



From left: Murwillumbah Rotary President Tony van't Riet, Mount Warning AM Rotary President Patsy Lucas and Murwillumbah Central Rotary President Tony Thompson get their hands dirty to help the environment.

Community tree planting at Platypus Park

A group of community volunteers has come together with Council staff over the weekend to revitalise an area hit hard by last year's floods.

Platypus Park, a block of community land at the confluence of the Tweed River and Smiths Creek, was planted with more than 1,200 native plants at a National Tree Day event in 2015.

After being fully submerged during the floods Council's Project Officer Waterways Matthew Bloor said the area has been in a very challenging state.

"It was hit hard by the flooding in March last year when the river rose to a record 13 metres and the force of the water was incredible, pushing over not only planted trees but also very large trees growing along the banks of the river," Mr Bloor said.

"Contractors have been maintaining the site since then – a challenging task as the flooding spread, and has favoured, a huge variety of weeds."

On Sunday 18 March over 35 volunteers from three local Rotary Clubs came together to plant around 250 trees at Platypus Park, an event organised by Council's Waterways and Riparian Projects team and Uki Residents Association.

Mt Warning AM Rotary President Patsy Lucas said the planting ties in with flood recovery work they have been doing for the past

year as well as goals set by their international body.

"Generally the three clubs around Murwillumbah work independently but following the flood we came together and have been doing a lot of work with local families," Ms Lucas said.

"Getting out and doing work to help the environment after working with members of the community all year is a natural progression.

"The Rotary theme for this year is 'Making a Difference' and this is a prime example of something we can all do."

Rotary International has a target to plant 1.2 million trees in a year – one for every member, and has made the case that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to the goal of sustainable service.

Mr Bloor said the target set by Rotary sends a strong message of service by example.

"There is recognition that environmental degradation and climate change are everyone's concern," he said.

"Council has partnered with several community groups to restore sites along the Tweed River over the past year.

"It takes time for our natural environment to recover after a natural disaster, and we couldn't do all of this work without local volunteers and community groups."

Night roadworks to begin

Council contractors will start nightworks on Monday 9 April to cement, stabilise and rebuild two sections of road at Banora Point.

The sections are on Leisure Drive, from the Nudgee Street roundabout to east of Greenway Drive, and on Fraser Drive, from Vintage Lakes Drive south to the Coles supermarket on Leisure Drive.

The work is being done at night due to the high volumes of traffic on these roads and the nature of the works being undertaken.

The road sections will remain open to traffic under the management of stop/slow flagmen during work hours from 7pm to 5am from Sunday to Thursday nights. There will be no work done on Friday and Saturday nights. Motorists, however, are asked to use alternate routes if possible to avoid disrupting the works. Also, they are advised to expect delays if they travel through the roadworks.

The works are being undertaken by two contracting companies, with one following the other. The first will prepare the road; the second will apply the final asphalt pavement.

Weather permitting, the nightworks will occur across a two-week period on:

- Leisure Drive: from Monday 9 April to Thursday 12 April and then again from Sunday 15 April to Tuesday 17 April inclusive
- Fraser and Leisure drives: from Sunday 15 April to Thursday 19 April and then again from Sunday 22 April to Thursday 26 April (no work Anzac Day 25 April), inclusive.



The work areas on Fraser and Leisure drives.

In brief ...

Seniors Festival events program

The full program for the 2018 Seniors Festival is now available, showcasing a huge variety of events and activities taking place across Tweed Shire.

The Seniors Festival will run from Wednesday 4 April to Sunday 15 April and will celebrate all that is wonderful about life as a senior in Tweed Shire.

Featuring more than 40 listings for things to do during the 60th anniversary of the NSW Seniors Festival there is definitely something for everyone.

Pick up your copy of the program at your local Council office or library, visit our website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival or check out the event on Council's Facebook page to get your copy.

Wet wipes still causing issues

Just down the road in the neighbouring shire of Clarence Valley, workers recently pulled a 15–20kg blockage from the sewer system in Maclean.

The blockage was caused by wipes being flushed.

What happened there can happen here too, and does so regularly on a smaller scale.

Customer Service Officer Deb Howell regularly checks the wet wipes display at the Tweed Heads Administration reception counter and finds that after eight months in the water, the toilet paper is still the only thing that has broken down. All wet wipes – marketed as 'non-flushable', 'flushable' and 'biodegradable' – are all still fully intact.

Deb admits to flushing wipes in the past because she thought it was the right way to dispose of them – it says so on the pack.

