



Recipients of the 2018 Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards. Back, from left: Seven representatives from the Charity Cup Touch Football Tournament, who won the Community Event of the Year Award and two representatives from Wollumbin High School, who took out the Arts and Cultural Achievement Award. Front: Pat Tate (Volunteer of the Year), Kevin Palmer (Citizen of the Year), Jenny Kidd (Volunteer of the Year), Anthea Warne (Sporting Achievement), Sam Smith (Young Achiever in Community Service) and a Wollumbin High School representative.



Kevin Palmer is the 2018 Tweed Shire Citizen of the Year, recognised for his charity work.

Top honours handed to veteran at Australia Day ceremony

Tweed Shire's top Australia Day honour has gone to a Vietnam Veteran who has spent three decades raising funds for a wide variety of local charities.

Kevin Palmer, who friends describe as an ordinary man and a hard worker, has been named 2018 Tweed Shire Citizen of the Year.

The Murwillumbah local is well known for conducting weekly raffles at various venues to benefit charities including Legacy, Tweed Palliative Care, Riding for the Disabled and the State Emergency Service.

Mr Palmer was one of a number of local heroes honoured at the official Australia Day ceremony last Friday, where 42 citizens from 12 different countries also became Australian citizens.

Council Director Corporate Services Liz Collyer said Mr Palmer was selected from a field of outstanding nominees, all of whom had one thing in common.

"These are people who happily give up their time to do the work behind the scenes which is so important to any vibrant community," Ms Collyer said.

"We all benefit from their actions and it is important to recognise individuals such as Mr Palmer for all they do and the example they set."

The Volunteer of the Year Award has been shared between two recipients, Tumbulgum Community Association President Jenny Kidd and Pat Tate from the Banora Point and District Progress Association.

Ms Kidd has been honoured for her work in the Tumbulgum

community following the March 2017 flood when she worked to coordinate the efforts of Council, Rural Fire Brigade, the SES and other organisations.

Nominated twice, she is well known in her local community as a tireless worker who devotes significant time and effort to her role.

Ms Tate has been honoured for many decades of service in a variety of volunteer roles. Known for her dedication and tenacity, she was awarded Lifetime Membership to the Banora Point and District Residents Association in tribute to her service.

The Young Achiever in Community Service Award, which goes to a recipient under 25 years of age, has been awarded for the second year in a row to Sam Smith.

This remarkable and inspirational role model, who has a personal dream to help others and raise funds for the most vulnerable in our community, has continued his work in this area.

In the past year he organised the second Kids in Need (KIN) School Day, raising \$3850 and organised a fundraising lunch with author and former Wallaby Peter Fitzsimons which raised a further \$3000.

The Australia Day Award for Sporting Achievement goes to a young athlete who has represented the Tweed nationally and internationally in two different sports.

At just 16 years of age, Anthea Warne has represented Australia in surf lifesaving at the Commonwealth Life Saving Championships in South Africa and in canoeing at the Olympic Hopes International

Regatta in the Czech Republic.

She is at the moment in the midst of a busy summer of surf lifesaving, having won the Youth and Overall point score at the recent Australian interstate Championships and is aiming for selection to the Australian junior team for the International Canoe Federation World Championships in Bulgaria in July.

The Community Event of the Year Award has gone to the Charity Cup Touch Football Tournament.

The Charity Cup was run for the first time in Cabarita six years ago and is organised by a group of young men who saw a need to assist those in the community who are less fortunate.

In that time the tournament has raised more than \$100,000, which has been distributed to more than 40 local individuals and groups.

The Arts and Cultural Achievement Award goes to a local high school which is becoming known for a consistently high standard of creative output.

Staff and students at Wollumbin High School have won the award for their annual MADD Concert highlighting music, drama and dance performances and involving more than 150 students from Years 7 to 12.

The concerts provide students with professional level experience, in both onstage and backstage roles, and have inspired a number of former students go on to seek careers in various creative industries.

Project stabilises Oxley River bank after devastating erosion during 2017 floods

Council's Waterways Program has just completed its largest bank erosion control project to date, stabilising two severely eroding sections of bank on the Oxley River at Eungella.

