



All farmers and land managers in the Tweed are requested to complete a short survey to help develop a new skills program.

New survey harvests local knowledge

Tweed Shire Council is working with Southern Cross University to help Tweed's farmers develop new skills through a project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust.

The 'Small Farms Big Changes' project aims to deliver a series of eight workshops and field days to fill knowledge gaps and assist local farmers maintain and enhance farm health, as well as seek ideas on the best strategies to address environmental challenges.

Southern Cross University has developed a survey in consultation with a focus group of local farmers to better understand how farmers like to learn and to determine their most essential training needs.

Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture Eli Szandala said Council

wants to ensure that the educational program delivered over the next 18 months provides relevant and practical advice.

"We encourage all farmers and land managers to help us develop the program by completing this short survey," Mr Szandala said.

Farmers who complete the survey go in the draw to win one of ten \$100 gift vouchers from a local rural supply store (conditions apply, see website for details).

To complete the survey go to www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SmallFarmsBigChanges until 30 April 2019.

For further information about the project contact Council's Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture on (02) 6670 2400.

Mosquito numbers on the rise after recent rain

Recent rain and higher than usual tides across the Tweed have created ideal conditions for mosquito breeding.



Mosquito control – ground treatment being undertaken by Council staff.

Council's Pest Management Supervisor, Brian Falkner, said it was a timely reminder for residents to tip out any containers holding water on their property to try to help prevent mosquito breeding.

"We are currently carrying out aerial and ground treatments to try to control mosquito numbers but it's also important for residents to reduce the impact around their homes given the potential risk of serious mosquito-borne viruses," Mr Falkner said.

What you can do:

- keep your yard well-maintained, mow lawns regularly, and limit areas of dense vegetation
- ensure you cover all windows, doors, chimneys, vents and other entrances with insect screens that are in good condition
- clean up your yard and remove all water holding containers or rubbish and keep house gutters clean and properly aligned
- empty and refill pet water bowls and bird baths at least weekly
- ensure all openings to water tanks and septic tanks are screened securely
- place sand or fine gravel in pot plant trays, or flush them out weekly
- keep ornamental ponds stocked with native fish species that will feed on larvae.

For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PestManagement

Be neighbourly and win

It's Neighbour Day this Sunday (31 March), Australia's annual celebration of community which encourages people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.

Whether through a cuppa, a picnic in the park, or a message of support, Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there to lend a hand.

Don't know your neighbours yet? Council encourages you to hold an event on Neighbour Day. Register with Council by Saturday 30 March and one lucky Tweed resident will win a barbecue and barbecue cart valued at \$500. To enter, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/neighbourday2019

One Neighbour Day idea is to take your neighbour along to a special curator's talk at Tweed Regional Gallery in Murwillumbah on Sunday (31 March) from 2–3pm. This event is presented in conjunction with Neighbour Day 2019.

Lisa Bryan-Brown will be discussing *Use*, a new exhibition of contemporary jewellery and small objects, exploring the impact of 'tools' in artisan practice, developed by the Jewellers and Metalsmiths Group of Queensland.

Council is a supporter of Neighbour Day celebrations. Enquiries relating to the event can be made directly to Relationships Australia by contacting their national office on phone (02) 6162 9300 or by email at information@neighbourday.org



Rebecca Hoare of Tweed Heads West was the winner of the Neighbour Day barbecue last year. Just register to be in the running for this year's prize – it could be as simple as having a cuppa with your neighbour.

Lands strategy review

The progress of Council's draft Rural Land Strategy Review has been suspended to enable a more detailed process of stakeholder engagement and independent review, following a decision at last Thursday's Council Meeting.

"Resolved that:

1. The development of the draft Strategy be suspended for a period to enable it to be reviewed and represented with plain English and after a more inclusive stakeholder engagement.
2. Expressions of Interest are called for a project reference group from a broad section of community stakeholders to review the draft strategy and to also include the Department of Primary Industries, Councillors, and Council staff from relevant areas of planning, sustainable agriculture, natural resource management and the communications unit.
3. The process of review should be assisted by an independent facilitator to ensure that the information is presented clearly and concisely in plain English and feedback is captured.
4. The strategy should articulate opportunities for the current community of rural land holders as well as a vision for farming and rural land management into the future.
5. The Department of Primary Industries be requested to provide advice on the short, medium and long term (50+ years) challenges and opportunities for agriculture in the Tweed in regard to climate change."

