



Above: Lion is recovering slowly in the care of Australian Sea Bird Rescue. Top right: Lion is practising diving in the deeper pre-release tank. Bottom: Lion pictured just after her rescue by Salt Surf Life Saving Club volunteers.



Marine debris nearly cost Lion her life

Meet Lion. She's a Green Sea Turtle who was recently rescued by volunteers at Salt Surf Life Saving Club, Kingscliff on 6 January.

Surf lifesavers saw her struggling in the water, brought her in and rang Australian Seabird Rescue Inc.

Lion was found to be suffering from floating syndrome – which is where a turtle is buoyant and unable to dive and feed. It's caused by a build-up of gas in the turtle's body after it has ingested marine debris – including plastics.

It is a serious condition as the animal can't access food at the lower depths and can starve to death.

The body's unreleased gas keeps the animal afloat which not only stops it diving for food, but also makes it more vulnerable to predators like sharks or boat traffic in the area.

She was also affected by large burrowing barnacles.

Lion is now being looked after by Australian Sea Bird Rescue, following veterinary treatment.

The good news is Lion has now been moved from her intensive care tank to the pre-release tank which is much deeper. Being in the deep allows her to try to dive down. The pressure of all the water will hopefully assist to relieve her float and help her to expel some of the internal gas. She loves it in the big tank, giving her more room to swim around.

Lion still has a long way to go but we know with all of the love and attention she is receiving from the volunteers, she should make a full recovery, but it could take up to six months.

Australian Seabird Rescue is a non-profit organisation that relies heavily on donations to rescue and rehabilitate seabirds,

shorebirds, sea turtles and sea snakes.

If you ever find a sea turtle stranded on the shore, please call 0428 862 852 so Australian Seabird Rescue can assess the situation. **Never** put it back into the water.

What can you do?

You can also do your bit to help animals like Lion. Choose one plastic or single use item you want to swap out.

Swap your plastic bags for reusable cloth ones; takeaway paper coffee cup for a reusable mug; cling wrap to beeswax wraps; plastic straws with metal or plastic lunch bags with paper ones. Need some ideas on how to swap over? Contact Council via email at waste@tweed.nsw.gov.au



The team of installers from Nevmat Australia Pty Ltd near completion of Council's first ground-mounted solar array at Bray Park.

Taking action on climate change

Council is putting a little bit of sunshine into the Tweed's drinking water by installing 198kW of solar-generating panels at its water treatment plant at Bray Park.

Above is a picture of Council's first 99kW ground-mounted solar array taking shape on a small parcel of land next to the Bray Park Water Treatment Plant.

Meanwhile, a second 99kW system is being installed on the roof of the facility.

Both installations are expected to be completed by the end of this month and will come on line in March to feed renewable energy direct to the Bray Park plant to power the treatment process used to produce high-quality drinking water for Tweed residents.

All up, 32 energy efficiency and renewable energy projects are

due to be rolled out by Council over the next seven years to help Council achieve its Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) targets of generating one quarter of its own electricity within four years (by 2022) and half its own electricity within seven years (by 2025).

Once the installations at Bray Park are complete, the install team will move to put a 7.5kW system on the roof of the small wastewater treatment plant at Mooball. They will then go to Kingscliff Wastewater Treatment Plant to install another 99kW system of the roofs of those buildings and, finally, a 30kW system on the roof of the Mechanical and Electrical depot at Chinderah.

All up, Council will add 570kW of solar generation capability to its assets this year providing community leadership in adopting renewables and modelling our commitment to take responsible action on climate change.

Register for the clean up

The 2019 Clean Up Australia Day registrations are now open, so it's time to check out rubbish hotspots in your neighbourhood and challenge your friends and family to make 2019 the year when change starts with you.

Businesses are encouraged to focus their action on Business Clean Up Day – Tuesday 26 February, with schools running their own Clean Up on Friday 1 March and youth and community groups taking to their streets over the weekend of 2–3 March.

Participating in one or more of these events is the perfect opportunity to join with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to remove all the rubbish accumulating in your local park, bushland, beaches and waterways before it kills our wildlife.

