



Short-beaked echidnas like the one pictured are on the move in and around the Tweed Valley.

Echidnas around please slow down

It's cooling down, which means it's echidna breeding season. After spending most of the year alone, echidnas are now on the move, looking for a mate. Observant Tweed residents have already noticed more echidnas out and about, in backyards, and crossing roads.

Unfortunately, when confronted with an oncoming car, an echidna's natural defence strategy is to curl up and dig into the bitumen. Obviously this often doesn't end well, and dozens are injured or killed by vehicles every year. Motorists are urged to keep an eye out and stop and call for help if they see an injured echidna. The Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers rescue and advice hotline

(02) 6672 4789 is available 24 hours for help with echidnas and other wildlife. It's a number all Tweed residents should have in their phones.

By slowing down and avoiding an echidna, you may also save yourself the cost of a new tyre as their quills are tough enough to cause considerable damage.

Keen echidna spotters can also get involved in a citizen science project, which is collecting information on wild echidna populations and their genetics, by snapping photos or collecting scats. Look for the free EchidnaCSI app on the App Store or Google Play or visit <https://biocollect.ala.org.au/ala-cs>

Road rage against workers not on

Council is again appealing to motorists to keep their cool if they are delayed at roadworks following the third reported incident of motorist aggression and assault of Tweed roadworkers this year.

The latest incident, in which a driver drove at and hit a traffic controller on Morton Street, Chinderah, on Monday 11 May, has been reported to police along with the vehicle's registration number.

Last month, a vehicle drove at and nudged a traffic controller working on the Blackspot Program on Kyogle Road. And, in March, a motorist stopped and verbally abused a traffic controller on the Blackspot Program on Tweed Valley Way behind Tumbulgum Village.

Council has details of the vehicle involved in the Kyogle Road incident and photographic evidence of the Tweed Valley Way incident, together with a report from the motorist following the abusive driver. These are being followed up with police.

At a meeting of Northern NSW councils in Grafton last week, the Roads & Maritime Authority reported an escalation in road rage incidents against roadworkers.

"In the Tweed there are a lot of roadworks happening at the moment so it should not be a surprise to any motorist that you might encounter a stop/slow flagman and a short delay wherever you are travelling," General Manager Troy Green said.

"We work to keep any delay to less than five minutes but, on major construction or repair jobs, this is not always possible. Still, there is no excuse for abuse."

In August last year, a 43-year-old man from Terragon was fined \$500 and placed on a 12-month good-behaviour bond after pleading guilty to a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm after a roadworker was injured on Tyalgum Road, Eungella, in November 2016.

"Any motorist who assaults a roadworker can expect to be charged and prosecuted because it's simply not on. Traffic

controllers are out there doing their jobs keeping road users safe. They deserve to go home to their families at the end of their shifts just like every other worker."



Respect the cone zone

You're visiting our workplace; please obey the signs



In brief ...

Tweed now part of new joint organisation
Tweed Shire Council has joined with neighbouring far north coast councils in forming the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation, one of 11 joint organisations formally proclaimed across the State this month.

Joint organisations are designed to strengthen collaboration between local councils and the NSW Government on regional initiatives, such as improving regional infrastructure, services and facilities. The six member councils are Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed.

Northern Rivers Joint Organisation will now undertake a number of tasks to prepare to become operational by 1 July including electing a chairperson, employing an executive officer, adopting a code of conduct and developing a charter.

Firearms amnesty from July

There will be a NSW Firearm Amnesty from 1 July to 30 September 2018.

Last year's amnesty netted 25,000 firearms from 7277 individuals in three months. Whether a firearm was inherited or found, the three-month amnesty period will allow people to come forward and legally dispose or register it without penalty. Anyone with concerns about handling firearms or safely transporting them can contact the NSW Police Force Firearms Registry on 1300 362 562 for assistance. For more information visit www.police.nsw.gov.au



Full festival program

Come down to the World Environment Day Festival in Knox Park, Murwillumbah, on Sunday 3 June for some practical tips from Council to help the environment and your hip pocket.

The new online Tweed-Byron Native Species Planting Guide will be launched on the day. It's an interactive resource produced to assist home owners, land holders and professionals to prepare native species planting lists for projects ranging from landscape-scale restoration to back garden planting. While you're there, register your interest in attending training workshops in how to use the Planting Guide.

The online resource complements the recently released 'My Local Native Garden' booklet, which will be available for a gold coin donation, along with native plant tube stock.

