

Ride fuels passion to build the best rail trail

Council staff working on the design of the first stage of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail literally got on their bikes recently to gain first-hand experience of a successful rail trail operation.

The team, led by Rail Trail Project Manager Iain Lonsdale, rode 40 kilometres along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail with the President of the trail's Users Association Paul Heymans to learn lessons from their experience with the ongoing construction of this 162-kilometre trail and its operation.

"We spent several hours riding the trail with Paul and discussing all aspects of how they established the trail and how it has grown over the past decade," Mr Lonsdale said.

The research ride allowed the team of design engineers and environmental scientists the opportunity to inspect the different kinds of surfaces used along the Brisbane Valley trail, which will help Tweed decide the best design option for Stage 1 of the Northern Rivers trail from Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek.

"We also saw how Brisbane Valley used the existing rail infrastructure, incorporating bridges, tunnels, railway track, signage and station buildings into their design."

On the day of the ride, the Brisbane Valley trail was hosting a 160-kilometre endurance run with refresher stations and supporters at various points along the trail.

"Seeing the patronage of the rail trail and how well it worked for a major regional sporting event was very encouraging.

"Without exception, everyone we spoke to on the trail was enthusiastic and welcomed the prospect of a new rail trail in the Tweed."

The Tweed team was particularly interested to learn of the business opportunities provided by the trail, reporting that the demand for accommodation generated by trail users had prompted



The Tweed team takes a short break to listen to some design and construction advice from Council's Senior Design Engineer Warren Boyd. The President of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Users Association Paul Heyman is pictured at front right.

a \$1 million expansion and upgrade of the Esk Caravan Park.

"Our visit to Brisbane Valley certainly fuelled the passion of the Tweed team to deliver a first-class rail trail product for northern New South Wales to build a new regional tourist attraction to drive

economic growth and jobs."

For more information about Stage 1 of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail and to have your say about the proposed trail, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/RailTrail



Tweed Landcare Committee member Carolyn Rifello takes a break from planting on National Tree Day last year at Pat Smith Park on Dungay Creek at Uriup. Inset: Where should trees be planted in this park this year?

Community asked to have say on tree planting layout

Council and Tweed Landcare is asking the community to have its say on where trees should be planted on the bank of Duroby Creek at Bilambil Road Park to celebrate National Tree Day this year.

Council staff and Landcare members will be on site at the park on Saturday 7 July, from 10–11.30am, to explain the proposed tree planting layout with locals and park users.

They also will lead a short walk to inspect revegetation works adjacent to the park to show how well the river bank responds to restoration works.

National Tree Day, to be celebrated with the tree planting on Sunday 29 July, is Australia's biggest nature care event. This year's tree planting will be the first for Bilambil during Council's 12 years of supporting this annual event.

"Bilambil Road Park is a popular off-leash dog walking park and

we want to hear from the community before finalising the site layout for the tree planting," Project Officer – Waterways Matthew Bloor said.

"We plan on removing a few camphor laurel trees along the bank of Duroby Creek, as it will not be possible to do this after new trees are planted.

"We have designed a planting layout to preserve the shady trees around the picnic tables and retain access and an open area on the bank of the creek. We look forward to talking with the community about this plan on Saturday 7 July."

Bilambil Road Park is accessed via Naponyah Road. A map and details of the planting event is available at <https://treeday.planetark.org/coords/view.cfm?siteid=10018357>

For further information, email Mr Bloor at mbloor@tweed.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 6670 2580.