"But I don't flush them anymore," Deb said. "Every day, I am reminded by these little jars that they don't break down when they disappear from view."



Rowan Robinson Park at Kingscliff is now open to the public.

Kingscliff park now open

The new Rowan Robinson Park in the centre of Kingscliff is now open to the public after fences were removed last week.

Some work is continuing on the community hall and amenities however the majority of the site is now fully operational after inspectors gave final approval for electrical work throughout the park.

Council's Manager Recreation Services Stewart Brawley said the park opening marks the completion of the \$22 million Kingscliff Foreshore Revitalisation project which aimed to transform the beachfront area.

"With the power supply issues finally sorted out, the main section of Rowan Robinson Park in Kingscliff is now open," Mr Brawley said

"Council is liaising with the Federal Government to confirm a date for the official opening which will be held Saturday 21 April.

"It is anticipated that the refurbishment works on the hall and amenities will be finalised by June."

Work began on the revitalisation, which also included the construction of a seawall and the upgrade of Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park, last January after nearly 20 years of community discussion on the subject.

The new park will incorporate quotes submitted by residents about Kingscliff, carved into pavers and set into the landscape, and has been designed to directly connect the beachfront area to the centre of the community.

It was named just last month to honour Rowan Robinson, a former surf life saver and Kingscliff High School student who lost his life serving with Australian forces in Afghanistan.

Mr Brawley said the improvements to recreational areas of Kingscliff will now continue with the focus moving just a little bit to the South.

"We will now turn our attention to the upgrade of Lions Park where we will commence community engagement in the coming weeks, with the aim of having works finished before Christmas 2018," he said.



Saving My Childs Gifts – photo of Kylie Johnston by Chelle Wallace.

An evening of sharing flood stories

The Tweed Regional Museum is inviting the community of Murwillumbah and surrounding villages to an evening of sharing stories and reflecting on their experiences of the 2017 flood.

The special event on Wednesday 4 April will be co-presented by the Flood Story Group, residents who are working with the Museum to collect oral histories.

Kathy Egan, co-ordinator of the Flood Story project, said speakers will share their flood stories prompted by an object they salvaged from the flood.

“There will be an opportunity after the guest speakers for the audience to informally share their flood-object related stories with each other, if they choose,” Ms Egan said.

“We hope the evening will provide a caring and supportive space for those who would like to share their stories.

“The Tweed Regional Museum just feels like the right place for our community to gather and share our collective experience of a local historical event.”

Museum Director Judy Kean said objects can carry with them powerful memories associated with an event or experience.

“Objects help us remember and reflect, often in positive or transformative ways,” Ms Kean said.

“The most humble and unlikely object, and also those which may be precious, are equally powerful.”

Guest speakers on the night will include local artist Heather Matthew, whose work Preserved Memories, is made from items salvaged from her South Murwillumbah studio, and Jason Clarke, Principal of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School.

Kylie Johnston who along with husband Kieran and son Ronan was evacuated from their home in South Murwillumbah, later sharing their story with local media, will also be part of the panel.

A photograph of Kylie, heavily pregnant with son Raphael, working to salvage the family’s extensive collection of cartoon figurines featured in the Posts From the Big Flood exhibition in 2017.

An evening of sharing flood stories will take place at the Tweed Regional Museum, 2 Queensland Road, Murwillumbah on Wednesday 4 April, 5.30 for 6pm. The event is free, no bookings required. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact the Tweed Regional Museum on (02) 6670 2493 or email trm@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Tweed residents encouraged to keep recycling

In light of policy decisions overseas which are affecting the recycling industry worldwide Tweed Shire residents are being asked to take extra care with what they put in their yellow lid bins.

A recent policy change in China has created much tighter restrictions on recyclable materials from our yellow lid bins that are sent to processing.

China is now requiring that contamination rates for plastics, paper and cardboard products are below 0.5 per cent, with most Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) worldwide being unable to achieve this very low level.

Contamination rates for Tweed Shire have in recent years been steady at 5 per cent, during a time when the standard set by China has been 10 per cent.

The Chinese Government has indicated the measures are being introduced to focus on their own recycling processing, to improve the quality of imports and ultimately to improve their environmental management, particularly regarding air pollution.

Tweed Shire Council Director Community and Natural Resources Tracey Stinson said most material going into yellow lid bins in Tweed Shire is still being recycled at primary and secondary processing facilities.

“Recyclables collected from the yellow bin every fortnight will continue to be collected by Council’s contractor and managed by the privately run MRF in Chinderah, which is still finding markets both locally and overseas to reuse this material,” Ms Stinson said.

