

In brief ...

Seniors Festival – call for volunteers

Would you like to help plan activities that celebrate the contributions of older people in the Tweed?

Council is seeking volunteers to join the Working Group for the NSW Seniors Festival 2019. The festival raises awareness of positive ageing activities across the Tweed and will be held from 13–24 February 2019.

The primary role of the Tweed Seniors Festival Working Group is to plan and run an opening event and ensure the festival meets the needs and expectations of local seniors.

Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival to complete the Volunteer – Expression of Interest Form. For more information call Lyn Porter on (07) 5569 3110.

Australia Day nominations closing

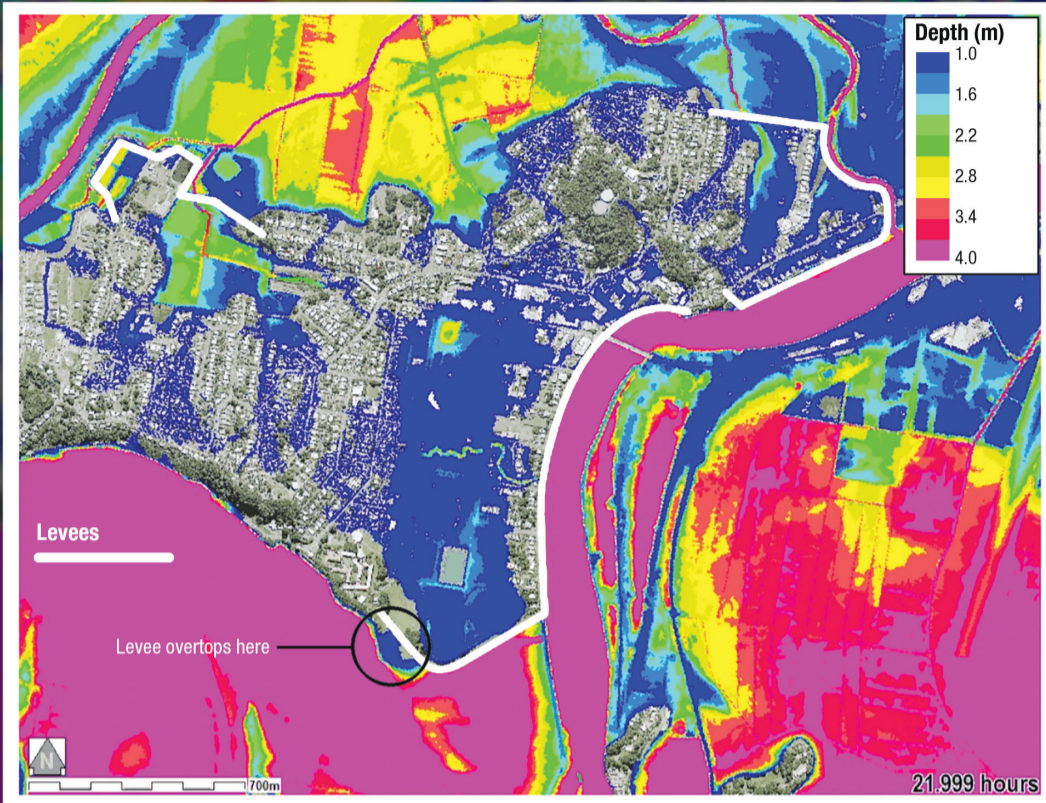
Australia Day nominations close on Friday 16 November, so you only have around 10 days left to nominate your friend, work colleague, school, sporting club or a member of the community for a 2018 Tweed Australia Day award.

You can nominate for any of the following six categories – Citizen of the Year; Young Achiever in Community Service; Arts and Cultural Achievement Award; Sporting Achievement; Community Event of the Year; and, Volunteer of the Year.

Nominations also are closing for Tweed-based not-for-profit organisations to apply for financial assistance of up to \$300 to host community events on Australia Day.

For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay

Australia Day Award winners 2017.



