



President Crabbes Creek Community Resilience Group Reg Robinson and President Burringbar Community Resilience Group Phil Taylor at the launch of the new flash flood alert system at Crabbes Creek.

## New flash flood alert service goes live

**Residents of Burringbar, Mooball and Crabbes Creek are being urged to register to receive flash flood alerts via SMS, email and recorded voice calls (landline) for free, ahead of the coming wet season.**

Council, with assistance from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and other government agencies, has launched a new automated flash flood alert system for the villages, following a successful trial last summer.

Council Engineer – Flooding and Stormwater Leon McLean said previous events and Council's flood risk management studies have shown these areas were subject to flash flooding with little to no warning.

"The small Burringbar Creek and Crabbes Creek catchments are not covered by Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) flood warnings, as the time between rainfall and flooding is too short," Mr McLean said.

"The new Burringbar and Crabbes Creeks flash flood alert service is an automated system that will provide residents with advanced notice of approaching floods.

"The new early alert system was developed following extensive consultation with local residents and lead agencies and we are grateful

for everyone's input on this critical service."

The system has 2 main components: flood forecasting and alert distribution.

The flood forecasting system involves a cloud-based computer system, running continuously, that accepts data from local rain and stream gauges and combines this with various BOM prediction products to forecast flooding in the near future.

The forecasting system is being monitored at all times by Council's alerting partner, Early Warning Network.

When flood forecasts exceed certain thresholds, the predictions will be verified and an alert will be distributed to the community, SES and Council advising of approaching flooding, the expected timeframe and magnitude at key locations.

The system was created in collaboration with officers from Council, SES, BOM and the Department of Planning and Environment and funded under the NSW and Australian Government's Natural Disaster Resilience Program.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-alert](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-alert) to register for the free flash flood alerts.

## Early start to mosquito season this year

**Recent heavy rains and localised flooding has meant an early start to mosquito season this year, as the insects find ample conditions to breed and flourish.**

With their pesky buzzing and irritating bites, mosquitos can be a real nuisance, although it is the diseases that mosquitos carry that are the real problem.

Mosquitos can carry diseases such as Ross River and Barmah Forest Virus. Unfortunately for our furry friends, they can also spread heartworm larvae which can infect dogs.

Usually, most cases of mosquito-borne diseases are reported in late summer and early autumn, although the wetter conditions of late make our region the perfect breeding ground for mosquitos and mosquito-bred diseases.

There are some simple steps you can take to keep you and your family mosquito safe:

- Empty all water containers around the home where mosquitos could breed – plant bases, buckets, pet bowls and roof gutters.
- Avoid going outdoors during peak mosquito times at dawn and

dusk or close to wetland and bushland areas.

- Wear long sleeves and pants outdoors (reduce skin exposure) and wear shoes and socks.
- Apply repellent to all exposed skin. Use those that contain DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus which are the most effective.
- Use mosquito coils in combination with topical insect repellents.
- Reapply repellent after swimming or perspiring (apply sunscreen first, then repellent).
- Most repellents are safe for children aged three months and older, although some are only for children aged 12 months and up. Always check the product. Infants less than three months can be protected with mosquito netting.

Also remember to check your water tank to make sure it's sealed and secure and not letting them inside.

If we all do our bit in our own backyard, together we can protect our loved ones and work together to keep our community safe.

For more info about how we can tackle mosquitos together, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/mosquitoes-midges](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/mosquitoes-midges)



One of the degraded sections of retaining wall along Mooball Creek at Pottsville to be repaired.

## Mooball Creek stabilisation

**Here's some good news for Pottsville residents.**

Council is undertaking bank stabilisation work at 3 sites along the eastern side of Mooball Creek at Pottsville over the next few weeks.

Access points along the popular foreshore are eroding and need to be stabilised with rock to improve safety and waterway health.

Failing timber retaining walls and old steps will be removed at 2 sites, and 3 new sets of stairs will be installed after works have been completed. Work is expected to take up to 4 weeks.

The project is jointly funded by Council and the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment Coastal and Estuary Grants Program.

Find out more about how Council looks after our rivers and creeks at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks)

## Anchorage Island Harbour boardwalk repair

**Work has commenced on the next stage of the project at Anchorage Island Harbour which will involve major repairs to the Jetties Boardwalk.**

Repairs will include the removal and replacement of the existing structure.

