

TWEED SAND BYPASSING

OVERVIEW

In May 2017:

- 26,800 m³ of sand was pumped to Snapper Rocks East.
- 20,113 m³ of sand was dredged and placed at Snapper Rocks East.
- 12,013 m³ of sand was pumped to Duranbah Beach.
- 16,117 m³ of sand was dredged and placed at Duranbah Beach.
- Wave heights ranged from calm to moderate (0.59 m to 2.40 m) with a maximum significant wave height of 2.40 m on 9th May. Wave directions varied from NE by E to SE but mostly from the E.
- 1712 vessel crossings were recorded for the month (This is 85% of the May average).
- The estimated amount of sand moving north towards the Tweed River entrance by natural processes was in the order of 42,672 m³ (this is 64% of the May average of 66,976 m³).

1. SAND PUMPING & DREDGING

Sand Delivery May 2017

Pumped:	38,813 m ³
Dredged:	36,231 m ³
Total:	75,044 m ³

The number of days sand was pumped this month = 26

Sand Delivery January 2017 to December 2017

Pumped:	181,285 m ³
Dredged:	93,355 m ³
Total:	274,640 m ³

Stage II Sand Delivery April 2000 to May 2017

Pumped:	8,703,914 m ³
Dredged:	2,197,265 m ³ *
Total:	10,901,179 m ³ *

* This Includes 22,870 m³ of sand delivered by dredge to Palm Beach between June and September 2005

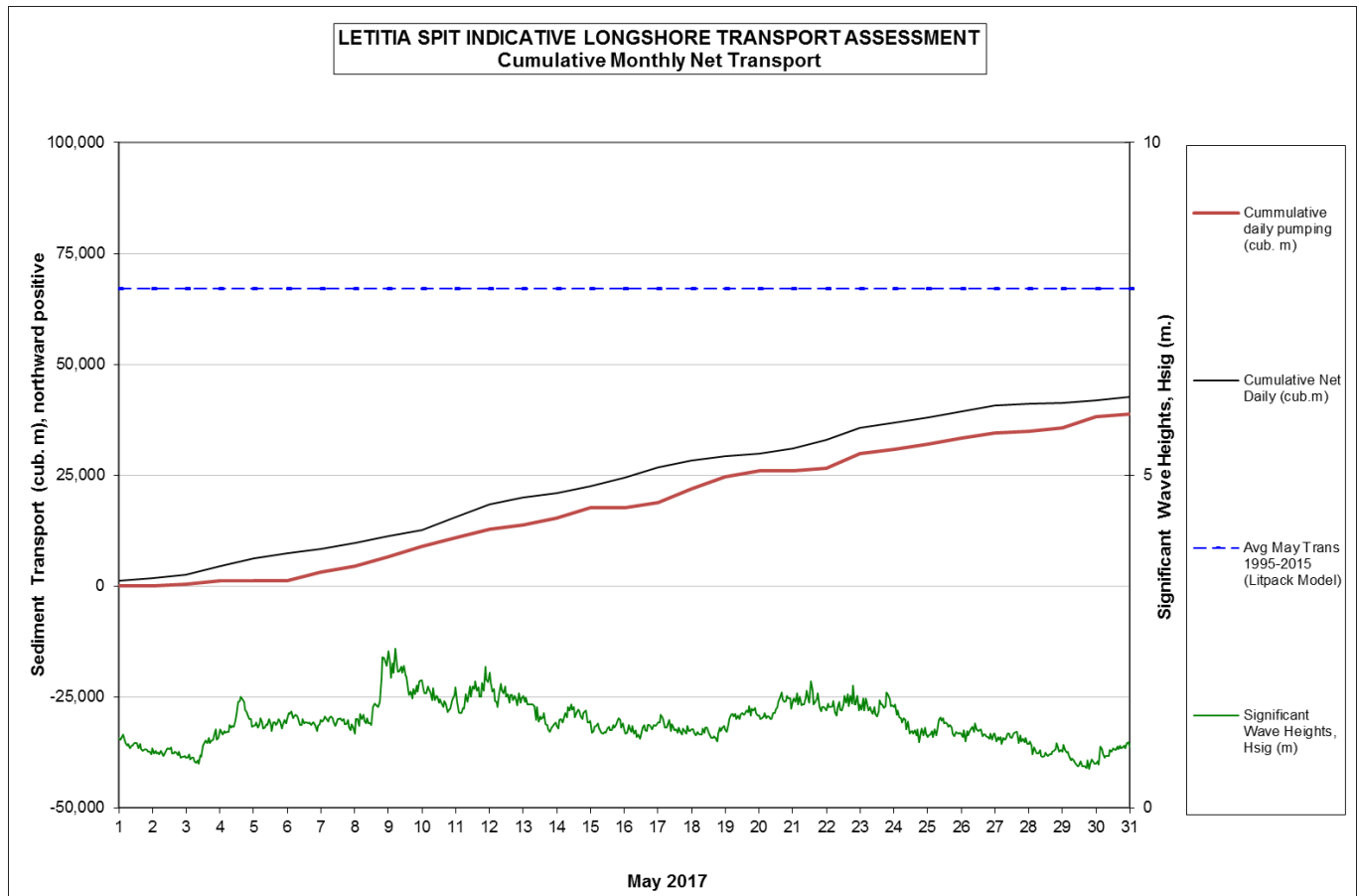
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2. INDICATIVE LONGSHORE TRANSPORT