After 22 hours' heavy rain in the catchment above Murwillumbah, the CBD Levee is about to be overtopped. If it continues to rain heavily for three more hours, the residential area behind the CBD levee will be under more than four metres of water.

Murwillumbah CBD flood simulation video released

Council has published a video simulation of a flood in the Murwillumbah central business district.

The video shows that the three levees in Murwillumbah CBD protect the community in a range of flood events, but will be overtopped in extreme events.

The simulation of a 500-year average recurrence interval (ARI) flood, which means there is a 0.2 per cent chance of it happening in any year, shows the Murwillumbah CBD Levee overtopping near Murwillumbah High School after 22 hours of heavy rain in the catchment above the town.

Three hours later, after heavy rain has been falling for 25 hours, the residential area behind the Murwillumbah CBD

Levee is under more than four metres of water. Residential areas behind the Dorothy/William Streets Levee are also under water up to four metres deep and the water is rising behind the East Murwillumbah Levee.

"The video graphically illustrates the protection limits of the levees and all residents are encouraged to watch the simulation and make their home emergency plans now as we are officially in storm season," Council Chair of the Tweed Floodplain Management Committee Danny Rose said.

"In March 2017, the Murwillumbah CBD Levee began to overtop at the high school, but the heavy rain then stopped, saving the town from a truly catastrophic event.

"That flood in Murwillumbah was a 100-year average recurrence interval flood (that is a one per cent chance of it happening in any year) and for so many people it was devastating. We haven't yet seen a 500-year ARI flood in Murwillumbah but it could happen.

"Council, the State Emergency Service and the Floodplain Management Committee are working hard to educate all Tweed residents on their flood risk and ensure that everyone knows their trigger to act to protect life and property."

Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/VAKetZtWngc> or visit Tweed Shire Council's Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/user/tweedshirecouncil

Make your home emergency plan now

The best safeguard against storm and flood is preparation. Plan now for you, your family and your pets to limit your damages and losses if a storm or flood hits your area.

Talk your plan through with your family and then put it on paper. The State Emergency Service has a template (www.seshomeemergencyplan.com.au) to guide you through making your plan.

What's your flood trigger? When do you need to act?

As a 'rule of thumb' for most of the Tweed Shire, if 300mm of rain falls within 24 hours you should expect significant flooding. Remember short bursts of much less rain can cause flash flooding, particularly in the Hinterland and low-lying residential areas of Tweed Heads. Also, if you live in the lower-lying areas of Tweed Heads, Chinderah and the coastal villages, it's important to understand that the worst flood will come when there is significant rain coupled with an ocean storm surge or king tide.

So, what's your flood trigger to:

- lift your property from any under-storey?
- move your vehicle?
- pick the kids up from school?
- evacuate?

Different communities will have different flood triggers. Even different people in the same community may have different flood triggers depending on their age, mobility, health, whether they have young children, the reliability of their vehicle and other factors.

Remember, every storm and flood is different so you cannot rely solely on past experience.

Keep reading the Tweed Link for news of Council's new Emergency Dashboard with links to everything your need to know in an emergency, coming to Council's website next month.



The SES template will guide you through making your home emergency plan.

Look for the warnings

The first warning signs of any natural disaster will be found in nature itself.

The first signs of an impending flood would include: heavy rain for many hours; pooling and ponding water; rushing roadside gutters; dry watercourses running; livestock moving to higher ground; and, rising creeks and rivers.

The natural warning signs in your area may be your trigger to evacuate. Residents should not wait for official warnings if the natural warning signs tell them to 'go'.

Residents also should listen for official warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology, SES and Police and know what these warnings mean. Again, the SES provides current notifications for all areas by postcode at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/your-local-risk

Check your insurance

All new home and contents insurance policies in Australia include flood cover, however many choose to opt out of flood cover, exclude flood from business policies or choose not to insure at all.

Cover for stormwater will not generally extend to include flood events. Policy holders should understand the difference and upgrade their policy if flood cover is required.

For more information, see:

understandinsurance.com.au/types-of-insurance/flood-insurance

Owners of older properties susceptible to flooding also should consider increasing their insurance policies by \$10,000 to \$20,000 to cover the cost of the Development Application process and building to meet current standards in case their house is destroyed yet they need to rebuild in the same location.

