

Awards launch is a fine display of accessibility

The Tweed's proud stories of an inclusive community were on display when the 2017 Tweed Shire Access and Inclusion awards were officially launched last month.

The official opening of nominations for the fifth annual awards – held to recognise achievements and innovation by individuals and groups to make the Tweed more accessible – was held amid the telling of stories of 11 Tweed residents with disability, part of a new exhibition, at Tweed Regional Museum Murwillumbah.

The launch at the Museum's *Untold Stories: Living With Ability* exhibition was attended by several of the people featured in the display, including access advisory committee members and awards organisers Suzy Hudson, Milena Morrow and Una Cowdroy.

Ms Hudson told the launch ceremony the level of accessibility and inclusion in the Tweed had improved considerably and much of that progress could be attributed to the access committee and initiatives such as the awards.

Further information and nomination forms for this year's awards are available at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/AccessInclusionAwards, with printed copies available at Council's Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah offices.

The form has a new format to help guide people through their nominations.

More details are also available by emailing kcollins@tweed.nsw.gov.au or by phoning (02) 6670 2442.



Back row – Tweed Regional Museum Director Judy Kean, Tweed Shire Equal Access Advisory Committee Chair Wendy Gilbert and Community Development Officer – Ageing and Disability Karen Collins. Front row – Alzheimer's Australia NSW Project Officer Christine Vannucci, Tweed Shire Access and Inclusion Awards Patron Bill Chaffey, Tweed Shire Equal Access Advisory Committee member Suzi Hudson and Barbara Carroll from Murwillumbah Community College.

Recovery Centre closed but flood assistance still available

The Flood Recovery Centre in Nullum Street, Murwillumbah, has closed its doors but help is still available for those seeking assistance or information.

Anyone needing help or advice can call Tweed Shire Council on (02) 6670 2400, where you will be able to speak to staff who have been working in the Flood Recovery Centre and know about what assistance is available through the relevant agencies and services.

A full list of support agencies is available at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/RecoveryServices

This transition is a normal step in the recovery process and an important part of returning services to local communities to access in their usual way.

Since the centre was established, the Murwillumbah Recovery Centre has assisted more than 2000 people.

If you know of someone in need – businesses or individuals – please encourage them to make contact with Council on (02) 6670 2400 as soon as possible.

For those needing mental health assistance, a free service has been established by NSW Mental Health, with no referrals for in-person or telephone counselling. Please call 1300 137 934 Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. Outside of those hours, Lifeline offers a 24-hour service for anyone experiencing a personal crisis. Please call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Funding applications closing

Applications are closing soon for event organisers seeking financial assistance from Council to develop, host and grow festivals and events in the Tweed Shire.

A recent workshop provided information regarding event eligibility for sponsorship and financial support, and help with the application process. Applicants should refer to Council's Events Sponsorship Policy and the Events Sponsorship Guidelines before completing the application form available on Council's website – www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/FestivalsEventsAndFilming

Applications will be accepted up until noon on Tuesday 13 June 2017. For more information please contact Kerrie McConnell on (02) 6670 2735.

Black Spot funds sought for fatal stretch of road

Like many in the community Council was rocked by last week's fatality on Tweed Valley Way near Tumbulgum as it awaits formal notification whether it has secured Black Spot funding to make this section of road safer.

"We have not been advised of the facts of last Wednesday's fatal accident as that is a matter for police and the coroner but we have been working on a project to extend a wire rope median along Tweed Valley Way where this fatality occurred," Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said.

"We applied for funding under the Federal Government Black Spot Programme last July and are hopeful of an announcement from the government in the next few weeks.

"While this is of no comfort to the families of the deceased and injured men, this project would provide physical separation of the north and

southbound lanes on this section of road. This is the most effective safety treatment for this kind of crash, as demonstrated by the success of the existing wire rope median further north on Tweed Valley Way.

"While we wait for a letter from the government, we are working on the design of the wire rope median.