“We are working with our neighbouring Councils in the Northern Rivers that are also going through these short term changes, while looking to State and Federal Governments to drive innovation and

investment in technology to develop new processing facilities and markets for recycled products in Australia in the long term.

“This is an international issue with much of the world’s recycling being sent to China for processing, a market they created to get access to raw materials which could be turned into manufactured goods.”

Council has initiated discussions with neighbouring Councils through North East Waste to best consider what future collaborative options might be available to address the issue.

Council is asking residents to do their part by following household recycling requirements closely – rinsing items before they go into the bin, removing lids from containers and bottles, ensuring only recyclable material is placed in the bin and avoiding single use containers and products wherever possible.

“The decision by China sheds light on the bigger issue here which is that waste is all of our responsibility, on a local and national level, where avoidance of waste in the first place is the best solution,” Ms Stinson said.

“We need to think about the purchases we make and if it cannot be avoided think about purchasing recycled products or products that have recycled packaging.”

Tweed Shire Council offers free drop off of recyclable items at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre such as aluminium, steel, glass, hard plastic, paper and large cardboard as well as problem household waste items such as gas bottles, batteries and paint.

Other larger recyclable items such as TVs, fridges, washing machines and dryers can also be dropped off for free.

For a full list of items please visit our additional recycling options on www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WasteDisposal and for more information contact the Waste Unit, on (02) 6670 2694.

Find out your flood risk

Murwillumbah township residents and businesses are urged to attend a Council drop-in session to learn some critically important lessons from the Murwillumbah CBD Flood Levee and Drainage Study.

The drop-in session will allow residents and businesses to see flood modelling and mapping of central Murwillumbah under flood conditions from Catchment Simulations Solutions consultant David Tetley.

The consultants surveyed some 800 residents of the area behind the main Murwillumbah levee in October last year to gauge their understanding and preparedness for floods. One of the key findings of that survey was that very few people understand the flood risk in central Murwillumbah or would respond quickly to an order to evacuate.

“This flood modelling graphically illustrates the risk of flooding behind the levee wall, which every resident and business located in that area needs to be aware of and prepared for,” Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said.

“We need to raise the awareness of this risk to build a more flood-resilient community.”

The drop-in session will be held at the Canvas and Kettle Meeting Room at the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre from 3–6pm on Friday 6 April.

Community members will be able to talk with Council’s flood engineers and the consultants to unpack some of the content of the draft Murwillumbah CBD Flood Levee and Drainage Study, which is on public exhibition until Friday 4 May 2018.

The draft study highlights the findings of the consultant’s study and community survey and assesses a number of engineering options to further protect the area from floods.

Council has received funding for an additional study focused on South Murwillumbah, and will commence that work later in the year.

The draft study will be on display at the drop-in session but can also be viewed at the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads administration centres and libraries and online at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Representatives from the State Emergency Service (SES) will also be at the drop-in session to provide advice and information on how to prepare for a flood.

Feedback on the draft study should be made in writing to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or by email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au by Friday 4 May 2018. Anyone wanting to discuss the draft study can contact Council Flood Engineer Leon McLean by calling (02) 6670 2400 or by emailing lmclean@tweed.nsw.gov.au



Some of the flood damage on Cudgera Creek Road.

May start for Cudgera Creek Road slip repair

Work to repair the major landslip that has kept Cudgera Creek Road closed at the Burringbar end since the 31 March 2017 flood will start before the end of May and take about four weeks.

The design and construct contract to repair this slip, as well as seven others, was awarded by Council last week to Roman Contractors Pty Ltd for the price of about \$665,000.

All up, there are six sites to be repaired on Cudgera Creek Road, one at Upper Burringbar and one on Tweed Valley Way at Stokers Siding. Works will also include repairs to other items damaged at the same location such as guardrails, road surfaces and stormwater drainage.

Cudgera Creek Road will remain closed at the major slip site while under repair. All other roads will remain open for repairs under the management of stop/slow flagmen.

All external contractors undertaking flood repair works on shire roads are responsible for scheduling their works. Council advertises this schedule every week in its Road Wrap column in Tweed Link, on Facebook and on its website.

The March flood caused approximately \$28.9 million of damage to roads and bridges. To date, more than 1100 minor road and bridge damage items have been repaired.

To recover road damage costs under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement (NDRRA) and grant funding, Council cannot use its own workforce but must engage third-party contractors.



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Workshop to focus on watercourse management

Effective management of watercourses will be the theme of the next workshop in the Land for Wildlife workshop series.

The current 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.