Top honours at awards

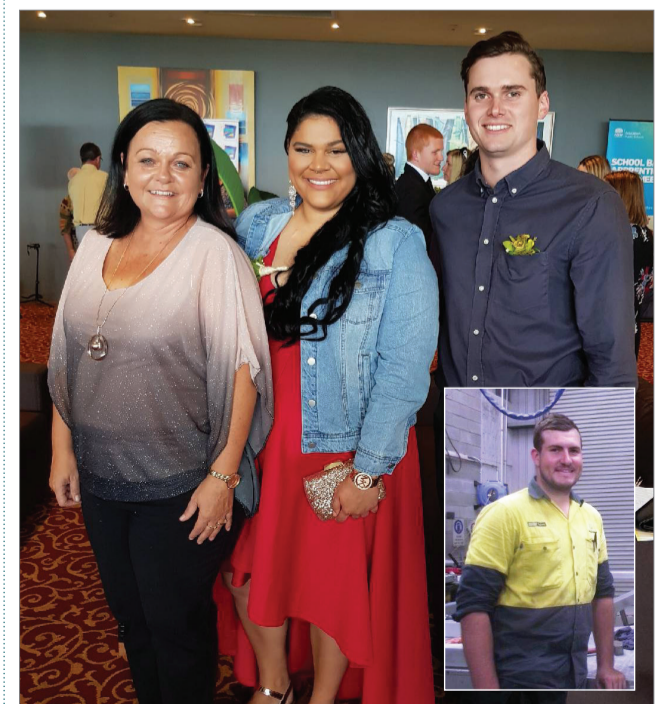
Three young Council workers have received top honours in the 2018 NSW Training Awards – North Coast Region.

Jake Farrell was named 2018 Apprentice of the Year, while Keely Currie was named 2018 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year and Jacob Godfrey was named a finalist and runner-up for 2018 Trainee of the Year.

Jake still works at Council in the metal fabrication workshop, while both Keely (formerly in the Human Resources Unit) and Jacob (formerly in Fleet Operations) have moved on to pursue other career opportunities.

All three were nominated for the awards by Rachael Quinlan, of Programmed Training Services, which placed the youngsters with Council to undertake the first stage of their lifelong careers by doing a traineeship or apprenticeship in their respective industries.

Jake and Keely will now progress to the State awards in September and, if successful there, the National awards in November.



Rachael Quinlan, Keely Currie and Jacob Godfrey at the awards night in Coffs Harbour recently. Inset: Jake Farrell at work.



Golden service in the pool

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre Supervisor Jeff Collier with the two awards he received from the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth Council in recognition of the valuable services he provides to society – the prestigious Service Medal and Life Membership.

The Service Medal has only been awarded two or three times over the past 24 years.

Jeff was recognised for all the voluntary work he does in teaching CPR, training lifeguards and designing innovative swim programs to ensure that people are safe in the water. While most of his work is done here in the Tweed, Jeff also has worked overseas.

“The Swim Safe program we set up to train the trainers in Bangladesh in 2005 is still going. It’s very satisfying to know that you have made a difference,” Jeff said.

“It’s nice to be recognised for the years of service because you go on for years and years doing something for the community and just take it as part of your job.”



Another beautiful way to say goodbye

Memorial Cordyline Walk at the peaceful Tweed Valley Cemetery.

This peaceful setting and memorial to a cherished life add to the growing number of funeral service options provided by Tweed Shire Council, at three of the region’s most beautiful locations.

Council offers a full list of high-quality, respectful and cost-effective services:

- cremation
- a variety of scenic burial sites
- picturesque and permanent sites for ashes.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/cemeteries or phone (02) 6670 2435 to find out more.



TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

Flood repair 95 per cent complete

At the end of this month, Council will have repaired 1445 flood damages on our roads and bridges following the March 2017 flood.

“To have completed 94.5 per cent of road and bridge flood repairs before the close of submissions for funding under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) is an outstanding achievement,” Manager Infrastructure Delivery Tim Mackney said.