"Regrettably, Council has to work within the limits of its budget and resources to try and reduce the risk of crashes on our road network, so we do rely on external grant funds. But if and when we are notified that these Black Spot funds are ours, we will begin work on this much-needed safety improvement.

"Our application recognised previous head-on crashes on this section of road and cited the fatality that occurred here in July 2015."

Speed limits on roads in the shire are set by Roads and Maritime Services.

International recognition for community groups

Two Tweed service groups with very humble local beginnings have gone on to become national and international success stories, a community sponsorship presentation was told last Tuesday.

Story Dogs and the Tweed/Byron Life Education Action Group, both launched in the Tweed and now thriving programs throughout Australia and beyond, were among 13 community organisations presented with funding during Tweed Shire Council's Community Sponsorship Policy morning tea.



Funding totalling \$36,908 was presented during the morning tea, which brought together representatives from each of the groups and gave them a chance to outline their achievements and how the funding would be used.

Tweed/Byron Life Education Action Group began in the Tweed Shire with a small van, travelling from school to school to educate primary students about nutrition and drugs, representative Greg Pile said.

"The program is now worldwide, teaching children to make healthy and safe decisions about their lives," he said.

Similarly, Story Dogs was launched in Murwillumbah in 2009 to help children with reading difficulties, with dog owners volunteering their time and their pets to provide a non-judgmental audience for children to read out loud.

Sponsor Manager Agnes Nesci said the program now assisted more than 1000 children in every state of Australia.

She said demand for Story Dogs continued to grow in the Tweed and the grant would help purchase more picture books for the Tweed volunteer teams.

The recipients (picture left) also included the Pottsville-based Beachside Communicare, a small church-based group which offers poverty relief by providing a food pantry to around 60 low-income families.

Visit <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GrantsAndFunding> for summaries of each of the funded projects.

Swim program not so short

Many of the region's best swimmers will hit the water at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre South Tweed for the 2017 Winter Short Course Area Championships on 17 and 18 June.

The facility will be closed to the public for both the Saturday and Sunday, with entries for the Swimming North Coast event exceeding expectations. A long program of events to accommodate all the competitors means there will be no public aquatic programs at the pool on Saturday 17 June.

"We apologise for any inconvenience. Aquatic programs and public swimming will be available at TRAC's other two facilities at Kingscliff and Murwillumbah," TRAC Aquatic Programs Supervisor Jeff Collier said.

For all information about the TRAC facilities and operating times, visit <http://trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au> or phone (02) 6670 2750.

Biochar powering agriculture

An Australasian conference on biochar will be held in Murwillumbah for the first time in August and Council is offering free or subsidised registrations for some early applicants.

Council is a gold sponsor of the Australia New Zealand Biochar Conference 2017, which will bring together scientific experts, policy makers and primary producers to discuss the commercial and environmental benefits of biochar use in agriculture.

"The conference will showcase the latest in biochar technology, value added bio-products, methods of application and results of scientific and commercial trials," Council's Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture, Eli Szandala, said.

Murwillumbah's Civic and Cultural Centre Auditorium will house the conference on 10–11 August, with outdoor demonstrations and workshops at the Murwillumbah Show Grounds on 12 August. To apply for one of these places, contact the Program Leader, Sustainable Agriculture on (02) 6670 2400 or at eszandala@tweed.nsw.gov.au by 19 June.

Biochar is a high-quality charcoal produced through pyrolysis or burning organic material using minimal oxygen. The result is a highly stable organic carbon product that can be applied to soils to improve nutrient storage and other soil properties and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Keynote speakers at the conference include NSW Department of Primary Industries Senior Principal Research Scientist Dr Lukas Van Zweiten, Professor Johannes Lehmann from Cornell University and WA dairy farmer Doug Pow. All three are leading the way in biochar research and adoption on farms.

"There are a range of innovative approaches to biochar use that will be showcased and have potential for local application," Mr Szandala said.