Come and check out the Land for Wildlife and Backyard Habitat for Wildlife programs and what you can do for native flora and fauna at your place.

Want to keep your cat safe and happy while protecting wildlife? Come along and hear about the *Love Cats Love Wildlife* project. Check out a cat enclosure or 'cat patio'; tell us your story about how you keep your cat safe at home; and, go in the draw for some cat prizes, such as scratch poles, tunnels and toys or book in for an *early bird* offer for a free COOL CATS workshop with Dr Jo Righetti, animal behaviourist and cat expert.

Still confused about what goes in what bin? Bring your recycling or waste questions along and find out what can be taken to Stotts Creek Resource Recovery for free.

North East Waste will be joining us again to talk rubbish – composting, worm farms and all things that will make us WOW (Wipe Out Waste). The kids will also enjoy a hands-on plastic-free activity, which they can take away and reuse.

Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre will showcase local school children's ideas about how to reduce our carbon footprints for a healthy planet. And have a chat with local energy-efficiency experts Bruce and Faye Gard, who will be on hand with tips to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and cost from electricity use, as well as guidance on how to make a smart investment in solar with Council's Solar Buyers Guide.

Caldera Environment Centre is hosting the festival from 10am to 3pm at Knox Park, Murwillumbah.

The festival will include presentations, demonstrations, stalls with local community groups, schools and sustainable businesses, environmental art, children's activities, speakers space, musical entertainment and delicious food.

The World Environment Day Festival is proudly sponsored by Tweed Shire Council.

Foresight brings in funds and award

This Thursday Council Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose will learn whether he has been named Flood Risk Manager of the Year 2018.

The announcement will be made at Floodplain Management Australia's annual conference on the Gold Coast.

Danny was nominated for the award for his past 10 year's work in preparing both Council and the Tweed community for the challenges of flood events across the five geographically different catchments of the shire.

His work in leading the development of flood studies and floodplain risk management plans stood both Council and the community in good stead ahead of the March 2017 flood and our recovery effort afterward.

"Through Danny's work with various government agencies and organisations, his leadership in flood recovery, flood mitigation and community resilience projects and his implementation of sensible floodplain development in a high-growth area, Council was in a position immediately after the flood to receive seven new flood grants for improved flood gauging, additional studies and voluntary house purchase and raising schemes," General

Manager Troy Green said.

Danny will now lead that work, which will build further understanding of flood behaviours and greater community resilience.

"Council is very proud of Danny's work as he has put us in the enviable position of being chosen to pilot numerous innovative floodplain management projects, including a State-first industrial land swap deal, trials of new flood mitigation asset guidelines, ongoing negotiations around natural disaster funding, new case studies for flood insurance, studies into community response and awareness in flood-impacted suburbs and caravan parks and exploration of challenging town planning concepts involving shelter-in-place alternatives to evacuation."

Danny also serves the community as the Technical Director of Floodplain Management Australia and passes his expertise on to the next generation of flood professionals by teaching short courses at the University of Technology in Sydney.

In accepting his place as a finalist, Danny pointed out that the individual recognition would not be possible without the team effort of Roads and Stormwater and the support of Council as a whole for the work it does.



Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose at work.

Half price Rider Down course to save lives

Council is hosting a first aid course for motorcyclists aimed at reducing fatalities and the severity of injuries should a rider come down.

The course is subsidised through Transport for NSW's Local Government Road Safety Program and is being offered to riders for \$50, that is, less than half price.

Because motorcyclists often ride in groups, it is likely that a fellow rider will be the first on the scene after a rider comes down.

"It teaches riders the right skills and will give them confidence to provide immediate and critical first aid to a rider who's come down," Council Road Safety Officer Alana Brooks said. "It will also provide them with the skills to manage a crash site, preventing further potential injuries or crashes before emergency services arrive".

The course will be delivered by professional paramedic educators and was a finalist in the 2017 and 2018 Australia Road Safety Awards.

It's being held at the Banora Point Community Centre, Coolamon Room, on the corner of Leisure and Woodlands drives, Banora Point, on Sunday 17 June from 9.30am – 2.30pm.



The course is suitable for riders with no first aid experience or general first aid training as it has been designed specifically for motorcyclists.

Riders who complete the course will receive a Statement of Attendance and an internationally recognised Stop the Bleed® certificate.

You can book a place online at www.book.riderdown.com.au or call Rider Down on 1300 585 000.

Have your say on hospital

As mentioned in last week's Tweed Link, Council is calling for expressions of interest from community members to form a Council Community Reference Group with Councillors about the site of the new Tweed Valley Hospital.