Online registrations are free and now open at www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au



We can all do our bit for the environment by registering and participating in Clean Up Australia Day.

Tweed celebrates Australia Day 2019

Fifty new Australian citizens were welcomed at the official Australia Day ceremony at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on 26 January.

A number of residents also received awards in recognition for their achievements and service the Tweed community. Council also sponsored a range of community events across the Tweed.



Tweed Shire Citizens of the Year, Sam Ford (centre) and Meredith Dennis (in pink dress) pictured with other category winners and their representatives.



The crowd was entertained by Phil Eizenberg, who performed *I am Australian*.



Tweed Shire Council General Manager Troy Green (right) with Australia Day co-ambassadors Samuel Smith and Anthea Warne.



It was a full house at the Tweed Shire Australia Day ceremony.



Congratulations to all our new Australian citizens who call the Tweed home.



Some of the volunteers who have watched over the Beach Stone-curlew from dawn to dusk.

Curlew congratulations

The Tweed Link has been keeping you up to date with the progress of the Tweed's Beach Stone-curlew family at Cudgera Creek, Hastings Point over the past few months.

There's so much to say about the volunteers who have committed hundreds of hours watching over the new chick from dawn to dusk. They started watching in November – and they're still watching now.

They're an amazing, committed group and Council's Natural Resource Management team has been singing their praises for all these months. Thank you for spending your summer at Cudgera Creek estuary.

Council has also been pleased with the overwhelming support we've received from visitors and residents for these critically endangered birds – here's an up-to-date photo of the baby Curlew.

The Convenor of BirdLife Northern Rivers, Linda Brannian, is one of the dedicated volunteers.

"As a resident of Dungay, I never would have thought to spend my summer at Cudgera Creek estuary. Yet in doing so my faith in humanity has been strengthened. So many of our residents and visitors want to share our coast with wildlife, protect and support them. I recognise so many locals now who come down daily to check on the family and maybe get a glimpse of the chick," Ms Brannian said.

"What has been reported to me is the overwhelming support from residents of the Tweed and visitors alike,

"So many mentioned that this was the 'right' thing to do and how either proud they were of Council or surprised and supportive.

"When I apologised for any inconvenience most just said it was minimal, needed, and temporary. Young families were driven by the overwhelming interest and support of their children.

"I think we have many bird watchers in the making," she said.

Find out more about beach nesting birds on our website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/BeachNestingBirds



The little Beach Stone-curlew has certainly grown.

Doon Doon identified as Aboriginal cultural landscape

Council consultants assessing the potential impacts arising from the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam have identified the Doon Doon catchment as an Aboriginal cultural landscape.

Navin Officer Heritage Consultants has completed an Archaeological Assessment and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment report for the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam, confirming the Doon Doon Creek Valley provides tangible evidence of past occupation of the landscape by the Bundjalung nation.

The consultants, assisted by a number of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs), found that the proposed raising of the dam wall by 8.5 metres will affect 81 Aboriginal sites and three historical sites. Navin Officer Heritage Consultants has recommended archaeological testing and salvage of artefacts, where required, prior to the start of construction to raise the dam wall.

A public version of the consultant's report can be found at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/RaisingClarrieHall, in the document library.

In agreement with the consultants and RAPs, Council has updated its mapping system to reflect the findings of the assessment field surveys conducted in late 2017 and early 2018. More work will be undertaken with members of the local Aboriginal community when the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed raising of the dam is undertaken.

Prior to undertaking the field surveys, nine Aboriginal sites were

registered on the Office of Environment and Heritage's Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) as being within the Clarrie Hall Dam study area. A further six sites were recorded but not registered as being located in or near (within 25 metres of) the study area.

The surveys were informed by a review of Aboriginal and historic literature and databases and through discussion with the RAPs. The surveys identified 60 more Aboriginal cultural sites, including stone artefact scatters, single stone artefacts, grinding grooves, a rock shelter, a culturally restricted site, a possible scarred tree and a possible chalcedony knapping resource.

They also identified 10 previously unrecorded Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs), which require further detailed assessment.

The three European historical sites identified included a building platform, Crams Farm complex and Doon Doon Community Hall.

