Kingscliff beach access reopened as sand returns

Replenished sand levels have allowed Council to reopen another beach access in central Kingscliff last week.

Council staff restored and reopened the access south of the Cudgen Heads Surf Life Saving Club ramp last Thursday, after the beach escaped the possible effects of the previous week’s storms.

It was the third beach access re-established by Council in recent weeks, as increased sand levels have enabled safe access at sections along the Kingscliff coastline.

“There is now just one beach access left to open and Council officers are continuing to regularly monitor the area,” Council’s Director of Community and Natural Resources, Tracey Stinson, said.

“The particularly rocky nature of that site means there will need to be quite a lot more sand build-up before a safe access can be created.

“However, this access is just south of the recently reopened ramp, so any inconvenience to the public in the meantime will be minimal.”

In December last year, Council constructed and installed new beach access stairs in front of the surf club - in a $16,000 project funded by the surf club and Tweed Coast Holiday Parks - after severe beach erosion forced the closure of a number of access points along the Kingscliff foreshore.

Ms Stinson said sand levels had been naturally replenishing since December. However, storms in the Tweed a fortnight ago, as a result of Cyclone Marcia, had potential to cause considerable damage.

“It was certainly fortunate the Tweed coastline escaped significant erosion from those storms and the further restoration of beach access is positive news for the Kingscliff community,” she said.

Council adopts koala-saving blueprint for Tweed Coast

A blueprint to address all key threats to koalas on the Tweed Coast has been formally adopted by Council.

A meeting of Council of 19 February resolved to adopt the Tweed Coast Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (KPOM), which aims to recover the Tweed Coast population of koalas.

Council’s Senior Program Leader Biodiversity, Scott Hetherington, said the plan was developed to address the findings of a detailed koala study that painted a bleak future for koalas if no intervention was undertaken.

“The KPOM provides the blueprint for addressing each of the key threats to koalas in a coordinated way,” Mr Hetherington said.

“Through Council taking a lead role in managing threats to koalas, we are confident we can make a real difference for the Tweed Coast koala population.

“Together with the findings of the koala habitat study, valuable input from key stakeholders and the general community has assisted with development of the plan.”

He said this included the Tweed Coast Koala Advisory Group, which actively participated in all phases of preparing the plan.

“One of the first things we will be doing under the plan is an initial reassessment of the size and distribution of the Tweed Coast koala population,” Mr Hetherington said.

“The key actions will also include habitat restoration and the management of threats from vehicles, dogs and fire.”

The plan also includes statutory controls to ensure proposed development can occur without impact to koalas or their habitat.

He said Council would also continue to work with landholders interested in enhancing the koala habitat on their properties, building upon the progress of the ongoing Tweed Byron Koala Connections project.

“With more than 20,000 trees planted in the Tweed already through Koala Connections, we have an amazing headstart on the KPOM goal to add 300 hectares of koala habitat,” Mr Hetherington said.

“The KPOM recognises that koalas occur on all land tenures and it highlights the importance of a whole-of-community response.

“Throughout the plan’s development, it has been very evident that in all areas of koala management, what is good for koalas will also be good for people on the Tweed Coast,” he said.

“Issues such as fire management clearly demonstrate that by getting the balance right between hazard reduction and wildfire management, we can create ideal living conditions for both people and koalas.”

The plan is now available on the koalas page of Council’s website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas
Guided heritage walks of the Murwillumbah town centre will be launched by Tweed Regional Museum in partnership with the Murwillumbah Historical Society on Saturday 7 March.

This follows the launch of the Murwillumbah Murals Guided Walks by Caldera Arts last year. Museum Director Judy Kean said it was the perfect opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more about the town’s history from the experts.

“We’re delighted these walks complement each other and take in a large slice of the history and culture of Murwillumbah,” she said.

“Contemporary Murwillumbah owes a lot to a rich past and visitors can also enjoy a great deal more of this story on a visit to the Museum.”

Murwillumbah Historical Society Vice President Tony Clark said previous heritage walks had been extremely popular.

“Through the long service and dedication of our former President, Ron Johansen, the Murwillumbah Historical Society has led many heritage walks around town over the years,” he said.

“We think there is still a lot of interest out there and I’m looking forward to leading guided walks on the first Saturday of every month.”

**FRIENDS OF THE POUND LOW-COST DESEXING**

Friends of the Pound and their sponsors will be offering low cost dog and cat de-sexing in the Tweed Shire through the month of March. Conditions will apply, POA. Bookings and payment will be at our Rehoming Booth, Petbarn, Harvey Norman Centre 29-41 Greenway Drive, Tweed Heads South.

**DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following development applications have been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council’s DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PropertyEnquiry (ONLY FOR APPLICATIONS LODGED SINCE 1 JULY 2009) or inspected, together with any documents accompanying the development applications, at the Council’s Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Civic Centres during ordinary office hours or if the application is located in the Kingscliff, Cudgen or Casuarina area the application will also be available for inspection at the Kingcliff Library during library hours for a period of fourteen (14) days (excluding public holidays) from Wednesday 4 March 2015 to Wednesday 18 March 2015.

**APPLICATION DETAILS**

**DA15/0093 - Mixed use development comprising 31 residential units and a shop and demolition of existing structure**

Lot 2, 4, 5 & 6 SP 84793, No's 2, 4, 5 & 6/No. 13-19 Church Lane, MURWILLUMBAH

LFT (Qld) Pty Ltd

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 - GIPAA 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.

Disclosure forms are available on Council’s website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation. Further information is available on the Department of Planning’s website www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations

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**Photo exhibition at Murwillumbah VIC**

A photographic exhibition celebrating relics of the Tweed’s dairy industry will officially open at the Caldera Art Gallery, in the Murwillumbah Visitors Information Centre (VIC), this month. The exhibition Old Sheds & Yards, by Bruce Parland, will be open to the public from Saturday 7 March until 22 April, from 9.30am to 4pm each day. Caldera Art Gallery is supported by Council.

**Planning Committee Meeting Agenda Thursday 5 March 2015**

The Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for Thursday 5 March 2015 is available on Council’s website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre and Cultural Centre on Tumbulgum Road commencing at 5pm. A Community Access Session is to be held at 4pm 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.

1. **Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions - Planning Committee**

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**REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND REGULATION**

1. [PR-PC] Combined Development Application (DA10/0737) and Planning Proposal (PP15/0001) for Expansion of the BP Highway Service Centre at Lot 1 DP 1127741 and Lot 2 DP 1010771 No. 1 Ozone Street, Chinderah (Southbound Lane)

2. [PR-PC] Results of NSW Planning and Infrastructure’s Local Development Performance Monitoring Report 2013/14

3. [PR-PC] Alleged Unauthorised Works at Lot 301 DP 1053375 and Lot 2 DP 1190805 No. 239 Zara Road, Chillingham

4. [PR-PC] Variations to Development Standards under State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 - Development Standards
Sustainable grazing education on offer for Tweed farmers

An education program on sustainable grazing will be conducted by Tweed Shire Council from next month, following confirmation of funding from the NSW Environmental Trust.

The project, initiated by Council in response to economic and environmental challenges faced by Tweed cattle farmers, was one of nine projects to be funded under the Trust’s 2014 Environmental Education grants.

“Poor pasture growth, resulting from significant rainfall deficits, and low stock prices have made cattle farming extremely difficult in recent times,” Council’s Program Leader - Sustainable Agriculture, Eli Szandala, said.

“Farmers are also losing valuable topsoil from their paddocks, as a result of erosion due to lack of adequate groundcover, and watching creek banks wash away with flood waters when it does rain due to a lack of riparian vegetation.

“The situation can result in low productivity and poor water quality for downstream users, including other farmers.”

More than 48,000 hectares of rural land contains grassland or is subject to some form of grazing practice in the Tweed, often on land heavily constrained by steep slopes and with soil which is poor quality or highly prone to erosion.

“Suitable grazing land often occurs adjacent to waterways and contains areas of very high biodiversity conservation value that require careful management to ensure the environmental, economic and social sustainability of these grazing systems,” he said.

“This education program aims to equip landholders with knowledge of management practices that improve soil and pasture health, resulting in greater productivity while reducing erosion and runoff into waterways.”

The project will also explore the benefits of holistic farm planning and management, including the potential productivity gains from managing biodiversity, waterways and other ecosystems.

Participants will benefit from soil testing and pasture assessments on their land, with interpretation and advice from experts to help develop strategies to maximise production and enhance the natural areas on their farms.

The training program will be delivered by Council’s Sustainable Agriculture Program, with support from North Coast Local Land Services and grazing industry experts. The training is tailored to cattle graziers and anyone managing large areas of pasture for livestock production purposes.

“We will work with graziers to establish productive ecosystems based on the unique set of circumstances they each face,” he said.

The program will begin in late March 2015 and run over 10 half-day sessions throughout the year. Tweed Shire graziers are encouraged to contact Council’s Sustainable Agriculture Program Leader on (02) 6670 2400 to express their interest in participating. Places are limited, so early registrations are advised.

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Be part of history in the making

A Journey of Recognition campaigning for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution is kicking off its NSW leg in Tweed Heads.

Council is supporting the two-day event, which is being organised by the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council.

A panel discussion and film screening of ‘Charlie’s Country’ will be held on Thursday 5 March at Home and Community Care (HACC) at Heffron St, Tweed Heads starting at 6pm. On Friday 6 March a community walk and barbeque will start at 10am, leaving from Faux Park on Minjungbal Drive ending at the Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre on Kirkwood Road.