This upgrade is essential to ensure that the foreshore remains structurally sound and safe for the Tweed community.

Work on the Jetties Boardwalk is expected to be completed in December at which point repairs will commence on the Rotunda Boardwalk, the final stage of the project.

Further information about the project is on the Your Say Tweed project page at [yoursaytweed.com.au/anchorage-islands](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/anchorage-islands)



Aerial image showing Jetties Boardwalk site. Materials laydown area will be on the grass at the western end of the boardwalk (red circled area).

## Have we heard you right?

**Tweed residents are invited to join a series of Community Conversations on 2 and 3 November to learn more and share their thoughts about key population, housing and employment issues and opportunities facing the Tweed Shire over the next 20 years.**

In August and September, the community shared their thoughts on what is important to them when it comes to housing and employment opportunities in the Tweed.

Now, a draft Issues Paper will present the key findings from the early-stage community consultation, as well as a background review of the current planning and policy context and demographic and employment data.

The draft Issues Paper, on exhibition from Tuesday 25 October, will provide an important evidence base that will establish the key population and employment growth issues, challenges and opportunities facing the Tweed Shire over the next 20 years. It will set the direction for the next phases of preparing the Tweed Growth Management and Housing Strategy do Council can plan ahead so the Tweed is ready for the future.

To learn more and to register to attend a Community Conversation visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/growth-management-and-housing-strategy](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/growth-management-and-housing-strategy)

## Tour Clarrie Hall Dam on Saturday

**This week is Water Week throughout Australia and to celebrate, Council is holding a tour of Clarrie Hall Dam this Saturday, 22 October 2022 at 1 pm.**

Come along and see how the dam operates.

Head to [clarriehalldamtour.eventbrite.com.au](http://clarriehalldamtour.eventbrite.com.au) to reserve your spot. Be quick, there are just 30 places available.

Clarrie Hall Dam is built to store water, helping secure the Tweed's water supply.

Find out how the dam keeps the river flowing when water levels are low.

Enjoy some fresh air and take in the dam's scenic surrounds.



If you couldn't make it to the August tour run for Local Government Week, reserve your spot for this Saturday afternoon's event.



# Flood recovery update – 19 October 2022

Trade and industry information session

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) is holding an information session for local trades and industry focused on the repair, rebuild and reconstruction of the region following the floods of 2022.

The session is aimed at infrastructure, trades and industry professionals and training, skills and workforce service providers.

The event will be held at the Tweed South Sports Club on Thursday 27 October from 4:30 to 7 pm. Register at [eventbrite.com/e/industry-information-session-tickets-428229986417](https://eventbrite.com/e/industry-information-session-tickets-428229986417)

## Find out more

Below are just some of the latest updates on our flood recovery works on our roads. Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update) and [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works) where you'll find a lot more information.

## Scenic Drive

Contractor Australian Marine and Civil Pty Ltd (AMC), has opened one lane under traffic control after completing initial stabilisation works on the main landslip. There are no vehicle load limits in place.

Traffic controllers will monitor flows and meet the needs of peak demand times so please be patient and allow extra time for travel.

AMC has completed the first stage of the foundation preparation and are ready to pour the footing this week. Boxing works and reinforcement have been prepared and now just waiting for concrete.

AMC plan to start laying retaining wall blocks this week and back fill will commence the week after.

Motorists are advised to expect extended delays between 9 am and 3 pm as contractors bring in material and equipment.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works) for more information on these and other repairs.



Scenic Drive is now open with a temporary one-lane access to all vehicles.

## Tyalgum Road

The road slip at Tyalgum is the largest and most complicated item on Council's Flood recovery roads list.

The geotechnical reports Council received in September have been included in the Design and Construct bundle of works for repairs to the largest road slips around the shire.

Short-listed construction contractors are currently pricing up Concept designs with the aim of having designs and tender pricing to Council by late November.

Once designs are complete, Council will select the most suitable contractor to carry out the work, with works expected to start on site in mid 2023.

## Limpinwood Road

The geotechnical reports Council received last month have been included in the Design and Construct bundle of works for repairs to the largest road slips around the shire.

This includes the slips near Boxsell Road and Charbray Place.

Short-listed construction contractors are currently pricing Concept designs with the aim of having designs and tender pricing to Council by December. Once designs are complete, Council will select the most suitable contractor to carry out the work.

Transport for NSW has confirmed in principle funding approval to cover the cost of repairs.