"Doug Pow is using cattle and dung beetles to economically deliver biochar to the soil, with surprising improvements to soil health and pasture production."

For more information about the conference and to register visit <https://anzbc.org.au/>

Rocking reconciliation



Acclaimed composer and singer Joe Geia (right) joined Kyle Slabb, a Fingal-based musician and educator, to perform at a National Reconciliation Week event at Tweed marking 50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. Council held a staff screening of documentary 'The Fair Go: Winning the 1967 Referendum' in preparation for the launch of Council's first comprehensive Reconciliation Action Plan later this year.

ADVANCED NOTIFICATION OF HERBICIDE APPLICATION

Advanced notification of herbicide application for the control of selected broadleaf weeds including bindii. Locations Murwillumbah and Uki sports fields and selected parks. Product *Casper* and *Jolt*. Schedule between 13 June to 30 June 2017. Please avoid entry to these areas while spraying is being conducted. Contact person Gary Bryant 0449 903 935.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Murwillumbah Farmers' Market – Every Wednesday 7–11am. All-weather shopping at the Murwillumbah Showground. *Know your farmer, know your food.* Support your local farmers.

Kingscliff Lions Beachside Markets – Always 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month – next market 10 June. For enquiries and bookings phone 0406 724 323.

Village Farm Markets – Fresh farm produce, gourmet food stalls and live entertainment. **Every Saturday, 7am to 11am, Kingscliff TAFE, Cudgen Road.**



Council looks skyward for savings

Council plumbers Alan Cowell and Gary Waugh work against the backdrop of Mt Warning installing new skylights on Council's Buchanan Street workshop roof ahead of the completion of a 91kilowatt solar installation at the depot.

The contract for the solar installation was let prior to the March flood but now comes at an opportune time as the flood resulted in a full spring clean of the depot buildings as a result of water inundation.

Council expects to save one-quarter of its depot electricity bill, some \$400,000, over the next 20 years thanks to the solar array, comprising 351 photovoltaic panels and five inverters.

The system was installed by local provider SAE and will be switched on in the next few weeks. It will pay back its cost to Council of \$81,000 in about four years and avoid up to 200 tonnes of carbon emissions from grid-based power going into the atmosphere.

SURVEY OF CAT OWNERS IN TWEED SHIRE

Are you a Tweed resident and a cat owner? Council is collecting information about how cat owners in the Tweed manage their cat(s) to help design communication and education for Tweed cat owners.

On completing the survey, you will go in the draw for a number of \$25 pet supply gift vouchers (contact details required). Complete the survey online and have your say at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CatOwnersSurvey. The survey closes 26 June 2017.



TWEED COAST AND WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

Community Representatives Sought – Council runs a number of community advisory committees to help it manage Tweed Shire's environment.

The Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee (TCWC) is a strategic-level advisory committee to Tweed Shire Council regarding ecological health, coastal hazard risk and recreational use of the Tweed coast and waterways. This includes the ocean beaches, dunes, estuaries, freshwater tributaries and catchments of Cudgen, Cudgera and Mooball Creeks and the Tweed River. The committee focuses on integrated management, promoting cooperation between community, government and industry. The TCWC's role is to advise Council on the preparation and implementation of long-term, strategic-level coast and estuary management plans and works.

Council is seeking two additional members for the committee, specifically representing:

- The Kingscliff community
- Recreational power boat users

Nominees should demonstrate affiliation with, and endorsement by, relevant community groups or associations. A copy of the TCWC Terms of Reference and a nomination form can be accessed from Council's website at the following link <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Committees>

Completed nominations are due by Friday 23 June 2017. Nominations should be emailed to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au with Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Nomination in the subject line. Contact Council's Waterways Program Leader Tom Alletson for further information.

Staying up late with Margaret

Some of Australia's leading artists will share their stories of working with Margaret Olley when they participate in a **Gallery Up Late** discussion panel at Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre on Friday 9 June.

