



Council's Director Community and Natural Resources, Tracey Stinson and Project officer – Waterways, Matt Bloor, with the 2018 Local Government NSW Excellence in the Environment award (Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement: On-Ground Works category).

Old trees live on to stop river erosion

Council's innovative Oxley River bank erosion stabilisation project has won a 2018 Local Government NSW Excellence in the Environment award.

The project – located in the Eungella area – was recently recognised under the 'Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement: On-Ground Works' category of the awards.

The awards recognise the work that councils do on behalf of their communities and, in particular, outstanding achievements by local government in managing and protecting the environment.

Council's Oxley River project involved working together with three private landowners at Eungella to deliver large scale earthworks and riverbank reconstruction at two sites along the river.

Ex-tropical cyclone Debbie left extensive damage and severe bank erosion at these sites, with banks left about seven metres high and prone to further slumping and erosion.

Around 250 recycled hardwood logs – some with root balls still attached – were installed by Council to stabilise the Oxley River banks and improve aquatic and riverside habitat. They were driven four metres deep into the river bed to provide bank protection and capture further sediments.

The logs were sourced through vegetation management contractors working on the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina.

Director Community and Natural Resources Tracey Stinson said since the project, recycling large logs had now become standard practice for Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

"It's wonderful that these majestic big trees are being recycled and put to such good use," Ms Stinson said.

"It's lateral thinking such as this which is required to adapt to the effects of climate change.

"The landowners we partnered with have been glowing in their appreciation as the productivity of their farms has increased now they are not going to lose swathes of land to the river each time it floods," she said.

As part of the project, the Oxley River banks were battered to a stable grade and covered with erosion control matting. More than 2,000 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers were planted to provide long-term stability.

Riverside fencing was also installed to exclude stock from the two project sites.

Since the works were completed in December 2017, both sites have been extremely successful in preventing further erosion.

The project was funded through Council's River Health Grant program, which aims to protect and improve water quality in the Shire's drinking water supply catchment. For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/EnvironmentalGrants

12 tips of Christmas for your pet

Our rangers have pulled together some tips for keeping your dog safe and happy over the holidays.

- 1 Keep your dog safe during fireworks as they might become frightened and run off.
- 2 Be aware of storm season as thunder can spook your pet.
- 3 Ensure your details are up to date on the Pet Register www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au or complete a change of details from available at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/dogs
- 4 Keep your dogs on leash (unless in a designated off-leash area)
- 5 Don't leave your pet unattended in your car as they can overheat.
- 6 Keep your dog cool with access to plenty of water and shade.
- 7 If you are going away – tell your neighbours your plan for your pets.
- 8 Keep your dogs out of prohibited areas
- 9 Share the Christmas cheer, play and treat your pet, as they are part of your family.
- 10 Explore the Tweed with your pet, there are some wonderful areas to visit – information on dog friendly parks can be found at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/parks – but don't forget to pack dog poo bags.
- 11 Have fun with your dog but stay safe and be considerate of others who may or may not love dogs.
- 12 Remember pets are forever not just a Christmas gift. If you

are thinking of giving a pet as a gift consider adopting from www.friendsofthepound.com

For public holiday, weekend or after hours' emergencies call 1800 818 326 or if urgent ring the Police. Rangers will be available during business hours.

Below: Prada the Australian Bulldog is on a lead and ready for Christmas, enjoying the view at North Tumbulgum.



In brief ...

Final Tweed Link for 2018

This is the last Tweed Link for 2018. The first Tweed Link for 2019 will be published online on Tuesday 15 January 2019 and in the local papers on the following days.

We hope you have enjoyed keeping up with Council news throughout the year. You can subscribe to receive the Tweed Link direct to your email inbox through www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe along with a range of e-newsletters and alerts.

Council wishes all Tweed Link readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Laboratory closed for Christmas

The Tweed Water Laboratory Centre will not be accepting samples for testing after 2.30pm (NSW) on Thursday, 20 December 2018.

