



The Banora Point Stitches and Craft group at home at the South Tweed Community Hall.

## A patchwork quilt of venues for hire

**Community and activity groups looking for a home are invited to check out the wide range of Council-owned venues around the shire available for hire.**

Council halls, meeting rooms and community centres are suitable for a range of activities from weddings and performances to sporting activities and playgroups.

Council's Acting Coordinator Community Services Fiona Holland said these facilities often played an important role in community life.

"Many older residents will remember a time when our village halls hosted regular dances and film nights, putting them at the centre of the social life of the community," Ms Holland said.

"Times have changed, of course, but so have our facilities with upgrades including modern kitchens, accessible toilets and internet access.

"If any group in the community is looking for a low-cost option for a meeting space, whether for a one-off event or a regular gathering, we encourage them to check out what Council can offer."

One group which enjoys the use of Council facilities is the

Banora Point Stitches and Craft group, which meets every Monday morning in the South Tweed Community Hall.

Group member Julie Fawns said the group regularly attracts 15 members, with numbers swelling to 35 in winter months boosted by travellers from southern states.

"What we need is a well-lit, accessible facility with plenty of room. And, that's exactly what we have here," Ms Fawns said.

"We have members doing a variety of different crafts, with a lot of sharing of information and conversation going on. So, it works very well.

"The main reason we come out every week though is for friendship and companionship. It can be very therapeutic to have a reason to get up and out of the house on a Monday morning."

Ms Fawns said her group always welcomed new members and anyone interested in joining the group should call her on 0414 977 867.

For more information on Council's venues for hire, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CommunityBuildings](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CommunityBuildings)

## First flush of success comes with hefty wipes fine

**Council has welcomed a decision by the Federal Court that the manufacturer of so-called 'flushable' White King toilet and bathroom cleaning wipes made false claims that the product disintegrated like toilet paper when flushed.**

Connections Engineer Elizabeth Seidl praised the decision and

\$700,000 penalty as a 'step in the right direction'.

"Council has now had three different brands of wet wipes in jars of water at its service counters for eight months now and all are still fully intact while the toilet paper is mush," said Ms Seidl.

"I look forward to seeing more convictions for the misleading marketing claims on the packaging of these products, which clog our sewer systems every day."

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) prosecuted the case against Pental in the Federal Court after concerns consumers were misled into believing wipes were suitable to be flushed.

"These White King wipes can't be flushed down the toilet, and Australian wastewater authorities face significant problems if they are because they can cause blockages in household and municipal sewerage systems," ACCC Commissioner Sarah Court said.

Consumer watchdog Choice tested the so-called 'flushable' wipes and found none disintegrated when placed in a mixer with water for more than six hours. This was in stark contrast to the toilet paper, which broke up within minutes and eventually completely dissolved.

Pental was ordered to pay penalties totalling \$700,000 for making false claims.

Wipes in pipes is costing water authorities an estimated \$15 million a year to clear blockages in household and municipal sewerage systems around Australia.



A wet wipe blockage is removed from a pump station.

### In brief...

#### Free buyers guide at solar expo

Anyone interested in learning about home solar systems is invited to attend the third and final Mini Solar and Battery Expo at the Banora Point Community Centre on Thursday 26 April, starting at 5.30pm.

Council Sustainability Officer Deb Firestone, who will be on hand promoting Council's Solar Buyers Guide, said more than 90 people had attended previous events in Murwillumbah and Pottsville.

"One of the really encouraging signs from those two events was that more than 40 per cent of those attending were investigating solar for the first time," Ms Firestone said.

"The Solar Buyers Guide, which is available for free, is a great place to start when you're looking for a smart investment in solar systems that will deliver the best benefits from renewable energy."

To access the Solar Buyer's Guide visit:

[www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy)

#### Temporary library closure

**Kingscliff Library will close temporarily on Friday 4 May from 8:30am until 3pm due to a planned power outage.**

The outage is necessary to allow contractors to safely carry out improvements in the local electricity network.

