



Murwillumbah Community Centre volunteers (from left) Gary Setchell, Judith Lindsay, Rodney Morrin, Fiona Mengersen and Mervyn Newell help out at the refreshment table at the official re-opening of Nullum House last Wednesday.

Community welcomes return of Nullum House

“Nullum House is more than just a building. It is a home to those who don’t have one, a meal for those who are hungry, a family for people who have none, a shoulder to cry on when everything gets too much and to laugh when you thought you never would again. You have given us back more than just a building, you have given us a place to belong.”

These were the heartfelt words from the community shared at the reopening of Nullum House last week following its repair and refurbishment in the wake of the March 2017 flood.

Nullum House was severely damaged in the flood and it was recommended that the building be demolished. But Council, with the backing of its tenant the not-for-profit Murwillumbah Community Centre Inc, rejected that recommendation and instead gutted and refurbished the building at a cost of \$100,000.

The building is now flood resilient and more vandal proof.

The external blockwalls have been waterproofed to about one

metre above ground level; steel security screens have been fitted and the eaves have been lined with Colorbond. On the inside, a more open-plan has been adopted with fewer internal walls, tiles have replaced carpets and a stainless steel kitchen and benches have replaced the timber fitout. Electrical circuits have been lifted above likely inundation levels.

Nullum House operates as a Social Inclusion Centre, providing a range of services to the homeless, lonely and struggling members of the community. It floods even in small events but this fitout will allow it to be hosed out and back in operation quickly after any future inundation.

Over the past 12 years, the Murwillumbah Community Centre has grown from a staff of two to now having 24 staff and volunteers providing lunch twice a week, shower and laundry services, counselling services, art and music therapy and connections to other support services. Three evenings a week the Combined Churches run a soup kitchen from Nullum House.

The Centre is open Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 2.30pm and everyone is welcome.

In brief ...

Village open space sessions

What do you think of the local parks and open spaces in Chillingham, Tumbulgum and Uki?

We are coming to talk with you about the Draft Open Space Strategy. Come along to these Community Conversations:

- **Chillingham**
Monday 22 October, 6–8pm, Chillingham Hall
- **Tumbulgum**
Tuesday 23 October, 6–8pm, Tumbulgum Community Hall
- **Uki**
Wednesday 24 October, 6–8pm, Uki Public Hall

Your feedback will be used to roll out 10 years’ worth of projects. Register at tweedshire.eventbrite.com.au or phone (02) 6670 2400. Or have your say online at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/openspace

Illegal connections found

Council is reminding anyone building a home that the first step to connecting to the town water supply is to apply to Council for that connection and a Council water meter.

Council charges a standard fee of \$510 to connect to its water supply for which Council puts in a standard 20mm connection and water meter and lodges all the appropriate documentation for billing.

The reminder to apply first comes after several illegal connections were found by water meter readers.

Connecting to the water supply without a Council water meter is illegal. Make sure that your builder and plumber understand this.

“We read every meter once a quarter so tend to discover illegal connections fairly quickly,” Connections Engineer Elizabeth Seidl said.

“While an unauthorised connection to the town water supply equates to water theft, Council is equally concerned that all connections are standardised and compliant for the ongoing management and maintenance of our water supply.

“Any illegal connection may prove to be unsafe for our workers or pose a health risk to the connected household.

“While we do have the power under the Local Government Act to fine property owners and builders who illegally tap into our supply, this is a last resort. We prefer to encourage people to do the right thing,” she said.

For information on water connections, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/ConnectDisconnect or call Council on (02) 6670 2400.



A newly installed above ground residential water meter.

Green bins are good, yellow bins could be better

Thank you to the Tweed community for your efforts to recycle garden waste and food scraps in the green organics bin, saving the equivalent of 43 collection truck loads each month from going into landfill.

Correct items placed in the green bin have also been very high. Previous independent audits have shown that contamination in Tweed’s green bin is low compared to other services across the country – so well done and please keep this going.

What is of concern however is the high amount of incorrect items being placed in the yellow bin, particularly as China has stopped taking recycling imports from Australia and other countries around the world.

Previously, China was taking significant quantities of Australia’s recycled plastic and paper. We need to now create more local markets for this recycled material and the most economical way for this to happen is for us all to ensure we are not contaminating the yellow bin with incorrect and dirty items (i.e. with food waste and liquids still in the containers).

In the coming months, Council will be undertaking audits of household bins to give personalised feedback which allows us all to improve our recycling practices and the contents of our yellow (and green bins). A Council officer may inspect your bin by way of a simple lift of the lid for a quick visual inspection of its contents. If your bin has been visited, an officer will leave a post card in your mail box confirming that we have been, and let you know how you are going.

