

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Council offices and facilities will be closed across the Christmas and New Year period.

The Casino and Evans Head administration buildings will close at 3pm, Friday 22 December and reopen Tuesday 2 January.

Casino, Evans Head and Kyogle libraries will close at 3pm, on Friday 22 December. Casino and Kyogle libraries will reopen at 10am, Tuesday 2 January. Evans Head Library will reopen at 8.30am, Tuesday 2 January.

Coraki Library will close at 5pm, Thursday 21 December and re-open at 2pm, Tuesday 2 January.

The Mobile Library will cease operations for the year at Woodenbong at 12noon, Friday 22 December and re-open at Woodburn at 9.30am, Tuesday 2 January.

The Casino, Woodburn and Evans Head visitor information centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The Nammoona Waste and Resource Recovery and Evans Head and Rappville Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Standard waste collection services will continue.

For all emergency assistance over this period, contact (02) 6660 0300 to speak with a customer service representative.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council engaged Ardill Payne & Partners to develop a stormwater hydraulic model to study the impacts of stormwater flooding issues in Casino and the surrounding area.

Increased rain frequency, quantity, urban surface density and development have placed increasing pressure on the system, which was developed in the 1950s, and some areas of Casino are experiencing localised flooding from minor events.

The Casino Stormwater Flooding Mitigation Options Evaluation Report 2023 provided six mitigation options and consideration of improvements in the overland flow paths. Council resolved to undertake further detailed planning and investigations into the report's recommendations and actively explore funding for its implementation.

Next Council Meeting

The next ordinary Council meeting is scheduled for 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.

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VALLEY VIEWS

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APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS 8 NOVEMBER - 28 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
DA2024/0001	Victory Camp Road, Casino	Resource Transfer Station
DA2024/0011	25 Paddon Street, Broadwater	Attached Dual Occupancy
DA2024/0012	27 Paddon Street, Broadwater	Attached Dual Occupancy
DA2024/0013	29 Paddon Street, Broadwater	Attached Dual Occupancy
DA2024/0019	29-41 Terrace Street, Evans Head	Proposed steel framed canopy over existing shed and concrete area
DA2024/0030	65 Eucalypt Drive, Swan Bay	As built - conversion of an existing farm shed to a dwelling
DA2024/0031	9 Cypress Street, Evans Head	Installation of plunge pool and deck extension adjoining front and side of the house
DA2024/0038	35 Simpson Parade, Casino	Demolition of existing shed for construction of new shed
DA2024/0039	74 Stapleton Avenue, Casino	Remove existing garden shed and install 7m x 7m shed with roller door for storage

DA2024/0041	4 Cashmore Lane, Evans Head	Extension of existing carport, alterations and additions to existing house including front main bedroom with walk in robe and ensuite, new concrete driveway and carparking area
DA2024/0042	655 Reynolds Road, Backmede	As-built above ground swimming pool & associated fencing
DA2024/0052	4 Sunset Place, Casino	Construction of a colorbond shed
DA2023/0076.01	305 Woodburn Evans Head Road, Woodburn	S4.55(1A) Modification to further raise the flood affected house above the maximum building height plane bringing the habitable floor level to 8m AHD
DA2024/0058	41 Sullivans Road, Stratheden	Construction of a new colorbond steel farm shed
DA2023/0133.01	31A Richmond Street, Casino	S4.55(1A) Modification - to remove the staging from the development as originally proposed, and provide an updated subdivision plan to rectify an issue with the inconsistency between the approved subdivision plan and approved architectural plans
DA2024/0033.02	198 Bundocks Road, Casino	S4.55(1) - Modification to correct application details and amend Condition 2

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Council allocated the first round of the 2023-2024 Community Financial Assistance Program.

Eighty thousand dollars per year is allocated to support local community groups over two rounds, and this time 14 projects were funded. This includes organisations such as Stan Payne Memorial Oval, Coraki Community Gardens and the Casino Miniature Railway.

The successful groups were from Evans Head JRLC, Broadwater Community Hall, Broadwater Koala Reserve Trust, Evans Head Recreation Hall Committee, Stan Payne Memorial Oval, Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch, Clovass McKees Hill Soldiers Memorial and Community Hall, Coraki Rural, Transaction Centre, Rotary Club of Casino, Coraki Community Gardens, Evans River Rugby Union Club, Casino Miniature Railway & Museum, Evans Head Living Museum and Evans Head Men's Shed.

Community Financial Assistance is available to support local activities and projects which:

- benefit the local community
- help community groups achieve their goals
- support Council's Community Strategic Plan

The second round of funding will open next year, and local community groups are encouraged to take advantage of this funding which Council provides annually.

Remembrance Day commemorations were held across the Richmond Valley, including this ceremony with the memorial at the Drill Hall precinct in Casino.



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IN BRIEF

WATER RESTRICTIONS DELAYED

Level One water restrictions are not expected before Christmas, as initially predicted, due to higher than anticipated rainfall in the region during November.

Drier than average conditions associated with El Nino negatively impacted the Northern Rivers' water supply in September and October 2023. However, recent rainfall during November and the forecast of further storm events mean that the need for water restrictions is now delayed.

Rainfall data and inflows into Rocky Creek Dam are being monitored with the dam currently at 84 percent capacity. Council will continue to advise the community of any changes or updates.

