

TIME TO SAVE WATER

Rous County Council advises level one water restrictions will now be activated when Rocky Creek Dam reaches 70 percent instead of 60 percent (as stated in the Regional Water Supply Drought Management Plan).

Water levels at Rocky Creek Dam have steadily dropped due to low inflows and an overall increase in water use in the region. The dam is currently at 84 percent capacity.

Rous proposed to bring the activation of water restrictions forward in response to the Bureau of Meteorology declaring an El Nino and the pressure this weather event is expected to place on the region's water sources.

Based on current consumption rates and weather forecasts, it is anticipated that level one water restrictions will be enacted before Christmas.

By activating water restrictions sooner than planned, Rous aims to delay the onset of more severe restrictions.



COUNCIL MATTERS

At October's meeting, Council received a report noting the completion of work on the Coraki Woodburn Road.

This road is a critical transport link for the Richmond Valley, connecting essential freight routes, supporting the visitor economy and preserving community connections between Casino and the Mid Richmond.

Council was successful in receiving \$10 million from the NSW Government over three years to upgrade the Coraki to Woodburn section, which has now been delivered.

Council will continue to improve this vital link to Casino, investing almost \$25m in the next few years in continued upgrade projects, including culvert construction at Dairy Flat, and the replacement of the Tatham bridges.

Next Council Meeting

The final Council meeting of this year will be held on Tuesday 19 December starting at 6pm.

The meetings are live streamed through Council's Facebook page, and available for viewing on Council's website.

Those who wish to address Council on any listed matter must download and fill out the public access application form from Council's website. The form should be returned to council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au by 4.30pm on the Monday prior to the public access request date.

MRNC PRESENTS...
SPLASH FEST
 SAT 25TH NOV ☀️ 11AM - 4PM
WINDSOR PARK
 25 Bridge Street, Coraki
WATERSLIDES - MARKETS - LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS - CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
FREE EVENT! FEATURING:
 JESA DUO - TEAK FAIRFULL - DJ DONALD PUMP
 NORTHERN RIVER'S JUMPING CASTLES,
 TRUCKSTOP SK8, FITNESS KIDZ, HELLY HOOPS,
 GOOD EVANS ART STUDIO, SERENITY SHAVE ICE,
 CORAKI COUNTRY MARKETS + MORE!
MID RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BUNDJALANG PEOPLE OF THE BUNDJALANG NATION, TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE LIVE AND WORK.



VALLEY VIEWS

Richmond Valley Council

Richmond Valley Council News
 Issue 65 | November 2023

APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS 29 SEPTEMBER - 7 NOVEMBER 2023

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4.59, notice is given that the undermentioned developments have been granted consent, a complying development certificate, or refused as labelled. Details of the application and a copy of the determination may be inspected without charge at Council's customer service centres in Casino and Evans Head from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Application ID	Property Address	Full Details
DA2023/0165	4 Wirraway Avenue, Evans Head	Conversion of 2 units into a single, two storey dwelling including new decks to both levels, a new carport, and a new shed.
DA2017/0054.06	74 Currajong Street, Evans Head	S4.55(2) Modification application to provide construction and use details for the approved sheds and car wash bay
DA2023/0193	37 Woodburn Street, Woodburn	As built carport to be enclosed to create a shed with toilet facilities
DA2024/0004	33 Baraang Drive, Broadwater	Construction of a boat ramp and jetty
DA2024/0008	158 Walker Street, Casino	Construction of awning to existing commercial premises
DA2024/0009	3 Ferrier Court, Casino	Detached Dual Occupancy with garage, ancillary earthworks and retaining walls
DA2024/0021	2 Barker Street, Casino	***FLOOD AFFECTED*** - Raise existing dwelling 2.5m and associated works including decking, stairs and a concrete floor for a garage underneath existing dwelling
DA2024/0022	3850 Bruxner Highway, Woodview	Extension of kitchen and living area by 2.2m to the South, along with a proposed covered deck
DA2024/0023	4 Woodside Grove, Casino	Extensions to Bedroom and add ensuite
DA2024/0025	11 Daisy Place, Fairy Hill	Inground fibreglass swimming pool with associated fencing

DA2024/0026	53 Centre Street, Casino	Construction of 6x10m shed
DA2024/0028	84 Gregors Road, Spring Grove	Internal alterations and additions to existing dwelling including enclosing part of existing deck area to convert to dining room
DA2024/0029	2 Ferrier Court, Casino	Construction of a detached dual occupancy and strata title subdivision
DA2024/0032	16 Flame Street, Evans Head	Construction of two dwellings to create a detached dual occupancy, Torrens Title Subdivision to create two lots and associated works
DA2024/0033	198 Bundocks Road, Casino	Construction of inground concrete swimming pool with associated pool fencing
DA2024/0034	8 Nowlan Place, North Casino	Construction of a 19.5m x 9m colorbond shed with a request to vary the northern side setback to 4m
DA2024/0035	7 Bennis Road, Casino & 42 Llewellyns Road, Casino	Proposed boundary adjustment between Lot 1 & Lot 2 DP1265325
DA2024/0036	52 Centre Street, CASINO NSW 2470	5m x 6m colorbond shed
DA2024/0033.01	198 Bundocks Road, CASINO NSW 2470	S4.55(1) - Modification to correct applicant details
CDC2024/0011	9 Surry Street, Coraki	Construction of a covered deck extension to an existing dwelling

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

We all know someone who truly makes the Richmond Valley a better place, and now is your opportunity to recognise them as a local hero for a Richmond Valley Australia Day Award.

Nominations are now open for the awards to be presented at Richmond Valley Council's Australia Day event on 26 January at the Casino Drill Hall precinct.

The awards are offered in the following six categories: Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer and Young Volunteer of the Year, Sports person and Young Sports person of the Year.

