



River bank erosion in the Tweed River at Murwillumbah after the February 2022 flood will be stabilised and revegetated, leading to improvements in fish and riverside habitat. Inset: River bank erosion at Byangum. Some reaches of the river bank have been stripped of trees and soil, receding by as much as 30 metres.

## Flood damages estuary and river banks

Council's waterways team is working on the rehabilitation of creek and river banks damaged by unprecedented flows in the February flood, while trying to accurately record the full scale of the damage.

Council's Waterways Program Leader Tom Alletson said significant work was required to restore and protect the river's banks across the length of the waterway.

"Erosion is significant in many locations along the Tweed River and will require a lot of work. However, the most extreme damage is in the section of the river between Byangum and Uki," Mr Alletson said.

Council can provide advice and assistance in some cases for land owners seeking help with erosion, while River Health Grants may be available to improve river health, erosion remediation and revegetation.

Mr Alletson said water quality had been beginning to return to normal in downstream reaches of the river and coastal creeks, however the forecast wet weather would impact that process.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/environmental-grants-incentives](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/environmental-grants-incentives) for more information on River Health Grants or read the full Tweed River media release at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news)

## Let's get this party started: funding for post-flood events

Event organisers and community groups are encouraged to put their 'thinking caps on' and develop an event to support Tweed communities and businesses in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and recent floods.

As part of its Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program, the NSW Government has provided a funding pool of \$330,000 aimed at bringing the Tweed community together.

For events to be eligible for funding, they must be open to the public, free to attend or have a very small fee, designed to reconnect communities and be held before 23 March 2023.

Examples of eligible events include:

- festivals and fairs
- sporting events
- theatre programs
- community markets, classes and workshops

- food and leisure events
- agricultural field days
- community public holiday events
- racing events.

Applications must address the criteria and show how the event would rebuild community cohesion, deliver positive social outcomes and support local businesses.

Don't delay – if you have an idea about a community event, put your plan together now.

Details about where and how to lodge your plan will be released on Council's website later this week.

Applications will close at 12 noon on Monday 6 June 2022.

For more information about the program, visit Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program (go to [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) and search 'Reconnecting Regional NSW').

## Become a Museum Ambassador in Volunteer Week



The Tweed Regional Museum is holding an Open Night next Tuesday 24 May at 5pm for anyone interested in the Museum's volunteer Ambassador program.

**National Volunteer Week (16 – 22 May) is a chance for us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.**

Tweed Regional Museum (TRM) is joining the celebrations in 2 ways – with an enthusiastic thank you to all their wonderful volunteers and with a callout to anyone who may be interested in their Museum Ambassador Program at TRM Murwillumbah.

Ambassadors play a central role in welcoming and assisting visitors to the Museum, as well as contributing to the daily operation of exhibitions and public programs.

"Joining our team is a great opportunity to grow your skills, expand your knowledge of our region and meet new people," Museum Director Molly Green said.

"Visitors regularly rate our volunteers as 'terrific' and complement them on their knowledge and helpfulness.

"They are a fantastic bunch and really do embody Volunteering Australia's theme for National Volunteer Week – *Better Together*."

If you'd like to meet staff and some of the existing volunteer team at the Museum, and see what the Ambassador Program is all about, come along to the Open Night at the Museum on Tuesday 24 May at 5pm.

Further details can be found at [museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au)



Last week we each used

**182L a day**

as at 16 May 2022

### In brief ...

#### Flood recovery assistance points

**Two rural Flood Recovery Assistance centres have been established to help flood-affected residents and businesses back to recovery.**

The Flood Recovery Assistance centres are located in Burringbar and Uki, reducing the need to people in rural areas to journey into Murwillumbah.

The Burringbar centre is located at the Uniting Church Hall, 6068 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar and is open Thursday 19 and 26 May from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The Uki centre is located at the Uki School of Arts Hall, 1462 Kyogle Road, Uki and is open Friday in 20 and 27 May from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The Recovery Centre in Murwillumbah, located in the Murwillumbah Civic Centre, is open from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and is staffed by service providers for:

- Service NSW
- Services Australia (Centrelink)
- Legal Aid
- Mental Health
- Financial Counselling
- Insurance Providers

For more information visit [www.nsw.gov.au/floods](http://www.nsw.gov.au/floods)



The Snack performed last Saturday at Johnny Franco's in Murwillumbah as part of Live and Local. This Saturday Johnny Franco's will be hosting Jerome Williams from 11 am.

