

The start of another year, an election year for local council across NSW, heralds the chance to reflect on what this current council has achieved in the last three years.

On election in 2008 council was confronted with the worst economic recession in living memory the Great Financial Crisis (GFC) that wiped millions off the stock market and saw iconic companies like Lehman's and General motors go to the wall.

Our economic stability and growth that had experienced over the past decade was gone in a matter of days. Council took several hits in rising superannuation payments, reduced developer contributions and reduced interest on investments. By far the biggest damage to council occurred when some of councils investments went under, the CDO's. The previous council had unwisely invested in CDO's for minimal return at high risk.

This had a negative impact on councils budget leading to several major reviews of expenditure and affected council's ability to deliver services to the community.

Recovering from this nightmare council embarked on several budget reviews and cost cutting exercises to balance the budget. The result is that council's financial position is sound across all the key local government financial indicators.

Both the Dept. of Local Government and council's independent auditors have given Lismore Council a clean financial bill of health.

There are areas of concern for example borrowings and our ability to adequately maintain our assets. Our inadequate maintenance of our roads and other infrastructure is a huge concern not just for Lismore but for local government across Australia. I believe we can do better and I will keep pushing for more funding for roads. But after many years of neglect this will take time to fix. This council has started that process by implementing state of the art asset management plans and internal auditing reviews to ensure that rate payers are getting the best out of their rates dollar.

The GFC also affected our local economy and things have not been right since. To assist recovery council has embarked on plans to provide waste water infrastructure ( again ignored by previous councils ). The southern trunk main is a \$13m investment that will ease the stress on the current system and provide capacity well into the future for developments already in the pipeline. More blocks for sale means more affordable property to attract residents and investors to boost our ratepayer base and add to our economy. Why this was not

done ten years ago is beyond me!

Similarly this council has dedicated it's planning resources to bring developers and planners together to solve the road block of developments that had occurred in the past. Most noticeably this council is committed to the North Lismore Plateau, which has the ability to dramatically boost the development of Lismore as a regional centre. The NLP will be as significant for Lismore as the development of Goonellabah was in the 70's.

Council has appointed a new General Manager and reorganised senior staff to bring council into this relatively new century and to echo councils forward looking and progressive nature. The Roads department went through an extensive review as part of the need to focus energies on an area of concern. Over 60 recommendations were made by an independent consultant and will be progressively implemented as time and funds allow.

Council has proceeded with the upgrading of Nesbitt Park in South Lismore with state of the art facilities including playground and a walking track while improving existing facilities. Nesbitt Park is a vital asset for the residents of South and North Lismore.

Many large corporations are showing faith in Lismore's economy and embarking on large developments . Shop occupation rate are up from the dismal days of 08/09. Council has employed a dedicated business facilitator and a city centre manager to encourage businesses to set up in Lismore.

Our waste facilities are state of the art and regularly win awards. Although' Lismore population has increased by 30% in 20 years our waste in to landfill has stayed the same meaning better recycling thanks to education campaigns and dedicate recycling infrastructure such as bottle crushers and poly styrene extruders. Council has plans for further upgrades to waste recycling to reduce costly land fill.

But there are those in the community who want to run Lismore down, who believe that misrepresenting facts and creating heightened fear and concern in the community is an appropriate tactic for political advantage. This is base party politics and has no place in local government.

The same people want to return us to the past,

return us to the days of the 'old boys club' and years of neglect and pet projects e.g. Skyline Rd, the Flood levy failure and the two pools. I question the decision making processes that occurred in the previous council when a more prudent council would have reconsidered its options.

This current council has been committed to sorting out the problems left from years of neglect and has not shirked the hard decisions on issues such as rate arrears, Lismore Caravan Park, the Lake Pool (more institutional neglect) and inefficient work practices.

I believe that this council has turned Lismore around from the neglectful, insular years of the past. There is still more to do but we as a community are now heading in the right direction.

On more of a current note the 2011 Draft LEP and Koala Plan of Management (KPoM) has been on public exhibition and will proceed through council shortly.