The erosion took place during the record floods of March 2017 and resulted in up to 10m of bank retreat, releasing a large amount of nutrients and sediment into the river.

Project Officer – Waterways Matthew Bloor, who led the \$450,000 project along with three private landowners through the River Health Grants program, said it was important to stabilise the banks for a number of reasons.

"First and foremost the Oxley River is a major tributary of the Tweed River drinking water supply catchment and has important biodiversity values," Mr Bloor said.

"The project will reduce nutrient and sediment loads in our town water supply, and improve the health and recreation values of the Oxley River.

"If left unchecked erosion would eventually threaten Tyalgum Road, approximately 60m to the east of one of the sites.

"The works also complement other significant bank erosion stabilisation and revegetation works undertaken by the Waterways Program in the lower Oxley River in 2012 and 2014."

The works included driving over 200 hardwood logs 4m into the river bed to create a series of groynes to slow water flow and capture sediment.

Larger logs with root balls attached were secured in place and protected by rock at the second site to protect the bank toe.

All of the timber for the project was provided for the cost of



One of the sites on the Oxley River after the floods (left) and the same location this year after stabilisation project was completed.



transport only from contractors working on the Pacific Highway upgrade near Grafton.

"Both banks were battered to a stable grade, covered with coir (coconut) fibre netting and seeded with grasses to protect against further erosion," Mr Bloor said.

"Tweed Landcare, with funding through the NSW Environmental Trust, have planted 1,700 lowland rainforest trees and shrubs

to provide cover and structural support to the river banks and landowners have committed to restrict cattle access to the riverbanks to ensure revegetation is successful."

Construction started in October 2017 and was completed before Christmas.

To view a short time lapse video of the project visit Tweed Shire Council's Facebook page.

Weeding out a freshwater problem

Council contractors will return to Vintage Lakes early next month to remove floating salvinia weed from the Western Drainage Scheme at Banora Point.

The harvester will collect floating weeds, the majority of which is *Salvinia molesta*, taking care not to shred the rooted *Cabomba caroliniana* as any disturbance speeds its spread.

The harvester also must avoid disturbing the beneficial species of waterlilies and water fern (red azolla). The waterlilies provide habitat for the threatened comb-crested Jacana, which can be found in small numbers on and around the freshwater drain.

Due to some strong northerly winds in January, the surface salvinia weed has shifted to the southern part of the lake creating blanket coverage. However, the northern part of the lake remains relatively clear of surface weed.

“With the additional funds Council provided in October last year to manage this complex freshwater drainage system, we have been able to schedule an additional weed harvest early next month,” Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said.

At its October 2017 meeting, Council also resolved to encourage the community to help revegetate the surrounding parkland to provide additional shade trees near Leisure Drive, with the aim of reducing water temperature in that section of the drain. High water temperatures reduce the levels of dissolved oxygen in the water and can lead to mass fish kills.

“Our inspectors monitor this drainage system and currently report that it is operating as designed and that the weed issue is largely aesthetic,” Mr Rose said.



A sample of the salvinia weed which is clogging up the drainage system at Banora Point. Image courtesy Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (© Western Australian Agriculture Authority).

Two cubic metre limit

Residents who book on-call bulk waste collection services are being asked to ensure they are not presenting too much rubbish or putting the material out too early.

Tweed Shire Council has received a number of calls in recent weeks from residents upset that some of the items they put out for collection had been left behind, or that the material left behind was not theirs.

Council Coordinator – Waste Management Rod Dawson said everyone is informed of the acceptable load size at the time of booking and the service is working well.

“Everyone with red lid wheelie bin services gets two collections a year of up to two cubic metres, which is about the size that would fit into a small trailer,” Mr Dawson said.

“That is actually twice as much as was allowable in previous years, although we acknowledge there was a fair bit of leniency with the old system.

Residents are also able to specify that they would like to use both of their annual collections at once, meaning they can leave 4 cubic metres of rubbish for collection.

Material left at the kerb after a collection has taken place is the responsibility of the resident and must be removed or will be treated as illegal dumping by Council Rangers.

Some residents have claimed the excess material on their pile is not theirs and has been illegally dumped by neighbours or others taking advantage of their booking.

