



Have your say on how the Tweed's rural landscape might change over the coming 20 years.

Have another say on Tweed's rural land

The Draft Tweed Rural Land Strategy is being re-exhibited for public comment following a number of proposed changes.

Community Conversations will be held on Wednesday 6 March to allow members of the public to talk through the amendments with Council planners.

The draft strategy was originally exhibited from 7 November 2017 to 28 February 2018.

Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said the aim of the strategy was to paint a picture of what rural land in Tweed Shire may look like in 20 years, how it might develop and how it will be managed to preserve the quality of the rural Tweed lifestyle.

"We encourage people to come along to a Community Conversation and talk face-to-face about their issues and suggestions," he said.

The two Community Conversations on Wednesday 6 March will be at the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre Auditorium in Tumbulgum Road from 1pm to 2.30pm and 6pm to 7.30pm.

The Draft Rural Land Strategy can be viewed on Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition and hard copies are available at Uki General Store, Tyalgum Store, Chillingham Village Store, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, Tweed Heads Civic Centre, Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre and Kingscliff Library.

There is more information on the proposed amendments and a survey at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/re-exhibitionRLS

Submissions on the Draft Rural Land Strategy must be made in writing and received by Council no later than close of business on Tuesday 19 March 2019.

Submissions can be made via the Your Say Tweed project page, emailed to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au or mailed to Draft Rural Land Strategy, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484.

Anyone needing more information can call Council's Strategic Planning & Urban Design Unit on (02) 6670 2503.



One of the convoy of trucks making its way across the Murwillumbah Bridge, bound for the construction site of the new Byrrill Creek bridge near Uki.

10-4 Rubber Duck, looks like we got us a convoy

A convoy of heavy trucks passed through Murwillumbah last Friday, carrying large pre-stressed concrete beams to support the deck of the new Byrrill Creek Bridge.

The seven trucks each carried one deck unit, with each being 22.5 metres long and weighing 20.5 tonne, from the manufacturing plant in Brisbane.

The Byrrill Creek Bridge build is now the only job left of the original

1500 items in Tweed's \$25 million road flood recovery program following Tropical Cyclone Debbie in March 2017.

The second delivery of deck units will occur around the middle of next month.

The Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has provided \$2.17 million under its Bridges Renewal Program towards the cost of the new bridge.

Need information? Head to the Emergency Dashboard

Council's new online Emergency Dashboard was actively used for the first time during last week's wild weather.

There were than 2500 unique visits to the dashboard in the first 24 hours, as residents sought information about local effects of Cyclone Oma.

Council's General Manager Troy Green said one of the key lessons from the March 2017 flood was the need for an improved online solution to support the Tweed community during emergencies.

The Emergency Dashboard includes the current status for weather warnings, road closures, power outages, water and sewer interruptions, and Council services and facilities, along with links to many other useful resources to help with planning for an emergency and what to do after.

"The Emergency Dashboard (<https://emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au>) provides up-to-date information, useful links and contacts in the event of an emergency. It is linked to our website and is available 24/7," Mr Green said.

"However it is important to note that unlike on the Gold Coast, Tweed Shire Council is not the main agency in an emergency – it's the SES on 132 500," Mr Green said.

Residents are reminded that ABC North Coast radio is the emergency broadcaster. For updates, tune in on 94.5 FM, 720 AM or listen online at www.abc.net.au/northcoast

To view the dashboard, go to emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au



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In brief ...

Help clean up Australia in 2019

Clean Up Australia inspires hundreds of thousands of people every year to clean up their communities and help preserve the environment.

This year there are three opportunities to get involved with work, school or on the weekend with family and friends.

- Business Clean Up Day – Tuesday 26 February 2019
- Youth and Schools Clean Up Day – Friday 1 March 2019
- Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 3 March 2019

As part of Council's commitment to protecting and managing our environment and natural beauty for current and future generations, Council is urging the community to get involved and contribute to keeping the Tweed beautiful. Register at www.cleanup.org.au



12 February at 19:10 · 🌐

Hi, im not from the tweed, we are a couple from the uk, we moved to the gold coast "coomera" 6 years ago... My husband has always been a good swimmer, unfortunately today at dreamtime beach he got caught in a rip... A random guy from the beach rushed out on his surf board, turned out he was a life guard.... He saved my husbands life... And the life of our friend who was out there, i was a bit overwhelmed at the time and didnt get to thank him properly, please can you share this post so we can find this hero 🙏



The above Facebook post shows how dangerous swimming at the unpatrolled Dreamtime Beach can be (it's the beach south of Fingal Head). Due to the rough surf conditions and strong rips – it's recommended that there is no swimming at Dreamtime Beach. It's always best to swim at a patrolled beach – find out more at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Beaches. There is an emergency response beach on the northern end of Dreamtime next to the beach access. All it requires is the touch of the button to alert Surf Life Saving NSW for them to attend.