## Catch some more free live and local music

**Rain, hail or shine, the show will go on with the final Saturday of the Live and Local Tweed micro music festival.**

Live and Local Tweed is all about promoting live music, especially in venues which many people mightn't think of when it comes to music.

Over the past 2 Saturdays Tweed Shire Council has collaborated with 4 businesses in Murwillumbah to provide free live music on Saturday.

This Saturday, the program will start just a little later with Johnny Franco's hosting Jerome Williams from 11 am, Pulp Fiction bookshop will feature One of Us Is Lying from 11:30 am, James Bondage and The Safewords will perform at Keith from 12 noon and David Fennell will be at the Tweed River House from 12:30 pm.

Each performance will be 1 hour and 45 minutes long.

Put some music in your life this Saturday and support some great local talent for free.

For more information on Live and Local Tweed, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/live-and-local-tweed](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/live-and-local-tweed)

The Live and Local Tweed program is presented by Tweed Shire Council in partnership with the [Live Music Office](http://Live Music Office) and [APRA AMCOS](http://APRA AMCOS).

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

### 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](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

# Plastic bag ban from 1 June 2022

The countdown is on for Tweed residents to make adjustments ahead of the NSW Government's ban on single-use lightweight plastic bags from 1 June 2022.

Lightweight shopping bags made from biodegradable, compostable or bio-plastics will be banned.

A Council spokesperson said compostable bags used in the kitchen caddies will still be permitted as they are considered a barrier bag. Bin liners for general waste going to landfill will also be permitted.

To do its bit, Council has purchased reusable cutlery, cups, plates and bowls to be used at Council organised events as part of its Towards Zero Waste commitment.

From 1 November 2022, the following will also be banned:

- single-use plastic straws
- stirrers and cutlery
- single-use plastic bowls and plates
- expanded polystyrene (EPS) food service items
- single-use plastic cotton buds
- microbeads in certain personal care products.

To find out more about the NSW Plastics Action Plan visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/plastics-action-plan](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/plastics-action-plan) or find out more about Council's *Towards Zero Waste Strategy* at [yoursaytweed.com.au/zerowaste](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/zerowaste)



Compostable kitchen caddy bags are not banned as they are considered a barrier bag, but make sure they have the AS4736 logo.

## Road damage – here we go again

Council is acutely aware of the deteriorating condition of parts of our road network and the growing number of potholes as a result of the unrelenting wet weather we are experiencing.

Our roads have taken a battering from the flooding events of February and March, with more than 2,000 repair jobs logged across the Tweed. This number does not include other road maintenance items, such as potholes, that were not the direct result of flood action.

Council's road crews are responding to pothole and other road surface issues reported by the public and by our own staff. These need to be prioritised due to their number and geographical range across the Shire.

Generally, Council target repairs on the highest volume, highest speed roads like Tweed Valley Way and Tweed Coast Road, and anywhere significant safety issues occur.

Council is also currently trying to target those roads taking more traffic than normal due to flood damage closures, including Bilambil, Terranora, Limpinwood and Numinbah Roads.

While it is raining, and the holes are full of water and the pavement is saturated, short-term pothole treatments are all that is available. The long wet period has raised water tables in low lying areas, so it is not just surface water Council is battling with – some of the holes refill with water as they are being patched.

Council is also trying to rectify further damage to the flood repair locations, such as the gravel patches on Kyogle and Numinbah Roads, and the approaches to numerous causeways in the hinterland. In some locations repairs are being undertaken for the third or fourth time because the wet weather occurred before the pavement could be sealed.

In summary, the continuing rain means work has to be re-done, there is more damage to pavements and longer timeframes to get all

the repairs done.

Residents are urged to drive to conditions, allow extra time for their trips, exercise patience with people who might be less familiar with these roads, and give Council a chance to get on top of things once the rain passes.