New library mixing old technology with new

The Tweed Heads Library has been officially reopened following a major renovation which has created more space, upgraded technology and greatly enhanced the facility’s ability to meet the future needs of the community.

A special ceremony was held last Monday to commemorate the \$2.9 million upgrade which saw library services in the area operating out of temporary facilities for most of the past year.

Council’s Director Community and Cultural Services Tracey Stinson said the new facility is bigger and undoubtedly better than before.

“This library is by some distance the busiest community facility in Tweed Shire so we consider this to be an important and worthwhile investment,” Ms Stinson said.

“All the feedback I have heard since the opening before Christmas has been very positive and I would like to thank all of those who may have been inconvenienced over the past year for their patience.”

Floor space at the library has been increased from 619 to 1054 square metres with the extra space designed to provide more flexibility of use for meeting areas, study centres and other activities.

A new self-checkout system has been installed for ease of customer service which will eventually be rolled out across the Richmond Tweed Regional Library network.

NSW State Librarian Dr John Vallance was in attendance and spoke about the ongoing and increasing importance of libraries.

“I can remember hearing some time ago that libraries would become extinct, that they would be rendered obsolete by the internet and other forms of technology,” Dr Vallance said.

“This library shows nothing is further from the truth and libraries remain a very important part of our communities.”

A number of new services have also been launched to coincide with the opening including a program offering the most popular titles in the library on short term loans, a new audiobook service which can loan up to 100 copies of the same title at once and a seed library.

Tweed Area Librarian Selina Ryan said the seed library is something which started in Murwillumbah and has proved very popular.

“People can borrow seeds, sow and harvest a crop, then dry and return some seeds to the library next year,” Ms Ryan said.

“Not only is this a program which is sustainable, extremely satisfying, great for your health and the environment it also shows how libraries are changing to adapt to community needs.”



Residents booking bulk waste collections are reminded that only two cubic metres of rubbish will be collected.

“The best way to make sure nobody adds to your pile is to minimise the time it is at the kerb,” Mr Dawson said.

“If you put things out the night before collection they will be collected within 24 hours which makes it difficult for opportunists to take advantage.

“If you do observe anyone adding to your pile take as much detail as possible – car registration, colour, model, time, date and type of waste as a minimum – and then you can make an anonymous call to the Environmental Protection Agency who will issue them with a clean-up notice and potentially significant fines.”

The NSW EPA operates an Illegal Dumping hotline on 131 555.

Other tips for minimising the amount of waste at kerbside collections include disposing of smaller items in the red lid landfill bin or taking items such as electronic goods, chemicals and gas bottles directly to the tip where they can be disposed of free of charge.

For more information or to make a booking visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/householdcleanup or call 02 6670 2400.

Please note available collection dates may be up to four weeks from the date of booking.



NSW State Librarian Dr John Vallance at the official opening of the refurbished Tweed Heads Library

Council programs aimed at securing our water supply for future generations

Council this year will continue work on two projects to secure a long-term water supply for the growing shire and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The Tweed shire drinking water supply comes from the Tweed River, where it is drawn off at Bray Park Water Treatment Plant and treated before being pumped into the water reticulation network and delivered to homes and businesses. During low river flows, the supply is augmented by releases from Clarrie Hall Dam.

Council is able to meet demand for water until approximately 2026. After this, we will need a larger water storage to augment the low river flows. To achieve this, it is proposed to raise the wall of Clarrie Hall Dam to treble its capacity and double its footprint. At Bray Park Weir, a project needs to be undertaken to protect the raw water for our water supply from contamination by salt water.

Council is entering the third year of its project to raise the wall of Clarrie Hall Dam. Milestones for 2018 include finalising the Concept Design, finalising the environmental investigations and beginning the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

“We’ll also continue to work with affected landowners to purchase the property we need to double the footprint of the dam and with Doon Doon and Commissioners Creek residents to identify their preferred option for a new road or a new higher bridge to replace McCabe’s Bridge, which will be inundated when the dam is raised,” Manager Water and Wastewater Michael Wraight said.