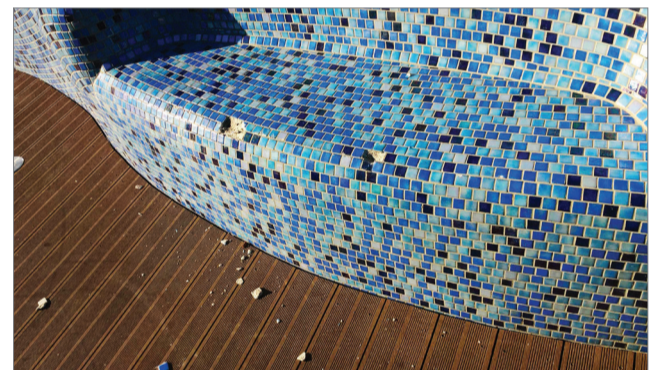
The library will reopen from 3pm to 5pm the same day, with full services library staff apologise for any inconvenience.

#### Join us for MC<sup>2</sup> Kingscliff this Saturday

**The first Musicians Connecting Communities, or MC<sup>2</sup> event, kicks off this Saturday at a range of venues in Kingscliff.**

The MC<sup>2</sup> lineup includes 2017 Bluesfest Most Deserving Band (on busking stage) Salt and Steel, Juzzie Smith, Dan Hannaford, Honeymoon, The Mangrove Jack Band, Bronte Perkinson, Andy Jans-Brown and Jorge Pereira and Mel Scarlett among others.

For more information about MC<sup>2</sup>, visit Council's Facebook page and 'like' the event.



Scooters were used to smash off anti-skate lugs at Kingscliff's new Rowan Robinson Park.

## Police have photographs of park vandals in action

**Police have been asked to investigate reports of malicious damage at Kingscliff's new \$22 million Rowan Robinson Park, along the Marine Parade foreshore.**

Last week, a resident saw scooter riders using their scooters like hammers to smash anti-skating lugs off one of the blue-tiled feature walls in the park, which was set to be officially opened last Saturday.

After the resident's requests to stop damaging the wall were ignored, he took photographs of the scooter riders vandalising the wall. These have now been passed on to police. Council also has asked police to step up patrols of the park.

"Sadly, tiles on the cenotaph were also damaged by being skated on," Council's Manager Recreation Services, Stewart Brawley, said. "This is not something many in the community would find acceptable in the lead-up to the opening and Anzac Day."

"Apart from the disrespect, this vandalism is disappointing as it may affect the type of community infrastructure we install across the Tweed in the future.

"This is a flagship park and we tried to be more creative and not let vandalism dictate the design.

"We don't want to have to go back to the plain, vanilla design required to ensure infrastructure is vandal proof."

Some seats in the park have been damaged to the extent they will have to be removed and replaced.

"We just don't have the money to continually repair things and ratepayers would expect their rates to be spent more productively," Mr Brawley said.

Anyone with information on vandalism at Rowan Robinson Park is asked to call Tweed Heads Police on (07) 5506 9499.

# Help us plan for a more accessible and inclusive Tweed

It's time for the community to again tell Council what it can do to improve access and inclusion in the Tweed Shire.

Council is now consulting with the community ahead of developing its Access and Inclusion Plan 2018–2021, which will build on the gains of the first plan produced in 2014.

Council's Community Development Officer Ageing and Disability Karen Collins said the involvement of the community was key to producing a good plan.

"In 2014, Council made our first plan to improve access and inclusion in Tweed Shire after talking with lots of people about the barriers that prevent them being part of the community," Ms Collins said.

"It is time for us to make a new plan and we need to talk with people again to find out what more we need to do to build on what we started in 2014."

Councils across New South Wales are required to produce Disability Inclusion Action Plans to make sure communities are places where everyone feels included.

The plans also support the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme by reducing barriers at a community level.

Ms Collins said barriers to access and inclusion varied greatly because experiences with disability and impairment also vary greatly.

"To me, access means you can go where you need to in the community, into buildings, on transport, in parks and to events and there will be toilets you can find and use," she said.

"Inclusion means you feel part of the community and are treated with dignity and respect as a valued and equal member of society."

"Some things in the plan will be Council's responsibility and we will work on these over the next three years, while others will be outside Council's control but we can advocate for change with other parts of government and in the community."

"We want to hear from everyone interested in making our community inclusive and welcoming to all who live here or come as visitors."

Help Council make the next plan by going online at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au) and completing one of two surveys: the first for the general community; and the second a more detailed one for those with a disability, challenges due to ageing and carers.

Anyone wanting to contribute their ideas in person can do so by telephoning Council on (02) 6670 2400.

