

TWEED TODAY



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Gloves off over \$1m rail study

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line in 2004, but its attempt to pull up the track and use the corridor for walking and bicycle trails was later thwarted by the NSW Upper House.

"We have committed \$1 million to do a planning study for the track from Casino to the airport," said Mr Provest.

"The first part of it is so we can clearly price fixing up the track from Casino to Murwillumbah. The other part is to identify routes to the airport."

Mr Provest said routes across to the Tweed Coast to serve areas such as the planned Kings Forest township could be considered, adding that Queensland planned to connect the airport with heavy rail from Brisbane, and with light rail from Southport.

Mr Provest's latest promise was quickly criticised by Tweed Labor candidate Reece Byrnes, Lismore Labor candidate Andrew Moy and Tweed Greens Party candidate Andrea Vickers.

Mr Byrnes said Mr Provest's support for a feasibility study was "another example of his failure to deliver for the Tweed", because in 2007 he "promised \$100 million to bring back the train."

"Geoff must explain why Barry O'Farrell has committed millions to deliver more trains, buses, ferry services, and road upgrades for Sydney and yet all Geoff can get here is support for a bureaucratic discussion paper," he said.

Andrew Moy, the Labor candidate for the seat of Lismore, which includes Murwillumbah, ridiculed the latest promise, saying reopening the line could cost more than \$300 million which was better spent on



CRITICAL: Greens candidate Andrea Vickers. D131221

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LABOR CANDIDATE ANDREW MOY

roads and hospitals.

Mr Moy said reopening the line would cost up to \$250 million to repair the track and replace 159 timber bridges over two years, then more money to upgrade communications.

"I'd rather see an integrated transport system and an upgrade of roads... and the money spent on hospitals."

Ms Vickers said it was a "significant downgrade" of Mr Provest's 2007 promise now that he looked like being in government.

Ms Vickers pointed out that Mr Provest in the 2007 election vowed "to introduce six light-rail services a day and to start planning the extension from Murwillumbah to the Gold Coast".

"I understand he's been in opposition, but now he's faced with actually implementing that promise it's gone to a one million dollar feasibility study," she said.

WHAT DO YOU THINK

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POWERBALL 773
2, 11, 18, 27, 23; pb 22
WEDNESDAY Draw 3015
7, 10, 12, 21, 38, 39 ■ 30, 33
Dividends: 1 Jackpot; 2 \$5,153.10; 3 \$488.65; 4 \$23.50; 5 \$13.55.

TODAY'S SPECIAL

Hear Karen's book roar

FROM humble beginnings in Tweed to Government House in Canberra, author Karen Phillips has certainly come a long way. Ms Phillips, who grew up in the Tweed and started her writing career with the Tweed Daily News, has launched a new book featuring Australia's most iconic women. Read her story on page 8.



JOKE OF THE DAY

FINALLY, a friend's husband has decided that, at the ripe old age of 48, he needs to get into shape. After much discussion about how to tackle his fitness, they decided on a trainer. They went to the gym to meet the trainer, who asked the man if he could do the splits. "Of course I can't," he answered. "How flexible are you," she asked. To which he replied, "Well, I can't do Tuesdays."

WEIRD WORLD

ELVIS Presley is to be declared a posthumous honorary citizen of Hungary's capital, Budapest, and a city landmark will be named after him. Mayor Istvan Tarlos says "the king" will be commemorated because of his support for Hungary in the wake of the short-lived, anti-Soviet revolution of October 1956. On the city's website, visitors can pick one of 12 locations to be renamed after Elvis.

TASTE OF TOMORROW



Gardening, movies, wine and more

DON'T miss tomorrow's Weekend section for plenty of inspiration on how to spend your weekend. We've got gardening advice, wine reviews, previews of the latest movies and much more. We've also got six ideas on how to spend your weekend in the local area. Don't miss it, out tomorrow.

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Weather

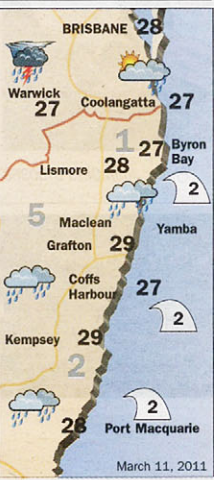
Today

Inland:
Shower or two. Max 28
Coast:
Shower or two. Max 27

10am Friday



10am Saturday



Today

1. NORTHERN RIVERS:
Cloudy. Isolated showers near the coast, extending throughout from the morning. The chance of thunderstorms in the south in the afternoon and evening. Light winds tending northeasterly up to 20 km/h during the afternoon.

Saturday. Cloudy. Isolated showers. The chance of thunderstorms in the south from the late morning. Winds southeasterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h tending east to northeasterly up to 20 km/h by early evening.

2. MIDNORTH COAST:
Cloudy. Isolated showers. The chance of thunderstorms near the coast, extending throughout from the morning. Light winds.

5. NORTHERN TABLELANDS:
Cloudy. Isolated showers in the south, extending throughout from the morning. The chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Light winds.

Saturday. Cloudy. Isolated showers. The chance of thunderstorms from the late morning until evening. Winds east to northeasterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h.

BYRON COASTAL WATERS:
Winds: North to northeasterly 10 to 15 knots tending east to northeasterly around midday. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Easterly about 2 metres.

Fire Danger Ratings: Far North Coast: low to mod. North Coast: low to mod. New England: low to mod.

WARNINGS were current at 5pm yesterday.
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Northern NSW Yesterday

Location	*Max	Min	**Rain
Ballina	28	18	
Cape Byron	31	20	0
Casino	29	17	0
Coffs Harbour	29	18	0.2
Grafton	30	18	0
Lismore	29	18	0
Murwillumbah	28	18	0
Port Macquarie	29	16	0
Yamba	28	19	0
Coolangatta	28	18	1

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TEMPERATURES

Yesterday:
Murwillumbah - Maximum 28.4C, Minimum 18.0C;
Coolangatta - Maximum 27C, Minimum 18.4C

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Today: 6.46am, 7.09pm
Tomorrow: 6.46am, 7.08pm

RAINFALL

Yesterday:
Bray Park - 24hrs to 9am: nil; 9am to 3pm: nil. Monthly total: 81.2mm.
Other areas, 24hrs to 3pm: nil.

TIDE TIMES

Tidal information courtesy Kingscliff Coast Guard (Daylight Saving Time)

TWEED BAR - PT DANGER

Today - HW 12.28am (1.6); 12.23pm (1.3)	Tomorrow - HW 1.19am (1.5); 1.14pm (1.2)
LW 6.41am (0.8); 6.34pm (0.6)	LW 7.45am (0.8); 7.29pm (0.6)

KINGSCLIFF BAR

Today - HW 12.48am (1.21); 12.40pm (0.92)	Tomorrow - HW 1.43am (1.2); 1.37pm (0.84)
LW 7.18am (0.43); 7.05pm (0.3)	LW 8.22am (0.49); 8.00pm (0.36)