The best safeguard against storm and flood is preparation ... as a 'rule of thumb' for most of the Tweed Shire, if 300mm of rain falls within 24 hours you should expect significant flooding.

The Tweed portal open for business

The Tweed is the natural choice for business and a great place to invest in your future. That was the message at the launch of the Tweed Business Investment Guide and Business Portal held at Kingscliff last Tuesday.

Up to 100 representatives from local businesses came along to celebrate NSW Small Business Month and hear from some of the Tweed's most successful business owners, such as Husk Distillers, Watersports Guru, The Beach People, Quatro Design and Murwillumbah Farmers Market, who took part in a lively Q&A panel and spoke with passion about their love for the Tweed.

Tim Jack-Adams, Watersports Guru: "The Tweed has everything you could possibly want to run a successful business in one destination and I now have three businesses in the Tweed. Each one uses the iconic natural assets and aims to reconnect people through nature and the environment."

Victoria Henderson, The Beach People: "We manufacture all over the world, have offices in three locations and work across multiple currencies and teams and we are able to do all that from the Tweed."

Sue Beckinsale, Murwillumbah Farmers Market: "People in the Tweed are interested in the food they eat and there is a strong demand for beautifully grown organic food."

Chris North, Quatro Design: "When we first started our business here we were a little apprehensive we were not going to find the suppliers and trades that we needed. We actually found the complete opposite. The local community has a really impressive skill set and the quality of service we get from surrounding businesses far exceeded my expectations."

Edwina Messenger, Husk Distillers: "The Northern Rivers region is becoming known for the quality of its producers, so being here works for us and our business."

Council General Manager Troy Green said the event was a great opportunity for local business representatives to mingle and celebrate what made them choose the Tweed to invest in.

"There are so many reasons to invest in and grow your business in the Tweed, apart from the obvious lifestyle benefits and natural beauty of the varied landscapes," Mr Green said.

"The Tweed has a diverse and productive economy – with health services, construction, retail, education and tourism among the most significant sectors – and contributes almost \$2.5 billion to Australia's economy annually."

To find out why the Tweed is the natural choice for business and to access the Investment Guide, visit business.thetweed.com.au, email business@tweed.nsw.gov.au or call the Economic Development team on (02) 6670 2165.

More relief for leaks

Water customers who get an unexpectedly high water bill as a result of having a water leak that was undetectable have been granted extra financial relief from Council.

Council adopted new rules for undetectable water leakage at its October meeting, granting customers two concessions every five years on high water bills resulting from an undetectable leak.

The revised policy is fairer as it applies to all water customers, including those who inherit an undetectable leak when they purchase a property and those who live in multi-residential strata properties.

Connections Engineer Elizabeth Seidl said the revised policy is fairer to all.

"Now each strata unit within the multi-residential property is allowed to make up to two claims in a five-year period, the same as for standalone homes. Two claims within a five-year period can also be made for common areas within a multi-residential community," she said.

However, Council does not automatically grant concessions for undetectable leaks when a customer gets an unexpectedly high bill. The customer must first supply evidence that the leak was 'undetectable' as defined in Council's relevant policy.

An undetectable leak is not a leak resulting from the deterioration or failure of fittings, fixtures or appliances that convey or utilise water such as hoses, seals, toilets, showers, taps, valves, hot water services, washing machines, dishwashers, water tank top-up systems, swimming pools, pumps or irrigation systems.

The customer must also provide proof that the leak has been repaired in the form of a plumber's bill and then Council will review past water bills for the property and offer to amend the current high bill accordingly.

For more information visit Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/ReductioninWaterCharges

Modification application for public comment

Section 4.55 Modification Application for public comment

The following Section 4.55 1(A) application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking for a period of fourteen (14) days from Wednesday 7 November 2018 to Wednesday 21 November 2018.