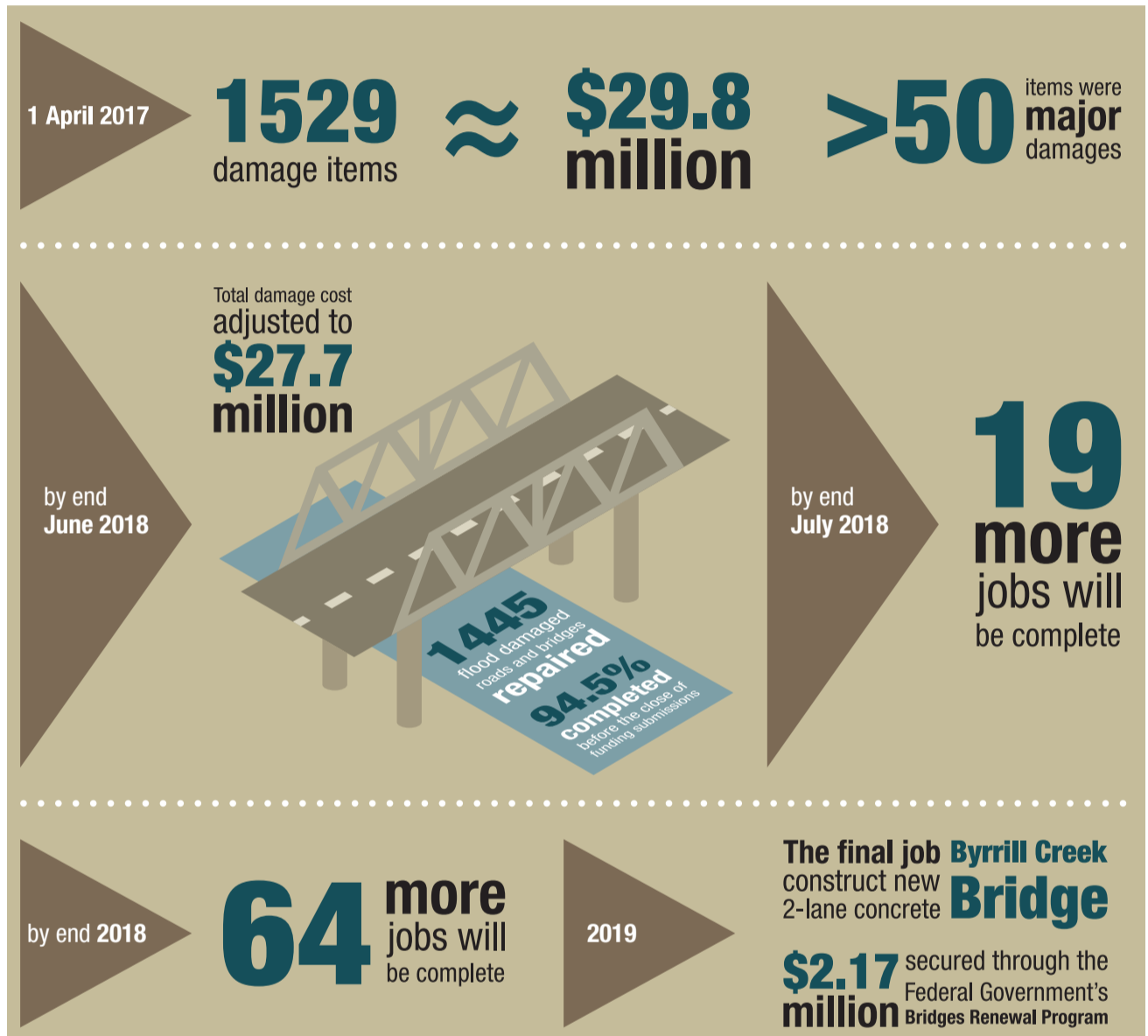
On 1 April last year, Council had a total of 1529 damage items on its books, equating to \$29.8 million in additional work over and above its usual annual works program. And, more than 50 of these items were major damages, requiring geotechnical and design expertise to repair. As investigations continued and further information became available, this estimate was adjusted down to \$27.7 million.

Of the 84 jobs yet to be completed, 19 are for guardrail damage and will be done before the end of next month. These jobs could not be scheduled earlier because pavements and embankments needed to be repaired first.

Then, 64 jobs will carry through to August. They have all been let under seven major flood restoration contracts. These repairs include large bottomside slips and structural repairs to bridges and culverts that needed engineering investigation before repairs could start. These contracts also include some non-flood related works in the same areas, which have been included for efficiency gains.

All work in the first of the seven major contracts is due to be completed by the end of August, with all contracts on track for completion before the end of the year – a full six months ahead of funding requirements.

The final damages item is the replacement of Byrrill Creek Bridge. The old bridge was washed away in the flood and replaced within weeks by a temporary one-lane timber bridge salvaged from the debris. But, instead of repairing the bridge under NDRRA funding, Council successfully applied for grant funding under the Federal Government’s Bridges Renewal Program and secured \$2.17 million, half of what is needed for a new two-lane concrete bridge. The new bridge is currently being designed and is on schedule to be built by June 2019.



FREE Cool Cat Workshop

Tips for keeping cats cool, calm and contented. Presented by Dr Jo Righetti, animal behaviourist expert. Don't Miss out!