The graph below is based on simplified sediment transport modelling and is indicative only.

In May 2017 the estimated natural sand transport moving north towards the Tweed River entrance was calculated to be in the order of 42,672 m³.

This result is 64% of the average estimated sand transport quantity of approximately 66,976 m³ for the month of May.



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3. TWEED RIVER ENTRANCE USAGE

Marine Rescue NSW - Monitoring Results (Not including trawlers)

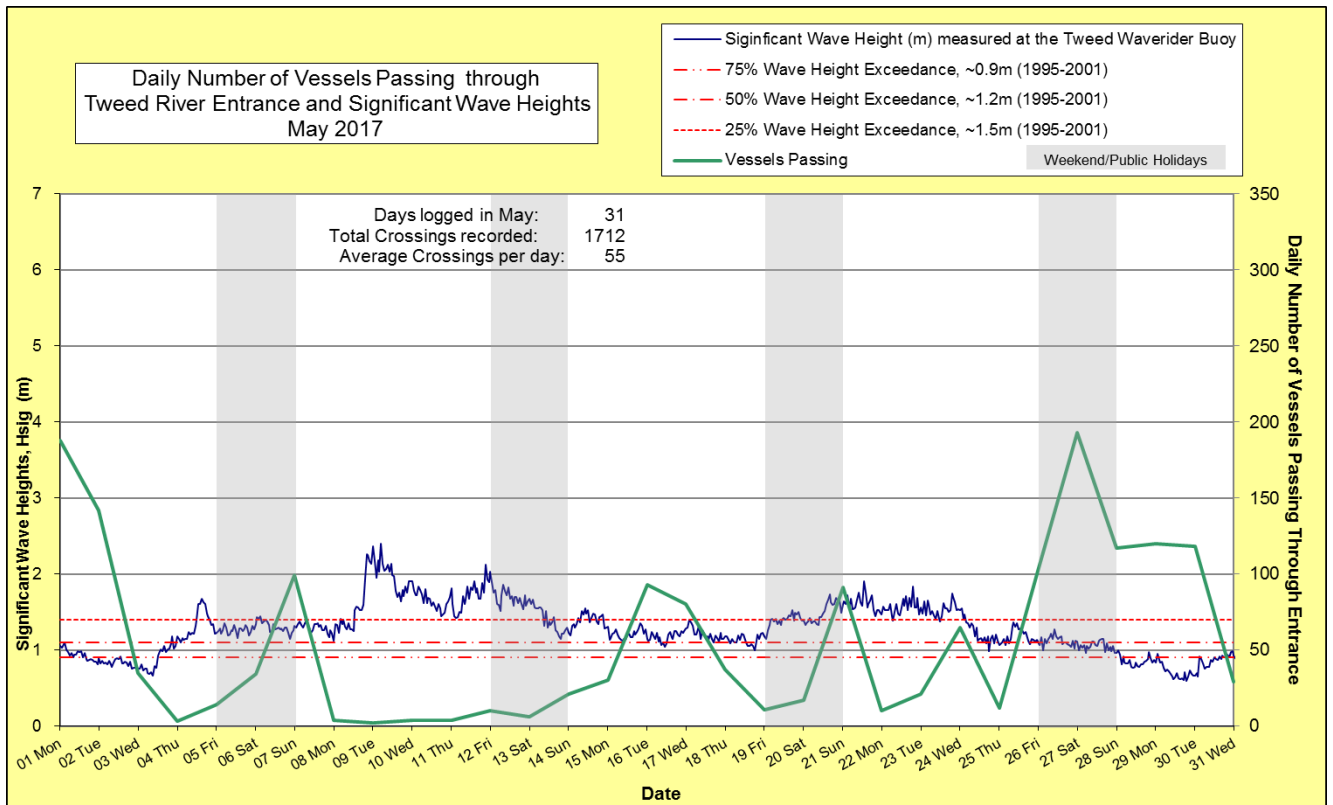
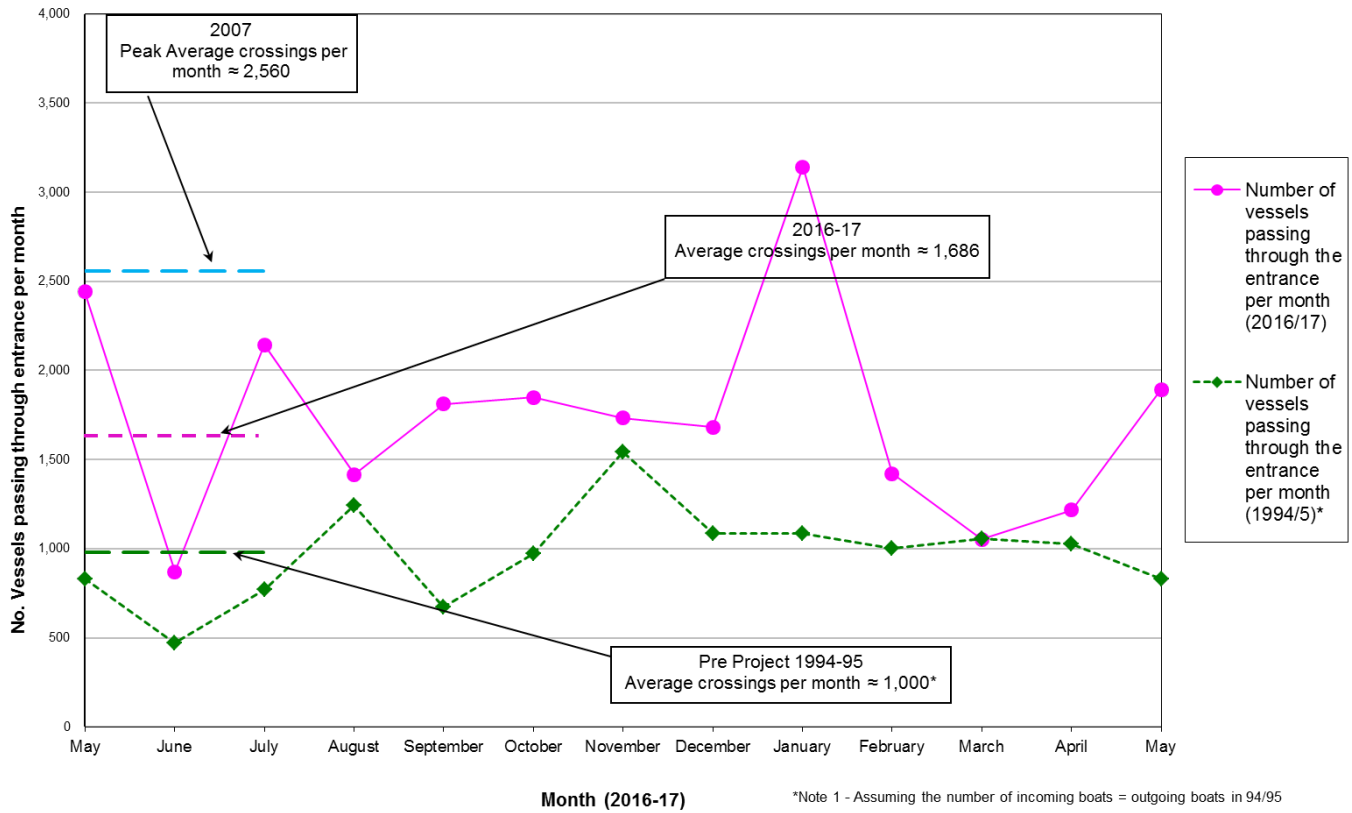
 Weekends and public holidays

Date	Navigation Rating Impassable-----Good					Number of Boats	
	Impassable (1)	Difficulty Encountered (2)	Some Difficulty Encountered (3)	Relatively Good Crossing (4)	Good Conditions (5)		
1 st						188	
2 nd						142	
3 rd						35	
4 th						3	
5 th						14	
6 th						34	
7 th						99	
8 th						4	
9 th						2	
10 th						4	
11 th						4	
12 th						10	
13 th						6	
14 th						21	
15 th						30	
16 th						93	
17 th						80	
18 th						37	
19 th						11	
20 th						17	
21 st						91	
22 nd						10	
23 rd						21	
24 th						65	
25 th						12	
26 th						102	
27 th						193	
28 th						117	
29 th						120	
30 th						118	
31 st						29	
						Total	1712

Source: Marine Rescue NSW, Point Danger

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Comparison of the number of vessels passing through the entrance per month 2016/17 compared to 2007 (peak crossings) and 1994/95 (prior to entrance improvements)



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4. WAVE CONDITIONS

Wave conditions over the month: Wave heights ranged mostly from calm to moderate (0.59 to 2.40 m), with a maximum significant wave height of 2.40 m on 9th May. Wave directions varied from NE by E to SE but mostly from the E.

