



The trial surface near Stokers Siding along the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail withstood recent flooding events well. Compacted gravel, which is resistant to wet weather, will be used along much of the rail trail.

Workers back on track after flood clean-up

Construction of the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail is back on track and remains on schedule for completion by December, despite the impact of the recent floods.

Workers from construction company Hazell Bros have returned to the rail trail sites after spending six weeks supporting the enormous flood clean-up in the Tweed.

The company made a significant contribution to the Tweed's flood clean-up, diverting a fleet of 16 trucks, five excavators, five bobcats and up to 50 workers for six days per week at Tumbulgum, Condong, Uki, Bray Park, Dulguigan, Tyalgum, Chillingham and South Murwillumbah.

Northern Rivers Rail Trail Project Director Iain Lonsdale said work had resumed on the Tweed section of the rail trail, with the initial flood clean-up now largely complete.

"It's great to see the workers back on the job and I'm pleased to say the rail trail itself, including the compacted gravel surface we put down in January, has held up well in the floods and we remain on schedule to complete the project in December," Mr Lonsdale said.

"The flooding did disturb some of the site establishment works, such as the scaffolding on Dunbible Bridge, but overall most of the work sites are operational again."

Over the coming months, construction works along the 24km Tweed

section of the rail trail between Murwillumbah South and Crabbes Creek will include:

- sand blasting and resurfacing of Dunbible Bridge
- clearing of flood debris and vegetation along the corridor
- construction of 5 bridge bypasses and associated earthworks
- removal of sections of the track
- trail access works
- construction of a new timber bridge at Stokers Siding.

When completed, the full length of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail will preserve the 132km scenic rail corridor between Murwillumbah and Casino, creating a safe, car-free connection between the villages and towns along the route.

It will be constructed in four stages, each delivered separately by local Councils, as funding allows. The Tweed section will be the first to open by early next year and will connect the rural villages of Crabbes Creek, Mooball, Burringbar and Stokers Siding with Murwillumbah. Trains on the former North Coast Line ceased running in 2004.

Funding for the Tweed section was provided by the Australian Government, under its Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Package Fund, and the NSW Government under its Restart NSW program.

For project updates and more information about the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/railtrail

Roadshow for business flood support

The Department of Regional NSW will deliver a series of engagement sessions for businesses and primary producers significantly impacted by floods in the Northern Rivers.

The Northern Rivers Regional Flood Roadshow for Business Support is designed to help business identify which grant, package, or assistance they may be eligible to apply for to meet the unique recovery needs of their affected business.

The free roadshow will be held at various locations from 9 to 11 May 2022 and aims to support the recovery, rebuilding and resilience efforts of impacted businesses.

The Tweed session will be held at the Murwillumbah Services Club on Wednesday 11 May 2022 from 4 to 8 pm.

Each session will provide businesses with the opportunity to connect one-on-one with a specific agency to discuss their individual business circumstances or make a further appointment for follow up.

You may also receive an email from Service NSW about the roadshow.

To register for the Tweed session in Murwillumbah complete the Eventbrite registration form at tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-roadshow

Please contact Krystal Bock, Coordination Officer via email at krystal.ock@regional.nsw.gov.au if you have any issues registering or would like more information.



Visit the Northern Rivers Regional Flood Roadshow for Business Support to help get your business back on track to recovery.



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In brief ...

Have your say: Recreation Ground upgrade

Council is upgrading Recreation Ground at Tweed Heads to improve opportunities for children and young people to play.

The consultation is open from 4 May to 1 June 2022.

But we also want it to be enjoyed by everyone.

We want local residents, parents, grandparents, young people and children to share their ideas for the park's upgrade.

The short survey will take about 10 minutes and will be used to draft a concept plan.

To have your say, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/recreationground

In brief ...

Cane toad tadpole trapping reminder

Watergum in partnership with Tweed Shire Council has one last cane toad tadpole trapping and information workshop for the season.