Council’s contractors will also be tagging bins that have incorrect items in them. If the incorrect item is identified before servicing, the bin will be left and the contractor will only return and service the bin once the incorrect items have been removed. If the incorrect item is identified during servicing, the camera inside the hopper of the truck will take a photo. Council will then contact and send information to residents to follow up.

You can help by knowing what goes in each bin and by keeping incorrect items out of your yellow and green bins. Too many incorrect items placed in a bin makes it more difficult to create a reusable quality product and may lead to whole loads having to be dumped into landfill. So please rinse out those bottles, cans and containers before putting them in the yellow bin and make sure food scraps and garden clippings are going into your green bin.

Please do not put plastic, biodegradable or degradable bags into the yellow or green bins as these contaminate both of these recyclable materials.

In the upcoming months, the councils in the Northern Rivers will also have a collaborative recycling campaign to further assist residents in all seven council areas. Keep an eye on the Tweed Link or follow Tweed Shire Council’s Facebook page for updates.

You can find a complete listing of what goes in each bin as well as hints and summer bin tips at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Waste. Contact us on (02) 6670 2400 or email waste@tweed.nsw.gov.au for more information.



Council is carrying out audits of household bins to give personalised feedback so we can all improve our recycling habits.

Don't miss the fun coming up at your local libraries

Children's activities

Halloween: Dress up for a treasure hunt, scary stories, craft and more on Wednesday 31 October from 4–5pm at Tweed Heads Library. For children aged five and over. Bookings essential, please phone (07) 5569 3150.

International Games Week: Celebrate International Games Week with some big games. Murwillumbah Library will have big Connect 4 and Noughts & Crosses on Friday 9 November from 3.30–5pm. Have a game of big chess on Thursday 8 November from 9am to noon. Bring along a friend for a game in our outdoor area on. For bookings, please phone (02) 6670 2427.

Tweed Heads Library will have giant Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 and Jenga on Saturday 10 November from 10am to noon. For bookings please phone (07) 5569 3150.

Seniors' events

Strata living for older people: Thinking of downsizing or already living in a strata arrangement? A lawyer from Senior Rights Service will discuss common issues facing older residents in strata schemes and how to access information and advice. Monday 22 October 10am at Tweed Heads Library. Bookings essential, please phone (07) 5569 3150.

Tech Savvy Seniors: Come along to a free technology session followed by some light refreshments. Places are limited, so bookings are essential. Please phone (07) 5569 3150.

The sessions are – **Introduction to online shopping:** Monday 12 November 1.30–3.30pm at Tweed Heads Library and

Introduction to email: Tuesday 13 November 11am–1pm at Tweed Heads Library.

Special events

In conversation with Stephanie Alexander: Author, cook, food educator and Officer of the Order of Australia Stephanie Alexander will discuss her latest book 'The Cook's Apprentice' at Tweed Heads Library on Thursday 8 November at 10am.

The event will be hosted by Jenny Dowell, former Mayor of Lismore. Copies of Stephanie's books will be available for purchase on the day. Bookings are essential on (07) 5569 3150.

Seed library event – sustainable living

How to become more self sufficient: Come along to a presentation with Roman from SpurTopia. Roman will share his family's sustainable living story to provide information, ideas, inspiration and courage to take the first step. Bookings essential. Kingscliff Library – Thursday 22 November at 10.30am. For bookings phone (02) 6674 1607. Murwillumbah Library – Thursday 22 November at 2pm. For bookings phone (02) 6670 2427.

Open Sesame: the story of seeds: One of the world's most precious resources is at risk – seeds. Come along to a special viewing of the documentary *Open Sesame: the story of seeds*. This documentary will explore what is at stake and what can be done to protect the source of nearly all our food. The event is on Thursday 8 November at 5pm at Murwillumbah Library. For bookings phone (02) 6670 2427.



Dress up for a treasure hunt, scary stories, craft and more at Tweed Heads Library on Halloween.

Small Grants Program

Tweed farmers can apply for grants of up to \$4,000 to help fund on-ground projects through Council's new Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program.

These could include best practice farming methods that lead to improved water quality, soil health and biodiversity outcomes.

Council's Program Leader Sustainable Agriculture Eli Szandala said farmers around the globe are realising that through greater implementation of best practice land management, new innovative farming practices or even revival of old (pre-industrial) farming methods, they can significantly improve the quality of their land.

"This in turn leads to more viable and productive farms and associated benefits for the environment and the wider community," Mr Szandala said.

"Unfortunately however, most of our farmers are doing it tough, which makes starting new projects difficult. These grants can provide the incentive for our food producers to start a small project which can ultimately lead to big changes over time.