Nominations are open and available online by searching for Australia Day on the Richmond Valley Council website.

Nominations will close at midnight on Sunday 7 January.

To stay up to date with everything in the lead up to and during Australia Day in the Richmond Valley, like the official Facebook page or call the Richmond Valley Council Events team on 6660 0300 for information.



Richmond Valley Council has partnered with the Novaskill Tradie Ladies program, providing practical experience and assessment in concreting pouring a slab at the Casino depot.

The participants are pictured here with assessor Anthony Watego (rear) and Richmond Valley Council leading hand Geoff Whitehouse (right).



(02) 6660 0300
 council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au
 www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au

CONTACT US

IN BRIEF

ANIMAL SHELTER REOPENED

The Richmond Valley Council Animal Shelter has reopened after a recent parvovirus outbreak.

The virus is still evident through the local area, and residents are asked not to bring dogs into Council buildings (assistance and guide dogs excluded). If you need to bring a dog in, please contact Council first, and a ranger will meet you outside the facility.

Vaccination is still the best prevention for this virus. Owners of all companion animals should vaccinate their dog, and puppies should only socialise with other dogs once their vaccination course is complete.

RAIL TRAIL SOFT OPENING POSTPONED

Work is progressing on the Casino to Bentley section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

Finishing touches are being put on sections of the trail and car parks along the route, however, a delay with bridge building means the previously advertised soft opening on 17 December will be postponed until the new year.

To keep up with progress on the build, and other information about the rail trail, follow the Northern Rivers Rail Trail - Casino to Bentley Facebook page.

NO ENERGY FROM WASTE

Despite widespread misinformation, there is no proposal for an energy-from-waste facility to be built in the Richmond Valley.

Although the Regional Job Precinct at Casino had been identified in the NSW Government's Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan as a site where an energy-from-waste facility may be permissible, subject to development approval in the future, Council had no intention of building such a facility and no one else had come forward with a proposal to do so.

Despite Council's successful recycling and organics programs, our community still creates more than 9000 tonnes of residual waste each year, and Council transports most of this waste to Queensland landfill sites, at an annual cost of more than \$2 million. Energy-from-waste facilities are too hi-tech and expensive for Council to contemplate building, and any future proposal would need to come from private enterprise. This investor would first have to determine if such a facility was commercially viable, find a suitable block of land, and go through a lengthy assessment and approval process with the NSW Government. If a facility was approved, it would take several years to construct and commission and would then be subject to 24-hour emissions monitoring by regulators.

Because there were many unknowns in this scenario, Council has no commitment to supporting the building of an energy-from-waste facility and continued to consider all options for its residual waste.

Council is finalising the construction of a new landfill cell at its Nammoona facility, which will provide capacity for more than 10 years of residual waste from the Richmond Valley and will continue to explore other technologies and processes to manage the waste generated by our residents and businesses.

IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

It's the most wonderful time of the year as we approach Christmas time, and Richmond Valley Council is helping bring a bit of Christmas spirit across our area.

The major event is our Richmond Valley Christmas Street Party in the Casino CBD on Thursday 7 December from 6pm.

There'll be lots of entertainment, amusements, market stalls and the night will be capped off with a fantastic firework display that will light up the centre of Casino.

There are plenty of other events, including tree light-ups across the area at Broadwater, Evans Head, Rappville, Woodburn and Coraki. For more details, see the poster to the right. Get into some community and Christmas spirit and join in the fun.



Christmas in the Richmond Valley

BROADWATER LIGHT UP

2 December | 5.30pm
Broadwater Memorial Hall

CASINO LIONS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

3 December | 5pm - 8pm
Casino Drill Hall Precinct

RICHMOND VALLEY CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

7 December | 6pm - 9pm
Casino CBD

EVANS HEAD CAROLS AND TREE LIGHT UP

9 December | 3pm - 9pm
Kirkland Reserve Car Park

RAPPVILLE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP

13 December | 6.30pm
Rappville Hall

WOODBURN CAROLS AND TREE LIGHT UP

16 December | 6pm - 9pm
Woodburn Riverside Park

CORAKI CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND LIGHT UP

21 December | 5pm - 8pm
Coraki Memorial Park



NAUGHTONS GAP ROAD EARLY WORKS COMMENCE



Early works have started on the reconstruction and betterment of the Naughtons Gap road.

Council has been working tirelessly to find a solution to reconnect this vital transport route and thanks the NSW and Australian Governments for its funding assistance.

Work will continue over the next 12 months to reopen the road before Christmas 2024 weather permitting. The contract for the work was awarded to CMC Civil, working with local contractors on the reconstruction.

As part of the project, Council will realign and upgrade a section of the road on the northern side of Naughtons Gap, with work on that section starting in the coming weeks.

Council thanks residents and motorists for their patience and advise those in the area to take caution with construction work and extra truck movements in the area.

FUNDING INJECTION FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

A \$3.5 million suspension bridge across the Richmond River in Casino is one of six projects to get the tick of approval under the 2022 Community Assets Program, which is part of the Community Local Infrastructure Program, which is co-funded by the NSW and Australian governments to support communities impacted by the 2022 Flood events.

\$13,870,864 has been provided to Richmond Valley Council under two programs to construct a number of key community facilities and rebuild and improve the resilience of infrastructure after recent disasters.

Included in this funding is: \$4,380,450 to build a facility at Parker Fields to be shared between the Woodburn Pony Club and Woodburn Tennis Club and clubhouses for Casino Rugby League, Casino Netball, Casino Memorial Pool Swimming Club; and \$5,700,000 as part of the Infrastructure Betterment Fund to upgrade the effluent management system at the NRLX.

A car park will also be built at the Woodburn Memorial Hall for \$234,647.

