



Students from Duranbah Public School with some of their wonderful sustainable shoebox houses.

Making sustainable houses is childs' play

Students from Tweed Coast schools have been spending time with Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre teachers to understand more about climate change and our role in reducing our environmental footprint.



Duranbah Public School students Sonny and Brayden took on the sustainable challenge.

Students turned their attention to energy and water use in their schools, and were amazed at the opportunities to reduce waste to landfill when they audited the school ground rubbish that accumulates in a day.

The children then focused on what their future homes and gardens could look like to be as eco-friendly as possible. Using recycled materials, the students have been constructing cardboard model homes with innovative and imaginative features that reduce their environmental footprint.

They are incorporating materials and structures such as insulation, skylights, solar panels, with many thinking about how to make their homes friendly for the special wildlife of the Tweed.

All pre-school and primary school aged students across the Tweed are welcome to make their own sustainable shoebox house and enter their model house for judging at Council's Sustainable Living Home Expo, Saturday 15 September, Kingscliff TAFE from 9am.

For more details about the event and design competition, go to www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo

Call of the wild

One of Earth's greatest biological and evolutionary success stories will be explored at an event at Tweed Regional Museum on Friday 7 September, to celebrate National Threatened Species Day.

Noted rainforest botanist and ecologist Dr Robert Kooyman from Macquarie University will talk about the amazing journey through time of local Gondwanan rainforests, and his work as part of a research team that followed the survival and extinction of Gondwanan rainforest plants across 70 million years and half the planet.

The evening will also feature a screening of a short film showcasing the Numinbah Nature Links project as well as another short film which features impressive drone footage of the Tweed's escarpment and rainforests.

The environmental theme is a natural fit with the venue, as the Tweed Regional Museum prepares a major new installation exploring the Tweed's unique natural heritage.

Museum Director Judy Kean said the major new collaborative project would include specimens and multi-media.

To spice up the event, a professional make-up artist will be on hand to apply some threatened species facial features to whoever is up for some fun.

The evening starts at 5pm, with Dr Kooyman's presentation at 6pm. The event is free and open to everyone, however numbers are limited. Refreshments will be served. Bookings are essential on (02) 6670 2400.



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Council to offer flood free land for industry

Tweed Shire Council has just settled on 14.02 hectares of land as part of an unprecedented move to mitigate against climate change and create resilience for local businesses and the broader economy. The \$3 million land purchase was funded by the NSW State Government as part of its Climate Change Adaptation program.

This initiative will enable eligible local businesses that were directly impacted by the 2017 flood to enter an expression of interest process and, if successful, swap their flood prone land with Council-owned flood free land at Industry Central, Murwillumbah.

Around 350 Tweed businesses employing 1000 people were heavily impacted by the 2017 flood and the land settlement is a step closer to future proofing the most severely impacted businesses against further flood events.

Council is now applying for additional State Government funding to subdivide the land and provide infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewer.

Once the subdivision is complete, businesses will have up to 10 years to relocate to the new business park.

Former flood-prone land will be back zoned, most likely for community use to remove impediments from the flood plain.

Council needs your help to plan Kingscliff's future

Kingscliff Locality Plan Round Table Discussion

4 September 2018 12pm to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to 8pm. Bookings are required:

P 1300 292 812 E tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au W tweedshire.eventbrite.com.au

Read the public exhibition documents at yoursaytweed.com.au/kingsclifflocalityplan

Dam milestone

Another significant milestone towards augmenting the shire's water supply has been achieved.

NSW Department of Planning has issued to Council the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements to be addressed in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement for raising the wall of Clarrie Hall Dam.

The next steps will be for Council to review the requirements and engage a suitably qualified consultant to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with those requirements.

The EIS will then be placed on public exhibition and the public will be able to make submissions detailing their support or otherwise for the project and detailing any concerns they may have.

It is anticipated the EIS will take some 12 to 18 months to prepare with exhibition in early 2020.

Council is continuing work on establishing vegetation restoration trial sites for the revegetation of the land it purchases for the raising of the dam and is working with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust to ensure these restoration sites are managed in accordance with new biodiversity legislation.

