



TWEED
SHIRE COUNCIL

Mayor: Cr B Longland

Councillors: Cr M Armstrong (Deputy Mayor)
G Bagnall
K Milne
C Byrne
W Polglase
P Youngblutt

Agenda

Extraordinary Council Meeting Friday 1 February 2013

held at Murwillumbah Cultural and Civic Centre
commencing at 3.00pm

COUNCIL'S CHARTER

Tweed Shire Council's charter comprises a set of principles that are to guide Council in the carrying out of its functions, in accordance with Section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Tweed Shire Council has the following charter:

- to provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively;
- to exercise community leadership;
- to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of multiculturalism;
- to promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children;
- to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development;
- to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions;
- to bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to effectively account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible;
- to facilitate the involvement of councillors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and co-ordination of local government;
- to raise funds for local purposes by the fair imposition of rates, charges and fees, by income earned from investments and, when appropriate, by borrowings and grants;
- to keep the local community and the State government (and through it, the wider community) informed about its activities;
- to ensure that, in the exercise of its regulatory functions, it acts consistently and without bias, particularly where an activity of the council is affected;
- to be a responsible employer.

Items for Consideration of Council:

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LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

- 1 Civic Leadership
- 1.2.1 Council will be underpinned by good governance and transparency in its decision making processes
- 1.2.2.1 Priority decision making
- 1.2.2.1.1 Council decisions will be in accordance with the Community Strategic Plan

1 [NOR-Crs P Youngblutt, W Polglase, C Byrne] Local Environmental Plan

NOTICE OF RESCISSION:

Councillor P Youngblutt, W Polglase and C Byrne move that the Minute Number 57, Item 45 of meeting held Thursday 24 January 2013 being:

"that:

1. *The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure be invited to urgently meet with the Tweed Shire Councillors to discuss local concerns about environmental protection measures in the Tweed Local Environmental Plan.*
2. *Given the unique biodiversity of our region:*
 - (a) *The recommendations contained within the document presently known as the draft Environment Strategy (based on the Tweed Vegetation Management Strategy) be accepted as a late submission to the Draft Local Environmental Plan 2012.*
 - (b) *The recommendations included in the Tweed Coast Koala Habitat Study (2011) relating to environmental protection be also accepted as a late submission to the Draft Local Environmental Plan 2012."*

be rescinded.

2 [NOM-Cr W Polglase] Local Environmental Plan

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Councillor W Polglase moves that Council supports the existing LEP process including the close of submissions on 18 January 2013.

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

3 [GM-CM] January 2013 Flood Event Update

SUBMITTED BY: General Manager



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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report provides information received from both the Prime Minister's and NSW Premier's office in relation to the inclusion of Tweed Shire as part of the "Natural Disaster" declaration following the subject flooding event.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this report be considered in conjunction with further information to be tabled at this meeting.

REPORT:



THE HON JULIA GILLARD MP
Prime Minister



THE HON BARRY O'FARRELL MP
Premier of NSW
Minister for Western Sydney

**NATURAL DISASTERS DECLARED FOLLOWING FLOODING ACROSS
NORTHERN NSW**

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell have today announced ten Local Government Areas will have access to jointly-funded national disaster assistance following extensive flooding.

Natural disaster assistance is available to affected residents, small business owners and primary producers in the following LGAs:

- Ballina Shire
- Bellingen Shire
- Byron Shire
- Clarence Valley
- Coffs Harbour City
- Kyogle
- Lismore City
- Nambucca Shire
- Richmond Valley
- Tweed Shire

The deluge right across northern NSW has resulted in extreme flooding in a number of areas.

The NSW State Emergency Service has been inundated with calls for assistance with the heavy rain, strong winds and flash flooding bringing down power lines and trees and ripping roofs off homes.

Just two weeks ago we were in the midst of a bushfire emergency gripping large parts of the state and now we are inundated with rain and flooding.

The declaration triggers a number of disaster assistance schemes to assist with the cost of disaster relief and recovery.

These disaster assistance schemes are made available by the NSW Government through the NSW Disaster Assistance Arrangements and they are jointly funded by the Commonwealth Government through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

These measures will help families, business owners and primary producers to restore any damage caused by the floods and ease some of the associated burden.

As ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald continues to track south, more communities are being affected by damaging winds, heavy rainfall and flooding.

Further areas could be declared in the coming days as the clean-up effort continues.

Australian Government agencies are working hand-in-hand with local emergency services to ensure that people receive the assistance they need during these difficult times.

Anyone needing help from the SES should contact their local unit on 132 500. In a life threatening emergency, always ring Triple Zero (000).

For more information about disaster assistance go to www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

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Media Release

Monday 28 January 2013



Roads cut and water, sewer and waste services affected in the Tweed

Mayor urges residents to stay safe and stay off the roads

Heavy rain and strong winds have caused moderate flooding across the Tweed and have disrupted a number of Council services.

Council crews are working hard removing debris and fallen trees from the roads, as winds of up to 100 kilometres an hour hit the Tweed Coast today.

For information about road closures across the Tweed, visit the website www.myroadinfo.com and click on the information for the Tweed Shire Council local government area.

Roads currently showing as closed due to flood waters include Tweed Valley Way, Kennedy Drive, Clothiers Creek Road, Kyogle Road, Pottsville Road, Queensland Road, Fingal Road, Limpinwood Road, Numinbah Road and Uriup Road.

Mayor of Tweed, Councillor Barry Longland, urges residents to stay off the roads.

"This is not a time to go for a sticky beak in the car, or on foot, as there are trees across the roads and debris flying, particularly along the coast," he said.

"It's also important not to swim in floodwaters, as apart from the obvious danger of being swept away or into drains, the water poses a health risk, exacerbated by the number of sewer overflows from pump stations we've been experiencing across the Tweed.

