

# OUR COUNCIL

NEWS, NOTICES & EVENTS  
AROUND THE REGION

## Donation of a Sculpture for Installation in Emmaville

*Have Your Say on the Proposed Installation of Roobot in Emmaville*

Taronga Mines Pty Ltd has generously donated the unique sculpture Roobot to the community, and Council is proposing to have it installed in a public space in Emmaville.

Created by artist Michael "Mick" Brown, Roobot is made from 100% recycled materials and honours animals affected by the 2019 bushfires. It was first exhibited at the 2024 Swell Sculpture Festival.

Council is seeking input on Roobot's installation location, and is inviting Emmaville residents and the broader community to have their say.

**Have your say by 6 July 2025:**

- Visit Council's Have Your Say portal at: [haveyoursay.gisc.nsw.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.gisc.nsw.gov.au)
- Email your submission to: [council@gisc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@gisc.nsw.gov.au)

To learn more, contact Council's Place and Growth Team on: (02) 6730 2300

Roobot will be installed by The Men's Shed and Enzo's Concrete Services following community consultation.



## An Open Letter to Canberra

"When the Bush Pays for the City's Silence"

Mayor Margot Davis has sent a letter to the Prime Minister, on behalf of the community, calling for action to support rural communities like ours. Copies were also sent to NSW Senators, the Member for Northern Tablelands and the Member for New England.

Council is asking the Federal Government to:

- Restore the full 1% of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to local government by 30 June 2025
- Push for long-overdue structural reform that funds rural councils fairly and sustainably
- Prioritise mental health support and workplace protections for local councillors and council staff
- Acknowledge that the current Special Rate Variation (SRV) process is broken and damaging trust between councils and communities.

**To read the full letter from Mayor Davis, please visit Council's website.**

## June Grants & Funding Opportunities

Council is pleased to share a range of current funding opportunities available for community groups, businesses and infrastructure projects.

These grants are designed to support local growth, innovation and development, helping to bring valuable initiatives to life in our region. Each listing includes a link to the official program website where you'll find full details on eligibility, application requirements, key dates and other important information.

We encourage you to carefully review the guidelines to ensure your application aligns with the funding criteria.

Best of luck with your submissions we look forward to seeing these opportunities contribute to a thriving community!

**Check out the latest Grants & Funding on Council's website.**

Alternatively, please contact Council's Grants Officer on: (02) 6730 2300

## Development Application on Exhibition

Council has received the following Development Application:

**DA No.:** 62/24-25 (PAN-494889)  
**Applicant:** Chris Smith & Associates  
**Proposal:** Electricity Generating Works – Solar Installation & Battery Storage  
**Location:** Gwydir Highway, Glen Innes – Lots 59–62 DP1834

Plans and documents are available on the NSW Planning Portal and Council's website.

Written submissions close Thursday 19 June 2025.

Submissions may be published in Council reports and are subject to disclosure under GIPA legislation. Political donations or gifts made within two years must be declared.

To learn more, please visit the Advertised Development Applications page on Council's website, or contact Council on: (02) 6730 2300.

## Infrastructure Works Program

The following works are scheduled in the period ending 19 June 2025 subject to weather conditions and unforeseen delays:

- Jet patching in Glen Innes Township, Grahams Valley Road and Old Grafton Road
- The Roads Construction Crew will be working at Wellington Vale Road
- Maintenance grading is scheduled at Glen Leigh Road (spring damage and grading), Millers Road, Ben Nevis Road, and Aqua Park Road, Pitlochry Road, Camerons Road, Jenkins Road, Marcantelli's Road, Waterloo Road
- The Bridge Team is working on Cox's Road
- The Drainage Team is working on Ryans Road, Doolan Road and box culverts on Strathbogie Road
- The Maintenance crew will be prioritising line marking at various locations and road signage
- The Heavy Patching crew will be working on Tablelands Road.

For upcoming road closures, please visit the [Roads page](#) on Council's website.

Any reports of road conditions or requests for works, please contact Council on: (02) 6730 2300 or [roads@gisc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:roads@gisc.nsw.gov.au).

A reminder to residents that the Roads on Call Mobile Number is for afterhours emergency situations.

## JOBS AT COUNCIL

- Property Officer
- Educator Assistant (OOSH) - Maternity Relief
- Trainee Facility Maintenance Officer
- Activity Support Facilitator
- Rates Officer

Apply now via the [Jobs at Council](#) page on Council's website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE HIGHLANDS

**Every Saturday**  
Australian Standing Stones Parkrun  
8am

**14 June**  
Pride Month Movie - The Birdcage  
Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre  
11am

**19 June**  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre  
9am

**21 June**  
Winter Solstice  
Australian Standing Stones National Monument

**6 July - 13 July**  
NAIDOC Week Celebrations  
Glen Innes

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