

COUNCIL ELECTION

The 2024 NSW Local Government Elections will take place on Saturday 14 September.

For more information visit the NSW Electoral Commission website, call 1300 135 736 for enrolment, voting and general enquiries, or 1300 022 011 for political party, candidate enquiries, third party campaigner and political donor enquiries.

Richmond Valley Council is governed by seven councillors elected to represent the whole local government area – no wards or divisions exist. The mayor is popularly elected by voters. This method allows residents to directly choose their mayor through democratic election, via a separate ballot paper.

Both the mayor and councillors are elected for a four-year term of office.

Pre-poll voting will open on Saturday 7 September and Monday 9 September - Friday 13 September at the Casino Community & Cultural Centre and the Evans Head RSL.

The opening hours are:

- Sat: 9am - 6pm
- Mon: 8.30am - 5.30pm
- Tues: 8.30am - 5.30pm
- Wed: 8.30am - 5.30pm
- Thu: 8.30am - 8pm
- Fri: 8.30am - 6pm

For polling booths on election day, and more information, please visit the NSW Electoral Commission website.

PLANS PASSED

Council endorsed the Water for Life 2050 plan at last month's meeting.

This plan sets a pathway to deliver more than \$200m in essential water and sewer infrastructure over the next 25 years and is vital to the work undertaken over the past eight years to plan for the long-term growth of the Richmond Valley. Council also received a report on work continuing the planning and design work for the new Casino sewage treatment plant and stage two of the Evans Head sewage treatment plant. Other plans endorsed at the meeting were the Mid Richmond Place Plans which were developed with the support of the NSW Reconstruction Authority and in consultation with our communities of Coraki, Woodburn, Evans Head and Broadwater. They also contain links to the NSW Reconstruction Authority information and messaging.

Next Council Meeting

The Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 August starting at 6pm.

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

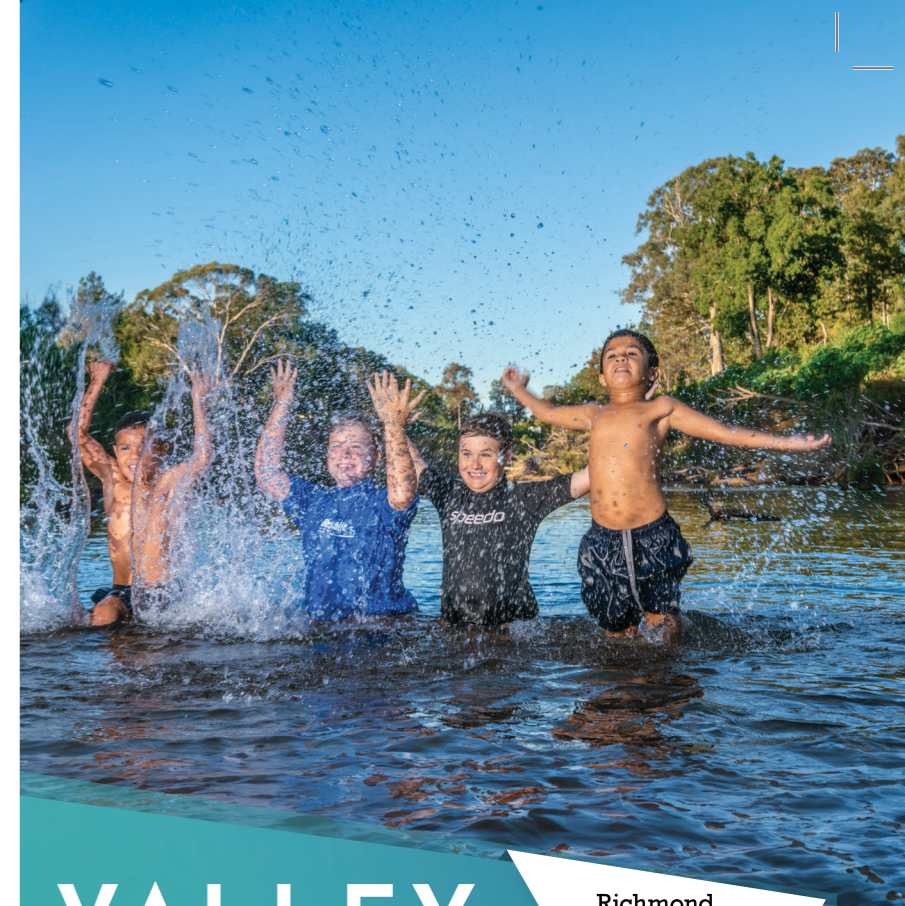
Those who wish to address Council on any listed matter must download and fill out the public access application form from Council's website. The form should be returned to council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au by 4.30pm on the Monday prior to the public access request date.