Don't miss out – Home Expo stall holder registration open

Time is running out to register for a stall at the Sustainable Living Home Expo, which will be held on Saturday 15 September at Kingscliff TAFE.

It's guaranteed to be bigger than ever this year. The new venue provides a bigger space for more stallholders, more workshops and kids' activities.

Last year over 1000 residents attended the expo, eager to find new ways to live more sustainably.

Stalls are available for all sustainable services, products or community groups

If you have a sustainable enterprise you want to share with the community don't miss out. The next Sustainable Home Expo is in 2020.

Download the stallholder information and application from www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/HomeExpo

On exhibition

Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Draft Amendment No. 23

(PP18/0003) Tweed Valley Rail Trail

At its meeting of 7 June 2018 Council resolved to amend the Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 to enable the Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek rail trail to be carried out under a single planning assessment pathway, being Part 5 'Infrastructure and environmental impact assessment' of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, which is routinely used for public infrastructure works carried out by or on behalf of public authorities.

'Rail Trail' is a widely used term to describe the repurposing of disused railways, typically in government ownership, for the purpose of public recreation walking and cycling paths on the alignment of a former railway. The historic railway's conversion to the Tweed Valley Rail Trail is jointly funded by both the Commonwealth and NSW governments.

The purpose of the Planning Proposal is to explain the intention of, and provide justification for amendment to, the Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 (draft Amendment No 23).

The Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 (draft Amendment No 23) Planning Proposal and supporting material is on public exhibition from Tuesday 21 August 2018 to Friday 28 September 2018 at the following locations:

- Council's offices at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads from 8.30am to 4.15pm weekdays, and
- Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/OnExhibition

How can I comment on the planning proposal?

Submissions on the content of the Planning Proposal must be made in writing, by post or email, and received by Council no later than close of business on Friday 28 September 2018. Where a submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of the objection must be specified.

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.

Written submissions should be addressed as follows:

General Manager
Strategic Planning & Urban Design Unit
Planning Proposal PP18/0003 Rail Trail
Tweed Shire Council
PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Email submissions can be sent to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Tweed Shire Council does not have plan making delegations in respect of the Planning Proposal. Further information may be obtained from Council's Strategic Planning & Urban Design Unit on (02) 6670 2503.

We're nearly there with flood repairs

Within 18 months of the devastating floods that impacted northern NSW following ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie, Tweed Shire Council has completed 95 percent of infrastructure repairs to roads, bridges and stormwater worth some \$28 million.

By August 2018, Council had completed almost 1500 projects involving repairs to roads, bridges and stormwater infrastructure, with approximately 60 remaining projects on track for completion by early 2019.

Council received a Highly Commended award in the 'Special Project' category at the 2018 Local Government Excellence Awards for innovation and leadership in responding to the immediate



The 2017 flood devastated 350 local Tweed businesses.

flooding, the clean-up, repairing the damage left in Debbie's wake and preparing for future events.

Ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie dumped an unprecedented and unexpected amount of rain on the Tweed Shire between 30 and 31 March 2017. Sadly, six people died, 2100 houses and 350 businesses were flooded, and more than 200 people were made temporarily homeless.

General Manager, Troy Green, said among the initiatives introduced by Council in response to the 2017 flood was the development of custom built software to track damaged items, repairs and funding. This greatly enhanced co-ordination with the Roads and Maritime Service and Public Works.



Businesses and individuals pitched in for the clean-up.

Access ALL AREAS

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To tell us if there are barriers to access in the community contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (02) 6670 2400 or email tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Access and Inclusion Awards 2018

Celebrating International Day of People with Disability

Make a nomination

Do you know a business, organisation, community group or individual who should be recognised for making our community a place where everyone can join in?

Nominations close Friday

28 September 2018

For a nomination form go to:

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/AccessAndInclusionNominationForm or

call Council on (02) 6670 2400

for more information.



What you can do for access – keep the footpath clear

Don't park on the footpath. Parking on the footpath makes walking unsafe for everyone. It means you have to walk out on the road. This is really dangerous for people who are blind because they can't find their way back onto the footpath. People using wheelchairs can be completely blocked by a parked car unable to go forward or backwards. Think of others and keep the footpath clear.

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