## Landslip material builds a better Frangela reserve

Turf will be laid this week to complete the rehabilitation of a much loved local reserve using 4500 cubic metres of soil collected from landslip sites after last year's floods and filtered for re-use.

Frangela Drive reserve in Murwillumbah is an off-leash area for dogs, with open green space and plenty of mature shade trees. But, under the surface is an old tip, closed more than 40 years ago and full of glass, car parts and other waste, which can poke through the reserve's surface after heavy rain.

Resident Neville Jennings said many locals – people and dogs alike – were excited about their refurbished reserve.

"Right from the first meeting Council held with residents where they spoke about the plans for the site, we have had a really high level of communication," Mr Jennings said.

Fellow resident Rosemary Stone, who suffers from asthma and whose property backs on to the reserve, thanked Council for the extra care they took in keeping the dust down during the works.

"I have asthma and when I let them know they took extra measures to keep the dust down, which was very much appreciated," Ms Stone said.

Council Ganger Matthew Clark said the local residents worked well with Council and it was satisfying to be able to re-use materials from flood landslips for a good purpose.



Neville Jennings, Rosemary Stone, Anne Scott and Matthew Clark with Pebbles and Billy at Frangela Park.



From left Karen Collins, Wendy Gilbert, Suzanne Hudson with her Guide Dog Cooper, Tim Morrissey, Cathy O'Neill, and front right Peter Comerford.

## Are you a responsible dog or cat owner?

### Animal Registration

If you have not had your dog or cat microchipped and lifetime registered in NSW now is the time to do so. Council will soon be undertaking an audit of the NSW Pet Registry (NSW Companion Animal Register) to identify any unregistered animals. If your pet is not lifetime registered you are leaving yourself open to a fine of \$275 for each animal plus the animal will still need to be registered and the associated fee paid.

### Current NSW Companion Animal Lifetime Registration

- \$55 – desexed cat/dog (proof of desexing required)
- \$23 – desexed cat/dog (with Pensioner card discount)
- \$201 – non-desexed cat/dog

### Ensure information on the NSW Pet Registry is current

It is a requirement of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (NSW) that you keep the Register up to date with current contact and address details for each of your animals. Should the information on the NSW Pet Registry not be current and your animal goes missing it is difficult for Council officers to get your pet home.

Failure to notify change in details on the register for your pets is an offence with a \$165 fine per animal.

Further information and forms are available on Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

There are now two ways that you can update your animal's details:

1. Council's **Change of Details** form – if you have changed address or contact details, if you no longer own your pet or if your dog or cat has passed away, notify Council of any changes in writing.
2. Use the **NSW Pet Registry** – all pet owners can update their contact details, report missing pets, transfer ownership and pay most lifetime registration fees from their own computer or mobile device. For more information regarding this please see Council's website or visit [www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)



## Skate park and youth space

You're invited to attend a Community Conversation about a potential skate park and youth space in Kingscliff.

There has been a lot of community interest in Kingscliff in recent months about the development of a skate park in the town and Tweed Shire councillors have voted to hold a community roundtable discussion on the topic.

So come along and give your input.

### What

Community Conversation

### When

6–8pm, Wednesday 2 May

### Where

Upstairs, Cudgen Leagues Club, 3 Wommin Bay Road, Kingscliff

### Who

Anyone aged 12 and up who has an interest in recreational facilities in Kingscliff or elsewhere in the Tweed.

### RSVP

Bookings are **essential** via [kingscliffyouthspace.eventbrite.com.au](http://kingscliffyouthspace.eventbrite.com.au) and open at 10am on Friday 27 April. If you don't have computer access, please call Council on (02) 6670 2400 during business hours.



For more information, visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/openspace](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/openspace) and view 'Key Dates'

## Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

**Chinderah Districts Residents Association Inc.** – meet at Cudgen Leagues Club at 7pm, every first Tuesday of the month except January and December. Next meeting Tuesday 1 May 2018.

## Council vacancies

### Engineer – Planning and Systems (Contract)

For more information and to apply:

- Visit Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://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.

## Development Application Determinations

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended).