Twenty-eight of the sites will be permanently inundated by the proposed raised Clarrie Hall Dam and the consultants have recommended that surface artefact collection be undertaken prior to construction starting.

The consultants also recommend that archaeological testing of all PADs occur and archaeological salvage, where required, be undertaken prior to construction starting.

Council and its consultants will continue to work closely with the RAPs as this project progresses.



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Casuarina light project set to start

Council contractors will begin installing 3.5 kilometres of streetlights along the Casuarina cycleway this week.

A \$992,000 grant from the State Government's Department of Industries Stronger Countries Community Fund is enabling the lighting of the cycleway to improve safety along the shared-user path and allow cyclists and pedestrians to use the path at night time.

The path will remain open and essentially be unaffected during the six-month construction program.

The energy-efficient LED lighting will be installed from Cathedral Court to Dryandras Court, excluding the 742 metres of existing lighting between Oasis Way and Windsong Way.

Initially it was estimated the funding would light only 2.5 kilometres but due to efficiencies gained through Council's competitive tendering process an additional one kilometre of lighting will be installed.

Lighting the final 968 metres from Dryandras Court to the Cudgen Nature Reserve will be undertaken if Council can successfully apply for funds under future government grant programs. This final section features an elevated boardwalk and may cost more to light.

Council contractor Coughran Electrical will install the LED lights on light-grey coloured, marine-grade aluminium poles profiled to allow the easy installation of other fittings, such as CCTV cameras, if and when required in the future.

The motion-sensor lights will illuminate when a pedestrian enters a sensor arc, which will extend eight metres either side of the pole. The sensor arcs of neighbouring poles will overlap, meaning three to four lights will illuminate in quick succession giving the pedestrian or cyclist about 120 metres sight distance ahead.

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.



An example of the light poles to be installed from Cathedral Court south to Dryandras Court.

Election signage rules

The NSW election is on Saturday 23 March and political signage will soon become part of the Tweed landscape again.

Candidates and their supporters are reminded they must comply with State and Council regulations when erecting signage.

Election signs can only be display for up to five weeks before the election day. This means no political signs should be displayed before Saturday 16 February 2019.

All posters and signage containing electoral material must comply with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 Division 2, Subdivision 13 – Election signs.

As part of these regulations, election signs must be no more than 0.8 square metres in area.

No signs are allowed in Council's road reserves, either free-standing pole signs or those affixed to trees or street furniture.

Signage is also not allowed to be displayed on a trailer parked on a road or road-related area.

Election signs can be affixed to private telegraph poles, however the owner needs to be certain the pole is not owned by an electricity provider as legal action has occurred elsewhere in the State. All signage connected to power poles will be reported to Essential Energy for their attention and action.

Council officers will remove signs from public property if they are not standard-sized corflute with appropriate content or if they are in a dangerous location.

Signs can be attached to the walls of houses or commercial buildings, as long as they adhere to size limitations in State regulations and are not attached to heritage or draft heritage items.

Any signs that do not comply with the above rules may be impounded by Council officers and will attract a Council fee for retrieval.

Council officers will undertake a program of compliance and monitoring.

Any signs remaining one week after the election will be removed and impounded.



Fixing Cabarita carpark

Council is returning to fix the reseal of Norries Headland car park at Cabarita Beach.

At the moment the surface is sticky and Council plans to spread aggregate over the reseal, where needed, to reduce this. This will be carried out a number of times over the next few weeks, temperatures permitting.

Council would like to apologise for any inconvenience.

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Fingal Head Community Association Inc. meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 February 2019 commencing at 7pm (DST) at the MPU, Fingal School, Fingal Head.

Vacancies

Fitter Welder Technician

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.

Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council proposes to classify Lot 32 DP 755743 as Operational Land, known as 701 Don Doon, Doon Doon.

A period of twenty eight 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.