To view the resolution visit the Minutes of the 21 March 2019 Council Meeting at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

Event management workshop

If you are an event organiser, event manager or stall holder operating in the Tweed – please join us for a **free workshop** on **10 April 2019** from 4.30 to 6pm in the Canvas and Kettle Meeting Room, Murwillumbah.

- Gain basic social media skills to promote your event.
- Learn how to encourage environmental responsibility at your event by going plastic free.
- Learn more about Council's 2019–2020 Event Sponsorship funding round.
- Networking opportunities.

Next stop rail trail group

Council is calling on landowners adjoining the rail corridor to join a Landowners Sharing Group to assist the Rail Trail Project team identify and resolve landowner concerns as the project progresses.

Last week, 35 landowners attended the first of a series of conversations about the rail trail where they were invited to voice their concerns to both councillors and the project team.

Rail Trail Project Director Iain Lonsdale said Council was delivering the significant regional recreation and tourist product for the Northern Rivers region with funding support from both the state and federal governments.

"While we do not have all the answers to the specific questions landowners have, we accept that their concerns around their properties, businesses and lifestyles are legitimate and we are keen to work with them to safeguard their interests," Mr Lonsdale said.

The Landowners Sharing Group will work collaboratively to identify solutions to issues such as fencing, trespass and weed management.

Council has shortlisted four companies (with two in reserve) to proceed to tender for the design and construct contract for the rail trail. "It's important that these companies are aware of individual landowner concerns so they can incorporate and cost solutions in the detailed design of the rail trail where possible," he said.

Landowners adjoining the rail corridor are invited to join the Landowners Sharing Group by emailing RailTrail@tweed.nsw.gov.au or phoning the Rail Trail hotline on 1800 826 267.

The Rail Trail Project is on track for construction to start around July this year.

Members of the community are invited to leave their feedback and questions about the rail trail at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/RailTrail

Much ado about poo

We all know it's important to pick up after your dog when enjoying a walk. It's equally important to pick up after your horse.

Horse droppings on footpaths and public reserves are becoming an increasing nuisance on footpaths and public reserves.

There is no legislation or enforcement powers covering horse dung, as unlike dog poo, horse dung from a healthy horse presents no risk to human health.

Council's Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said horse riders were encouraged to clean up after their animals when using public spaces.

"Many people get great pleasure from taking their horses out for some exercise and a ride," Mr Connell said.

"However horses on local reserves and along footpaths can leave behind a mess, so we're encouraging people pick up after their horses, just like dogs.

"It's important as our local reserves and public spaces are for the whole community to enjoy and we're urging horse riders to be considerate of other residents," he said.

Council notice

Tweed Shire Council – Roads Act 1993

Notice is hereby given under the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993*, that the land described in the Schedule below is closed road and the land comprised therein ceases to be a public road and the rights of passage and access that previously existed in relation to the road is extinguished.

Upon closing, title of the land, comprising the former public road, vests in Tweed Shire Council as operational land pursuant to Section 43 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

Troy Green, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484.

Schedule

Lot 2 DP 1250863 formerly part of Tumbulgum Road, Tyngalga

Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council proposes to classify Lot 1 DP 1250101 at Terranora 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. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Banora Point & District Residents Assoc. meet at the Banora Point Community Centre, cnr Woodlands Drive and Leisure Drive, Banora Point commencing at 7pm, Monday 1 April.

Chinderah Districts Residents Association meet on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at Cudgen Leagues Club, 7pm upstairs.

Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association meet at Kingscliff Public School, Orient St (downstairs) at 6pm, Monday 1 April.

WATER WEEK 13 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading



Melanie Moss will use her grant through the Innovative Solutions Grant Fund to establishing a hardstand area with shelter, fencing and drainage works, designed to protect the land and the health of her horses.