Worst weeds of the Tweed

Tweed Landcare Inc. together with Rous County Council and Tweed Shire Council are hosting a free weeds workshop at the Uki Hall on Thursday 7 March from 9.30am to 1pm.

The workshop will cover recent changes to legislation and landowner responsibilities under the new *Biosecurity Act 2015*. A central concept in the new legislation is the 'General Biosecurity Duty: all land managers, public and private, have a responsibility to prevent, eliminate or minimise the weed biosecurity risk on their property'.

Rous County Council, the local weed control authority, will present priority weeds under the North Coast Strategic Weed Management Plan. The plan provides specific guidance on state and regional priority weeds as well as a further group of important weeds which pose a biosecurity risk on a local scale.

Tweed Landcare Inc. will profile the worst environmental and agricultural weeds in the Tweed Shire that impact on natural areas and farm productivity. Tropical Soda Apple is one such priority weed and an update on control programs will be presented.

Grazing land managers will also be interested to hear a presentation by Local Land Services District Veterinarian Phil Kemsley on poisonous weeds for stock.

A range of common and priority weeds will be on display, and participants are encouraged to bring along plant samples for identification. Morning tea and lunch will be provided and there will be time for open discussion.

Please register for the event via www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=471497&

For more information contact Kim Stephan, Tweed Landcare Project Officer on (02) 6670 2199 or projects@tweedlandcare.org.au



Tropical Soda Apple (on the left) can be confused with other common Solanum species such as Devils Apple.



Before and after views of the Queen Street toilet block.



Toilet restoration that's fit for a Queen

Heritage restoration and conservation works on the decommissioned Queen Street toilet block building in Murwillumbah are nearing completion.

The building is a local heritage item and the project – which saw necessary physical repairs and external restoration – hopes to promote awareness and appreciation of its heritage value.

This includes the interesting period architectural features such as the zigzag balustrade, the 'crazy paving' rock wall and the curved front wall with glass bricks.

Work began in late December and has included repairing and sealing the damaged roof, replacing damaged or missing downpipes, repair and patching of the brickwork, repair to the timber window frames, replacement of the glass louvered window panes, installation

of heavy duty doors with locks and cleaning and repainting the external elements with the original colours.

The project was funded by the NSW Government through their Heritage Near Me grants program, which provides funding opportunities for the restoration, conservation and management of local heritage items.

Unfortunately the building can no longer be used as a public amenities facility as it does not meet present day building code and access standards.

There is potential for it to be re-purposed in a variety of ways and future funding may be able to meet the costs of upgrades which are needed to achieve compliance for public or commercial use.

Fuel and oil warning

Did you know you could be contaminating your drinking water supply if you spill fuel or heating oil near an underground water service line?

That's because most of today's water service lines are polyethylene, which petroleum products and other solvents can leach through to contaminate the water inside.

Just six weeks into 2019, three water customers have complained to Council that their drinking water tastes like petrol. On investigation, it has been found that mechanical work has been done in the yards near the underground water supply pipes.

Spilt fuels contaminate soil and can take days, weeks or even months to travel through polyethylene pipe and affect the taste of drinking water.

The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines have very low health limits (<0.001mg/L) for compounds such as Benzene, Toluene and Xylene, which are found in petroleum products.

"Fortunately, most customers detect petrol odour and taste at very low levels and complain before it affects their health," Manager Water and Wastewater Anthony Burnham said.

To fix a fuel contaminated water issue, the water service line may need to be replaced and the contaminated soil removed. Both would be at the expense of the property owner.

"While this is the property owner's responsibility, we want them to call us first so our environmental health officers can provide them with the right advice about treating the contamination area," Mr Burnham said.

More toilet news ...

The old toilet block in Knox Park (Brisbane Street) in Murwillumbah is set to be demolished early next month.

This follows last year's demolition of the Nullum Street toilet block on the other side of the park.

The buildings have been superseded by a new amenities block in a central location in the park, completed in December last year, which is surrounded by attractive landscaping and linking pathways.

The new amenities block is the first stage of the town's new Art and Heritage Precinct.

The Art and Heritage Precinct project includes:

- upgrades to Knox Park including the new toilet block, construction of an entry plaza, a new bus shelter and other works
- the creation of the Caldera Wall at the Tweed Regional Museum which will focus on the region's natural history
- restoration of the Treasure of the Tweed public mural along Commercial Road
- the development of a phone app consolidating all of the art and heritage information of Murwillumbah.

The project will activate Knox Park, increasing visitation by locals and tourists, boosting economic activity in the Murwillumbah CBD and creating jobs for locals.

