



Alyce Togo, 11, of Kingscliff, 'switches on' the new 486 solar panel array at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah, saving \$42,500 per year and 200 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

## Solar savings powering ahead at pool

**Tweed Shire Council has installed its largest solar system to date on a Council facility, saving 200 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year – that's the equivalent emissions from 11 average households.**

Local environmental champion, 11-year-old Alyce Togo helped flick the switch on a new 486-panel array at an opening event last Tuesday at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah.

The NSW Government provided \$198,202 in funding for this project through the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Director Community and Natural Resources, Tracey Stinson, said Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the Tweed's beautiful natural environment for current and future generations, represented at the event by Alyce.

"One of the ways Council is doing this is by committing to produce 25 per cent of our own electricity from renewable sources by 2022, and 50 per cent by 2025," Mr Stinson said.

"With this installation, half of the Council buildings targeted for solar have now had panels installed, saving 750 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere. Council is well on its way to meeting the renewable energy goals outlined in Council's Renewable Energy Action Plan."

To celebrate the TRAC switch to solar and Council's commitment to future generations, Alyce made a symbolic ride down the TRAC waterslide, bursting through a sign featuring the words '200 tonnes of emissions saved'.

Alyce is concerned about environmental issues and recently campaigned to have compost bins placed in all classrooms at her school and participated in the recent Clean Up Australia Day at Chinderah.

Since the Plan was endorsed in 2018, Council has already installed more than 440kW of solar at seven Council facilities nearly doubling Council's solar capacity.




The pool is Council's third largest facility for electricity use, after the Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant and the water pump station at Bray Park Water Treatment Plant.

"With an electricity bill of nearly \$235,000 last year - just over 1,000,000 kWh - these savings are certainly good news for ratepayers as well as the environment," Ms Stinson said.

"They will allow Council to provide more programs and services for the community through maintaining a vital community resource, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of the Tweed."

To find out more about Council's Renewable Energy Action Plan, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainableOperations](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainableOperations). For a guide to selecting a solar system, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Energy](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Energy)

**The rooftop installation of 486 solar panels (165kW) will enable Tweed's top aquatic centre to:**

-  **meet 24 per cent of TRAC's own power needs through renewable sources**
-  **save over 4,725 tonnes of CO2-e over the life of the installation - that's the equivalent of 40 passenger vehicles' driving for one year**
-  **reduce the pool's annual power bill by nearly 20 per cent or about \$42,500.**

## Tenders called for Murwillumbah Levee

**Tenders are being called for the restoration of the South Murwillumbah Levee, which was badly damaged by the March 2017 flood.**

NSW Public Works Advisory has designed the repair of the levee and is managing the restoration works. This week it is calling interested applicants for the job to a pre-tender meeting on site at the levee on Tuesday 30 April 2019.

More information can be found on the State Government's tender site at [www.tenders.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au).

In its current condition, there is a risk that the levee will not afford the protection it was designed to provide because it was structurally compromised when several metres of rushing waters overtopped the earth embankment, which sits atop the riverbank.

Sections of the levee have slumped; other sections have eroded and in one section the crest of the levee has broken. Below the water level, the toe of the levee has been washed away and the riverbank undercut by floodwaters.

While Council has undertaken some temporary measures to 'hold'

the levee, in its current condition it remains at risk of collapse in a small flood and riverside lands, both private and public holdings, may erode into the river.

Council has received \$3.75 million in Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) funding to repair the levee. It will be the last major infrastructure project following the 2017 flood.

Council and Public Works Advisory have discussed the repair works with all the impacted private landowners on the damaged section in a bid to seek their permission to access the levee from their properties.

"We would like to thank all the residents who have provided us with permission to access and will continue to work with several who are still seeking more information,"

Manager Roads and Stormwater, Danny Rose, said.

"While some changes to private land are necessary along the riverfront, the levee is critical to the ongoing safety and resilience of South Murwillumbah".

Council hopes reconstruction works will start in about July and take four months to complete.



Hi, I'm Sox from Bogangar and I love running on the off-leash beach at Cabarita South. It's such a great beach and there's loads of space - I'm just not allowed in the dunes because there's lots of endangered shorebirds and wildlife around here. There are four off-leash beaches in the Tweed and Council has developed a handy mapping tool which shows leash free areas and zones where dogs need to be on a lead <http://bit.ly/TweedDogMapping>

## Anzac Day services

**Burringbar:** Assemble at the Old Bakery at 8.45am for the march to the Memorial. Service to commence at 9am. Refreshments and bowls at the Sports Club after the service.