Patching works have been carried out to repair minor damage.

## Flood recovery engineering support for Northern Rivers residents

Volunteer groups Holding Hands Underground (HHUG) and Engineers Without Borders (EWB) have partnered to provide Northern Rivers residents impacted by recent floods with engineering support.

The aim is to provide support to as many landowners as possible who are not covered by insurance and their issue isn't subject to a decision or action by an authority, namely local or state government.

The support will be in the form of free engineering assessments of houses, causeways, roads, landslides and waterways on private properties and providing reports detailing recommendations.

The project will prioritise residents who are experiencing financial hardship.

This is the first time Engineers Without Borders has worked in a flood disaster zone in Australia. It is currently a volunteer-run initiative which is in its pilot phase however, it is hoped this project will create a strong model for Engineers Without Borders to mobilise across Australia in future natural disasters.

Engineers Without Borders is looking for professional engineers with a background in civil, structural, geo-technical engineering and/or program management to join them in a volunteering capacity.

## Zara Road

Contractors have completed road reconstruction along Zara Road between Bald Mountain Road and Astron Road.

The works included road pavement stabilisation and application of bitumen seal however line marking, adjustment to guardrail and some debris removal is still required to be undertaken in the specific area.

These works will be done under traffic control, but delays will be minimal when underway. Please follow electronic roadworks signage for up-to-date information.

## Numinbah Road

As part of our commitment to provide safe and more resilient roads and to address community concerns about road conditions, Council is continuing with flood recovery works on Numinbah Road between Murwillumbah and Chillingham.

Road reconstruction works between Chillingham village and Chilcotts Road has been completed to a 650-metre section following road stabilisation and sealing. The flood recovery works is the first of a rolling program targeting 3 of the worst sections of Numinbah Road.

Other works planned include pavement reconstruction works near Marken Place, which will take about 4 weeks (weather permitting).

When completed, crews will move on to the section of road near Crooks Valley Road and this will take about 8 weeks to complete.

While we're not expecting to close these sections of road, there will be lane closures which may cause 5 to 10 minute delays.

Transport for NSW is also planning repair and maintenance works on Korns Bridge next month.

Landowner's can request support via an online form. Go to 'engineering support' at [hhug.org.au](https://hhug.org.au) where you can check eligibility for the program and fill out the online Community Engineering Support form.



Engineers Without Borders volunteer Dominic Cavenough assessing a flood damaged crossing at Rowlands Creek.

## Weed Biosecurity: High-risk weeds in fodder



### Did you know?

- ➔ Our region is currently under serious threat from the introduction of high-risk weeds. High-risk weeds can travel in feed and fodder and may be new to our region.
- ➔ Rous County Council's Weed Biosecurity team has several dedicated and knowledgeable officers who are working across our region every day, supporting Far North Coast residents with identification and control advice for priority weeds.
- ➔ Everyone has a weed biosecurity duty! Everyone can play a part in keeping our region safe from high-risk weeds and new weed threats.

Since the devastating flooding our region experienced earlier this year, fodder has been kindly donated to local landholders, coming in by the truck load from all around the country. Unfortunately, the movement of fodder to our area has significantly increased the risk of new weed incursions.

If you have received fodder recently – for example, hay, grain, silage, and pelleted foods – weed seed or plant fragments may have made their way onto your property. Let's be vigilant. Notify our Weed Biosecurity team if you see unusual weeds pop up in high traffic zones such as paddocks, livestock feeders, or where you've been throwing hay. You could stop a significant weed biosecurity threat in its tracks by alerting a Biosecurity Officer of your sighting today.

On our radar at the moment are two high-risk weeds that may be travelling in fodder: Parthenium weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*) and Black knapweed (*Centaurea x moncktonii*).

Familiarise yourself with these weeds and other priority weeds via the Rous County Council weeds resources page at [rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-resources](https://rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-resources) or the Department of Primary Industries High Risk Weeds page at [dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/feed-and-fodder/managing-biosecurity/high-risk-weeds](https://dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/feed-and-fodder/managing-biosecurity/high-risk-weeds)



Parthenium weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)



Black Knapweed (*Centaurea x moncktonii*)



For assistance in identifying a weed or to report a weed go to [rous.nsw.gov.au/report-a-weed](https://rous.nsw.gov.au/report-a-weed) or call us on 02 6623 3800.