The aim of the Council Community Reference Group is to explore alternative sites for the referral hospital other than the site currently nominated by NSW Health Infrastructure, which is on State Significant farmland at Cudgen. Nominations close on Friday 8 June 2018.

Membership of Council's Community Reference Group will be decided at the Council Meeting on 21 June 2018.

To nominate for Council's Community Reference Group, please write to Hospital Community Reference Group, c/o The General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email TSC@tweed.nsw.gov.au, using Hospital Community Reference Group as the subject line and confirming your interest in finding an alternative site. Nominations will be received until close of business on Friday 8 June 2018.

In June 2017, the NSW Government announced \$534 million to build a state-of-the-art hospital for the rapidly growing Tweed community. The government has said this will become the Tweed's major hospital, replacing the hospital at Tweed Heads, while Murwillumbah Hospital will remain open.

The NSW Government undertook a site selection process, which considered more than 35 potential sites across the region. The results of this process have been made publicly available via a Site Selection Summary Report on the project website www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au

The NSW Government has since opened public consultation on the site and is inviting the community to provide feedback on the proposed site on Cudgen Road, opposite the Kingscliff TAFE, and nominate any alternative sites for consideration.

Site feedback/alternative site nomination forms are available on the Tweed Valley Hospital project website www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au or in hard copy at The Tweed Hospital reception and Murwillumbah District Hospital receptions.

You can dispose of your problem waste for free

What can you do with the range of potentially harmful household materials that can't be safely disposed of in your kerbside bin? This 'problem' waste includes leftover or unwanted paints, oils, batteries, gas bottles, smoke detectors and light bulbs.

The solution is to take these 'problem' wastes to your local Community Recycling Centre (CRC) at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre. Not only is it free for all NSW residents to drop off at their CRC but it also means that most of these items will be recycled ensuring that these precious resources don't end up as landfill.

So far more than 440 tonnes of problem wastes, mostly unwanted paint and old gas bottles, have been successfully recycled through the Northern River's network of eight Community

Recycling Centres. The paint ends up as an alternative fuel for use in cement kilns and undamaged gas bottles are retested, restamped and returned to the hire industry. Damaged bottles and paint tins are recycled as scrap metal.

Make a promise to yourself this World Environment Day to take the 'problem' out of household wastes by dropping off for free, all year round at your local CRC located at: Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre, Leddays Creek Road, Stotts Creek. Open Monday to Friday 7am – 3.45pm; Saturday and Sunday 9am – 3.45pm.

To find out more, contact Tweed Shire Council on (02) 6670 7400 or go to www.newwaste.org.au/crc-online.html. If you've already visited a CRC, you can complete the feedback survey and go into the draw to win a \$200 gift voucher.

Project reference group looking for water solution

Community stakeholders met for the first time last week to begin to seek a solution to the risk of salt water contamination of the Tweed District Water Supply as a result of tidal overtopping of the Bray Park Weir pool.

The Bray Park Weir Tidal Protection Project Reference Group (PRG) comprises 10 members from the community who represent diverse interest groups, plus two councillor representatives.

The PRG is charged with supporting Council in identifying and assessing ways to mitigate the risk of salt water contamination of the Tweed District water supply.

Council does not have a predetermined view on the solution or mix of solutions required. Rather, the conversation around what to do to protect the water supply is being led by the Project Reference Group with the assistance of facilitator Dr Pascal Scherrer, of Southern Cross University.

All members of the community are invited to participate in the conversation by contacting a PRG member or visiting www.yoursaytweed.com.au/BrayParkWeir, where they can ask questions or join a forum discussion. Contact details of the PRG members are also available on the Your Say Tweed site.

The second meeting of the group was held on Monday 28 May, with the third to be scheduled for some time in June to allow PRG members to consult with the community.



Community stakeholders assisting Council to identify a solution to the risk of salt water contamination of the Tweed District water supply at their first meeting last week. They are, back row from left: Brett Sander (representing ratepayers and residential landowners fronting the weir), Nic Cornish (critical water user business Stone and Wood Brewery), Neil Baker (landowner/irrigator and representing Upper Weir Property Association), Simon Fitzpatrick (recreational fishers; fish habitat and conservation), Michael McDonald (cane grower representing Tweed Cane growers and landowners below the weir). Front row from left: Peter Robson (critical water user Boral Timber), Glen Jones (representing landowners south of Slippery Crossing), Corey Crosthwaite (dairy farmer and representing Sovereign Heights residents and Upper Weir Property Association) and Ken Baker (cane farmer and grazier). Absent: Peter Tomsett (retired engineer and representing the Lower Oxley Land Owner Group).