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APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS 1 JULY-31 JULY 2024

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 determinations may be viewed upon application to either the Casino or Evans Head customer service centre Mon to Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm

Application ID	Property Address	Full Details
DA2024/0096	146-152 Johnston Street, CASINO NSW 2470	Proposed construction of shop top housing comprising of a ground floor commercial space and four (4) units, group home development comprising of three (3) units, and multi-dwelling housing comprising of six (6) units utilised as infill affordable housing. The development is inclusive of parking, waste management, landscaping, associated civil works and removal of existing vegetation.
DA2024/0103	26 Angus Place, NORTH CASINO NSW 2470	As built carport/machinery shed
DA2024/0148	22 George Street, BROADWATER NSW 2472	Construction of a detached dual occupancy with 2 x in-ground swimming pools
DA2024/0150	126 Langs Way, WOODBURN NSW 2472	As-built conversion of a shed to a dwelling creating a dual occupancy
DA2024/0162	46 Ocean Drive, EVANS HEAD NSW 2473	Construction of two storey attached dual occupancy, strata subdivision and associated works

DA2024/0168	60 Hare Street, CASINO NSW 2470	Proposed Remediation Works for the Removal of Existing Underground Fuel Storage Tanks, and Works associated with the Installation of a 70KL Double Walled Fibreglass Underground Fuel Tank and Stormwater Treatment System.
DA2024/0170	2 Seamist Lane, EVANS HEAD NSW 2473	Enclose existing carport to create a bedroom and construct a single carport forward of the building line
DA2024/0175	8 Heath Street, EVANS HEAD NSW 2473	Renovate existing house, add front and rear open decks, extend and renovate the existing shed to contain a games room, bathroom/laundry area and associated works
DA2024/0177	35 Tomki Tatham Road, CLOVASS NSW 2480	Above-ground portable steel framed swimming pool with associated fencing
DA2024/0178	1/2 Oak Street, EVANS HEAD NSW 2473	Change of use as health consulting rooms comprising alterations and additions to an existing building including installation of an accessible sanitary facility, new signage and associated works
DA2024/0180	13 Pratts Road, SPRING GROVE NSW 2470	Alterations and additions to the existing dwelling including master bedroom, ensuite, WIR, butler's pantry, laundry and outdoor area extension

DA APPROVALS ON TIME

The message is clear for anyone looking to submit a development application: prepare a good quality application, and Richmond Valley Council will help you get it approved quicker.

Recent figures from the NSW Planning Portal show that in May, Council took an average of just 57 days to assess DAs, compared to Lismore's 105 days, Ballina's 175 days, Clarence Valley's 110 days, and Kyogle's 72 days.

While Council continues to promote efficiency, DA approval is an expectation of the community and the NSW Government and our job is to administer and determine applications in line with those laws.

To help the community lodge and process development applications efficiently, we offer a Development Concierge service. The Concierge can assist you in laying out a road map for your project through the approval processes in the most effective and efficient way possible. The Concierge can also help customers resolve issues which may arise along the way by connecting them with the appropriate people to address their concerns.

Our newly upgraded DA Tracker system also allows members of the public to be updated on the status of all development applications, view documents, and make submissions from the same place on our website. To find out more, visit the Planning and Building section of our website or call 6660 0300.

The Casino Truck Show bullride held at the newly upgrade Casino Showground and Racecourse had thousands of people take advantage of the amazing new undercover arena to watch the best bullriders show their stuff.



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PROJECT UPDATES

Rappville Sewer Scheme

Following the 2019 bushfires, Council developed a recovery plan for Rappville, which included a proposal for a new sewerage scheme. This aimed to address challenges with on-site sewerage management systems.

The scheme continues to move forward with the finalisation of designs for the system. Council will be undertaking a community consultation session in early September to inform the community on the final design and construction program.

This project is funded through the NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.

Illawong Lane Evans Head

Work is progressing on an upgrade to the drainage around Illawong Lane in Evans Head.

Approximately 120m of stormwater pipes and five stormwater pits have been constructed on half the length of the laneway.

The dissipater has been completed and new turf will be laid in the coming weeks. The water main and sewer raising main in Park Street has also been realigned.

In the coming weeks, concrete pavement work and the stormwater work will cross Woodburn Street, weather pending.

This work aims to improve stormwater dissipation in the area, and Council thanks residents and businesses for their patience.

BROADWATER SCHOOL WIN

In a win for commonsense, Broadwater Public School is set to undergo a comprehensive rebuild following the severe flooding which caused extensive damage in 2022.

Richmond Valley Council has welcomed the NSW Government's decision to withdraw its development application and use the Reconstruction Authority's powers to approve the project.

Council advised Government officers in November that lodging a development application with Council was not required for NSW Government public infrastructure, and the better outcome was to seek approval through a planning pathway known as a review of environmental factors (REF). Council had supported a Department of Education REF pathway back in November 2022, however, it was not approved.

School Infrastructure NSW can now get on with job to rebuild the school's facilities to better serve students, staff and the community.