Stay up to date with road repairs and ongoing road impacts via Council's dedicated website which is being continually updated at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks-closures](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks-closures)

Residents are urged to report any potholes via Council's Report A Problem form at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem)



More potholes have formed over the wet weather period and are difficult to repair while it remains wet.

## 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

**DA21/0914** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 33 Section 10 DP 30043, No. 31 Hastings Road, **Bogangar**

**DA21/1038** – Two storey dwelling with attached carport and in ground swimming pool

Lot 18 DP 1273771, No. 17 Kanooka Crescent, **Bogangar**

**DA22/0225** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 46 DP 1198266, No. 12 Pavilion Court, **Casuarina**

**DA21/0865** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 2 DP 1164443, No. 15 Bambery Street, **Fingal Head**

**CDC22/0030** – Complying Development Certificate for a swimming pool

Lot 346 DP 1196575, No. 21 Central Parade, **Murwillumbah**

**DA22/0091** – Single storey dwelling with pool

Lot 8 DP 35929, No. 23 William Street, **Murwillumbah**

**DA22/0004** – In ground swimming pool

Lot 32 DP 864094, No. 13 Sassafraas Street, **Pottsville**

**DA22/0153** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within the front building line

Lot 66 DP 263729, No. 5 Royal Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA22/0093** – Inground swimming pool, decks and pool fence

Lot 4 NPP 286750, No. 14 Black Myrtle Court, **Terranora**

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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Current vacancies

View current vacancies at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies)

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## Request for offer

**RF02020151 SEQ Water Link – Construct 697m of 375mm Dia DI CL Trunk Watermain**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon 8 June 2022

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts)

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 on 02 6670 2606.

## Council Meeting agenda – Thursday 19 May 2022

The Council Meeting agenda for Thursday 19 May 2022 is available on Council's website [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings). The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 3 pm.

### Agenda

- 5.1** Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Thursday 21 April 2022 and Thursday 5 May 2022
- 8.1** Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 6 May 2022
- 9.1** Mayoral Minute for April 2022
- 10.1** Receipt of Petitions as at 9 May 2022

### 11 Orders of the day

- 11.1** Funding for Displaced Residents

### 17 Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 17.1** Licencing Jack Evans Boat Harbour Events – Skyline Ferris Wheel

### 18 Reports from the Director Engineering

- 18.1** Floodplain Management Grants 2020–21 – Tweed Heads South Levee Overtopping and Drainage Study
- 18.2** 2022 Flood Inquiry Submission
- 18.3** Dam Safety Management System – Internal Review for 2021
- 18.4** Amendments to Section 7.11 Contribution Plans: CP7 West Kingscliff and CP19 Casuarina Beach/Kings Forest

### 19 Reports from the Director Corporate Services

- 19.1** Superannuation Payment for Councillors

- 19.2** Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – Appointment of Chair
- 19.3** Corporate Quarterly Performance Report as at 31 March 2022
- 19.4** Quarterly Budget Review – March 2022
- 19.5** Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 30 April 2022

### 21 Reports from sub-committees/working groups

- 21.1** Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 7 April 2022

### 22 Confidential items for consideration

### 25 Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation in committee

- 25.1** Status of Compliance Actions – Bellingdale Farm – No. 47 Hindmarsh Road, Nunderi

### 26 Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment in committee

- 26.1** Tweed Holiday Parks Fees and Charges 2023/2024
- 26.2** Tweed Holiday Parks – Extension of Management Agreements for Hastings Point Holiday Park, Pottsville South Holiday Park and Kingscliff Beach Holiday
- 26.3** Captain Cook Memorial Lighthouse Upgrade Budget Shortfall

### 29 Close of meeting

At its meeting on 18 March 2021 Council resolved to resume public attendance for Public Forums in line with the meeting room's COVID-safe Plan and a Council Public Forum for speakers on agenda items being considered will be held at 2 pm prior to the 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 and is available on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings)

It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Also, the minutes of this meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meeting and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that this meeting is webcast and will be available on Council's website following the meeting.

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