Request for offer

TCHP2018003 Caretaker Agreement for Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Sites

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm 20 June 2018
Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for Offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders. Hard copy documentation is available and costs will be in accordance with Council's advertised photocopying fees.

All Offers will be opened at closing time and will be considered by Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The lowest or any offer is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify.

For further information please contact Andrew Illingworth (07) 5523 4111.



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. Next meeting Tuesday 5 June.

Banora Point & District Residents Association meets Monday 4 June at 7pm at the Banora Point Community Centre.

Development Application Determinations

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended).

Application details

Approved

DA18/0347 – Patio roofs and extension of existing deck
Lot 715 DP 870981, No. 32 Merion Court, **Banora Point**

DA18/0167 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within the building line and a shed
Lot 252 DP 241371, No. 92 Cabarita Road, **Bogangar**

DA18/0175 – Three storey dwelling with attached garage and shed
Lot 5 DP 1207486, No. 6187 Tweed Valley Way, **Burringbar**

DA18/0357 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 65 DP 1208915, No. 16 Echo Lane, **Casuarina**

DA18/0280 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 7 DP 804812, No. 28 Glenock Road, **Dum Dum**

DA18/0297 – Front patio within the building line
Lot 7 DP 30845, No. 13 Herford Street, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0309 – Spa and deck
Lot 1519 DP 1207462, No. 119 Lennox Circuit, **Pottsville**

DA18/0336 – Carport
Lot 37 DP 825565, No. 9 Horseshoe Road, **Terranora**

DA18/0348 – Dwelling alterations and additions and garage
Lot 11 DP 719950, No. 21 Mahers Lane, **Terranora**

DA18/0303 – Patio roof
Lot 1 SP 20124, Unit 1/No. 6 Camira Court, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0291 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 38 DP 1236392, No. 33 Robin Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

DA18/0355 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and new carport
Lot 10 DP 778659, No. 32 Meadow Place, **Uki**

DA18/0011 – Secondary dwelling and swimming pool
Lot 9 DP 1027531, No. 740 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA17/0927 – Dwelling and secondary dwelling
Lot 420 DP 1210785, No. 85 Coral Fern Circuit, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0108 – Two lot strata subdivision
Lot 79 DP 1070242, No. 9 Mount Ernest Crescent, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0135 – New shopfront, internal alterations and roof structure over loading dock
Lot 1 DP 111656, No. 90 Murwillumbah Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0235 – Dwelling alterations, carport and secondary dwelling
Lot 248 DP 818258, No. 38 Edward Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA18/0244 – Dwelling and attached secondary dwelling
Lot 1718 DP 1215252, No. 10 Woolgoolga Court, **Pottsville**

DA18/0230 – Stage 1 (demolition of existing structure and construction of building comprising storerooms, toilets, change rooms and gym) and stage 2 (construction of roof over concrete area and speakers box)
Lot 25 DP 1017105, No. 15 Carramar Drive, **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

In brief ...

An app that could be a lifesaver

Have you downloaded the Get Prepared app from Australian Red Cross?

The Get Prepared mobile phone app helps identify support people during a disaster, such as a flood, create a to-do list that will help to keep loved ones safe and develop an action plan to protect the things that matter most.

Go to the App store or Google Play to download the free app or visit www.redcross.org.au/prepare for more information.

Council vacancies

Administration Supervisor – Building and Environmental Health (Readvertised)

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.

Road closures

Tweed Coast Marine Greenback Charity Fishing Competition

Partial road closure of Pandanus Parade, Cabarita Beach, for the Tweed Coast Marine Greenback Charity Fishing Competition on Sunday 10 June 2018 from 5am to 2pm.

Members of the public will be able to walk freely within this section, with no obstruction to the directly affected businesses.

For further information, please contact Stephen Duffield, Greenback Management Event Manager greenback2018@optusnet.com.au or 0421 052 135.