The workshop will be held on Monday 9 May from 6 pm in Murwillumbah. Learn how to trap tadpoles on your property, how to toad-proof your waterbodies and more.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads for more information and to register for free.

This will be a COVID-safe event. The specific location for the event will be provided upon registration. For more information please email canetoads@watergum.org

In brief ...

Tweed JUNKtion tip shop reopens

The Tweed JUNKtion (Tip Shop) has now reopened to the public.

Opening times are Wednesday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 3 pm. Closed on public holidays.

Keep an eye out on Council's Facebook page for regular updates about items for sale in the shop at facebook.com/tweedshirecouncil

Find out more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/tip-resource-recovery



Business owners – have your say on water

Are you a business owner that depends on water? If you answered yes, Council wants to hear from you.

We have drafted a new *Drought and Water Restriction Policy* based on experiences and learnings from the very significant 2019/2020 drought and your feedback on previous restrictions. This policy enables Council's Water and Wastewater Unit to make operational decisions in relation to the implementation, easing and removal of water restrictions for the Tweed.

Extreme weather events can put our drinking water at risk. Now more than ever we need to improve our strategies and methods to protect our precious water supply.

We understand as business owners you are busy, so we have made the process quick and easy. You don't have to read the full 29-page policy, we've put the main points into a handy factsheet, and created a short 9-question survey.

Whether you support the draft or you have constructive feedback, we want to hear from you by 18 May 2022.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/waterpolicy

Get the Tweed Link early by email

Be one of the first to see all the latest news from Tweed Shire Council each week.

Subscribers to the Tweed Link receive it by email each week on Wednesday mornings, in addition to it appearing in print in the Tweed Valley Weekly on Thursdays.

But that's not all – you can also subscribe to Council job alerts, media releases and a range of e-newsletters and Council facility program alerts.

Sign up at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

Live and Local Tweed micro festival

May will be 'music month' for Murwillumbah when the Live and Local Tweed program swings into action.

The program aims to increase live music performance opportunities and support audience and sector development.

As part of Live and Local Tweed, there will be a free micro festival held over 3 consecutive Saturdays – 7, 14 and 21 May – with local artists playing for 45 minutes at selected venues in Murwillumbah.

This Saturday, Sunnyside Mall will host Matty Rogers starting at 10:30 am, Wollumbin Dreaming will feature Blakboi starting at 11 am, Phil & Tilley will perform at the Tweed Regional Museum from 11:30 am and Pulp Fiction bookshop will host Jamie Ashforth from 12 noon.

The gigs will be small in scale; primarily solo and duo performances that are 'unplugged' or 'low key'.

There is no cost to the venues for participating and the artists will be paid for their performances.

Council's Cultural Planner, Dave Burgener said the live music sector has been one of the hardest-hit industries during the COVID-19 pandemic and then copped another setback with the devastating floods of February and March.

"The micro festival connects musicians with venues, activates news spaces for performance and showcases some of the awesome musicians in the shire," Mr Burgener said.

Live and Local Tweed is presented by Tweed Shire Council in partnership with the Live Music Office and APRA AMCOS, supported by Music NSW.

Griffith University is also on board providing research and analysis of the program.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/live-and-local-tweed for more on the project.



Local artists will be performing free at selected venues around Murwillumbah this Saturday as part of the Live and Local Tweed micro festival.



Planning Committee Meeting agenda – Thursday 5 May 2022

The Planning Committee Meeting agenda for Thursday 5 May 2022 is available on Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 3 pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Planning and Regulation

- 8.1 Development Application DA21/0261 for multi dwelling housing comprising 6 x 3 bedroom units and 1 x 4 bed unit, including tree removal at Lot 619 DP 508200 No. 10 Willow Avenue and Lot 632 DP 216389 No. 12 Willow Avenue, Bogangar
- 8.2 Application under Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*,

manufactured home estate (to build on site) at 30 Fraser Drive, Tweed Heads South