For more information contact Council’s Community Development Officer - Aboriginal, Robert Appo on (02) 6670 2263 or visit www.recognise.org.au/thejourney/

60% OFF Disposal Fees

**ASBESTOS**

Householder Disposal Scheme

Ends 30 June 2015. Conditions apply

To be eligible bring your completed form - download at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WasteDisposal

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended).

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPROVED

DA15/0077 - Two lot strata subdivision
Lot 215 DP 252131, No. 4 Dinsey Street, Kingscliff

DA14/0760 - Detached dual occupancy
Lot 10 DP 247288, No. 70 Elanora Avenue, Pottsville

DA14/0763 - Dual occupancy (attached)
Lot 32 DP 21680, No. 1 Hungerford Lane, Kingscliff

DA14/0926 - Structure over existing footpath dining area associated with Shop 1, 92 Marine Parade Kingscliff

DA14/0749 - Dwelling additions, swimming pool, 1.8m front fence and boat ramp
Lot 97 DP 246488, No. 50 Parkes Drive, Tweed Heads

DA14/0905 - 1.5m high front fence
Lot 1 SP 15702, Unit 1/No. 31 Surf Street, Kingscliff

DA14/0878 - Pontoon
Lot 18 DP 1176104, No. 15 Tweed Valley Way, Condong

DA14/0274 - Dwelling additions, masonry retaining wall with front fence within the front building line
Lot 24 DP 30318, No. 6 Barelain Drive, Banora Point

DA15/0047 - Deck
Lot 5 Section 3DP 26386, No. 57 Barnby Street, Murwillumbah

DA14/0777 - Two storey dwelling, attached triple garage, retaining walls and fencing
Lot 349 DP 1087716, Lot 350 DP 1087716, No. 15 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff

DA15/0019 - In-ground swimming pool
Lot 461 DP 1158868, No. 3 Hassett Drive, Pottsville

DA14/0879 - Patio cover over existing first floor deck
Lot 8 DP 1122779, No. 19 Mount Bilinga Circuit, Bilambil HEIGHTS

DA14/0810 - Dwelling house, attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 35 DP 1031933, No. 19 She-Oak Lane, Casuarina

DA14/0764 - Dwelling additions and alterations
Lot 2 DP 849553, No. 732 Smiths Creek Road, Stokers SIDING

DA14/0806 - Dwelling with detached double garage and pizza hut
Lot 85 DP 755730, No. 374 Smiths Creek Road, Smiths Creek

DA15/0050 - Verandah
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DA15/0056 - Two storey dwelling
Lot 2 DP 755633, No. 58 Hospital Road, Casuarina

DA14/0801 - Planter box
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DA15/0034 - Verandah
Lot 2 DP 34180, No. 58 Hadley Street, Murwillumbah

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Lot 464 DP 356325, No. 301 Tweed Valley Way, Kingscliff

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POSITIONS VACANT

PARKING OFFICER (Full-time)

ACCOUNTANT - CORPORATE PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE (Full-time)

ASSETS ACCOUNTANT (Full-time)

The closing date for these positions is 12 noon NSW time on Friday 13 March 2015.

For more information and to apply:
• Visit Council’s website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au
• Contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495
• Visit the customer service office at the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre
• Scan the code with your smartphone’s QR reader:

*Download a QR reader from your smartphone or itunes store

WORKS PROGRAM JOB COMMENCEMENT

Weather permitting, the following construction job will commence in the next two weeks:

Bakers Road, east of Kyogle Road
Road Reconstruction

Approach duration: Five weeks

Estimated Cost: $120,000

Funding: Rates Revenue.

Council apologises for any inconvenience or minor delays that may occur during these works.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT AT SALT

Salt Park @ salt Saturday 7 March, 7.30pm - free movie ‘Ninja Turtles’.

All welcome. More information 0457 900666.

TENDERS

RFP2015-034 Provision of Gate Opening / Closing Service Crams Farm Reserve Tenders close: Wednesday 4.00pm (DST) 18 March 2015.

Tenders must be lodged as specified in the tender documentation.

Tender documentation is available at no charge from Council’s website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders. Hard copy documentation is available and costs will be in accordance with Council’s advertised photocopying fees.

All tenders 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 tender is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify.

For further information please contact Paul Cambridge (02) 6670 2475.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Cabarita Beach / Bogangar Residents Association AGM will be on Monday 9 March at 7pm at the Cabarita Beach and Bowls Club.

The Cudgen Progress Association AGM meets on Monday 9 March at 7.30pm at the Cudgen Public School.

MURWILLUMBAH FARMERS’ MARKET

Every Wednesday 7am-11am. All-weather shopping at the Murwillumbah Showground. Know your farmer, know your food. Support your local farmers.

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David Williamson’sBRILLIANT LIES is on April 10 to 26 it contains Adult Themes - Bookings online to tweedtheatre.com.au or 1800 674 414.