"We've already heard about some fantastic project ideas and encourage all producers in the Tweed to consider their opportunities by applying for a grant," he said.

The new program complements Council's existing River Health Grants and Biodiversity Grants Programs and provides opportunities to work closely with our farmers to achieve positive environmental and community outcomes.

Applications close at 4pm on Friday 26 October 2018 and successful projects are expected to have grant funding expended by 30 June 2019.

For more information and to apply visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture or contact the Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture on eszandala@tweed.nsw.gov.au or by calling Council on (02) 6670 2400.



Council employees including Rose, Tanya and Anthony are once again raising funds for Breast Cancer Awareness month by displaying decorated bras at Council foyers in Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads. Two morning teas have also been arranged which are open to the community. The first is at Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre on Thursday 1 November at 9:30am where everyone is invited to come along for a cuppa and to buy a cake to raise funds for the Cancer Council. If you can't make that one, come along on Friday 2 November at 10am to the Tweed Heads Administration Office. All cakes will be baked by Council staff.

Notification of Integrated Development Application

Re-advertised amended Development Application No. DA17/0383 for NSW Land & Environment Court*

An **amended** development application has been lodged by Coastplan Consulting seeking development consent for demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a caravan park in 5 4 stages; Stage 1: 15 short term 8 short term (caravan) and 54 52 long term sites, community centre, swimming pool, amenities, men's shed, managers dwelling and on-site detention ponds; **the supporting buildings and infrastructure, including the community centre, swimming pool, amenities building, men's shed, gardener's shed and community garden, the Managers Residence, the main access road to the site from Sanderson Place, associated on site landscaping, sewer pump station and sewage treatment plant compound, and the new groundwater bore;** Stage 2: 32 52 long term sites; Stage 3: 28 32 long term sites; Stage 4: 32 long term sites; at Lot 2 DP 803636; No. 355 Tomewin Road, **Dungay**.

Tweed Shire Council originally refused the application and the applicant is challenging that refusal in the NSW Land & Environment Court who will ultimately determine the proposed amended application.

The amended development still constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i>	General Approval	Rural Fire Service
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW Office of Water)

The amended development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking

The documents will be available for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 17 October 2018 to Friday 16 November 2018.

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.

Any submission objecting to the proposed development must state the ground upon which such objection is made.

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 Councils' website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation

*Changes to the application are indicated with the original details struck through (for example) and associated amendments in **bold red**.



Council's Program Leader, Sustainable Agriculture Eli Szandala chats with Byangum dairy farmer Corey Crosthwaite about the Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program.

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At the time of going to press on Monday, sand was still blocking the mouth of Mooball Creek at Pottsville, stopping tidal flow.

Swimming is not advisable in this creek this week nor in any coastal creek following heavy rain, due to urban and rural run-off. Council has been monitoring the situation closely and is seeking the necessary State Government approvals to take action to clear the blockage with machinery.

At the time of going to press, there was concern that if not done properly and under the right conditions, opening up the creek with machinery could make matters worse. Good quality water drained out of the lower estuary would be replaced by lower quality water presently sitting in the upper estuary and cane drains of Wooyung. This water is lower in dissolved oxygen and has a lower pH, and potentially higher bacteria levels.

For the latest on this issue and to keep up to date, go to www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/newsroom, subscribe to Council's media releases at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe or follow Tweed Shire Council on Facebook.

Road wrap – week starting 15 October 2018

Flood road repair works schedule

Contractor Australian Marine and Civil	
Locality	Road

Under traffic control – expect short delays

Kunghur	Heron
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Contractor Crosana	
Locality	Road

One lane road closure – expect short delays

Mt Warning	Mt Warning
Rowlands Creek	Rowlands Creek

Under traffic control – expect short delays

Urliup	Urliup
Doon Doon	Commissioners Creek
Upper Duroby	Hogans

Contractor Geostabilise	
Locality	Road

Under traffic control – expect short delays

Mount Burrell	Kyogle
Uki	Kyogle
Farrants Hill	Farrants
Fernvale	Fernvale

Contractor Tweed Shire Council	
Locality	Road

Work on new bridge has commenced. Traffic control will be required at times – expect short delays.

Byrrill Creek	Byrrill Creek
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Expect short delays

Bilambil – road reconstruction Urliup Road.

Byrrill Creek – bridge construction Byrrill Creek Road.

Casuarina – cobblestone replacement along Casuarina Way, between Riberry Drive and Dianella Drive.

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).

Hastings Point – construct bus stop lane on Tweed Coast Road.

Kielvale – water main upgrade at Reserve Creek Road.

Kingscliff – Cudgen Creek boardwalk reconstruction.

Murwillumbah – stormwater replacement Condong Street; replace kerb and gutter William Street.

