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Lifeguards on a beach near you this season

Expanded surf life saving patrols have begun at Kingscliff Main Beach to ensure there is a patrolled section every day through to April 2018.

Australian Lifeguard Services has been engaged by Council to patrol Main Beach from 9am to 5pm on weekdays, extending to 6pm from December to the end of February. The patrols began in October.

This will complement the Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club patrols on weekends, to make sure there is a central beach in Tweed Shire that has lifeguard services throughout summer and for much of spring and autumn.

"This brings the Tweed in line with our neighbouring local government areas of Byron and the Gold Coast, which have daily patrolled beaches," Council's Director Community and Natural Resources, Tracey Stinson, said.

"It comes in response to a growing number of visitors and residents on our beaches, always giving them the chance to be safer and swim between the flags at patrolled areas."

Council recently resolved to allocate more funds to the contracted patrol services, which will also introduce a Rescue Water Craft (RWC) at Kingscliff for use by lifeguards during patrol hours and for after-hour emergency call-outs.

Northern NSW Lifeguard Coordinator Scott McCartney said while swimmers were always encouraged to swim between the flags, the RWC would be available to respond to emergency incidents at other Tweed Shire beaches throughout the patrol period.

"It will enable us to respond to emergencies along the coast involving



Council's Recreation Service Manager, Stewart Brawley (left), with Northern NSW Lifeguard Coordinator Scott McCartney and Surf Life Saving NSW CEO Steven Pearce at an announcement of the expanded patrols at Kingscliff's Main Beach.

surfers and other water users, not just swimmers," Mr McCartney said.

"The extended patrol season is a very positive, proactive move to help prevent tragedies on our coastline."

Free fun for everyone

Jack Evans Boat Harbour will host a 'sense-ational' of activities when the Festival of Belonging is held on Thursday (23 November) from 10am to 2pm.

The free Festival, celebrating Social Inclusion Week, will feature music, dance, food and other activities to stimulate all seven senses.

"There will be something for young and old, to smell, touch, taste, hear, see, balance and move," Council's Community Development Officer – Ageing and Disability, Karen Collins, said.

"It will be a day of fun where everyone belongs."

Performers will include the South Sea Islander dancers from Pasifika Breeze, the US Band from Lifebridge and drumming demonstrations.



Pasifika Breeze dancers during a Tweed Shire Access and Inclusion Awards presentation ceremony.

Sinking more into drainage

Council has boosted funding to improve water quality and the amenity of the Western Drainage Scheme at Banora Point.

Council will inject another \$80,000 into the annual maintenance budget – which includes weed harvesting – for the system. The total annual budget for maintenance now sits at \$192,000.

Weed harvesting and silt removal will now be allowed at any time of the year if noxious weeds block between 20 and 50 per cent of the drain. However, Council staff will first ensure there are no threatened comb-crested Jacana nesting or with chicks in the work area.

The comb-crested Jacana is found in small numbers on and around waterlily areas of the freshwater drain. Previously Council has only had a brief window between August and October to undertake maintenance of the drain to protect the bird and its young during the nesting and fledgling periods.

A floating reed bed system will be installed upstream of Fraser Drive to help improve water quality. A trial bed has been successfully operating in the system for some time.

Landscaping and revegetating of parkland fronting the drain between Club Banora Golf Club and Leisure Drive is planned. This will provide more shade trees on this section which may help to lower water temperature, improve dissolved oxygen content and discourage some weed and algae species. However, the nutrient loading of the drainage system is largely due to the stormwater runoff from the large residential areas it serves. Nutrient overload at times results in reduced dissolved oxygen levels and increases the likelihood of fish kills.

Council will also pursue opportunities to work with the community to restore the Western Drainage Scheme to a more healthy state, including educating the community on its function as a drainage system and implementing a Landcare or Adopt a Park program to care for the waterway and adjoining land.

New South Wales calls on Council pair for advice

Two of Council's Natural Resource Management Unit staff have been appointed to key advisory roles with State government bodies.

Unit Coordinator Jane Lofthouse is one of seven experts appointed to the newly-established NSW Coastal Council under the Coastal Management Act 2016. The panel's role is to provide expert advice to the Minister administering the Act and to local councils in developing coastal management programs. The Minister may also request advice to public authorities on coastal management issues.

Jane was selected for her expertise in local government and coastal management. She has been one of three Local Government NSW representatives on the NSW Coastal Panel since its inception in 2011, and the only representative employed by a local government authority.

Council General Manager Troy Green congratulated Jane, who he said was a valued and respected Council representative, both internally at Council and within the wider community and her industry peers.

"Jane is a highly articulate and knowledgeable spokesperson and advocate for Council and the community on coastal zone management issues," Mr Green said.