- 8.3 Application under Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, manufactured home estate (to vary site coverage, open space and site boundary arrangements) at 30 Fraser Drive, Tweed Heads South
- 8.4 Agritourism and small-scale agriculture development – proposed 'opt-in' clauses to amend *Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014*
- 8.5 Variations to Development Standards

Council Meeting agenda – Thursday 5 May 2022

The Council Meeting agenda for Thursday 5 May 2022 is available on Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at the conclusion of the Planning Committee Meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1 Adoption of Recommendations from Planning Committee Meeting held Thursday 5 May 2022

Confidential items for consideration

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

- 21.1 Architectural Design Competition Waiver in lieu of an Architectural Design Review Process – Tweed Mall Shopping Centre

At its meeting on 18 March 2021 Council resolved to resume public attendance for Public Forums and this Council Public Forum is for speakers on agenda items being considered and will be held at 2 pm prior to the meetings.

The agendas for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings and are available on Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings

It should be noted that 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.

Please be aware that these meetings are webcast and will be available on Council's website following the meeting.

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

- DA22/0154** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including an undercover patio
Lot 6 DP 241909, No. 18 Bellevue Avenue, **Bray Park**
- DA22/0083** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including swimming pool and deck
Lot 114 DP 1031933, No. 12 Coogera Lane, **Casuarina**
- DA22/0127** – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 202 DP 1202098, No. 3 Central Park Lane, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0064** – Demolition of existing structures including tree removal, and construction of dwelling and secondary dwelling
Lot 31 DP 1031933, No. 11 She-Oak Lane, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0681** – Two carports, retaining wall, shed, part demolition and extension of existing dwelling
Lot 3 DP 1244626, No. 1468 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**
- DA22/0010** – Farm building (machinery shed and associated fill and earthworks)
Lot 9 DP 246714, No. 21 Clothiers Creek Road, **Condong**
- DA21/0754** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 26 DP 1066506, No. 2 North Point Avenue, **Kingscliff**
- DA21/0991** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 607 DP 1076975, No. 6 Melia Close, **Pottsville**

- DA22/0194** – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 630 DP 1077500, No. 54 Lomandra Avenue, **Pottsville**
- DA21/0579** – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 407 DP 1252575, No. 19 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**
- DA21/0736** – Dwelling with attached garage, in-ground swimming pool and shed
Lot 11 DP 1259970, No. 3 McAuleys Road, **Terranora**
- DA21/1041** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls
Lot 435 DP 1270825, No. 17 Darro Road, **Terranora**
- DA22/0139** – Split level dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls
Lot 520 DP 1275215, No. 6 Kosciuszko Street, **Terranora**
- DA21/0871** – Partial balcony enclosure (Unit 801)
Lot 29 SP 20856, Unit 29/No. 53 Bay Street, **Tweed Heads**
- DA21/0407** – Change of use to indoor recreational facility (Anytime Fitness Gymnasium) including internal fit-out and associated business signage (5 signs)
Lot 120 DP 817783, No. 54–58 Greenway Drive, **Tweed Heads South**
- DA22/0099** – Inground swimming pool
Lot 30 DP 253035, No. 6 Red Bass 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 datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Draft Drought and Water Restrictions Policy

On exhibition from 30 March to 18 May 2022

You're invited to comment on the *Draft Drought and Water Restrictions Policy*. Whether you support the policy or would like to provide constructive feedback we'd like to hear from you.



From left: November 2019 when water levels were lower. February 2020 when water levels were higher. Tyalgum weir, November 2019.

Have your say

To get involved, review the draft document and provide your comments in the survey at yoursaytweed.com.au/waterpolicy

Recreation Ground upgrade, Tweed Heads

On exhibition from 4 May to 1 June 2022

We have an exciting new upgrade planned for Recreation Ground at Tweed Heads.

Have your say

Learn more about what is planned, and share your ideas in the survey at yoursaytweed.com.au/recreationground



Council confidentiality policy: On request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality however, the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* may require confidential submissions to be released to an applicant.

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