SPLASHFEST POSTPONED

Due to forecast inclement weather, the Splashfest event to held on Saturday 25 November at Coraki was postponed.

The new date for the event will be Saturday 20 January.

The free event, to be held at Windsor Park includes live music, markets, food trucks, children's entertainment and much more.

ANNUAL REPORT

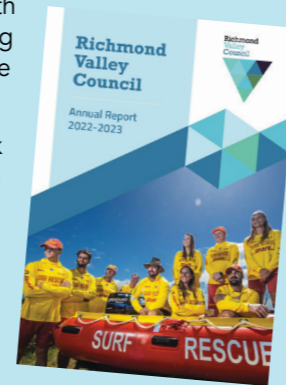
This month Council was presented with the 2022-23 Annual Report outlining its achievements and progress for the previous year.

The 2022-2023 year was a landmark year for Richmond Valley Council as it continued to rebuild after the 2022 floods, with one of the largest ever infrastructure programs, including significant road reconstruction and asset repairs across the Richmond Valley. It shows that Council's long-term plan to help guide us through the next three years of recovery is well on track.

The report also shows the return of events across the Richmond Valley, and Council has been proactive in helping to organise and support many events such as the Casino Truck Show and Christmas light-ups and street parties – which encourage not only the economic and tourist growth in our area but the reconnection of communities.

Council also finalised more than \$20m in signature projects, including completing Rappville Hall and Woodburn to Coraki Road upgrade with significant progress on the Casino pool upgrade, casino showground, and the Northern Rivers Rail Trail. Our focus for 2023 is to continue to advocate for our community and rebuild our infrastructure while planning for the future.

The annual report is available from Council's website.



CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY AT CASINO THIS YEAR

Come together with the Richmond Valley community to celebrate all that is great about our area and country on Australia Day, January 26.

This year, the celebration will be held at the Casino Drill Hall precinct, with plenty of entertainment, amusements, food and drink, and market stalls on the day.

The day will begin at 9am, with the official ceremony scheduled for 10am.



Nominate someone for an Australia Day award

Take the chance to recognise those who help make the Richmond Valley a better place by nominating them for an Australia Day award.

Awards will be presented on Australia Day in the following categories: Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer and Young Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson and Young Sportsperson of the Year.

Nominations close on Sunday 7 January and can be made through the Australia Day page on Council's website.

For more information, you can also follow Council's Richmond Valley Australia Day Facebook page.



MID RICHMOND PLANS

Residents of the Mid Richmond can have their say on redesigning and revitalising their villages, over the next six months, as part of Council's place planning project being conducted by Council over the next six months.

The place plans will include future options for housing, economic development and community facilities in Evans Head, Broadwater, Rileys Hill, Woodburn and Coraki.

They will also explore opportunities to build resilience against future flooding and adapt to a changing climate. Council is partnering with the NSW Reconstruction Authority to pilot a combined approach to place planning and adaptation planning for this project. This will help to ensure that these communities can remain safe and sustainable into the future.

Consultants Place Design Group, supported by Meridian Urban, have been appointed to undertake the project and they will be working directly with the Mid Richmond communities early next year. Details of consultation sessions will be published on Council's website and social media sites.

In the meantime, you can start the conversation by adding your great ideas for Coraki, Woodburn, Broadwater, Rileys Hill or Evans Head to Council's on-line ideas board by searching for Mid Richmond Place Plans on our website.



DISABILITY ACTION PLAN

Council has developed the Richmond Valley Disability Inclusion Action Plan to explore what we can do, as a local government organisation, to support people with disability to share in our community's vision for the future and participate fully in community life.

It includes four key themes:

- Improving community attitudes towards disability
- Creating more liveable communities
- Increasing employment opportunities
- Improving council systems and processes.

Our new Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2023-25 continues our focus on improved community infrastructure and services and builds on Council's commitment to open further employment opportunities within our workforce.

A total of 25 actions are recommended to help improve inclusion within our community and Council has welcomed submissions on these recommendations over the past month.

To view the plan, please visit our website.



RAIL TRAIL WORKSHOP

Richmond Valley Council (RVC), in partnership with Lismore City Council (LCC), held its first Casino to Bentley Northern Rivers Rail Trail business engagement workshop at the Casino Golf Club on Thursday 9 November to bring together industry experts and entrepreneurs to explore innovative strategies to capitalise on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.



The workshop, facilitated by leading regional tourism expert Meredith Wray, attracted 30 participants, and provided a platform for attendees to engage in interactive discussions, gain valuable insights, and establish important networks.

The diverse range of topics covered during the event included an update on the Casino to Bentley section, discussion around creating rail trail experiences, and lessons from the business development program on the Tweed section, including an overview of the Connect Program.

Further workshops to assist businesses to identify ways to adapt their appeal to a new market, and to identify new opportunities, will be held in the new year.

Since the opening of the Tweed section in March, 108,829 have checked out the trail. On average, that's 16,329 visitors per month, 3726 people per week or 532 people daily.

CORAKI POOL UPGRADE

Council has finished a wonderful upgrade to the Coraki Pool just in time for the summer months.

Opened this month, the upgraded facility has a new set of much-requested steps to allow easier entry to the pool. A new shade cover over the toddler's pool has also been installed.

The most exciting addition is the creation of a new splash pad for the pool, giving this much-loved community facility a new lease of life.

For more information on the pool opening times and costs, visit the Richmond Valley Aquatics website.