"Over the past 21 years, her role at Council has evolved to encompass projects and programs across the spectrum of coastal zone management issues, including stormwater quality, water quality, estuarine and terrestrial habitat protection and rehabilitation, land use planning, community awareness and engagement, recreational facilities and their impacts on coasts and estuaries, and significantly, the processes and planning for major coastal protection works and sand nourishment at Kingscliff."

Project Officer – Biodiversity, Michael Corke, has also been accepted as the Local Government NSW representative on the NSW Environmental Trust's Environmental Education Technical Subcommittee – Government Stream.

The subcommittee's key role is to assess applications for the Trust's annual Environmental Education Grant (Local Government) Program. The program supports education projects or programs that develop or widen



the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to, protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behaviour.

"Michael's extensive experience in leading restoration and rehabilitation projects is among the reasons for his selection. He has demonstrated experience in successful projects on the ground and is particularly knowledgeable in connecting landscapes," Mr Green said.

"Jane and Michael's appointments are an indication of the depth of expertise in Council's Natural Resource Management team and the value and respect shown for the work we do here in Tweed Shire. Well done to them both."

Reaping energy savings

A quarter of the electricity used by Council will be generated by renewable sources by 2022, rising to 50 per cent with storage by 2025, under a new Renewable Energy Action Plan adopted earlier this month.

Phase one of the program will invest \$5.2 million and will install rooftop solar systems on 15 Council buildings, totalling 921.2 kilowatts, as well as achieving energy efficiency improvements in streetlights, lighting, wastewater treatment, heating and ventilation systems.

The changes are estimated to bring \$1m in annual savings on Council's power bills, while cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent by 2022 and 40 per cent by 2025 compared to its 2016/17 emissions.

"Like 30 per cent of Tweed households, Council sees the cost savings and carbon-reduction benefits from using its own solar power," Council's Sustainability Program Leader, Deb Firestone, said.

"Council is also interested in batteries but analysis suggests we would only just recover the cost of batteries from energy savings before the end of the battery life. That's not the best deal for ratepayers.

"In the meantime, we'll focus our efforts on the energy efficiency and solar projects that offer the best return."

What cost your trees?

Effective budgeting for tree planting will be explained at the next instalment of the Land for Wildlife workshop series for Tweed landholders.

"The 9 December workshop will teach participants to put a basic cost to all activities associated with riparian tree planting," Council's Project Officer – Biodiversity, Michael Corke, said.

"This workshop will cover most facets of planting. We aim to help participants assign costs to each stage of the process so they can begin to develop an accurate budget for their own planting project."

The Land for Wildlife workshop series – launched in 2016 and funded by a National Parks and Wildlife Foundation grant with support from Council – helps private landholders manage native habitat on their properties.

The free workshop will be held on a Chillingham property involved in the Rous River Riparian Restoration project, which aims to improve waterway health by restoring native riverbank vegetation.

The Rous River Riparian Restoration project is a three-year project managed by Council's Waterways Project Officer, Matt Bloor, and funded by the NSW Environmental Trust, with additional funding from Council.

"We will discuss tree planting in the context of the project and inspect a recent planting," Mr Corke said.

"Participants will also roll their sleeves up and plant some trees to augment the existing planting."

The series will continue in 2018 with workshops on fire and biodiversity and managing waterways.

"Each workshop is designed to help landholders manage the natural heritage assets of their land, to share their experiences and to expand their personal networks," he said.

Bookings are essential for each workshop by phoning Council's Contact Centre on (02) 6670 2400.

Participants in the budgeting for tree planting workshop are required to wear long-sleeved clothing, sturdy boots and a hat. Bring water and something to sit on. Morning tea will be provided. Details of the venue will be provided upon registration.

Curtain call for cat survey

Own a cat or have opinions about cats as pets?

A week remains to complete the [Love Cats, Love Wildlife](#) online survey, which will help Council shape future animal welfare education programs for the local community.

We want to hear from all Tweed residents, not just cat owners, to look further into cat ownership and management in the Tweed.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and must be submitted by Monday 27 November. Paper copies are available at Council offices, libraries, vet surgeries and the New Leaf Café.

Participants can also register to find out more about the secret life of your cat, through a Tweed 'citizen science' cat tracker project scheduled to start early next year.

Major flood repairs begin with Blacks Drain

Council last week awarded a contract to Skeen Constructions Pty Ltd to restore Tweed Valley Way, at Blacks Drain, South Murwillumbah, which was washed away in the March flood.

The contractor expects to have a presence on the South Murwillumbah site by the end of November. Work will continue through to at least the end of February 2018. Motorists should expect delays.

The work to be undertaken includes restoration of:

- two traffic lanes with road shoulders
- a pedestrian footpath
- guardrail
- a permanent water main, and
- drainage infrastructure.