The proposal is not designated development and the Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	File No.
Project 28 Pty Limited	Part Lot 50 DP 1188902; No. 102 Melaleuca Road DURANBAH; Lot 272 DP 755701 & Lot 323 DP 755701 & Lot 326 DP 755701; No. 86 Duranbah Road Kings Forest	amendment to Development Consent DA05/0840 for grazing of cattle and associated works	DA05/0840.05

Proposed Modification

- The applicant seeks to modify Condition 10C to extend the period in which development may occur to 15 years, from the date of commencement
- Note:** The consent was physically commenced in May/June 2008 and Condition 10 originally allowed three years in which development may occur. Modified Condition 10C previously approved 11 years from commencement so this S96 seeks a further four-year extension.

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Modification Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified.

In accordance with Clause 117 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000, there is no right of appeal under Section 8.8 of the Act by an objector.

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified. Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. It should also be noted that Council has adopted a policy whereby, on request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality by submitters in determining access to submission letters. However, the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* – GIPAA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

Please note – Requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donations

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HARRIET MESSENGER

PAUL MESSENGER

HUSK DISTILLERY

Check out the great videos about local businesses, such Husk Distillery, at business.thetweed.com.au or visit [Council's Youtube channel](#).

Public notice

Presentation of Financial Statements as per Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act.

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Tweed Shire Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on 15 November 2018 will include the presentation of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30 June 2018.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below:

	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	238,078	230,085
Total expenses from continuing operations	186,213	186,646
Operating result from continuing operations	51,865	43,439
Net operating result for the year	51,865	43,439
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	16,482	11,017
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	145,451	187,378
Total current liabilities	(53,037)	(50,027)
Total non-current assets	3,283,515	3,095,173
Total non-current liabilities	(163,054)	(169,540)
Total equity	3,212,875	3,062,984
Other financial information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	1.77x	3.52x
Operating performance ratio (%)	11.3%	11.3%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	3.81x	3.66x
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	4.0%	4.4%
Buildings and Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	67.8%	56.8%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	71.2%	74.4%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	21.55 mths	20.70 mths

In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected at:

Internet: www.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Locations: Civic & Cultural Centre, 10–14 Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Submissions close one week after the above public meeting has been held.



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Community Sponsorship Policy Funding

Opens 7 November 2018 and closes 24 January 2019

Applications for financial assistance for a sponsorship agreement under Council's Community Sponsorship Policy are invited from local, not-for-profit community groups and organisations. These funds are for activities and projects that benefit the health and wellbeing of Tweed Shire residents. The total amount available is \$38,908. Only one application per community group/organisation will be considered. Applications are to be completed on the Community Sponsorship Application Form available on Council's website at: www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GrantsAndFunding

Applicants are requested to refer to the Community Sponsorship Policy.

For more information please contact Shannon Rees on (02) 6670 2591. Applications close on 24 January 2019 and will be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

Request for offer

RF02018143 EOI for Detailed Concept Design of Broadwater Parkway Terranora

RF02018146 Ground Maintenance of Bilambil Sportsfields

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 28 November 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

DA18/0761 – Additions to existing dwelling

Lot 125 DP 263367, No. 20 Captains Way, **Banora Point**

DA18/0704 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 392 DP 248950, No. 10 Kurrajong Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA18/0569 – Dwelling, in-ground swimming pool and garage

Lot 5 DP 706573, No. 117 Cudgera Creek Road, **Burringbar**

DA18/0575 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 42 DP 249140, No. 31 Terrace Street, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0624 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 184 DP 247345, No. 6 Gaggin Way, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0693 – Dwelling

Lot 29 DP 1214044, No. 19 Drift Court, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0700 – Dwelling with attached secondary dwelling

Lot 625DP 1243648, No. 4 Candleberry Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0682 – Swimming pool and retaining wall

Lot 274 DP 1120559, No. 33 Kellehers Road, **Pottsville**

DA18/0715 – Patio

Lot 86 DP 793578, No. 35 Andrew Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA18/0733 – Patio

Lot 85 DP 793578, No. 37 Andrew Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA18/0722 – Dwelling and retaining walls