The laboratory will resume full services on Monday 7 January 2019. For more information, contact samplerception@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Lighting up the coast

Council is installing 3.5 kilometres of streetlights along Casuarina cycleway with funds received from the State Government's Department of Industries Stronger Countries Community Fund.

Grants from the fund target improvements to public facilities in regional areas. Council contractor Coughran Electrical will start the six-month installation on 28 January 2019.

An information flyer about the \$992,000 project is being distributed to households in the Salt-Casuarina area from 7 January 2019.

The new LED lights will be fixed to light-grey coloured, marine-grade aluminium poles, whose design will allow easy installation of future CCTV cameras if and when required. The pole profile also allows easy fitting of such things as advertising banners.

The lights, which will have 17-watt globes set on 'moonlight' luminosity, can be individually adjusted via remote control and dimmed by up to 80 per cent. The light will face the beach and a visor can be fitted to minimise light spill to nearby houses where required.

The project is designed to improve safety along the shared-user path and to allow cyclists and pedestrians to use the path at night time.

The shared-user path will remain open and essentially be unaffected during construction work.

Host a seniors event

Your organisation is invited to participate in NSW Seniors Festival 2019 by holding a special event between Wednesday 13–24 February.

Your event should be open to all seniors, focus on, and celebrate the valuable contribution seniors have made and continue to make, to the life of our community.

Here are some suggestions for Seniors Festival events:

- host a special morning or afternoon tea or lunch
- consider discounts or special deals to seniors during this week
- hold concerts, social get-togethers or special film screenings, leisure, health activities and demonstrations or tours, displays and exhibitions
- offer your regular class or activity for free or a discount to encourage seniors to try

Your activity or event will be included for free in a Tweed Shire Seniors Festival program published in the Tweed Link, on Council's website and in hard copy at pick-up points across the Tweed.

If you would like to be part of Seniors Festival 2019 by organising an event, please fill in the online form at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival no later than Friday 21 December 2018. For more information please call Project Support Officer, Community Services Lyn Porter on (07) 5569 3110.

New Year's Eve activities



Tweed Shire Council is proud to be hosting a family fireworks display at 9pm (DST) at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads on New Year's Eve. Twin Towns will also be presenting its countdown to midnight fireworks display at midnight (DST).

Seeking towering ideas

Members of the community have three weeks left to submit a proposal for the future use of the Kingscliff Communications Tower located within Crown Reserve 10001008, Faulks Park, Kingscliff.

Proposals must address the following criteria:

- Alignment with the existing permissible land uses and the Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve Plan of Management 2006
- Incorporate aspects of local community water safety and/or training, and
- Address the financial implications of the proposal.

To view more details about the project, go to

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/KingscliffTower

Expressions of interest close on Friday 11 January 2019.

Please contact Doreen Harwood on (02) 6670 2622 for further enquiries.

Easy water info access

Water customers are just one click away from everything they need to know about their water supply.

Council has launched a new Water Snapshot page that gives customers critical information in simple graphic format and it's just one click away from Council's home page.

On the page you'll find quick links to all the things you might want to do as well as current:

- service interruptions
- Clarrie Hall Dam level (and full capacity)
- water restrictions
- residential water use
- rainfall information
- major water security projects, and
- recreational blue green algae alerts

Visit the new page at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WaterAndWastewater

Report card good, room to improve

As the Tweed's school students take home their report cards, the Tweed River has some news to share too – a solid 'B' for overall water quality.

The take home message from the 2018 Water Quality Report Card for the Tweed River is doing well overall with room for improvement in some areas. The report card is for the period from May 2017 to April 2018.

The results for Cobaki-Terranora ranges from an A for the Terranora Inlet and Broadwaters to a D for Upper Cobaki-Terranora, which includes Durroby, Bilambil, Piggabeen and Cobaki Creeks.

The Lower Tweed Estuary received an A while the Upper Tweed estuary was rated as C.