Saturday 28 July 2018, 2pm - 4.30pm
Kingscliff Community Hall

Do you own a cat? Want to better understand your cat’s behaviour? Find out ways to keep your cat happy, safe and healthy while also protecting wildlife.

- Have your pet problems solved
- Bookings appreciated on (02) 6670 2400

Limited spaces. Afternoon tea provided.

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.

NSW GOVERNMENT

TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

In brief ...

The power of community

Local Government Week will be on again from 30 July to 5 August 2018. The theme is ‘the power of community’.

NSW councils provide invaluable services to local communities, 365 days a year. Here at Tweed Shire Council, we provide our 94,000 residents with 50 services year round. The theme couldn’t be more fitting for our community, which has been through a lot over the past year.

For more information visit:
www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-week

Tell us your Kings Hall story

Ahead of the reopening of the Kingscliff Community Hall in July, Council is calling on community members to tell us your Kings Hall story.

If you have used the Kingscliff Community Hall over the years, tell us about your experience. Do you have a historical, witty or informative story you would like to share with the community about your use of the hall; an activity you took part in; or, a memory of a former hall caretakers?

Your stories will help us to identify Kingscliff Hall stalwarts and capture the history of the hall over time. Send your story to us on email at communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Banora Point & District Residents Association meets Monday 2 July at 7pm at the Banora Point Community Centre.

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 3 July.

Request for offer

RF02018073 Design and Install Overhead Cycleway Lighting System Casuarina

Offers close: Wednesday 4.00pm 18 July 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 Sharne Booth-Ford (02) 6670 2606.

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

DA18/0390 – Carport

Lot 1 SP 46465, Unit 1/No. 26 Birkdale Court, **Banora Point**

DA18/0397 – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8m front fence

Lot 126 DP 716444, No. 7 Oakland Parade, **Banora Point**

CDC18/0064 – Inground swimming pool

Lot 4 DP 246649, No. 113 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**

DA18/0409 – Shed

Lot 2 DP 602019, No. 346 Cudgen Road, **Cudgen**

DA18/0128 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1 Section 15 DP 758571, No. 9 Terrace Street, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0425 – Internal alterations and additions

Lot 5 SP 17998, Unit 5/No. 174 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0424 – Shed

Lot 2 DP 1233998, Lot 1 DP 1231866, No. 45 Cooloon Street, **Kunghur**

DA18/0332 – Use of existing carport

Lot 52 DP 1140823, No. 4 Woodgee Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0401 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 41 DP 24583, No. 5 Martin Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0444 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 1 DP 1203116, No. 12 Lindwall Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA18/0387 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and inground swimming pool

Lot 140 DP 1233026, No. 1 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA18/0389 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, carport and swimming pool

Lot 2 DP 589025, No. 57 Parkes Lane, **Terranora**

DA18/0450 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 103 DP 1233026, No. 5 Feathertop Street, **Terranora**

DA18/0342 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground pool, deck, sauna and high retaining walls retaining fill within the rear yard

Lot 387 DP 248228, No. 17 Alva Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0449 – Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 51 DP 1236392, No. 45 Robin Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

DA18/0408 – Dwelling

Lot 4 DP 1223967, No. 2 Smiths Creek Road, **Uki**

DA17/0877 – Change of use from dwelling to serviced apartment

Lot 54 DP 1198266, No. 12 Trestles Avenue, **Casuarina**

DA18/0048 – Alterations and additions to an educational establishment

Lot 9 DP 7665, No. 8 King Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0316 – Alterations and additions to existing medical centre

Lot 10 Section 4 DP 2087, No. 140 Murwillumbah Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0148 – Construction of a dwelling to be temporarily used as an exhibition home

Lot 134 DP 1233026, No. 12 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**

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

WATER WEEK 13

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

Three musts to flush

Council has welcomed the progress being made on establishing a set of specifications for products that can be safely flushed.

There is no international standard on flushable products, which continue to cost water utilities millions of dollars every year in sewer system blockages. Tweed Shire Council is called on to unblock its sewer system and sewage pump stations blockages every day at a substantial cost to ratepayers.

“This week we are very pleased to see that the International Water Services Flushability Group (the Group) has released a set of publicly available specifications clarifying what products can be safely flushed,” Council's Connections Engineer Elizabeth Seidl said.