The LEP is our local planning policy that staff use when assessing development applications (DA's). That means that unless you are contemplating a new development then this document will not affect you as landholders will operate under 'existing use' rights whatever the changes and routine agricultural activities are exempt. The plan establishes what can be done and where, placing all properties into zones with particular categories. The LEP is required under state government Law which provides the templates, definitions and zones. The LEP has been in review with two periods of public consultation since early 2011. Council has changed much since the first draft particularly removing the inaccurate overlay maps, virtually removing the Rural Landscape Zone altogether, reducing the environment zones substantially and many other changes as well. I will be waiting to view the submissions before making any direct comment but I believe the current document displays a good balance between competing interests and has certainly removed the issues of concern to most landowners. I have been strongly supportive of the concept of appropriate development and will continue to do so.

The KPoM is a management document that seeks to protect koalas from over development in the SE of the LGA and mainly affects subdivisions of over 5 lots with a variety

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*Farewell party for Year 6 students at South Lismore Bowls club*

had wonderful carrots, beans, broccoli, and herbs to share and use in the Kids in the Kitchen program which we hope to continue. So we will be seeing the boys and girls busy preparing and planting a new lot of crops.

Our long standing teacher, Mr Thomson, affectionately known as Mr T is planning to retire at the end of Term 1 and is looking forward to filling his days with surfing, golf, swimming and coffee drinking. He will be missed not only for his great teaching and affection for the students, but also for his abilities with fixing technical problems.

Visitors to our school often comment on the friendly, caring, happy

**H**ere we are at the beginning of another exciting school year with students and staff getting ready to return; to begin learning in their new classes. In the first few weeks there are lots of administration tasks including sorting out text books, organizing class routines and assigning jobs to help create a positive learning environment. This term we are again counting heads and hoping to have an enrolment to allow us to form five classes. Our school is fortunate to have a fantastic playground area with lots of space for sports and playing as well as pleasant classrooms and facilities.

The final week of 2011 was full of activity, fun and excitement as we farewelled our large group of Year 6 students with a wonderful dinner at South Lismore Bowls Club. For all the school, our End of Year Fun Day was great with water activities

such as water pistols and slides as well as games and DVDs. Lots of preparation was put into our Family Christmas Night. Parents and friends were entertained by the students' acts. Our musicians, lead by tutor Mark Earl, displayed their developing talents and this was followed by dancing and singing by various groups and classes. The performance finished with the whole school choir and the arrival of Santa's who greeted the crowd and handed out goodies to the children. Last year all the students happily helped to establish various veggie plots and we



*Students perform at the Family Christmas Night*

environment we endeavour to develop. People seeking to enrol their children are most welcome to come along and see our school. Just contact the office on

**6628 2234**

for information.

Have a productive and happy 2012!

< of offset measures. The documents is designed to bring several pieces of legislation together and reduces the hassle and time currently spent on preparing DA's. Again, as with the LEP, this documents is for use in determining new development applications.

I urge ratepayers to look at the documents and maps for themselves and consult with the trained council

staff, don't rely on self-appointed experts who may well have a different agenda.

Meanwhile our roads are taking a hammering under the current weather conditions. Be patient it will take time for staff to fix the damage and please drive to conditions. If you have a safety concern don't hesitate to contact me or council direct 6622 5000

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## VILLAGE HALLS

### DUNOON HALL

Mon 7.30pm	Indoor Bowls Ron 6689 5018
Wed 10am	Community Group Ron 6689 5018
Wed 6.00 - 7.30pm	Wu-Chi Kung Fu erard Shea 0449 105 678
Thurs 5.30pm	Exercise Class Mark Roberts 0419 831 424
Thurs 7.30pm	Euclre John 6688 6563
Sun 9.30am	Sunday School Christadelphians
Sun 11am	Church Service Christadelphians Ray Patch 6689 5229

Community members welcome. For all bookings please contact Dunoon PO 6689 5101

Tullera Hall	6628 2488
Corndale Hall	David Hunter 6628 4364
Dorroughby Hall	6689 5013
Whian Whian Hall	6689 5839
The Channon Hall	General Store 6688 6240

## CHURCH SERVICES

### DUNOON ANGLICAN

Holy Communion Every Sunday 9.30am  
Guild meets first Sunday of every month after Church

### CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

Sunday School 9.30am  
Memorial Meeting 11am each Sunday  
Bible Address on occasions  
6689 5229

### DUNOON CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st & 3rd Sundays 9.30am

### GOOLMANGAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

## COMMUNITY MARKETS

1ST SUNDAY	Lismore Car Boot Byron Bay
2ND SUNDAY	The Channon
3RD SATURDAY	Mullumbimby
3RD SUNDAY	Lismore Car Boot Nimbin
4TH SUNDAY	Bangalow