Road wrap

Flood Road Repair Works schedule

(site and weather conditions permitting)

Contractor	Week Starting
Hazell Bros	28 May 2018

Locality	Road
Piggabeen	Piggabeen
Mount Warning	Mount Warning
Piggabeen	Moomba Creek
Condong to Bogangar	Clothiers Creek
Chillingham to Hopkins Creek	Hopkins Creek

Expect short delays – locals only

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Contractor	Week Starting
Coffs Coastal Works	28 May 2018

Locality	Road
Limpinwood	Limpinwood
Commissioners Creek	Commissioners Creek
Uki to Byangum	Kyogle
Rowland Creek	Youngs
Crystal Creek to Numinbah	Numinbah
Kunghur to Doon Doon	Doon Doon
Mount Burrell	Mount Burrell
Limpinwood	Limpinwood Valley

Expect short delays – locals only

Limpinwood	Limpinwood
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Limpinwood	Limpinwood Valley

Road closure 3 days

Rowland Creek	Youngs
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Contractor	Week Starting
Australian Marine and Civil	28 May 2018

Locality	Road
Nunderi	Clothiers Creek
Urliup	Urliup Rd

Expect short delays – locals only

Nunderi	Clothiers Creek
Urliup	Urliup Rd

Road closures

The following roads will be closed for flood repairs. Residents have been informed via a letter box drop and should be prepared to be temporarily isolated. In the event of an emergency or critical need to exit the area, they should speak with the onsite supervisor who will assist if possible. Alternate arrangements will be made for emergency service and garbage trucks where possible.

Limpinwood – Youngs Road at the first causeway off Limpinwood Road from Monday 28 May to Wednesday 30 May. A 4.5-tonne limit will apply for three days thereafter. This work has been brought forward and all residents notified by letter.

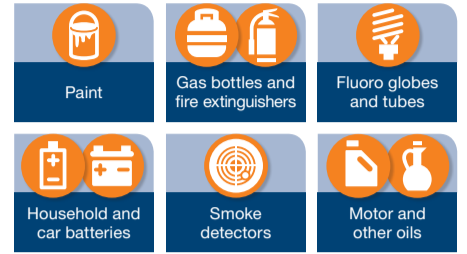
Waste matters Drop off your household problem waste



Community Recycling Centres

Your local Community Recycling Centre is open. You can drop off:

FREE SERVICE



Your Community Recycling Centre is located at:
Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre
Leddays Creek Road, Stotts Creek

Hours: Monday to Friday: 7am–3.45pm
Weekends and public holidays: 9am–3.45pm
(closed Good Friday and Christmas Day)

For more information call Tweed Shire Council on 02 6670 7400 or visit www.newaste.org.au



Only household quantities accepted
20kg or 20L maximum container size.
This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.
Visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au



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Nightworks

Tweed Heads – stabilisation of Kennedy Drive from Norman Street west to the Pacific Motorway from Sunday 27 May to Thursday 31 May from 7pm – 6am. Traffic will be under the management of stop/slow flagmen and motorists should expect delays. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes. No work will be done on Friday and Saturday nights. The work will start at Norman Street and move west.

Murwillumbah – stabilisation of Wollumbin Street, from Commercial Road roundabout west to Brisbane Street roundabout, for four consecutive weeks from Sunday to Thursday nights (except public holidays), starting on Sunday 27 May from 7pm – 6am. Road will be open during the day under changed traffic conditions. Brisbane Street, from Wollumbin Street to Murwillumbah (Main) Street will be closed on the fifth week of works from Sunday 24 June to the morning of Friday 29 June.

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. Expect workers and machinery in the centre of the road from Monday to Saturday 7am-4pm.

Expect short delays

Banora Point – water main construction Pioneer Parade; stormwater upgrade Terranorra Road and Banora Hills Drive.

Casuarina – footpath maintenance various locations.

Cudgen – Cudgen Creek boardwalk reconstruction; 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 – resheeting Cudgera Creek Road.

Kingscliff – footpath construction Orient Street.

Kynnumboon – road reconstruction Edwards Lane.

Murwillumbah – road pavement works Charles Street, between Reynolds Street and end of Charles Street; construct sewer main Harwood Street.

Numinbah – temporary traffic lights installed at culvert construction Pat Smith Creek.

Pottsville – footpath maintenance various locations.

South Murwillumbah – water main upgrade Reserve Creek Road, near Quarry Road.

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

Tweed Heads – footpath construction near Twin Towns; kerb and gutter upgrade Kirkwood Road, between Fraser Drive and Philp Parade.

Uki – earthworks, kerb and gutter and road reconstruction Blackspot Programme Kyogle Road, between Glenock Road and Gold Gully; and resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road.

Maintenance South – Crabbes Creek, Crystal Creek, Dixons, Numinbah, Kyogle, Kunghur, Tweed Valley Way.

Maintenance North – Piggabeen, Cobaki and Terranora areas.

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