Council Project Officer – Biodiversity Michael Corke said this half-day, free workshop, to be held Saturday 14 April, is designed to help landholders manage riparian habitat.

“Creeks and rivers are dynamic systems delivering potentially high energy water flows,” Mr Corke said.

“Riparian areas – containing some of the most biodiverse habitats in Australia – can be notoriously difficult to manage.”

The workshop will examine the dynamics of water flow, the impact of flood events and river evolution and behaviour.

Mr Corke said each of these factors has a significant impact on the type and quality of riparian habitat.

“Participants will visit two very interesting sites at Chillingham,” he said.

“We will look at the riparian environments at each location and discuss major threats to habitat integrity such as bank and bed erosion and weeds.

“Participants will see firsthand how landowners are using tree planting, bush regeneration, livestock control and erosion stabilisation works to manage these threats.

“One year on from the record flooding in the Tweed Shire, the community is well aware of the need to manage our waterways for the future.

“This workshop is an opportunity to discuss the challenges and benefits of best practice riparian land management and learn from the experience of landowners actively managing their waterways.”

Council’s Waterways Project Officer, Matt Bloor, who has considerable experience in waterway rehabilitation and has managed several large-scale restoration projects including the Rous River Riparian Restoration project, will co-facilitate the workshop.

This three-year project is supported by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.

The workshop is open to anyone however places are limited and bookings are essential. If you’re interested, register by calling Council’s Contact Centre on (02) 6670 2400. Details of the venues will be provided on registration. Participants are required to wear long-sleeved clothing, sturdy boots and a hat and to bring water. Morning tea will be provided but not lunch.



WATER WEEK 12

Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Chinderah Districts Residents Association Inc. – meet at Cudgen Leagues Club at 7pm, every first Tuesday of the month except January and December.

Grants Commission public meeting

Members of the public are invited to attend a public meeting of the NSW Local Government Grants Commission and Tweed Shire Council which will be held at 11.30am on Monday 9 April 2018 in the Harvard Room (Council Chamber) at Council’s Tweed Heads Administration Offices located in Brett Street, Tweed Heads.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Grants Commission to explain how the grant process works and specifically about Tweed Shire Council’s grant which is paid under the provisions of the Commonwealth *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*.

The meeting is scheduled for up to two hours, with the Grants Commission presentation anticipated to take one hour with an opportunity for attendees to ask questions afterwards.

To register your attendance please phone Karen Smith (02) 6670 2541 by 4pm Friday 6 April 2018.

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

DA17/0792 – Temporary exhibition home for 12 months then convert to dwelling with swimming pool
Lot 10 DP 1227671, No. 1 Willow Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA17/0845 – Addition of a training shed to the existing club facilities at Les Burger Sports Centre
Lot 498 DP 726500, Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**

DA17/0755 – Alterations and additions to existing tourist accommodation units
SP 70892, No. 3 Cedarwood Court, **Casuarina**

DA18/0019 – Alterations to existing commercial premises to create 7 tenancies as retail premises
Lot 2 DP 173499, No. 63 Wollumbin Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0104 – Change use of Unit 10 to bus depot
Lot 1 DP 1229813, No. 19 Lundberg Drive, **South Murwillumbah**

DA18/0026 – Temporary display home to convert to a two storey dwelling with attached garage
Lot 130DP 1233026, No. 20 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA18/0059 – Boat ramp
Lot 1 SP 21511, Lot 35 DP 260432, Unit 1/No. 37 Shearwater Parade, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0099 – ‘Drop’ music festival to be held on Saturday 17 March 4pm to 10pm
Lot 7339 DP 1166191, Lot 7340 DP 1166191, Lot 7341 DP 1166191, Lot 7342 DP 1166191, Lot 7343 DP 1166191, Lot 7344 DP 1166191, Lot 704 DP 877249, Lot 448 DP 755740, Lot 653 DP 755740, Coral Street, **Tweed Heads**

CDC18/0029 – Patio roof
Lot 922 DP 800084, No. 4 Cherry Court, **Banora Point**

DA18/0139 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 103 DP 1186602, No. 1 Lobelia Crescent, **Casuarina**

DA18/0118 – Alterations to existing dwelling including raising of dwelling
Lot 3 DP 565098, No. 126 Tyalgum Road, **Eungella**

DA18/0075 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage
Lot 37 DP 1214044, No. 14 Spoonbill Lane, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0134 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage in-ground pool and front fence
Lot 204DP 1232814, Unit 3/No. 13 Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0117 – Dwelling
Lot 1 DP 263529, No. 200 Midginbil Road, **Midginbil**