Danelle Bergstrom, Nicholas Harding and Adam Knott all have artworks in the new exhibition *Portraits: Margaret Olley* exhibition and will offer rare insight into the personality and passions of the celebrated artist. They will be joined by Art Gallery of South Australia Director Nick Mitzewich, who was a close friend of Margaret Olley and will host the panel discussion *Reflections of Olley*.

Reflections of Olley will be the focal point for the **Gallery Up Late**, which will run from 5pm to 9pm.

Entry is \$10 (\$7 for students and Friend of the Gallery members). Bookings are essential through <https://tweedregionalgallery.vendecommerce.com> or by phoning (02) 6670 2790 Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–5pm.

A stitch'n time saves lives

Murwillumbah Library is giving local knitters, and newcomers to the craft, a chance to get involved in **World Wide Knit in Public Day** on Saturday 10 June from 9.30am.

Enjoy a morning of knitting and crocheting or any fabric work you enjoy to celebrate the day. Donations of knitted goods will be accepted for the Murwillumbah Community Centre. Phone (02) 6670 427 to register. Morning tea is provided, just bring your smile and a friend.

Don't get caught short at Budd Park

New fully accessible public toilets will open at Murwillumbah's Budd Park on Monday 12 June.

The new toilets will replace the existing block, which has served the community for more than 35 years but has reached the end of its life-span.

The old toilet block will be closed from Monday and will be demolished next month to improve the park's amenity and provide a safer and more functional open space. The new two-cubicle toilet block meets all requirements for accessibility for people with wheelchairs or limited mobility and is located immediately next to the accessible parking spaces.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following development application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking> for a period of fourteen (14) days from Wednesday, 7 June 2017 to 21 June 2017.

Application details

DA17/0237 – Change of use of an existing shed to a depot
Lot 4 DP 1074375, No. 18 Robinsons Road, PIGGABEEN
Ms Felicity Robyn New, Mr Phillip William Edward Ferguson

Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. It should also be noted that Council has adopted a policy whereby, on request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality by submitters in determining access to submission letters. However, the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* – GIPAA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

Please note – Requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donations

A disclosure is required to be made in a statement accompanying the relevant development or planning application by a person who makes the application.

In addition, a person who makes a written submission either objecting to or supporting a relevant development or planning application must also make a disclosure if the person has made a reportable political donation.

Further information regarding Donations and Gift Disclosure are available on Council's website <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/planninginformation>

ROAD WRAP

Flood repairs: Work this week will continue on Numinbah, Kyogle, Mt Warning and Zara/Limpinwood roads.

Temporary traffic lights: Clothiers Creek Road, Hogans Road, Tyalgum Road (Rocky Cutting) and Tweed Valley Way (Blacks Drain) for flood repair works. Fraser Drive, between Vintage Lakes Drive and Acacia Street, Banora Point (sub-development work).

Road closures: Five-week closure to allow Blackspot Program upgrade of Tweed Valley Way and Riverside Drive intersection south of the village of Tumbulgum. Major upgrade of Tumbulgum Road, between Sunnyside Lane and Old Ferry Road, Murwillumbah (6-month closure). Pedestrians and cyclists can still pass through section with care but all vehicular traffic will be diverted around the site. Airfield Avenue, Murwillumbah, trucks to enter through Shoobridge Transport off Quarry Road. Commercial Road, Murwillumbah, Boat Ramp Facility – north and middle access to the boat ramp will be closed. South access will remain open.

Stop/slow flagmen, expect delays: Limited delays roadworks associated with sub-developments on Fraser Drive, between Parks Lane and Glen Ayr Drive, Banora Point. Limited delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts, due to road reconstruction associated with subdivision works. Road reconstruction Moolau Avenue, Tweed Heads. Culvert reconstruction Palmvale Road, Palmvale. Revetment works Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah. Construction site footpath closure Wharf Street, Tweed Heads. Footpath construction Pearl Street, Kingscliff. Short traffic delays for stormwater pit inspections in Tweed Heads at the corner of Miles Street and Ourimbah Road; Kennedy Drive, beneath the Pacific Motorway overpass and at the corner of Ducat Street; Wharf Street before Boyds Bay Bridge and on all exits of the border roundabout north of Twin Towns.