Coastal Creeks rated a B, while the Rous estuary received a D ranking.

Senior Program Leader Waterways, Tom Alletson said overall the river is in good condition, with only the upper tributaries of Cobaki and Terranora Broadwaters and the Rous River rating the lowest score of D.

"The river and its tributaries are heavily affected by human and natural pressures including catchment runoff, cattle access, weeds, discharges from wastewater treatment plants and high levels of recreational use," Mr Alletson said.

"Water quality also varies markedly within the river and across the year due to tidal flushing and rainfall effects.

"The long-term vision for the Tweed Shire's waterways is that

the Tweed River is a special place; a healthy ecosystem supporting lifestyles, culture and productivity," Mr Alletson said.

"The 2018 Report represents Council's compliance with water quality objectives and examples of actions undertaken by Council and local community groups to achieve that vision.

"Protecting healthy areas of the river and effectively managing run-off from catchments to the waterways requires a strong commitment from both government and the local community."

Actions Council and community groups are taking to improve the results are: stabilising and revegetating river banks to prevent erosion and improve fish habitat, stock fencing and planting vegetation filters along agricultural drain banks.

Here are some ways we can all help water quality:

- ensure that no contaminants (litter, detergents or pet droppings) are washed into drains
- plant natives in your gardens
- never dump garden waste into the bush.

Council is preparing a 10-year plan to manage the Tweed Estuary. The plan will set out a range of actions that can be implemented by Council, NSW Government, industry and community groups to balance conservation, restoration and use of the river. The plan will be placed on public exhibition in mid-2019 before being finalised.

To view the report card and for more information, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/NaturalEnvironment



A little Beach Stone-curlew chick was recently born in the Tweed, one of the first times we have recorded these critically endangered birds breeding in the Tweed. Thanks to everyone who looked out for this lot near Cudgera Creek at Hastings Point. Please continue to give the curlews lots of space and remember this area is a dog exclusion zone. Photo credit: Graham Donaldson

Three reasons to cool off at TRAC this summer

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre locations

Murwillumbah – Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah

Kingscliff – Corner of Cudgen Road and McPhail Avenue, Kingscliff

Tweed Heads South – Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South



For the latest news and competitions find us on facebook

www.facebook.com/TweedRegionalAquaticCentre

trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au



Holiday learn to swim program



Ages 6 months to school age

Fast track your child's swimming skill set by booking into our discounted AUSTSWIM accredited school holiday program at Murwillumbah and Kingscliff.

14–18 January 2019 • 21–25 January 2019 • 5 days for \$68.50

Bookings available now at

Kingscliff (02) 6674 0195 and Murwillumbah (02) 6670 2750



Murwillumbah giant slide and diving boards

Open every day during NSW school holidays

Slide

- 10 – 11am
- 12 – 2pm
- 3 – 4pm

Dive

- 11am – 12pm
- 2 – 3pm



Birthday parties!

TRAC Murwillumbah is a great place for kids' birthday parties with a covered barbeque area, picnic tables, kids leisure pool, café and a beautiful shaded lawn area.

Bookings required.

Phone (02) 6670 2750 or

email trac@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Reptiles, coding and music fun at local libraries

Christmas closure

All branches of Richmond Tweed Regional Library (RTRL) will be closed from 2pm on Monday 24 December for the Christmas period. They will reopen to normal hours on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

The RTRL thanks their communities for a wonderful 2018, and hope that you have a safe and happy festive season.

School holiday activities

Music with Lil' Fi: Lil' Fi is coming to the library with her big bin full of musical fun. What's in the Box? It's always a surprise! Sing, dance and join in with the merry adventures of Lil' Fi and her holiday fun, ukulele adventures, musical instruments and puppets from fair trade. For ages 0-7. Bookings essential.

- Kingscliff Library – Wednesday 16 January at 11am.
- Murwillumbah Library – Wednesday 9 January at 11am and Friday 18 January at 10am.
- Tweed Heads Library – Tuesday 22 January at 10am.