Scour protection of the road embankments adjacent to the culvert will also be undertaken to reduce the likelihood of failure in future flood events.

Council workers and contractors achieved a temporary repair of Tweed Valley Way the day after the flood, which has provided a single-lane connection for the community.

This contract is the first of the larger flood road repairs to be awarded. All up, there are about 50 large road repair jobs to go out to contract.

The first package of minor to medium-sized road flood repairs was awarded in October and is currently being done.

The second package of minor to medium-sized repairs is expected to go to Council in early December, with a third package currently on track to follow before Christmas.

Council estimates the flood caused approximately \$27 million of damage to roads and bridges. Council expects to recover \$18.3 million of its roads bill through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance (NDRRA) and grant funding, leaving a possible shortfall of \$8.7 million to be funded from Council's future operating and capital budgets.

NDRRA has strict funding rules, including that costs are recoverable only where Council uses contractor resources, so Council cannot use its own workforce to repair flood damage.

DIY library checkouts

The installation of new self-service scanning equipment at the three Tweed Shire libraries was completed this week, coinciding with the almost-finalised upgrade of Tweed Heads Library.

"The self-service kiosks and scanners are now operating at the Kingscliff and Murwillumbah Libraries, giving users a quick and convenient way to check-out books and other resources from the libraries," Tweed Area Librarian Selina Ryan said.

"However, there will continue to be staff on hand at all times to assist users who need further information or would just like some personalised assistance."

All three libraries will be closed to the public on Wednesday 29 November, as all Richmond Tweed Regional Library (RTRL) staff receive a day of training.

RTRL staff and contractors are undertaking the huge task of moving thousands of books, discs and other resources back onto the shelves of the expanded Tweed Heads Library, which will reopen to the public on Wednesday 6 December.

In the meantime, the RTRL Mobile Library will return to the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre on Monday 27 November from 10am to enable users to pick up booked items and browse selected resources, after the temporary Tweed Library closed on 13 November.

For updates and further information, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Library

VACANCIES

Building Surveyor

Environmental Health Officer – fixed term 12 months

For more information and to apply:

- Visit Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers
- Contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495
- All positions close at 12 noon (NSW time)
- Late applications not permitted.



Tweed Valley Way at Blacks Drain on the morning of Saturday 1 April 2017.

ROAD WRAP

Flood Road Repair Works schedule (site and weather conditions permitting)

Contractor		Week Starting
Brown Bros		20 November 2017
Locality	Road	Comments
Bilambil to Dulguigan Road	Urliup Road	Expect short delays Locals only
Glengarrie	Glengarrie Road	Expect short delays Locals only
Tomewin	Glengarrie Road	Expect short delays Locals only
Bilambil	Hogans Road	Expect short delays Locals only

Closed roads

Murwillumbah – drainage upgrade Nullum Street, between Condong and Hartigan streets; Roadworks Tumbulgom Road, between Sunnyside Lane and Old Ferry Road.

Expect short delays

Banora Point – sewer main construction Fraser Drive, from Botanical Circuit to Amaroo Drive. Cycleway construction Fraser Drive.

Cudgen – sub-division works may cause delays on Crescent Street between Tweed Coast Road and Cudgen Road. There are two separate subdivisions with road works and trucks accessing the sites (reduced speed limits in place).

Cudgera Creek – stormwater culvert construction, Spring Valley Road.

Duranbah – roadworks Duranbah Road, between Eviron and Brinsmead roads.

Kynnumboon – road reconstruction works at Tomewin Road near the intersection with Queensland Road.

Murwillumbah – road reconstruction Prince Street, between Eyles Avenue and Myrtle Lane.

South Murwillumbah – temporary traffic lights flood damage Tweed Valley Way (Blacks Drain). Revetment works Tweed Valley Way.

Terranora – sub-division works may cause delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts. Rock revetment, fish habitat and waver energy deflector construction on River Road (at the end of Old Ferry Road).

Tweed Heads – Footpath construction Dry Dock Road.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended)

Application details

Approved

DA17/0568 – Convert existing ground floor area to a secondary dwelling
Lot 47 DP 29292, No. 4 Seaview Road, **Banora Point**

DA17/0583 – Pole sign for “The Commons” mixed use development
Lot 171 DP 1208112, Lot 172 DP 1208112, No. 480 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA17/0534 – Enclose carport for cold room, food preparation area and commercial smoker for home business
Lot 5 DP 700772, No. 358 Cobaki Road, **Cobaki**

DA17/0267 – Alterations and additions to existing rear shed to create a secondary dwelling and a carport over the driveway
Lot 56 DP 792161, No. 41 John Robb Way, **Cudgen**

DA17/0142 – Ancillary development to an existing recreation establishment for the purposes of a farm building including an agricultural display centre and an administration building
Lot 33DP 755754, Lot 33DP 755754, Tyalgum Road, **Eungella**