Council appreciates of the support from Clarence MP Richie Williamson, the Broadwater Public School P&C Association and wider Broadwater community to have the development application withdrawn.

Broadwater Public School's new facilities will include three modern flexible classrooms, a new library, canteen, administration area, large undercover play space and amenities, a yarning circle, and landscaping to complement the school's surroundings.

The new school will include modular buildings raised 3.7 metres from the ground and will be supported by a flood resilient steel structure.

BIGGEST EVER CASINO TRUCK SHOW WOWS

It was a sight never before seen in the Richmond Valley as more than 30,000 people filled the streets to welcome the best of the transport industry for the 2024 Casino Truck Show.

With 600 trucks registered for this event, the crowd more than doubled 2023 cementing the event's reputation as the greatest truck show in the southern hemisphere.

There was plenty to see and do on the day, with live music ringing through the streets, industry displays, entertainment and free rides and trucks in every direction.

The event is now cemented as one of the most important on the North Coast bringing millions of dollars for local businesses with accommodation and hospitality businesses reporting unprecedented demand.

Planning is already underway for next year's event, and organisers give thanks to everyone who attended and supported this amazing event.



TENDERS AWARDED FOR KEY RICHMOND VALLEY PROJECTS

Richmond Valley Council is pleased to announce the successful tenderers for a series of key projects set to enhance community infrastructure and services.



Following a thorough and competitive tender process, Council has awarded contracts to a number of reputable firms, ensuring the delivery of high-quality projects which will benefit residents and businesses alike.

The projects listed below are funded under Transport for New South Wales' Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, with the exception of the Tatham bridges, which are being funded through the Australian Government's Emergency Response Fund Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-2023, and the new netball clubhouse, which was funded under the NSW and Australian governments' Community Assets Program.

Projects approved:

Replacement of Tatham bridges

The new bridges will be built on a new alignment and are expected to be open to traffic by the end of 2025.

Bentley landslip and road remediation

The \$3.17 million project involves construction of Bentley Road to remediate the slip area and the rehabilitation of the road.

Design and Construct Upper Cherry Tree road landslip

The project will carry out remediation work on the Upper Cherry Tree landslip, which consists of a 60-metre section of road and associated drainage infrastructure.

Design and Construct Upper Mongogarie road landslip

This project involves the design and construction of a suitable rock retaining structure to remediate the slip area.

Design and Construct Woodburn-Coraki Road landslips

This project is specific to the remediation of two landslips on Woodburn-Coraki Road where the embankments have been washed away, resulting in the Richmond River encroaching on the road shoulder.

Netball clubhouse facility - Colley Park Casino

Construction of a new netball clubhouse after the facility was inundated with water from the 2022 flood.

Further approvals have been given under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements for multiple future road repairs in all Richmond Valley towns and villages, with work to take place over the next two years.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Richmond Valley Council is committed to the recovery and improvement of our infrastructure damaged in the 2022 floods.

A report to last month's meeting showed more than 25 million dollars has been spent on recovery work since the 2022 floods, with the overall bill anticipated to match Council's initial estimate of 100 million dollars.

Council continues to work with the government to restore our infrastructure and continues to commence on works on critical projects.

Work has been completed on the Woodburn to Coraki shoulder repair, James Lane at Rappville, Pickapene landslip, Ocean Street footpath in Evans Head, Ainsworth Road and Oak Lane in Casino.

Pavement work has been completed on Spring Grove Road, Manifold Road, Bentley Road and Rappville Road with drainage works to be programmed.

Work is due to be completed on the eastern side of Hare Street in Casino, and pavement work on Sextonville Road and McDonalds Bridge Road to commence this month.



BUNGAWALBIN LEVEE FIX

Rous County Council has announced the approval of a grant totalling up to \$6.9 million under the Natural Disaster Relief Assistance Program (NDRA) and State and Commonwealth government's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The funding will repair the Bungawalbin levee, an 8km earth levee protects which properties along the eastern side of Bungawalbin Creek and in some instances around to Swan Bay and towards Rocky Mouth Creek.

Located between Woodburn and Coraki, Bungawalbin levee protects against minor and moderate floods. Recent damage to the levee, notably from the flood events of 2017, 2021, and 2022, emphasised the levee's importance while prompting Rous and community concern.

Rous County Council will collaborate with NSW Public Works to finalise the scope of the remediation works, ensuring optimal utilisation of the grant across the levee. This initiative follows successful repairs to the Tuckombil levee which protects Woodburn and surrounds from flooding from Tuckombil Canal and the Evans River, also funded through the NDRA and disaster recovery arrangements.

The Tuckombil levee repairs were guided by specialised geotechnical advice on how to repair the levee and what material to use. The repair work was then independently inspected and assessed when completed. Emergency work was also recently completed on Bungawalbin levee to repair a section of rock armouring that had slumped following the 2022 flood.