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## Dry Dock Road boat ramp repairs

Maintenance and repair works are currently underway at Dry Dock Road boat ramp at Tweed Heads South to replace a damaged section of the existing concrete boat ramp.

These works are needed to protect Council's existing waterway infrastructure in the long-term and ensure the safety of the public when using the facilities.

Weather permitting, the ramp should reopen on Saturday 22 October. To find an alternative boat ramp, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/boat-ramps](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/boat-ramps)



## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

### Draft Code of Meeting Practice Policy

On exhibition from 19 October to 16 November 2022

You are invited to make a comment on proposed changes to the Code of Meeting Practice Policy including amendments to time limits on Council meetings.

#### Have your say

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/code-of-meeting-practice-policy](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/code-of-meeting-practice-policy) to learn more and make a submission.

**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.

Help us make decisions with you  
Register at [yoursaytweed.com.au](http://yoursaytweed.com.au)

## 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

**DA21/1047** – Carport, shed and covered entry

Lot 1097 DP 31968, No. 75 McAllisters Road, **Bilambil Heights**

**DA22/0086** – Alterations and additions to dwelling

Lot 1 DP 1259107, No. 6082 Tweed Valley Way, **Burringbar**

**DA22/0370** – Dwelling with double garage and covered outdoor room

Lot 13 DP 1265836, Bakers Road, **Byangum**

**DA21/0998** – Alterations and additions to dwelling including 1.8 m high front fence and 1.5 m side boundary fence.

Lot 72 DP 1027531, No. 12 Bozier Court, **Casuarina**

**DA21/1022** – Two storey dwelling with a basement and swimming pool

Lot 65 DP 1031933, No. 25 Beech Lane, **Casuarina**

**DA22/0131** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 67 DP 1031933, No. 29 Beech Lane, **Casuarina**

**DA22/0568** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 139 DP 1201995, No. 22 Dianella Drive, **Casuarina**

**DA22/0595** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 30 DP 786456, No. 19 Kestral Place, **Clothiers Creek**

**DA22/0496** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 2 DP 1258797, No. 14 Hungerford Lane, **Kingscliff**

**DA22/0476** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 3 DP 847438, No. 98 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA22/0134** – Carport and 1.8 m high front fence within the front building line

Lot 9 DP 243479, No. 50 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA22/0387** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 2 SP 16692, Unit 2/No. 29 Meridian Way, **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 [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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## Council notice

In accordance with section 128 of the *Roads Act 1993* and clause 69 of the *Roads Regulation 2018*, Tweed Shire Council gives notice of its intention to grant a permit for the erection of a public gate over Council public road as follows:

**Road:** Part unnamed road reserve adjacent to 37 Carraboi Terrace, Tyalgum (Lot 2 DP791233), north of the Oxley River and Tyalgum weir.

Any person may make submissions to the Tweed Shire Council with respect to the proposed public gate. Any such submissions should be made in writing, addressed to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484, or by email [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au) within 28 days from publication of this notice.

## Apprenticeships available now. Recruiting for 2023.



Programmed, in partnership with Tweed Shire Council, has opportunities for Apprenticeships commencing January 2023 in Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Cabarita and Chinderah.

### Kick start your career in the following trades:

- Electrical Apprenticeship
- Parks and Gardens Apprenticeship
- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Apprenticeship
- Arboriculture Traineeship

### Be rewarded with:

- Paid full-time wages
- 4 weeks annual leave per year
- Certificate III level qualification training
- PPE and uniform supplied
- Tools all provided on the job

Applications close 7th November 2022 at 2.00pm AEST.



Scan the QR code to apply, or find out more at [info.programmed.com.au/tweedshirecouncil](http://info.programmed.com.au/tweedshirecouncil) or call 1300 440 784



## Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 19 October to Wednesday 2 November 2022.

The proposal is not designated development and Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Planit Consulting Pty Ltd	Part Lot 2 DP 794058; No. 482 Cudgen Road, <b>Cudgen</b>	Industrial retail outlet and agricultural produce industry	DA22/0598

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified. Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. 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* – GIPA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

### Please note: Requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donations

A disclosure is required to be made in a statement accompanying the relevant development or planning application by a person who makes the application. In addition, a person who makes a written submission either objecting to or supporting a relevant development or planning application must also make a disclosure if the person has made a reportable political donation.

Further information regarding Donations and Gift Disclosure are available on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)