CDC18/0030 – Patio roof
Lot 307 DP 1158142, No. 13 Silkpod Avenue, **Murwillumbah**

CDC18/0027 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 1146 DP 1146723, No. 16 Narooma Street, **Pottsville**

DA18/0049 – Alterations and additions including shed and office
Lot 1 DP 781622, No. 59 Recreation Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0102 – Carport, front fence and alterations to existing dwelling
Lot 30 DP 259282, No. 12 Bambaroo Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0029 – Addition of a roofed deck to existing dwelling
Lot 56 DP 29195, No. 84 Panorama Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

DA18/0124 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 6 DP 856739, No. 40 Myeerimba Parade, **Tweed Heads West**

DA18/0130 – Concrete in-ground swimming pool
Lot 64 DP 238224, No. 35 Wyuna Road, **Tweed Heads West**

DA18/0132 – Dwelling alterations and additions
Lot 20 DP 863486, No. 14 Benson Street, **Tweed Heads West**

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

Road wrap

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

Contractor	Week Starting	
Hazell Bros	26 March 2018	
Locality	Road	Comments
Tweed Valley Way to Reserve Creek Road	Cudgera Creek	
Palmvale	Palmvale	
Reserve Creek	Reserve Creek	
Byangum	Bakers	
Crabbes Creek	Bluegum	
Upper Burringbar to Burringbar	Burringbar	Expect short delays Locals only
Fernvale to Wardrop Valley	Wardrop Valley	
Fernvale to Wardrop Valley	Smarts	
Condong to Bogangar	Clothiers Creek	
Farrants Hill	Farrants	
Eviron	Hawkens Lane	
Mistral Road to Tweed Valley Way	Stokers	
Tumbulgum to Murwillumbah	Tweed Valley Way	Expect short delays Traffic conditions changed
Tygalgah to Tumbulgum	Tumbulgum	

Contractor	Week Starting	
Coffs Coastal Works	26 March 2018	
Locality	Road	Comments
Stokers Siding	Richards Deviation	
Mooball to Upper Burringbar	Burringbar	Expect short delays Locals only
Mooball to Burringbar	Greenvale Court	
Limpinwood	Limpinwood	

Closed roads

Murwillumbah – roadworks corner of Wharf Street and Tumbulgum Road, entrance to Murwillumbah Civic Centre. Access to TRAC and multi-level carpark available further north on Tumbulgum Road. Work will continue to end of week.

Changed traffic conditions

Tumbulgum – Black Spot wire-rope median installation on Tweed Valley Way between the Riverside North and South exits to the village of Tumbulgum.

Test drilling

Council will be drilling road samples at the following locations over the coming week. Please expect workers on or near the roadside:

Tweed Heads South – James Road, Acacia Street and The Quarterdeck.

Tweed Heads – Mugga Way, Frances Street.

Expect long delays

Cudgen – Tweed Coast Road, between Cudgen Road and Plantation Road. Rain delayed the finish of this job last week. One more day is needed to reseal. That day could be anytime from Monday to Wednesday. Work will be from 7am–5pm.

Expect short delays

Burringbar – footpath construction Greenvale Court.

Chinderah – minor stormwater drainage works Tweed Coast Road, opposite Chinderah Golf course.

Crystal Creek – road maintenance and fix defects Crystal Creek and Chilcotts roads.

Cudgen – stormwater repairs Tweed Coast Road, 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 – water main construction Reserve Creek Road.

Murwillumbah – road pavement works Charles Street, between Reynolds Street and end of Charles Street.

Nobbys Creek – timber bridge deck repairs.

Numinbah – temporary traffic lights installed at culvert construction Pat Smith Creek; patching Numinbah and Nobbys Creek roads; grading Couchy Creek and Settlement roads.

Nunderi – Quanns Lane and Farrants Road maintenance and defects.

South Murwillumbah – water main upgrade Reserve Creek Road, near Quarry Road. Road reconstruction Quarry Road (weekends only).

Stokers Siding – maintenance and fix defects Stokers and Smiths Creek roads.

Pottsville – kerb and gutter upgrade Elizabeth Street.

Round Mountain – resheeting Round Mountain and Reserve Creek roads.

Terranora – sub-division works may cause delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts.

Tweed Heads – kerb and gutter upgrade Kirkwood Road, between Fraser Drive and Philp Parade; kerb and gutter works at Kennedy Drive Boat Ramp; footpath construction Machinery Drive.

Uki – earthworks, kerb and gutter and road reconstruction Kyogle Road, near Braeside Drive; and resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road.

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