"If you need assistance, please call the State Emergency Services (SES) on 132 500.

"We're liaising with the SES throughout this crisis and I understand an emergency evacuation centre is being established at the Salvation Army Centre at the corner of Leisure Drive and Woodlands Drive in Banora Point."

Power outages have affected the operation of 40 per cent of the Tweed Shire's sewer pump stations, out of a total of 180. The worst affected areas are Bilambil Heights, Tweed Heads West, parts of Tweed Heads South and Pottsville, Chinderah and Condong.

Residents in these areas are asked to minimise the use of water which flows to the sewer, as the waste water in these areas is unable to be pumped to the relevant waste water treatment plant.

"It would be appreciated if people in these areas could have short showers and not flush their toilets where possible," Mayor of Tweed, Barry Longland, said.

In the village of Uki, residents are without power and cut off by floodwaters. Power outages at the local water pumping station have left the reservoir with just 10 per cent of water supply for the village.

"I'm a Uki resident myself, so I'm cut off and without power," Councillor Longland said.

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"I urge Uki residents to minimise water use to conserve the 10 per cent potable water we have remaining, and use it only for drinking, until we can get water carters through to top up the reservoir supply.

"Even then, the water may be too full of sediment for some time before the pump station can run.

"We're in the hands of Essential Energy, however their repair work is being hampered by strong winds and the large number of trees down."

Today's household waste collection services (waste, recycling and green waste) have been cancelled for and residents with a Monday collection are asked to place their bins out tomorrow, where they will be collected in due course.

There has been minor damage to caravans and other structures at the seven holiday parks under the control of Council through the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks. Van owners are requested to refrain from inspecting their vans until the rain and wind have abated.

The Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre is closed today, as is the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah.

For more emergency information, please tune into ABC Radio North Coast FM 94.5, 1300 659 994
www.abc.net.au/northcoast

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Media Release

Tuesday 29 January 2013



Council assesses the damage following yesterday's moderate flood

Tweed Shire among those declared as a Natural Disaster Area

The Tweed is mopping up following the weekend's rain event, which has been classified as a moderate flood.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell have just announced 10 local government areas - including the Tweed - will have access to jointly-funded national disaster assistance following extensive flooding. Natural disaster assistance is available to affected residents, small business owners and primary producers

As the water recedes everywhere except Chinderah, Council crews are busy clearing trees and debris from roads, while Council officers assess the damage to roads and community assets. There are a large number of trees down across the Shire and Council staff are continuing to work with Essential Energy to clear roadways.

A number of roads still remain closed and access to Murwillumbah from the north and south is via the Yelgun turn-off from the Pacific Highway. Some rural communities such as Tumbulgum remain cut-off and many private properties remain isolated by floodwaters.

"Overall, you'd have to say the Tweed has been lucky in missing what could have been a major flood and widespread devastation," Mayor of Tweed, Councillor Barry Longland, said.

"The flood has been determined to be moderate, with the Tweed River peaking at 4.6 metres at Murwillumbah yesterday and reaching 1.85 metres at Chinderah today," he said

"Having said that, there would no doubt be many tales of individual hardship and damage to properties, businesses and agricultural crops across the Tweed."

"At this stage, Council officers are preparing estimates on the level of damage which has occurred to Council assets. These estimates will then be submitted to the State Government, which in turn will use this information to ascertain whether a "natural disaster state" can be declared, which would allow for compensation funds to be made available for repair or betterment works to damaged assets."

There have been a number of slips on Numinbah Road from Crystal creek to Chillingham, as well significant slips between Chillingham and the border and at Rowlands Creek near Uki.

Issues remain in relation to water supply and sewer services in Uki and Tyalgum. Council staff are continuing to ensure a minimum supply of drinking water to these villages. Tumbulgum sewerage system is not operational due to inundation.

Residents of Uki and Tyalgum are asked to minimise their town water use. Tumbulgum residents are requested to minimise sewer use by taking shorter showers, reducing toilet flushing and delaying clothes washing.

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"We thank residents in these villages for their cooperation," Councillor Longland said.

Council staff are working on resolving some problems at the Lavender Creek pump station in Murwillumbah, which ceased pumping last night, resulting in higher than normal volumes of stormwater in that catchment. Pumps are now operating on manual controls.

There are a number of sewer overflows in Banora Point, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah.

"While sewer overflows do pose a potential health risk, these are not significant," Councillor Longland said.

"However, it is a timely reminder that no-one should swim or wade through floodwater unnecessarily for many reasons, as there could be submerged objects, debris, or contamination from a variety of sources," he said.

"Also, we request motorists not to drive through closed roads, not only for your own safety but also to prevent water from washing onto neighbouring houses and causing further damage," he said.

"We've had a number of calls from distressed residents about the waves of water washing onto their houses."

An assessment is underway at the seven holiday parks to determine the level of damage to the Tweed Coast Holiday Park's assets (managed by Council through a Trust), as well as the tenants' property.

An initial assessment of beach erosion along the Tweed Coast has found the impact has not been significant impact, however a further review will take place over the next few days.

For flood assistance, please call the SES on 132 500. For road closures, go to www.myroadinfo.com

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OPTIONS:

Nil.

CONCLUSION:

Nil.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

a. Policy:

Corporate Policy Not Applicable.

b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

c. Legal:

Not Applicable.

d. Communication/Engagement:

Inform - We will keep you informed.

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

- 2 Supporting Community Life
- 2.4 An integrated transport system that services local and regional needs
- 2.4.1 Provide a safe and efficient network of arterial roads connecting neighbourhoods to town centres, employment, shopping, health, commercial and education facilities

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

Nil.