For the Bray Park Weir Tidal Protection Project, Council is calling

for nominations from the community to join a Project Reference Group to help identify the issues and a preferred solution to mitigate the risk of salt-water getting into the weir pool.

Last August, the weir pool was contaminated by salt water during a run of higher-than-predicted high tides. This year, there will be at

least 12 occasions when there is a risk of this happening again.

Nominations to join the Project Reference Group closes Wednesday, 31 January 2018 and it is expected the group will hold its first meeting in mid March. The final membership of the group will be decided by Council at its February or March meeting.



The capacity of Clarrie Hall Dam will treble once the dam wall has been raised, securing Tweed’s water supply into the future.



Keep our children safe by slowing down in school zones and around school buses.

School's back – slow down

School's back this week and 40km/h speed zones are enforceable during school zone times.

As drivers, we need to watch out for children walking, riding, on their scooters and getting on and off buses.

Children are vulnerable road users because they are small and harder to see. It's also harder for them to see approaching traffic.

Their lack of road experience means it's difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Going 40km/h gives us more time to stop if a child darts out on the road.

Most 40km/h school zones operate from 8–9.30am and 2.30–4pm. Even if you cannot see any children around at those times, you need to drive at no more than 40km/h through any school zone.

There also is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

You must obey the 40km/h speed limit when the rear wig-wag lights on the bus flash.

Flashing lights on the front of buses warn oncoming motorists that children are close by. This is very important on our rural roads, where children are getting on and off buses on 100km/h roads.

For those who don't adhere to the school zone and school bus limits, fines are hefty. Going 51km/h in a school zone will cost you a minimum of \$346 and four demerit points.

Have your say on the use of plastic shopping bags

Time is running out to have your say on plastic bag use.

If you have something to say about the use of plastic shopping bags, take part in the online survey being conducted by North East Waste to get an accurate picture of their local use.

More than five billion plastic bags are handed out at the checkout every year in Australia and every state except NSW is committed to banning single use bags by 2018.

North East Waste, which brings together seven area councils including Tweed, has big plans to reduce their use and their impact on the environment.

Public information event

In response to your requests – Council will be holding an additional public information event to answer your questions about the recently exhibited draft *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan*.

During the months of November and December 2017, 13 public and industry information sessions were held at locations around the Tweed to enable land owners to learn about and ask questions surrounding the Council's draft *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (draft Plan).

In response to a small number of community members letter dropping pamphlets to their wider community and raising their concern about the purpose and potential implications of the draft Plan, an additional information event has been organised for:

- **Wednesday 7 February 2018** – Banora Point Community Centre, corner Leisure Drive and Woodlands Drive Banora Point, 5 – 6.30pm. The information event is open to all members of the public.

Under State legislation since 1974 there have been specified requirements for avoiding 'harm' to specific Aboriginal cultural heritage. This obligation, largely on land owners, is a punishable offence when certain requirements are not met and the Council's draft Plan endeavours to make it easier to understand and follow a process for achieving compliance. The need for compliance may typically arise with new development requiring approval or consent, but is also more widely applicable to land use activities or works generally irrespective of their size or scale.

The draft Plan applies Shire-wide and consists of a mapping and management framework. It is consistent with the NSW State legislation and guidelines. Submissions on the draft ACHMP will be accepted up to the close of business on Friday 16 February 2018.

For further information or to RSVP to the information session, please contact the Strategic Planning & Urban Design Unit of Council on (02) 6670 2503.

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

DA17/0610 – Two lot subdivision and partial demolition of existing dwelling Lot 11 DP 559683, No. 5 Peter Street, **Banora Point**

DA17/0898 – Swimming pool Lot 204 DP 241367, No. 13 Kurrajong Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA17/0919 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 196 DP 842298, No. 39 Grass Tree Circuit, **Bogangar**

DA17/0834 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and in-ground swimming pool Lot 3 DP 598818, No. 17 Wommin Lake Crescent, **Fingal Head**

DA17/0713 – Alterations to existing front fence and gate Lot 353 DP 1049061, No. 31 Macadamia Drive, **Pottsville**

DA17/0788 – Front carport Lot 513 DP 1059141, No. 25 Mylestom Circle, **Pottsville**