VACANCIES

Associate Surveyor – fixed term Water Treatment Plant Operator

For more information and to apply:

- Visit Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers
- Contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495
- All positions close at 12 noon (NSW time)
- Late applications not permitted.

REQUEST FOR OFFER

RF02017047 Rehabilitation of Gravity Sewerage Reticulation Mains RF02017067 Tumbulgum Road Murwillumbah Riverbank Stabilisation RF02017072 Fraser Drive Cycleway Stage 3

Offers close: **Wednesday 4pm 28 June 2017**

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for Offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders. Hard copy documentation is available and costs will be in accordance with Council's advertised photocopying fees.

All Offers will be opened at closing time and will be considered by Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The lowest or any offer is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify.

For further information please contact Sandy Zietlow (02) 6670 2604.



Readers who are unsure of when their meter is read can look up their water week at:

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended).

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPROVED

DA16/0619 – Decommissioning of existing dwelling and proposed new dual occupancy

Lot 12 DP 883110, No. 1734 Reserve Creek Road CUDGERA CREEK

DA17/0081 – Unit 9 change of use to health services facility and associated signage

Lot 9 SP 22742, Unit 9/No. 41-43 Commercial Road MURWILLUMBAH

DA17/0242 – 2 lot strata subdivision

Lot 1 DP 1229667, No. 1 Windsor Court POTTSVILLE

DA17/0072 – Change of use to storage premises for damaged cars and towtruck

Lot 8 SP 77115, Unit 8/No. 63 Ourimbah Road TWEED HEADS

DA17/0198 – Pontoon

Lot 105 DP 246488, Lot 117 DP 246488, No. 15 Compass Way TWEED HEADS

DA16/0857 – Townhouse development comprising five units (staged)

Lot 12 Section 1DP 11478, No. 11 Parry Street TWEED HEADS SOUTH

DA17/0164 – Pontoon

Lot 303 DP 30961, Lot 488 DP 30961, No. 51 Gollan Drive TWEED HEADS WEST

DA17/0144 – Hauling of fibre optic cable through existing telecommunications conduit, remediation of ducts and excavation of a trench

ROAD 1181, Tweed Coast Road, HASTINGS POINT

DA17/0225 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport

Lot 19 DP 240193, No. 71 Laura Street BANORA POINT

DA17/0236 – Carport and patio within front building line

Lot 1063 DP 1067598, No. 42 Shamrock Avenue BANORA POINT

DA17/0230 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 85 DP 830352, No. 14 Tallowood Avenue BOGANGAR

DA17/0252 – Deck and patio roof

Lot 3 DP 830564, No. 30 Kyogle Road BRAY PARK

DA17/0263 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 52 DP 1198266, No. 8 Trestles Avenue CASUARINA

DA17/0281 – Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 37 DP 1083567, No. 645 Casuarina Way CASUARINA

DA17/0283 – Two storey dwelling, attached double garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 48 DP 1198266, No. 16 Pavilion Court CASUARINA

DA17/0273 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1725 DP 1215252, No. 3 Toormina Court POTTSVILLE

DA17/0268 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 99 DP 1021504, No. 40 Ribbonwood Place TERRANORA

DA17/0234 – Carport within front building line

Lot 1 SP 48894, Unit 1/No. 2 Chardonnay Crescent TWEED HEADS SOUTH

DA17/0287 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 8 DP 818543, No. 351 Zara Road ZARA

The above development determinations are available for public inspection free of charge at the Planning and Regulation Division, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, during ordinary office hours or viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking

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