**Cudgen:** Dawn service held at the Cudgen War Memorial. Assemble at Crescent Street at 4.10am. March to the service at the Collier Street Cenotaph at 4.28am.

**Kingscliff dawn:** Assemble at Turnock Street at 5.55am. Service at the Kingscliff War Memorial. Breakfast at the Kingscliff Beach Bowls Beach Club at 7am.

**Kingscliff main:** Assemble at 10am with the march commencing at 10.20am. Service at the Memorial at 11am. Cars available for non-marchers. Lunch at the club rooms afterwards.

**Murwillumbah dawn:** Assemble at War Memorial at 5.20am. Breakfast in the Services Club at 6.15am. Veterans and children under 12 free, others \$5.

**Murwillumbah main:** Marchers assemble in Brisbane Street, schools and other organisations assemble Main Street, opposite Post Office at 10.10am. March off at 10.30am for Cenotaph service at 10.45am. Transport available for non-marchers at the assembly area. There will be a short session in the Services Club at 12.15am for veterans - finger food and refreshments available.

**Pottsville:** Assemble at 7.30am at the Pottsville Beach chemist. March off 7.45am for the service at 8am at the Cenotaph in ANZAC Park. Breakfast at Pottsville Beach Sports Club after the service.

**Tumbulgum:** Dawn service at the Memorial Gates at 4.30am. Breakfast in the hotel after the service.

**Tweed Heads dawn:** Assemble on pathway behind Chris Cunningham Park at 5.45am. There will be a short wreath laying service at Chris Cunningham Park at 6.30am.

**Tweed Heads main:** Assemble in Boundary Street, Tweed Heads at 10am, march off at 10.30am down Boundary Street, left into Wharf Street and left to the Memorial in Chris Cunningham Park. Service of Remembrance from 11am.

**Tyalgum:** Dawn service at the Memorial at 5.15am. Breakfast in the hotel after the service.

**Uki:** Dawn service at the War Memorial at 4.20am. Breakfast in the hall after the service.



A section of the South Murwillumbah Levee damaged by the March 2017 flood.

## 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

**DA18/0757** - Demolition of the existing buildings and the construction of a 71 place child care facility  
Lot 6 DP 399292, Lot 5 DP 200162, No. 9-11 Waugh Street, **Chinderah**

**DA17/0800** - Demolition of existing structure and construction of a residential flat building  
Lot 1 DP 378971, No. 90 Pearl Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA19/0034** - Alterations and additions to existing shop top housing development (extend garbage storage room and relocate disabled parking spaces)  
Lot 2 DP 1118811, No. 60 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

**DA18/1001** - Secondary dwelling and carport  
Lot 49 DP 31369, No. 20 Murraba Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

**DA19/0030** - Alterations to unit including creating a second bathroom  
Lot 1 SP 79995, Unit 1/No. 14-18 Stuart Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA19/0155** - Carport within front building line  
Lot 2 SP 44398, Unit 2/No. 25 Covent Gardens Way, **Banora Point**

**DA19/0177** - Roofed patio and new fence  
Lot 1 SP 32606, Unit 1/No. 73A Old Ferry Road, **Banora Point**

**DA19/0110** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 156 DP 263155, No. 46 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA19/0085** - Dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 324DP 1238182, No. 2 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**

**DA19/0148** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 76 DP 829141, No. 6 Benevis Place, **Terranora**

**DA19/0161** - Swimming pool  
Lot 1 DP 780133, No. 75 Kennedy Drive, **Tweed Heads**

**DA19/0188** - Semi in-ground spa pool with lockable lid  
Lot 15 DP 865925, No. 20 Quayside Court, **Tweed Heads**

**DA19/0174** - Roofed patio  
Lot 1 SP 18172, Lot 2 SP 18172, Unit 1/No. 115 Sunset Boulevard, **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](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking)

## On exhibition

**Tweed Shire Council is exhibiting the following documents:**

- Draft Delivery Program 2017/2021;
- Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020;
- Draft Resourcing Strategy - Supporting the Community Strategic Plan 2017/2027;
- Draft Revenue Policy and Statement 2019/2020;
- Draft Budget 2019/2020; and
- Draft Fees and Charges 2019/2020.

Combined, these documents provide a guide to Council operations and help the organisation meet community demands for services and infrastructure by maximising what it can achieve with its available resources.

You can view more information at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au)

Council invites feedback on the draft documents from all interested stakeholders and members of the community. Submissions may be made to [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au) or by post to:

Draft Delivery Program/Operational Plan  
General Manager  
Tweed Shire Council  
PO Box 816  
Murwillumbah, NSW 2484

The suite of documents will be on exhibition until Friday 24 May 2019 and public submissions must be received by close of business on that day.