### Application details

#### Refused

**DA17/0453** – Greenhouse in association with intensive plant agriculture (organic)  
Lot 226 DP 755687, No. 530 Crabbes Creek Road, **Crabbes Creek**

#### Approved

**DA17/0832** – New dwelling and attached carport to use as a permanent residence and demolition of an existing cabin  
Lot 2 DP 244969, No. 274 Crabbes Creek Road, **Crabbes Creek**

**DA17/0097** – Detached dual occupancy  
Lot B DP 101901, No. 18 Boomerang Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA17/0669** – Surfboard manufacturing  
Lot 31 DP 258721, No. 34 Industry Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA18/0055** – Alterations and additions to dwelling and new secondary dwelling  
Lot 61 DP 32023, No. 18A Piggabeen Road, **Tweed Heads West**

**DA18/0229** – Swimming pool  
Lot 8 NPP 285201, Unit 8/No. 12 Parkland Place, **Banora Point**

**DA18/0081** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 433 DP 216388, No. 6 Tamarind Avenue, **Bogangar**

**DA18/0097** – Detached garage  
Lot 10 DP 263406, No. 7 Tia Place, **Bray Park**

**DA18/0239** – Dwelling additions  
Lot 7 DP 1010905, No. 21 Bush Cherry Drive, **Cobaki**

**DA17/0807** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 29 DP 1129136, No. 61 McLeod Street, **Condong**

**DA18/0183** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 38 DP 1214044, No. 13 Spoonbill Lane, **Kingscliff**

**DA18/0211** – Front fence  
Lot 66 DP 1066472, No. 7 Elliston Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA18/0218** – Boundary fence  
Lot 154 DP 1202149, No. 66 Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

**DA18/0241** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage, in-ground swimming pool, gatehouse and front fence  
Lot 205 DP 1232814, Unit 4/No. 13 Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

**DA18/0041** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls  
Lot 625 DP 1077500, No. 42 Lomandra Avenue, **Pottsville**

**DA18/0160** – Garage conversion to studio and new carport  
Lot 724 DP 1068713, No. 9 Tathra Street, **Pottsville**

**DA18/0180** – Retaining walls  
Lot 588 DP 1076975, No. 60 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA18/0260** – Carport addition to existing dwelling  
Lot 19 DP 814951, No. 8 Valleyview Place, **Terranora**

**DA18/0250** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 73 DP 260472, No. 17 Sandpiper Avenue, **Tweed Heads**

**DA18/0178** – Garage extension, deck and patio cover, covered storage area and 1.8 m fence  
Lot 521 DP 1010130, No. 2 Port Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA18/0245** – Dwelling  
Lot 33 DP 1236392, No. 23 Robin Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA18/0248** – Dwelling  
Lot 17 DP 1236392, No. 3 Robin Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA18/0247** – Enclose existing patio  
Lot 96 DP 29193, No. 36 Lakes Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

**DA17/0608** – In-ground concrete swimming pool  
Lot 1719 DP 1215252, No. 8 Woolgoolga Court, **POTTSVILLE**

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](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking)

## Request for offer

### RF02018018 Demolition of Community Print Makers

### RF02018048 Project Management Services – Waste Infrastructure

**Offers close:** Wednesday 4pm 16 May 2018

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](http://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.

## NDIS Information Session

### NDIS Information Session and morning tea (for people with a disability and their carers)

Share a cuppa and morning tea, get up-to-date information and advice and ask questions. Tweed Shire Council is a registered NDIS provider and can support you with your NDIS plan. Find out how to move on to the new scheme and make the most of your NDIS assistance.

**When** Tuesday 1 May 2018

**Time** 10am to 11.00am

**Where** Tweed Heads South Community Centre, Cnr Minjungbal Drive and Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South, NSW 2486

**RSVP** Phone (07) 5569 3110 or  
Email [communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Road wrap

### Flood Road Repair Works schedule

(site and weather conditions permitting)

Contractor	Week Starting
Hazell Bros	23 April 2018

Locality	Road
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### Expect short delays – locals only

Reserve Creek	Reserve Creek
Fernvale to Wardrop Valley	Wardrop Valley
Stokers Siding	Blakneys
Bilambil to Dulguigan Road	Urliup
Chillingham to Hopkins Creek	Hopkins Creek
Piggabeen	Green Valley Way
Piggabeen	Moomba
Pumpenbil	South Pumpenbil
Numinhah	Couchy Creek
Condong to Bogangar	Clothiers Creek
Cobaki	Cobaki
North Tumbulgum	McCauleys
Mount Warning	Mount Warning
Piggabeen	Piggabeen
Cobaki	Robinson