### The Channon Craft Markets

Contact: Christine McFadden  
6688 6433  
secretary@thechannonmarket.org.au

### Organic Produce Market

Every Tuesday 8-11am and Thurs 4-7pm  
Lismore Showgrounds

### Farmer's Markets

Every Saturday 8am Lismore Showgrounds

### Lismore Con Artists Markets

1st Sat of the month 11am, Cnr Keen and Magellan

## SPORTS

Channon/Dunoon Pony Club	6688 6302
Channon Tennis Club	6688 6165
Dunoon Sports Club Enquiries & Cricket	6689 5444
Dunoon Social Golf	6689 5147
Chris Gulliver	0428 428 165
Dunoon Soccer	6689 5898
Andy Bain	0427 942 184
Geoff Perrin	0429 090 946
DunoonTennis	6689 5264
Graeme Drew	
Marilyn Kent	
Tullera Tennis Club	668 2224
Pauline Leeson	

## BUS TIME TABLES

### WHIAN WHIAN - LISMORE

School Days Only  
School Bus Service

6628 4101

DEPARTS	Whian Whian	7.55am
	Dunoon Sch	8.06am
ARRIVES	Greaves	8.09am
	Lismore PO	8.45am
DEPARTS	Spinks Park	3.20pm
	Trinity Sch.	3.30pm
	Richmond RivSch	3.34pm
ARRIVES	Dunoon	4.02pm
	Whian Whian	4.15pm



### DUNOON BUS SERVICE

6624 8734/0412 248 503

Bus For Hire

Service is 'Hail & Ride' at any point along the route

### DURING SCHOOL TERM:

DEPARTS	Dorroughby Hall	7.55am
	Rocky Creek Dam	8am
	Donohue St. Dunoon	8.06am
	Numulgi Creek Road	8.09am
	Dunromin Dr. Modanville	8.12am
	Tullera Hall	8.17am
	McLeay Road	8.23am
	Richmond River High	8.30am
	Lismore High	8.41am
	Wyrallah Rd. Public Sch	8.46am
	OLL Public School	8.51am
ARRIVES	Lismore Bus Park	8.56am

### DEPARTS LISMORE BUS PARK 3.30PM

### DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

DEPARTS	Dorroughby Hall	8.30am
	Dunoon Store	8.40am
	Modanville Store	8.45am
	Tullera Hall	8.52am
	Minschull Crescent	8.56am
	Molesworth St.	9am
ARRIVES	Lismore Bus Park	9.07am

### DEPARTS LISMORE BUS PARK 3.30PM

## FIRE PERMIT OFFICERS

### DUNOON

Barry Watts	6689 5359
Aline Feebrey	6689 5438
Ross McDougall	0409 425 551

### TULLERA

John Hildebrand	0408 282 224
Dusty Miller	6622 2825

### THE CHANNON

John Hutchison	6688 6480
Tony Roden	6689 1562
Neale Hayter	6688 6171
J.J. Bruce	6688 6453

### ROSEBANK

De Condos	6688 1163
Doug Rowley	6688 2137
Eric Kinchin	6688 2217

## WILDLIFE CARERS



Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers 6628 1866

# WIRES

Northern Rivers

WIRES Animal Rescue 24hr Hotline

6628 1898



## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Dunoon Lodge  
Gordon Starkey 6689 5166

Dunoon Public  
School P & C  
Graham Jordan 6689 5300

Northern Rivers  
Animal Shelter  
Robyn 6681 1860



For Junior Guides (ages 7 - 9 years) and Guides (ages 10 - 15 years) please contact Helen Hargreaves on 6689 5294 (b.hours) or 6689 5254 after hours.