Contact: Michael Chorlton, Executive Manager Finance, Revenue and Information Technology

## Vacancies

**Café Operations Officer (Permanent Part-time)**

For more information and to apply:

- Visit Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://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.

**WATER WEEK 4** Check when your water meter is read at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading)

# All hands on deck at Byrrill Creek Bridge

Last week Council crews poured the deck of the new Byrrill Creek Bridge being built at Terragon to replace a timber bridge washed away in the March 2017 flood.

The new bridge superstructure is now complete and traffic will begin to use a single lane in the middle of the new deck after Easter.

Then, the temporary one-lane timber bridge that was hastily reconstructed from salvaged debris from the flood can be demolished to allow the bridge crew to build the 'wingwalls' (a smaller wall attached or next to a larger wall or structure) of the new structure and complete both road approaches.

There will be two one-day closures of the new bridge in May, between 9am and 2.30pm, to allow the crew to build the bridge barriers. The dates of these full closures are not yet known but the traffic controllers on site will advise motorists in advance of each closure.

The bridge is on schedule to be completed by the end of June.

The Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program has contributed up to \$2.17 million towards the cost of the new \$3.2 million bridge.

Under its Blackspot Program, the Federal Government has also provided \$552,000 to improve safety for vehicles turning right into Byrrill Creek Road and install a guardrail on Kyogle Road to protect motorists from steep drop-offs.

These works will be done as part of the current bridge construction.



And on it goes – pouring the deck of the new Byrrill Creek Bridge.

## What's the deal with your yellow and green bin?

**There is no escaping the fact that managing waste is costly. For your green and yellow bins the cost is in the collection, processing and transportation, as well as the end market value for the recycled or reusable items. The yellow and green bins cost about half that of placing it in landfill.**

If residents place only recyclable items in the yellow bin and only compostable items in the green bin, it will keep costs of these bins down. Placing correct items in the bins not only avoids the extra cost of resources and equipment needed to do additional sorting, but keeps the quality of the product high, which makes it easier to find markets for it.

With China no longer accepting the low quality recyclables, the private Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) that Council uses in Chinderah is still finding reputable markets both worldwide and in Australia, however, it is now at a significantly lower market value. This is because there are so many non-recyclable items placed in the yellow bins such as soft plastics, plastic bags, nappies and food scraps.

The industry is relying on residents to take more care and only place recyclable items in the yellow bins in order to re-sell these items. The

overall goal is to have ALL the recyclable items from the yellow bins to be used and recycled into new products in Australia, which will also equal more local jobs.

Please place general waste items in your red bin only. Yellow and green bins will continue to be tagged if they have non-compostable or non-recyclable items such as biodegradable, degradable and plastic bags, nappies, or fabric etc.

If you are struggling with your waste, touch base with Council on (02) 6670 2400, email [waste@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:waste@tweed.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Waste](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Waste)



## Request for offer

**RF02019072: Slashing and Baling of Grass near Clarrie Hall Dam**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 4pm 15 May 2019

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](http://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 Contracts Administration (02) 6670 2606.

## South Murwillumbah Levee Restoration Works

**RFT-10022331 Applicants are invited from suitably qualified contractors for the restoration of the levee and river bank along the Tweed River south of the Murwillumbah township.** A MANDATORY pre tender site meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 45 River Street, Corner of River Street and Greville Street Murwillumbah.

Documents can be obtained from the eTendering website [www.tenders.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au)

For more information regarding the tender contact Clinton Nittolo, Contact Officer, on 0438 130 495 or by email [Clinton.Nittolo@finance.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Clinton.Nittolo@finance.nsw.gov.au) Submissions close at 9.30am on 23 May 2019 on the eTendering website.

## Road closure

**Wharf Street and Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah will be closed to traffic between Commercial Road and Police Lane Saturday 1 June from noon to 11pm.** The alternative route is via Wollumbin Street. Please contact festival organiser Kerry Turner on 0401 871 096 or email [kerry@tweedfoodiefest.com.au](mailto:kerry@tweedfoodiefest.com.au)

## Water caters for growth

**The new Chambers Reservoir will be filled with water and come on line this week.**

The three-megalitre reservoir was built next to the existing Chambers Reservoir by contractor Stirloch Constructions Pty Ltd at a cost of \$2.35 million.

The new reservoir will provide additional supply capacity for the current and future developments planned for the Terranora area, catering for the projected population growth as new houses are occupied.

Developers contributed about \$625,000 to the cost of the reservoir. The Chambers Lookout carpark has been reopened to the public.



The new Chamber reservoir will provide additional water supply for the Terranora area.

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.

1300 292 872 or (02) 6670 2400

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