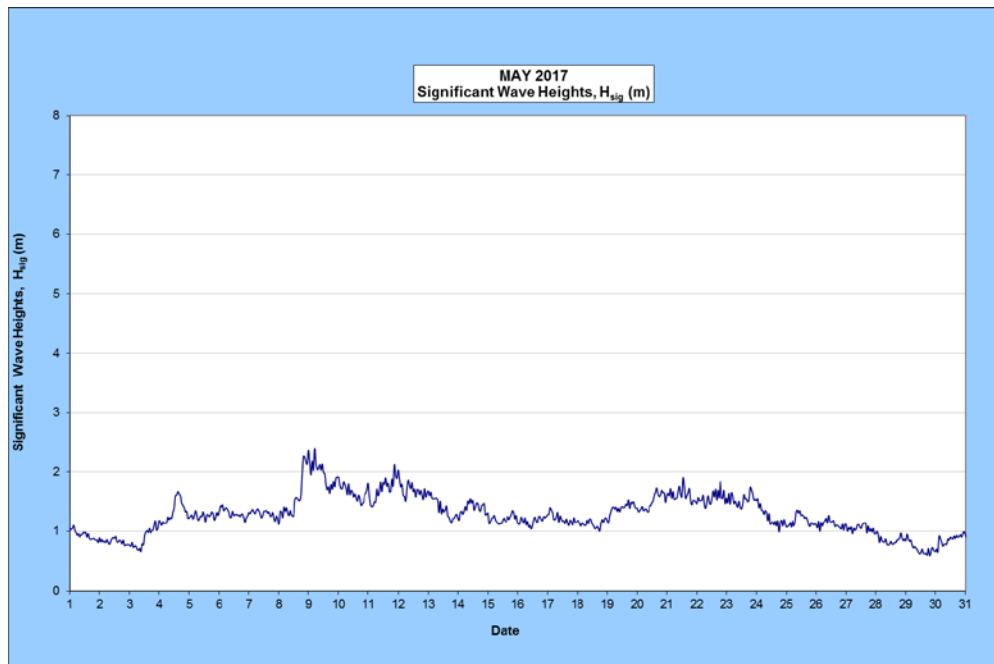
Monthly minimum significant wave height: 0.59 m on 29th May

Monthly maximum significant wave height: 2.40 m on 9th May

Number of days on which waves were below 1.0 m at some point in the day: 9 days

Number of days on which waves were above 2.0 m at some point in the day: 4 days

Note: Significant wave height (H_{sig}) is defined as the average of the highest one-third of waves recorded over a period of approximately 30 minutes.



(Source: Tweed Wave Buoy; Queensland Government)

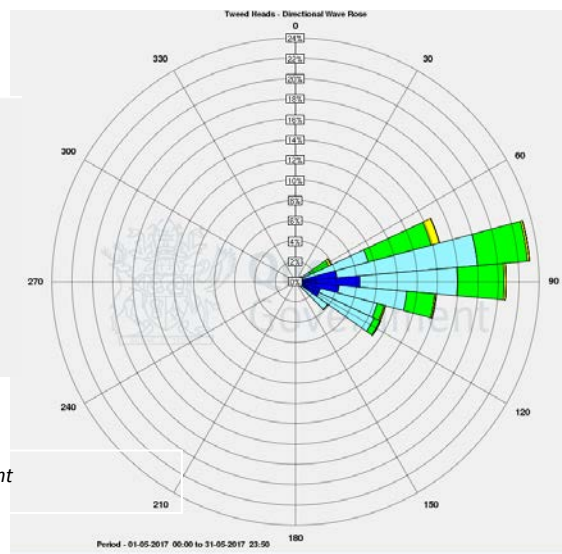
A link to data recorded by the Tweed Waverider Buoy is available at: <http://www.qld.gov.au/waves>

WAVE DIRECTION

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Wave Climate for H_{sig}

- less than 0.5m
- 0.5 - 1.0m
- 1.0 - 1.5m
- 1.5 - 2.0m
- 2.0 - 3.0m
- 3.0 - 4.0m
- > 4.0m



Source: Queensland Government