Pottsville – kerb and gutter replacement Elizabeth Street.

Tweed Heads – sewer rising main upgrade Meridian Way; road reconstruction Enid Street.

Uki – guardrail installation for Black Spot Program Kyogle Road, between Glenock Road and Gold Gully; and resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road.

Maintenance South – resheeting and patching Howards, McConnells, Cane roads; maintenance Tyalgum and Limpinwood areas.

Maintenance North – maintenance Banora, Cabarita and Pottsville areas; Tweed Coast Road and off roads and Reserve Creek Road.



Sand build-up seen across all local beaches has affected Mooball Creek at Pottsville.

Public notice

2018/19 Fees and Charges – Murwillumbah Bob Whittle Airfield

Council proposes to amend the 2018/19 Fees and Charges with the addition of a new fee:

- **Landing fee:** \$12 per landing (ex GST) at the Murwillumbah Bob Whittle Airfield, Airfield Ave, Murwillumbah.

Exemptions: It is proposed that this fee will not be applicable to nominated aircraft associated with Airfield lessees, users who pay an alternative off-site Airfield access fee and any emergency services aircraft.

Public exhibition

Members of the public are invited to make submissions. This notice will be on public exhibition for 28 days with submissions being received for 42 days.

Make a submission by 29 November 2018:

- Visit yoursaytweed.com.au
- Email TSC@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- Or write to:

2018/19 Fees and Charges – Murwillumbah Bob Whittle Airfield
General Manager, Tweed Shire Council,
PO Box 816 Murwillumbah NSW 2484

For more information please attend the information session:

When: Thursday 1 November 2018, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Venue: Bob Whittle Murwillumbah Airfield, Airfield Ave, Murwillumbah

Vacancies

Records Scanning Officer

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.

Council notice

Tweed Shire Council, *Roads Act 1993* – Naming of roads

Notice is hereby given that the Tweed Shire Council, in pursuance of Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, has named the road which runs between Lot 3 DP1106423 and Lot 15 DP21680 at Kingscliff as **Baswyn Mews**.

Authorised by resolution of the Council on 20 September 2018, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, Civic Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah NSW 2484.

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

Approved

DA18/0499 – Extension of laundry room within garage – unit 2 Lot 2 SP 69209, Unit 2/No. 6 Ashgrove Place, **Banora Point**

DA18/0136 – Roof over existing footpath dining area Lot 2 DP 520276, Lot 0 ROAD 3340, No. 22 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0080 – Conversion of shed to a secondary dwelling Lot 405 DP 755701, No. 31 Coronation Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA16/0936 – Bulk loading/delivery of extracted water and roadworks Lot 3 DP 815475, No. 350 Rowlands Creek Road, **Rowlands Creek**

DA18/0706 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 584 DP 217268, No. 1 Grevillea Road, **Bogangar**

DA18/0716 – Studio addition to existing dwelling Lot 1 DP 1111447, No. 4 Elizabeth Street, **Fingal Head**

DA18/0579 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and detached garage Lot 25 Section 5 DP 20361, No. 27 Harwood Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0662 – Dwelling with attached garage Lot 616 DP 1243648, No. 6 Sorrel Court, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0671 – 1.8 m rear boundary fence SP 32244, SP 6725, No. 22 Frances Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0713 – Alterations and additions Lot 11 NPP 270342, Unit 11/No. 1–23 Cupania Court, **Tweed Heads West**

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

Request for offer

RF02018117 Rehabilitation of Gravity Sewerage Reticulation Mains

RF02018118 Water Mains Cleaning, Hydrant and Valve Maintenance & Hydrant Testing

RF02018125 Bulk Receipt of Food Organics & Garden Organics

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 7 November 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. 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 Sharne Booth-Ford (02) 6670 2606.

PROGRAMMED TRAINING SERVICES

PROGRAMMED Training Services specialise in the employment of Apprentices and Trainees.

PROGRAMMED, in partnership with Tweed Shire Council has opportunities for apprenticeships and a traineeship commencing in early 2019.

- Electrical – 4 year Apprenticeship
- Parks and Gardens – 4 year Apprenticeship
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- Competent numeracy and literacy skills
- Positive attitude and self-motivated
- Demonstrate interest and enthusiasm for the industry
- Current Drivers Licence prior to commencement and reliable transport
- Completed Year 10 education (Parks and Gardens)
- Completed Year 12 education (Electrical and IT Networking)
- OHS White card prior to commencement

Location:

The Positions can be directed to work anywhere within the Tweed Shire however the Electrical Apprenticeship is based in Chinderah, Parks & Gardens are rotated between Tweed Heads, Cabarita and Murwillumbah and the IT Networking is based in Murwillumbah.

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