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

Road wrap – week starting 4 February 2019

Flood road repair works schedule

Contractor	Crosana
Locality	Road
Under traffic control at times – expect short delays	
Urliup	Urliup
Under traffic control – expect short delays	
Bilambil	Hogans
Tweed Shire Council	
Locality	Road
Work on new bridge has commenced. Traffic control will be required at times – expect short delays.	
Byrrill Creek	Byrrill Creek

Expect short delays

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

Byangum – road widening and re-shaping Kyogle and Bakers Road intersection

Kielvale – road reconstruction Reserve Creek Road, 5km east of Wulffs Lane

Kingscliff – kerb and gutter upgrade Surf Street

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

Mount Warning – replace culvert near Mavis's Kitchen

Murwillumbah – replace kerb and gutter William Street; stormwater pit replacement York Street

Terranora – water main construction along Gladioli Avenue

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

Tweed Heads – footpath replacement Greenway Drive and Lakes Drive and The Quarterdeck

Uki – resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road

Maintenance – heavy patching Bakers Road, Dunbible; Kyogle Road, Mount Burrell; Commissioners Creek Road, Commissioners Creek

Planning Committee Meeting Agenda Thursday, 7 February 2019

The Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for Thursday 7 February 2019 is available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 5.30pm. A Community Access Session on the items on the Planning Committee Agenda is to be held at 4.30pm prior to the Planning Committee Meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

Confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public.

Minutes of these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Reports for consideration

Planning and Regulation

- Development Application DA17/0836 for a Staged Development: Two Lot Subdivision (Stage 1) and 12 Lot Community Title Subdivision (Stage 2) and Associated Civil Works at Lot 12 DP 1208402 No. 79 Tamarind Avenue, Bogangar
- Development Application DA18/0665 for a Change of Use of Lot 18 (Unit 205) to Dual Use of Shop Top Housing and Serviced Apartments at Lot 18 SP 77096 No. 18/2–6 Pandanus Parade, Cabarita Beach
- Pocket Herb Noise Assessment – Lot 3 DP 1191598 No. 67 Howards Road, Burringbar
- Unauthorised Earthworks and Unauthorised Vegetation Clearing at Lot 2 DP 596914 No. 115 Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah
- Draft Tweed Development Control Plan 2008 Amendment to Section A1 Residential and Tourist Code arising from the Fingal Head Building Heights Review
- Planning Proposal PP16/0004 The Palms Village Caravan Park – Lot 1 DP 777875 Dry Dock Road, Tweed Heads South – Unauthorised Fill and Recommendation to Proceed to Gateway
- Planning Proposal to Prohibit Water Extraction and Bottling
- Variations to Development Standards under State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 – Development Standards

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

DA18/0524 – Carport attached to dwelling and detached granny flat Lot 2 DP 600410, No. 52 Cudgen Road, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0909 – Change of use of two (2) bedrooms in existing dwelling to bed and breakfast accommodation Lot 4 DP 1035887, No. 21 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

DA18/0803 – Four industrial buildings in three stages Lot 601 DP 1244954, No. 6 Thornbill Drive, **South Murwillumbah**

DA18/1003 – Installation of solar panel system to roof of the Tweed Heads Bowls Club Lot 12 DP 803451, No. 22-38 Florence Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0871 – secondary dwelling and carport Lot 1 DP 1073932, No. 78 Smiths Creek Road, **Uki**

DA18/1017 – Dwelling with attached garage and spa Lot 10 DP 1231670, No. 23 Sea Eagle Court, **Casuarina**

DA18/1040 – Dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool Lot 37 DP 1198266, No. 15 Pavilion Court, **Casuarina**

DA18/0958 – Side fence within the building line Lot 2 DP 602236, No. 5 Rob Roy Crescent, **Kingscliff**

DA18/1022 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and swimming pool Lot 222 DP 1232815, Unit 4/No. 1 Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0982 – Earthworks and retaining walls Lot 2 DP 603670, No. 521 Nobbys Creek Road, **Nobbys Creek**

DA18/1033 – Dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool Lot 1 DP 1249041, No. 679 Terranora Road, **Terranora**

DA18/1046 – Dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool Lot 220 DP 1237760, No. 18 Woodroffe Street, **Terranora**

DA18/0463 – carport within front building line Lot 19 DP 259282, No. 3 Caloola Drive **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0993 – front fence Lot 1 DP 231111, No. 18 Boundary Street, **Tweed Heads**

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

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