### Expect short delays – traffic conditions changed

Upper Burringbar	Geles
Crabbes Creek to Tweed Valley Way	Crabbes Creek

Contractor	Week Starting
Coffs Coastal Works	23 April 2018

Locality	Road
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### Expect short delays – locals only

Kunghur to Kunghur Creek	Kunghur
Mount Burrell	Mount Burrell
Limpinwood	Limpinwood Valley

### Traffic conditions changed – road closure 2 days

Midginbil	Midginbil
Rowland Creek	Rowland Creek

### Road closures

The following roads will be closed for flood repairs. Residents have been informed via a letter box drop and should be prepared to be temporarily isolated. In the event of an emergency or critical need to exit the area, they should speak with the onsite supervisor who will assist if possible. Alternate arrangements will be made for emergency service and garbage trucks where possible.

**Midginbil** – Midginbil Road closed to all traffic at third causeway (near no. 281) on Tuesday 24 and possibly Thursday 26 April. Open to cars on Friday 27 April and heavy vehicles >4.5 tonne GVM on Monday 30 April. Replace causeway.

**Rowlands Creek** – Rowlands Creek Road closed at causeway 5.6km from Kyogle Road to all traffic on Thursday 26 April, reopening to cars only at 8am on Friday 27 April and to heavy vehicles >4.5 tonne GVM on Tuesday 1 May. Replace causeway. If the forecast is for wet weather on Thursday and Friday 26 and 27 April, this job will be delayed until the next two consecutive fine days (hopefully the following week).

## Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Council proposes to classify Lot 6 DP 31026 being vacant land at Bray Park as Operational Land.



A period of twenty eight days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written submission to the proposed classification. Please send your submission to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

**Terragon** – Byrill Creek Road, closed to all traffic 2km from Kyogle Road from 30 April to 5 May 2018 to repair bridge abutment. Opening every hour on the hour to let traffic through. Alternate routes available via Kyogle Road from the south or via Tyalgum Rd/Limpinwood Rd from the north.

**Doon Doon** – Doon Doon Road at Deards Bridge on Wednesday and Thursday 9 and 10 May between 9am and 2.30pm to repair the bridge. While the road will be fully closed, traffic will be able to cross in an emergency but may have to wait up to 30 minutes for contractors to assist their passage.

**Limpinwood** – Youngs Road at the first causeway off Limpinwood Road from Wednesday to Friday 30 May to 1 June. A 4.5-tonne limit will apply for three days thereafter. The contractor will tell locals of an alternate route for their use.

### Nightworks

**Banora Point** – Leisure and Greenway drives roundabout, asphaltting Sunday 22 April to Tuesday 24 April, inclusive, from 7pm–6am (2 nights maximum).

Leisure Drive and Fraser Drive, milling off old road surface starting Sunday 22 April to Thursday 26 April (except Anzac Day), inclusive, from 7pm–6am.

### Changed traffic conditions

**Tumbulgum** – Black Spot wire-rope median installation on Tweed Valley Way between the Riverside North and South exits to the village of Tumbulgum.

### Expect short delays

**Banora Point** – road stabilisation Old Ferry Road and Mariners Crescent (starts 30 April); stormwater upgrade Terranorra Road and Banora Hills Drive; maintenance Scenic Drive and Tulgi Way; footpath construction Leisure Drive.

**Burringbar** – footpath construction Greenvale Court.

**Cudgen** – stormwater repairs Tweed Coast Road, 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).

**Cudgera Creek** – water main construction Reserve Creek Road.

**Kynnumboon** – road reconstruction Edwards Lane.

**Limpinwood** – maintenance Limpinwood Road.

**Murwillumbah** – road pavement works Charles Street, between Reynolds Street and end of Charles Street.

**Numinhah** – temporary traffic lights installed at culvert construction Pat Smith Creek.

**Sleepy Hollow** – drainage works Sleepy Hollow Road.

**South Murwillumbah** – water main upgrade Reserve Creek Road, near Quarry Road. Maintenance Tweed Valley Way.

**Round Mountain** – grading Reserve Creek Road.

**Terranora** – sub-division works may cause delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts. Maintenance Terranora Road and off roads.

**Tweed Heads** – kerb and gutter upgrade Kirkwood Road, between Fraser Drive and Philp Parade; road stabilisation Agnes and Cox streets (starts 30 April).

**Uki** – earthworks, kerb and gutter and road reconstruction Blackspot Programme Kyogle Road, between Glenock Road and Gold Gully; and resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road.

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