Lot 212DP 1237760, No. 13 Woodroffe Street, **Terranora**

CDC18/0138 – Kiosk within Tweed City shopping centre – Piccolo Gelato – Tenancy K42

Lot 6 DP 1119624, No. 38 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA18/0675 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 74 DP 1039375, No. 5 Trigonie Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA18/0737 – Dwelling and retaining walls

Lot 65DP 1241079, No. 40 Lorikeet Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

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

Notification of integrated development application

Development Application No. DA18/0884

A development application has been lodged by Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd seeking development consent for staged proposal consisting of warehouse or distribution centre, light industry, industrial retail outlet and ancillary office premises and electricity generating works (solar energy system); and additional works (NRPP) at Lot 10 DP 1084319; No. 1 Wollemi Place; Lots 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 41 & 42 DP 1200182; Pacific Highway; Lot 1 DP 1011625; Parkes Drive, **Tweed Heads West**. The Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i> (except for those provisions which are still in force under the <i>Water Act, 1912</i>)	Water use approval, water management work approval of activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	NSW Department of Industry (Water)

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking

The documents will be available for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 7 November 2018 to Friday 7 December 2018.

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Any submission objecting to the proposed development must state the ground upon which such objection is made.

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Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council proposes to classify Proposed Lots 602 and 627 in DP1243648 at Rous River Way, Murwillumbah as Operational Land.

A period of 28 days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written submission to the proposed classification. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

Development proposals for public comment

The following Development Applications have been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 7 November 2018 to Wednesday 21 November 2018.

The proposal is not designated development and the Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Mr L Karlos	Lot 1 DP 735658; No. 477 Urliup Road Bilambil	Water bottling facility and use of existing structures for the purposes of commercial water extraction	DA18/0910

Note: This application has been lodged after Land & Environment Court Matter 307373 of 2017 to legalise site operations going forward and specifically seeks approval for:

- A water bottling facility with a 28.5ML annual extraction and the use of existing unapproved infrastructure (tanks, pipes, bores, shelter, and driveway) on site for the commercial water extraction business.
- 6m trucks (carrying capacity approx. 13,000L)
- 6 loaded truckloads a day (12 total trips) = 42 total truckloads per week
- Hours of Operation (Seven days a week):
 - 7am – 6pm Monday – Friday and
 - 8am – 6pm Saturdays & Sunday

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Storage Coolangatta Pty Ltd	Lot 668 DP 755740; No. 65–67 Ourimbah Road Tweed Heads	Establishment of a storage premises (self storage units), fencing and advertising	DA18/0879

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Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Cabarita Beach/Bogangar Residents Association – meets Monday 12 November at Cabarita Bowlo, 7pm. All welcome.

Vacancies

Technical Officer – Exhibitions and Collections – Art Gallery
Fleet Assets and Systems Administration Officer

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 wrap – week starting 5 November 2018

Flood road repair works schedule

Contractor	Crosana
Locality	Road
One lane road closure – expect short delays	
Mt Warning	Mt Warning
Rowlands Creek	Rowlands Creek

Under traffic control – expect short delays

Urliup	Urliup
Doon Doon	Commissioners Creek
Upper Duroby	Hogans
Eungella	Everest

Contractor Geostabilise

Locality	Road
Under traffic control – expect short delays	
Mount Burrell	Kyogle
Uki	Kyogle
Farrants Hill	Farrants
North Tumbulgum	Dulguigan

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Locality	Road
Work on new bridge. Traffic control will be required at times – expect short delays.	
Byrrill Creek	Byrrill Creek

Expect short delays

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).

Kielvale – water main upgrade at Reserve Creek Road; road reconstruction Reserve Creek Road, 5km east of Wulffs Lane.

Kingscliff – boardwalk reconstruction Cudgen Creek.

Murwillumbah – stormwater replacement Condong Street; replace kerb and gutter William Street.

Pottsville – kerb and gutter replacement Elizabeth Street.

Tweed Heads – road reconstruction Enid Street. Kerb and gutter Keith Compton Drive.

Uki – resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road.

1300 292 872 or (02) 6670 2400

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