Council was awarded \$887,000 in Restart NSW funding under the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund and is also contributing \$617,000 to the overall project.

Happenings at your library

Here's the latest events coming up at your local library.

Memory Bingo – Are you caring for someone with Dementia? Bring them along to our fun morning of Memory Bingo at Murwillumbah Library on Monday 4 March. Stimulate conversation, meet new people and enjoy a blast from the past. Morning tea provided. Places are limited, so bookings are essential.

Let's talk rubbish – Join Tarra from Tweed Shire Council to find out new Recycle Right info, bin tips and items that you can bring for free to Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre. It's at Kingscliff Library on Wednesday 6 March at 2pm and Murwillumbah Library on Thursday 21 March at 10am.

Nicole Alexander – Tweed Heads Library is proud to present author Nicole Alexander discussing her latest book Stone Country on Saturday 9 March at 10am. Bookings essential.

Book at:

- Tweed Heads Library – (07) 5569 3150
- Murwillumbah Library – (02) 6670 2427
- Kingscliff Library – (02) 6674 1607.

Olive Cotton Award open

Entries are open for the prestigious Olive Cotton Award for photographic portraiture, held biennially at Tweed Regional Gallery.

Entries are welcomed from photographers resident in Australia, and seeks new portraits by professional and emerging artists.

Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said the prestigious Award is acquisitive, and allows some striking and memorable portraits to enter Tweed Regional Gallery's collection of Australian portraits.

"The major award of \$20,000 is generously funded by the family of the late Olive Cotton, one of Australia's leading 20th Century photographers," she said.

The 2019 Award judge is Marian Drew, an Adjunct Associate Professor at Queensland College of Art. Marian is one of Australia's most influential and significant photo-media artists with a practice spanning more than 20 years.

Entries for the Olive Cotton Award close at midnight on Friday 3 May. The finalists will be on exhibition from 12 July to 22 September 2019.

Entry and further information is available online at www.trybooking.com/BAKBQ

New Tweed Tourism Academy

In an exciting new initiative, the Tweed Tourism Company (TTC) has launched the Tweed Tourism Academy.

With the aim of building formidable future tourism leaders, developing sustainable, adaptable and diverse tourism products across the region and providing businesses with the tools to broaden their distribution into new markets, TTC invites all businesses big and small to take advantage of this ground breaking opportunity for the Tweed.

The academy offerings include the 'Tweed Tourism Future Leadership Program', a 'Trade Development Program' and workshops in trade, packaging and bundling, and experience development, with more opportunities to come.

For further information email partnerships@thetweed.com.au or view the prospectus at www.thetweedtourismcompany.com.au

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Chinderah Districts Residents Association meet on 5 March 2019 at Cudgen Leagues Club, 7pm upstairs.

Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association meet at Kingscliff Public School, Orient St (downstairs) at 7pm, Monday 4 March.

Request for offer

RF02019030 Towing and Storage Services for Council-Certified Abandoned/Unattended Vehicles

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 13 March 2019

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 Contracts Administration on (02) 6670 2606.

WATER WEEK 9 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

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

DA18/0863 – Proposed secondary dwelling, swimming pool and alterations and additions to the existing dwelling
Lot 15 DP 31457, No. 4 Kittiwake Street, **Banora Point**

DA18/1034 – Alterations and additions including deck and swimming pool
Lot 376 DP 715226, No. 13 Castlecrag Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA19/0025 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 12 DP 702437, No. 28 Peter Street, **Banora Point**

DA19/0070 – Patio
Lot 65 SP 53361, Unit 65/No. 73–101 Darlington Drive, **Banora Point**

DA19/0076 – Replace fibreglass pool with in-ground concrete pool and new block wall
Lot 45 DP 1083567, No. 15 Aeolus Lane, **Casuarina**

DA19/0043 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool
Lot 48 DP 792161, No. 3 John Robb Way, **Cudgen**

DA19/0041 – Art studio with amenities
Lot 21 DP 1160203, No. 224 Tyalgum Road, **Eungella**

DA19/0069 – Shed
Lot 15 DP 208843, No. 38A Reserve Creek Road, **Kielvale**

DA19/0002 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 13 DP 1214044, No. 26 Drift Court, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0078 – Dwelling with attached double garage
Lot 9 DP 1214044, No. 18 Drift Court, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0008 – Garage and carport within front building line
Lot 81 DP 246488, No. 22 Meridian Way, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0021 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 88 DP 1241079, No. 64 Lorikeet Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

Approved – Deferred commencement

DA18/0364 – Conversion of a shed into a dwelling
Lot 128 DP 755724, No. 131 Boormans Road, **Limpinwood**

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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