DA17/0813 – Swimming pool Lot 1512 DP 1207462, No. 4 Bonville Street, **Pottsville**

DA17/0900 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 205 DP 1037521, No. 5 Benaud Place, **Pottsville**

DA17/0911 – Swimming pool Lot 616 DP 1077500, No. 41 Lomandra Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA17/0835 – Covered deck Lot 6 DP 9871, No. 149 River Street, **South Murwillumbah**

DA17/0856 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls Lot 109DP 1233026, No. 17 Feathertop Street, **Terranora**

DA17/0878 – Carport Lot 288 DP 853944, No. 1 Jumbuck Crescent, **Terranora**

DA17/0879 – Dwelling and retaining walls Lot 118DP 1233026, No. 8 Feathertop Street, **Terranora**

DA17/0818 – Carport within front building line and 1.8 m high front fence Lot 173 DP 249155, No. 14 The Mainbrace, **Tweed Heads**

DA17/0893 – Dwelling with attached garage Lot 13DP 1236392, No. 23 Lorikeet Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

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

They have launched two separate surveys, one for community members and one for business owners. All survey respondents will go in a draw to win a Live with Less Plastic Pack which includes reusable bags, a Keep Cup and other goodies.

You can find the surveys at:

- Community members – www.surveymonkey.com/r/plastic_bag_survey
- Business owners – www.surveymonkey.com/r/business_plastic_bag

The surveys close on 21 February.

Proposed road closing

Under Section 35 of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is given that the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water and Tweed Shire Council will consider the closing of a section of road reserve in connection with a road closure application.

The road under consideration comprises a section of Council public road known as Charles Street, Tweed Heads adjacent to Lot 14 Section 5 in DP8568. A Diagram of the proposed road closure may be viewed at Murwillumbah Civic Centre, Tweed Heads Civic Centre or at Councils website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah NSW 2484, within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of this advertisement. All submissions received will be referred to the Minister's delegate for a decision.

Regarding the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, information contained in such submissions may, at the discretion of Tweed Shire Council and NSW Trade & Investment (Crown Lands), be referred to the person(s) who initiated the proposal for appropriate consideration.

Council reference: PN 2992

Enquiries to Vanessa Gwynne: vgwynne@tweed.nsw.gov.au

General Manager
Tweed Shire Council



Road wrap

Flood Road Repair Works schedule
(site and weather conditions permitting)

Contractor	Week Starting
Brown Bros	29 January 2018

Locality	Road	Comments
Dulguigan Road to Tomewin	Tomewin	Expect short delays Locals only

Upper Crystal Creek	Booka	Expect short delays Locals only
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Bilambil to Dulguigan Road	Urliup	Expect short delays Locals only
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Numinbah Road to Upper Crystal Creek	Upper Crystal Creek	Expect short delays Locals only
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Contractor	Week Starting
Skeen Constructions	29 January 2018

Locality	Road	Comments
South Murwillumbah	Tweed Valley Way	Expect short delays Traffic conditions changed

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Resealing works, expect delays

Dulguigan Road, Tumbulgum.

Expect short delays

Brays Creek – drainage and pavement works on hold but road open and safe for traffic.

Cudgen – sub-division works may cause delays on Crescent Street between Tweed Coast Road and Cudgen Road. There are two separate subdivisions with road works and trucks accessing the sites (reduced speed limits in place).

Kynnumboon – Culvert reconstruction Blackwoods Road (traffic diversion over temporary bridge under give-way conditions).

Murwillumbah – Roadworks Tumbulgum Road, between Sunnyside Lane and Old Ferry Road. Drainage upgrade Nullum Street, between Condong and Hartigan streets.

Terranora – sub-division works may cause delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts. Rock revetment, fish habitat and waver energy deflector construction on River Road (at the end of Old Ferry Road). Water main and stormwater drainage construction and road reconstruction on Terranora Road.

Tweed Heads – Footpath construction Dry Dock Road.

Come on Tweed - Let's Go

Register now at cleanupaustraliaday.org.au or call 1800 CUA DAY (1800 282 329)

Sunday 4 March

For further information on what's happening in our Shire contact the Waste Management Unit on (02) 6670 2400.