Reptile show: Get hands on and learn about Australian snakes and lizards. Bookings essential as places are limited.

- Murwillumbah Library – Wednesday 16 January at 11am.
- Tweed Heads Library – Wednesday 23 January at 11am.

#RecycleRight with Scratch coding: Meet up with local coders to program games and animations aimed at educating and supporting your local community to #RecycleRight. Create a game or animation that shows how to recycle. It could be a rubbish zapping game, or a chat with a recycling bin, it's completely up to you! The best projects will be featured on the Tweed Shire Council and Richmond Tweed Regional Library website for our community to see and play. Bookings advised.

- Kingscliff Library – Wednesday 9, 16 and 23 January and Thursday 24 January at 9.30am.
- Murwillumbah Library – Thursday 3, 10, 17 and 24 January at 2.30pm.
- Tweed Heads Library – Thursday 3, 10, 17 and 24 January at 10.30am.

Special event at Tweed Heads Library

Tuesday 22 January marks one year since the official opening of the expanded and refurbished Tweed Heads Library. Come along to a week-long celebration with events each day. For bookings phone Tweed Heads Library.

- Monday 21 January – Ancestry.com session
- Tuesday 22 January – Music with Lil' Fi (for children 0 to 7)
- Wednesday 23 January – Reptile show (for children of all ages)
- Thursday 24 January – #RecycleRight with Scratch coding session
- Friday 25 January – Be Connected (library eBooks and eAudiobooks) session

Contact details and further information

For all bookings and to get more information on specific events, contact the hosting library on the following numbers:

- Kingscliff Library – phone (02) 6674 1607.
- Murwillumbah Library – phone (02) 6670 2427.
- Tweed Heads Library – phone (07) 5569 3150.

On exhibition

Draft Customer Experience Standards Version 1.7 and Managing Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy Version 1.3

In accordance with Council's resolution of 12 December 2018, the *Draft Customer Experience Standards Version 1.7* and *Managing Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy Version 1.3* are now on exhibition for public comment for 50 days from Monday 17 December until close of business on Monday 4 February 2019.

Submissions must be made in writing, email or through the project page on Your Say Tweed and received by Council no later than 4.30pm on Monday 4 February 2019.

Public submissions must clearly note the subject 'Draft Customers Experience Standards' or 'Managing Unreasonable Customer Conduct' and be addressed to General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Submissions can also be emailed to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au or made through the project page on Your Say Tweed www.yoursaytweed.com.au/customerexperience

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.

For enquires please contact Council's Communication and Customer Experiences Unit on (02) 6670 2400.

Road wrap – week starting 17 December 2018

All but essential staff are on leave from the close of business on Friday 21 December 2018 to Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Flood Road Repair Works schedule

Contractor Crosana	
Locality	Road
Under traffic control – expect short delays	
Doon Doon	Commissioners Creek
Bilambil Heights	Scenic
Glengarrie	Glengarrie
Terranora	McAuleys

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

Any continuing roadwork sites will be made safe and closed down during this time. Motorists are advised to check myroadinfo.com.au for up-to-date information on road closures and roadworks over the festive period.

All motorists, however, should expect roadworks and road workers on our roads. Where there are roadwork signs, slow down and obey the directions of traffic controllers. They are there to keep you safe.

Remember, double demerit points apply throughout the holiday period.

Expect short delays

Burringbar – water main upgrade. Minor traffic control on Tweed Valley Way near Broadway.

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).

Eviron – road construction Haul Road.

Mount Burrell – road reconstruction and kerb and gutter Kyogle Road, between Coalmine and Lofts Pinnacle roads.

Murwillumbah – replace kerb and gutter William Street.

Terranora Village – subdivision works may cause delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts.

Uki – resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road.

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

If you represent official **Residents or Ratepayers Associations** for your area, please email your 2019 monthly meeting dates, office bearers and contact details to tweedlink@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Residents and Ratepayers Association notices are free.

