



MONEYS CREEK CAUSEWAY GATE OPERATION GUIDELINES - 2012

Bundaberg Regional Council regularly opens the tide gates on the causeway located at Moneys Creek Lagoon near Kellys Beach, Bargara. The gates are operated in conjunction with tides that are high enough to allow sea water to enter the lagoon, and to enable the lagoon water to flush out, allowing a mix of fresh and salt water and the movement of fish through the causeway. This is typically carried out once a month in conjunction with either a 'full' or a 'new' moon tide.

Other times Council may operate these gates is in the event of large rainfall to alleviate the backing up of storm water in the Moneys Creek system, or to manage dissolved oxygen levels in the lagoon when temperatures are very high and no rainfall is predicted. These two modes of operation are important for managing infrastructure and for managing the quality of the water in extreme weather events.

Council always aims to avoid peak times for beach goers, such as school and public holidays and weekends. The operation of the tide gates does force the closure of the bathing area located on the beachside (eastern side) of the causeway on Moneys Creek outlet. This area is closed off for safety when tide gates are in operation so please be aware of the NO SWIMMING signs located throughout this area.

The most likely dates for tide gate operations in 2012 on Moneys Creek Causeway are as follows:

MONTH	FROM	TO
January	Monday 23	Wednesday 25
February	Monday 06	Friday 10
March	Tuesday 06	Friday 09
April	No suitable tides occur this month	
May	Monday 07	Wednesday 09
June	Monday 04	Thursday 07
July	Monday 02	Thursday 05
July /August	Tuesday July 31	Friday August 03
September	No suitable tides occur this month	
October	No suitable tides occur this month	
November	Monday 12	Friday 16
December	Tuesday 11	Friday 14

Please call Council's Natural Resource Section on 1300 883 699 if further information is required.

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