DA17/0316 – Alterations and additions to dwelling to create attached secondary dwelling
Lot 1 DP 29546, No. 62 Sutherland Street, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0381 – Mixed use development including retail and office, shop top housing, multi dwelling housing, residential flat building with residential accommodation and tourist and visitor accommodation subdivision in 3 stages and 31 lot strata subdivision
Lot 54 DP 1145386, Lot 55 DP 1145386, Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0417 – Construction of a dwelling to create detached dual occupancy
Lot 92 DP 260286, No. 6 Kindee Street, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0574 – Use of existing sub-floor building works under unit 2 as a storage area
SP 55024, No. 22 Moss Street, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0451 – Staged light industrial development (Stage 1: 1 unit, Stage 2: 1 unit and Stage 3: 1 unit) and removal of existing buildings
Lot 2 DP 1229813, No. 21 Lundberg Drive, **South Murwillumbah**

DA17/0532 – Change of use of one tourist accommodation unit to dual use shop top housing and serviced apartments
Lot 106 SP 79995, Unit 106/No. 20–22 Stuart Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA17/0297 – Replace two existing signs
Lot 103 DP 807099, No. 40-42 Greenway Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA17/0523 – Partial change of use of shop to food and drink premises
Lot 232 DP 721129, No. 1464 Kyogle Road, **Uki**

DA17/0619 – Double carport in front building line
Lot 101 DP 263367, No. 7 Commodore Court, **Banora Point**

The above development determinations are available for public inspection free of charge at the Planning and Regulation Division, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, during ordinary office hours OR viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking

DA17/0630 – Dwelling additions including second storey
Lot 348 DP 832321, No. 8 Satinash Terrace, **Banora Point**

DA17/0586 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including two bedrooms, rumpus and bathroom
Lot 11 DP 858813, No. 43 Dixons Road, **Burringbar**

DA17/0598 – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8m front fence
Lot 73 DP 1027531, No. 13 Bozier Court, **Casuarina**

DA17/0663 – Dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 2 DP 1223902, No. 51A Laceflower Parade, **Casuarina**

DA17/0691 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 135 DP 1030322, No. 562 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA17/0616 – Single storey dwelling house with attached double garage
Lot 172 DP 1232273, No. 37A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0624 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage
Lot 164 DP 1232273, No. 45A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0629 – Two storey dwelling house with attached double carport and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 175 DP 1232273, No. 74A Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0639 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage, in-ground swimming pool and retaining wall
Lot 168 DP 1232273, No. 41A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0665 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 136 DP 1202149, No. 49 Sailfish Way, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0676 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 101 DP 1202149, No. 13 Sailfish Way, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0717 – Boundary retaining wall, 1.8 m high boundary fence and attached verandah to Unit 1
SP 19877, No. 29 Surf Street, **Kingscliff**

DA17/0640 – Verandah extension
Lot 110 DP 1142485, No. 14 Woodgee Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA17/0602 – Single storey dwelling house
Lot 8 DP 876089, No. 3 Pine Tree Place, **Piggabeen**

DA17/0428 – Double garage in front setback, veranda extension, enclose part of rear deck and convert ground level store into bedroom with ensuite
Lot 5 DP 28868, No. 10 Alva Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA17/0565 – Elevated single storey dwelling house with detached carport
Lot 114 DP 32024, No. 21 Myeerimba Parade, **Tweed Heads West**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Kingscliff Triathlon – Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December 2017. **Race starts:** 6.30am – last competitor finished 2pm.
Swim Course: Cudgen Creek (closed 6am to 10am). **Cycle Course:** Roads closed – Marine Pde from Moss St to Turnock St (4am to 2pm); Marine Pde from Turnock St to Wommin Bay Rd, Wommin Bay Rd, Chinderah Bay Dr from Waugh St to dead end (7am to 11am). **Run Course:** Roads closed – Marine Pde, Moss St, Sutherland St, Sutherland Pt, Cudgen Creek Boardwalk (6am to 2pm). Please visit www.kingsclifftriathlon.com.au or contact Mike on 0402 226 333.

Kingscliff Farmers Market – Fresh farm produce, gourmet food stalls and live entertainment. **Every Saturday, 7am to 11am, Kingscliff TAFE, Cudgen Road.**

Tweed Unlimited Arts Xmas Fair – 25 and 26 November, 154 Pioneer Parade, Banora Point. Sausage sizzle, spinners, weavers, pottery, painting and fibre art. Open 9am – 4pm daily. Enquiries (07) 5523 1228.

Kingscliff Lions Beachside Markets – Always 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month – next market 25 February. For enquiries and bookings phone 0406 724 323.



Readers who are unsure of when their meter is read can look up their water week at:

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

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