Council no longer accepts paid external advertising for the Tweed Link. Further information is available in Council's *Communications Policy* at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/TweedLink/About

Saturday Sessions – Music in the park

Tweed Shire Council and Tweed Coast Holiday Parks are excited to announce the Saturday Sessions – Music in the park initiative will be continuing for 2019.

Saturday Sessions is a program of free live music from 3.30 to 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at Rowan Robinson Park in Kingscliff.

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

DA18/0817 – Enclosing existing patio at Possums Preschool Lot 1 DP 263998, No. 20 McLeod Street, **Condong**

DA18/0726 – Detached secondary dwelling and shed

Lot 24 DP 870463, No. 254 Clothiers Creek Road, **Nunderi**

DA18/0728 – Market every second Friday night of the month and a movie night (recreation area) every fourth Saturday night of the month

Lot 1 DP 848875, No. 2-14 Henry Lawson Drive, **Terranora**

DA18/0673 – Unauthorised works and use as a taxi maintenance workshop and storage premises

Lot 9 SP 36263, Lot 663 DP 755740, Unit 9/No. 44-46 Ourimbah Road, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0385 – Additions to existing dwelling and construction of a detached secondary dwelling and carport

Lot 13 DP 634022, No. 6 Sawmill Place, **Tyalgum**

DA18/0902 – Carport within front building line

Lot 2 SP 32868, Unit 2/No. 40 Peter Street, **Banora Point**

DA18/0907 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 17 DP 255609, No. 13 Clifford Crescent, **Banora Point**

DA18/0913 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 40 DP 1245659, No. 4 Cudgera Creek Road, **Burringbar**

DA18/0892 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 5 Section 1 DP 758247, No. 14 Terrace Street, **Chinderah**

DA18/0905 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 103 DP 1210713, No. 23 Chinderah Road, **Chinderah**

DA18/0874 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 3 DP 736046, No. 95 Dungay Creek Road, **Dungay**

DA18/0911 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 59 DP 1186189, No. 317 Casuarina Way, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0836 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including new garage, pool decking, fencing and retaining walls

Lot 60 DP 253421, No. 4 Countryside Drive, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0887 – Use of amenities addition to existing shed

Lot 1 DP 575189, No. 143 Old Lismore Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0893 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 608 DP 1243648, No. 3 Candleberry Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0791 – Three storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 302 DP 1049060, No. 41 Sassafras Street, **Pottsville**

DA18/0802 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 302 DP 1049060, No. 41 Sassafras Street, **Pottsville**

DA18/0981 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 6 DP 634124, No. 448 Pinnacle Road, **Pumpenbil**

DA18/0813 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and inground swimming pool

Lot 207 DP 1237760, No. 3 Woodroffe Street, **Terranora**

DA18/0974 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls

Lot 312 DP 1238182, No. 15 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA18/0933 – Shed

Lot 18 DP 215458, No. 11 Jalibah Avenue, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0961 – Patio roof cover

Lot 2 SP 72960, Unit 2/No. 18 McGregor Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0917 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 10 DP 836271, No. 5 Vintage Lakes Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA18/0921 – Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 26 DP 1236392, No. 18 Robin Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

DA18/0841 – Replacement of existing deck and installing roof cover

Lot 11 DP 240654, No. 22 Anconia Avenue, **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

Responsible dog ownership

Your pet, your responsibility



Penalties for dog owners to be aware of

If you own a dog there are a number of regulations that you should be aware of to avoid being fined.

Offence	Penalty
Not picking up dog poo in a public space	\$275
Dog in a prohibited area, roaming, not under control in public place or off leash in an on-leash area	\$330
Unregistered dog	\$330
Dog without a microchip	\$180
Dog rushes, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person/animal	\$1320

The NSW Companion Animals Regulation 2018 sets out the regulations and penalties for owning a dog in NSW. In August 2018 some of the penalties changed.

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

WATER WEEK 12 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands.

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