

There are a few dastardly deeds afoot.

Unfortunately, unlike a 1920's silent movie, they're unfunny and unethical.



Hello Rainer

I've been off the case for a month or so - The Murwillumbah Art Trail 2018 has eaten a bit of time.

You notice that people who are involved in promoting the common good, through art, social critique, environmental activism and plain 'give it a go' guts - all that stuff that greedy people call 'fluffy' or 'snowflake' - are the powerful ones. They're the ones who make social change happen.

Who are they? They're you!

Below is an update from Jeremy Tager on what's been happening while I've been AWOL. As always the committed, bright TWA people are taking the water miners to task. Because the water miners are just too dim to think it through.

Pat - on behalf of much cleverer not-swamped-in-art people than me at the Tweed Water Alliance. ps Don't forget to keep up with the latest on our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>website</u>.

Here's the news

Lots of news – about water mining in the Tweed.

Jack Hallam is now proposing to cut off a section of the RSL memorial park at the corner of Rowlands Creek Road and Kyogle Road. He hasn't formally applied to do that, but his own traffic consultants say this is the way to make that exit onto Kyogle Road safe. We'll let you know when the application goes in.

Larry Karlos is in court and his next hearing date is in September. The Court will consider submissions made to Council on his most recent proposal to get rid of the allocation he has been ignoring for 15 years! We don't know if September will be decision date or not. The good news is that currently his allocation is 5ML (he claimed 60ML and Council said 33ML – both wrong) meaning one 6m truck per day.

The new water regulator (Natural Resource Access Regulator) is now handling our complaints to the Department of Water. They have asked the Office of Water for the metering records – they're going to find out soon enough that they don't exist. They'll then have to get documents from the operators and with any luck insist that all commercial bores have meters.

We want to continue to track any ongoing breaches at Bilambil, Kunghur, Nobbys Creek and Kynnumboon – let us know if you see any activity that isn't permitted – all of it will be

recorded and reported.

Here's what they're allowed:

- Urliup Road: 1 truck load per day, 7 days per week
- Mt Warning Spring Water, 4 loads per day, weekdays only 9am-3pm, 'small trucks' only
- Nobbys Creek, one 5 tonne truck per week (NO ARTICULATED SEMI-TRAILERS)
- Kynnumboon, 5 loads per day weekdays, 7am-7pm, 2 loads per day on weekends, 8am-12pm

Thanks for all you do

Jeremy

Water miners really don't like having their shallow ethics and deep sense of entitlement challenged. You can help us make them even more uncomfortable by giving us a little cash please. Our bank details:

- Southern Cross Credit Union
- BSB 722 744
- Account: 153127

Report them to council

Please keep your activism on high alert. Chat to friends and neighbours, keep taking photos of the water trucks to post to Facebook - it spooks them. Remember you are perfectly within your rights to photograph them as long as you don't trespass or otherwise break the law to do so.

It's perfectly legal to take a photo of a water truck on a public road.

Don't be shy in contacting councillors, either. They are our elected representatives and need to hear opinions other than those driven by greed.

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civil and to the point will do nicely