## LOCAL PHONE DIRECTORY

Accommodation	Imogen's Farmstay & Winery	6689 5672
Accountant	TNR	6621 8544
Admin/Secretarial Skills	Sarah Ogier	6689 5407
Advertising	Dunoon Gazette	6689 5954
Bottle Shop	Dunoon Store	6689 5225
	Mary G's	6622 2924
Builder	Multi Span Kit Buildings	6687 9954
	Lic no:196173c	
Building Materials (Recycled)	South Lismore	6622 2129
Bus Service	Dunoon	6624 8734
	Whian Whian	6628 4101
Carpenter	Andrew Dorieans	0434 913 708
	John Ferronato	0429 895 130
		A/H 6689 9437
Caterer	Annabelle Crow	6689 5276
Doctor	Dr. Gillian Ette	6689 5811
Dog Grooming	Janet Goodwin	6628 2910
Earthmoving	Tom Thumb - Jeremy	0458 895 414
Electrical Services	Warren Lewis	6689 5034
	Afterglow Electrical	0432 331 633
Farm Services	Tony Gifford	0409 938 835
Fencing Contractor	Andrew Shepherd	0431 095 583
General Store	Dunoon	6689 5225
Insurance	Dudgeon & Berry	6621 3000
Laundry Service	Clean & Green Laundry	6622 1359
Livestock Carriers	Alan & Tanya Maloney	0438 635 334
Mobile Mechanic- Small Engines	Josh Beck	0413 057 873
Mechanic/Petrol	Dunoon Automotive	6689 5137
Monumental Mason	Beckinsale	6621 5497
Mortgage Broker	Sue James	6689 5780
Mowing/Garden Care	John's Yard Yakka	6628 2224
Music Lessons	Dr. Matt Hill	6689 5870
Painter & Decorater	Shane Shaw	0414 668 708
Plumber	Nik Hyde	6689 5174
Pottery Supplies	North Lismore	6621 4688
Printer	Martin C	6622 3111
Rainwater Tanks	Smart Rainwater Solutions	0418 662 285
		6629 1212
Refrigeration	Russell's	6621 3992
Restaurant	Mayfields, Dunoon Sports	6689 5469
	Mary G's	6622 2924
Slashing, Fencing etc & Machinery For Hire	Ken @ Summacoast Slashing	0423 742 797
Sports Club	Dunoon	6689 5444
Surveyor	Ken Chelsworth	6688 6120
Tipper/Handyman	Darryn Bassey	6628 2147
Towing Service	Bruno Zambelli	6628 2230
Takeaway	Modanville	6628 2005
Tractor Repairs	Doc Dorahy	6622 2842
Tree Lopping	Steve Cubis	6688 6455
Tyres	Pirlos	6621 3561
Waste Disposal	Richmond Waste	6621 7431

## SCHOOLS PRESCHOOLS PLAYGROUPS

Dunoon Public School	6689 5208
Modanville Public School	6628 2234
Corndale Public School	6628 4305
The Channon Public School	6688 6236
Whian Whian Public School	6689 5240
Dunoon Pre School	6689 5396
The Channon Children's Centre	6688 6330
Dunoon After School/ Vacation Care	6689 5930
Tullera/Modanville Playgroup	6689 5381

Preschool now open Monday to Friday 9 to 3  
Enrolments welcome  
Playgroup Fridays 9:30 to 11:00 including  
storytime and music.

Contact preschool for details 6689 5396

### TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

*Want to try something different?  
Meet new people?  
Further your skills or learn new  
ones?  
Why not volunteer?*

There are many and varied positions available in a range of not-for-profit organisations in the Northern Rivers. Contact Jeannette at Volunteering Northern Rivers on 6621 7397 to find out how you can start volunteering.

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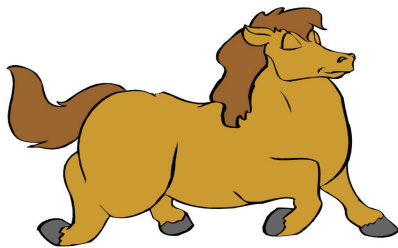
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Hm: 6628 2695

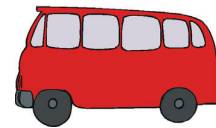
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0419 420 362

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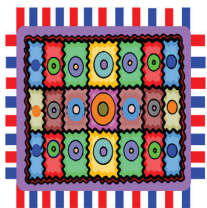


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disabilities.

Enquiries & Bookings:  
NCT: 6624 7070 or Driver  
Graeme Manning  
0408 484 995

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Beginners and advanced quilters welcome.

Contact Faith Newham

6689 5178



## DISCOVER THE FUN OF BEING A GIRL GUIDE!

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For more information call Helen 6689 5294

## Dunoon Indoor Bowls Club



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Please call  
Ron  
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