To flush a product safely that product must:

- Break into small pieces quickly
- Not be buoyant, and
- Not contain plastic or regenerated cellulose but only materials that readily degrade in a range of natural environments.

“The Group worked with the makers of products such as wet wipes, government organisations and wastewater utilities to draw up these specifications so hopefully we are on the way to achieve an industry consensus to stop products that do not break down in water being flushed.”



Wet wipes experiment: Customer Service Officer Deb Howell discovers that only the toilet paper has broken down in our hands-on experiment at the reception counters at both the Murwillumbah and Tweed offices. All three wet wipes remain intact in the water after 11 months.

Funding boost to replace ageing boardwalk

Council has welcomed news of a further boost in government funding to replace the Anchorage Boardwalk bordering Keith Curran Reserve in Tweed Heads.

Roads and Maritime Services has increased its funding to replace the ageing timber structure to \$910,000, eliminating the need for Council to contribute to this major infrastructure rebuild.

Initially Council received \$685,000 in June 2017 from the NSW Government's Walking and Cycling Program (Cycling Infrastructure Fund), requiring it to fund the deficit of \$225,000.

“Rebuilding this 200-metre timber boardwalk is very costly due to construction being undertaken in a marine environment,” General Manager Troy Green said.

“Not only do we need to continually monitor the environment but we also need to undertake construction in accordance with Fisheries strict guidelines.”

It has taken Council a year to achieve this boost in funds with the help of the State Member for Tweed.

The boardwalk, built in the early 1990s, has been closed for some time due to safety concerns as several sections have reached the ends of their lives.

The boardwalk bridges important mangrove habitat along the river and, when rebuilt, will open this beautiful natural environment to the whole community not just Anchorage residents.

Council will start work to replace the boardwalk as soon as possible.

Road wrap

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

Contractor	Week Starting
Coffs Coastal Works	25 June 2018

Locality	Road

Expect short delays

Uki	Kyogle
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Expect short delays – locals only

Limpinwood	Limpinwood
Upper Burringbar to Burringbar	Burringbar
Kunghur to Doon Doon	Doon Doon
Limpinwood	Limpinwood Valley
Midginbil	Midginbil
Crystal Creek to Numinbah	Numinbah
Stokers Siding	Richards Deviation
Limpinwood to Chillingham	Zara
Kunghur to Kunghur Creek	Byrill Creek
Upper Crystal Creek	Upper Crystal Creek
Rowlands Creek	Rowlands

Expect short delays – traffic conditions changed

Commissioners Creek	Commissioners Creek
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Contractor	Week Starting
Roman Contractors	25 June 2018

Locality	Road

Road closed

Burringbar	Cudgera Creek
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Contractor	Week Starting
Australian Marine and Civil	25 June 2018

Locality	Road

Work has re-commenced – expect short delays

Nunderi	Clothiers Creek
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One lane road closure – expect short delays

Urliup	Urliup
Kunghur	Kyogle

One lane road closure – expect short delays

Mt Warning	Mt Warning
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Nightworks

Murwillumbah – pavement upgrade of Wollumbin Street, from Commercial Road to Brisbane Street roundabout, and Brisbane Street from the roundabout to just shy of Murwillumbah (Main) Street is due to be completed by Thursday morning, 28 June, weather permitting.

Banora Point – road upgrade Darlington Drive, from Sexton Hill to Leisure drives) from Sunday 1 July to Thursday 5 July and again from Sunday 8 July to Thursday 12 July. These works will occur under traffic management of stop/slow flagmen between 7pm–6am nightly (no work Friday and Saturday night). Motorists should expect delays. These works were delayed for two weeks due to contractor availability.

Expect short delays

Banora Point – water main construction Pioneer Parade and Sexton Hill Drive; various footpath replacements.

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).

Dunbible – road reconstruction Stokers Road.

Eviron – road construction Eviron Road/Haul Road.

Kingscliff – footpath replacement various areas.

Kynnumboon – road reconstruction Edwards Lane.

Murwillumbah – replace sewer main Harwood Street

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

Terranora – possible short delays on Henry Lawson Drive due to subdivision works (Coach Road to Tennis Courts).

Tweed Heads – footpath construction Wharf Street 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 – Numinbah and Kyogle roads, Tweed Valley Way.

Maintenance North – Urliup and Terranora roads; Fraser Drive, Cabarita and Pottsville areas.

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