensland
- An estimated \$5.4 million injected into local economy



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LISMORE BUSINESSES

A huge congratulations to all the Lismore businesses recognised at the 2025 Northern Rivers Regional Business Awards.

Winners

- **Joel Jensen Constructions** – Excellence in Trade
- **Norco Co-operative** – Excellence in Manufacturing
- **Mountain Blue** – Excellence in Agriculture & Primary Industries
- **Mark Myers, Norco Co-operative** – Outstanding Employee
- **Nikki Wormald, CASPA** – Outstanding Young Business Leader
- **Tracy Anne Ward, South Lismore Post Office** – Outstanding Business Leader (20 employees or under)



Highly Commended

- **PJs Fruit & Veg** – Excellence in Retail & Personal Services
- **Newton Denny Chapelle** – Excellence in Business & Professional Services
- **Damian Chapelle, Newton Denny Chapelle** – Outstanding Business Leader (21 employees or over)
- **Contained in Nimbin Accommodation** – Outstanding Visitor Experience and Excellence in Sustainable Tourism
- **Norco Co-operative** – Excellence in International Business and Excellence in Innovation
- **Indigo Rose Disability Support Service** – Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion
- **Joel Jensen Constructions** – Employer of Choice (20 employees or under) and Excellence in Small Business
- **Social Futures** – Employer of Choice (21 employees or over)
- **Our House** – Outstanding Community Organisation
- **Business Lismore** – Outstanding Local Chamber

Your innovation, resilience and commitment continue to showcase why Lismore is home to some of the region's most inspiring businesses.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

WORD PLAY is the theme of the spring school holiday programs. Have a look at the creative and fun activities on offer to engage children's enjoyment of all things language, writing and storytelling.

Thursday, 2 October, from 3pm-4pm in the Lismore Library Youth Zone
Dive into the world of Do-It-Yourself publishing at the Zine workshop. For ages 11+.

Tuesday, 7 October, from 3pm-5pm in the Lismore Library Youth Zone
Transform pages of text into striking visual poems at Blackout Poetry. For ages 11+.

Wednesday, 8 October, from 10am-11.30am in the Lismore Library Youth Zone
Play theatre games and bring stories to life with the pros from Theatre Productions. For ages 6-12.

Thursday, 9 October, from 10am-4pm at Goonellabah Library
Learn everything you need to know to become a Dungeon Master and run your own Dungeons and Dragons games. Bookings are essential for this one and can be made by calling Goonellabah Library on (02) 66215 1235. For ages 12+.

Why not be a part of a valuable local institution and foster your child's engagement in literacy and storytelling by participating in one of these free workshops this school holidays?



Official opening event

Thursday, 9 October, 10:30am at Lismore Library

To mark the conclusion of our post-flood refurbishments, Lismore Library is pleased to host an official opening event on 9 October. The event will feature tours of the library, the chance to reflect with staff on the three years of being out of the library and a photographic display of the refurbishment process.

Normal library services will operate as usual throughout the event.

My Aged Care / Monday, 20 October, 2pm, Goonellabah Library

Did you know that exciting new changes are coming in aged care? From 1 November, the Federal New Aged Care Act comes into effect. Get informed at our 'My Aged Care' event with industry professionals from Services Australia and Dovidia Home Care Services.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SOUGHT

Lismore City Council is seeking community feedback to inform the development of our next Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2026-2030.

In line with legislation, the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 requires all Councils in NSW to prepare a new Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) every four years.

The renewed plan will outline key actions to be delivered by Council in our continued commitment to support inclusive participation across our community. Over the coming weeks, we will be engaging people living with a disability and their family, friends, carers, support services and advocacy groups, to inform the development of our new Plan.



For further information and to sign up to this project's mailing list, go to www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/disability-inclusion-action-plan-2026-2030

LISMORE STUDENTS LEAVE ON JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Five Lismore students departed for Japan last week as part of the Lismore City Council's long-standing Sister City Student Exchange with Yamato Takada.

Selected from a pool of applicants, the students, Sebastian Harding (15), Jarvis Mark (14), Bethany Watts (16), Jasmine Anderson (16) and Rebecca Green (17) represent schools across the region, including Summerland Christian College, Richmond River High, St John's College Woodlawn, Alstonville High School and the Northern Rivers Conservatorium.

The group is accompanied by chaperone Emily Yee, who herself travelled to Japan as part of the program when she was a student, making this year's exchange a full-circle moment.



The students will spend time with host families, enjoy a packed itinerary of activities and take an overnight trip to Hiroshima before returning home on 11 October. Some of the group hosted Japanese students who visited Lismore earlier this year and now look forward to the chance to experience daily life in Japan themselves. The exchange is designed to broaden horizons, strengthen language skills and build connections that last well beyond the trip.

Mayor Steve Krieg said the exchange continues to strengthen a relationship now more than 60 years old.

"Our Sister City partnership with Yamato Takada has always been about more than travel. It builds friendships, cultural understanding and lifelong connections," he said.