

# Black lives matter

Northern Rivers communities support international campaign

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Protestors gathered in the quadrangle next to the Lismore Environment Centre in Molesworth Street in support of the Black Lives Matter worldwide movement on the 6th and 26th June.

Members of the local Widjabul and Wybul mob spoke about the ongoing injustice and racism they face on a daily basis, and the devastating effects of the disproportionate over-incarceration of their people.

On 6th June, over a thousand supporters listened and then marched chanting “Black Lives Matter” to the Lismore police station, where a smoking ceremony was held, and more speeches were heard.

At the following rally on the 26th, supporters held a smaller gathering and walked to MP Kevin Hogan’s office to deliver a petition demanding an apology.

Both events were peaceful. Police remained respectful and were invited to join the protestors in a moment’s silence and smoking ceremony on the 6th.



Above: Gilbert Laurie speaking outside the Lismore police station at the rally on 6th June. Photo: Omega Breakspear  
Below: Richmond Area Command police bend the knee at the rally. Photo: Chibo Mertineit



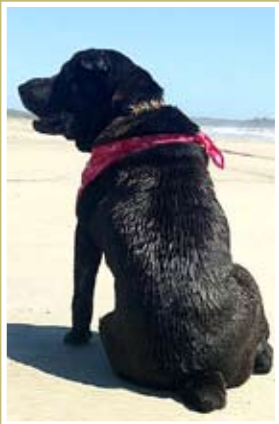
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