Funding for innovative ideas

A clever horse management system designed to increase horse wellbeing while reducing impacts on the environment is the first project to receive funding through Council's new Innovative Solutions Grant Fund.

The Innovative Solutions Grant Fund encourages and supports individuals, organisations and community groups to develop new, creative and innovative solutions for a range of current sustainability challenges facing the Tweed.

Melanie Moss from Stokers Siding received grant funding to adopt the 'Equicentral System', which links paddocks to a communal surfaced yard area. The project involves establishing a hardstand area with shelter, fencing and drainage works.

Council is contributing almost \$4,000 to the project through the Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program, in partnership with the Innovative Solutions Grant Fund, with the majority of works (more than \$15,000 in cash and in-kind) to be funded by the landowner.

Council's Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture Eli Szandala said it was a sustainable system that saves time, money and effort and increases the health of horses and pasture.

Innovation Fund grants are available in the following categories:

- Water Demand Management – total amount available \$15,000
- Waste Management – total amount available a \$15,000
- Sustainable Agriculture – total amount available \$10,000
- Wastewater Management – total amount available \$10,000
- River Health – total amount available \$5,000
- Biodiversity – total amount available \$5,000

Each program area has maximum amounts available per project.

Applications can be made at any time and are assessed four times a year. For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GrantsAndFunding and for more on the Equicentral System, go to www.equiculture.net/theequicentralsystem

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

DA18/0946 – Temporary sales office and earthworks
Lot 1 DP 828298, Crescent Street, **Cudgen**

DA18/0932 – Dwelling and swimming pool
Lot 2 DP 1034967, No. 207 Terranora Road, **Banora Point**

DA19/0042 – Use of existing 1.8 m high front fence
Lot 1 SP 46431, Unit 1/No. 11 Covent Gardens Way, **Banora Point**

DA19/0094 – Carport
Lot 510 DP 857005, No. 18 Avondale Drive, **Banora Point**

DA19/0112 – Deck and patio roof
Lot 3 DP 532036, No. 26 Terranora Road, **Banora Point**

DA19/0040 – Attached flyover carport to front of dwelling
Lot 168 DP 31041, No. 19 Yvonne Crescent, **Bilambil Heights**

DA19/0047 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, carport, in-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high front fence
Lot 250 DP 241371, No. 88 Cabarita Road, **Bogangar**

DA19/0053 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 6 Section 1 DP 31209, No. 6 Cypress Crescent, **Cabarita Beach**

DA18/1042 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 79 DP 1030322, No. 16 Eclipse Lane, **Casuarina**

DA19/0050 – Carport within front building line
Lot 37 DP 1191156, No. 683 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA19/0067 – Dwelling with attached garage, carport, in-ground swimming pool and 1.8m high front fence
Lot 28 DP 1171641, No. 87 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

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

New group tapping into water knowledge

A community group has begun to review the work Council has been doing to ensure a safe and secure water supply for the future.

The Water Strategies Review Project Reference Group was reformed from the membership of a community group which assisted Council to identify a preferred option for the augmentation of Council's water supply in 2009.

They have come together again to review our water strategies and the work Council has done in:

- saving water (demand management)
- managing drought, and
- raising the wall of Clarrie Hall Dam (water augmentation).

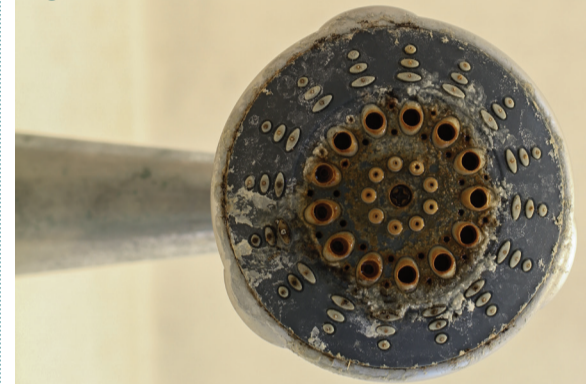
The group will look at the big picture of water and review all the relevant reports and decisions made relating to water security. They will also identify any issues that merit further investigation.

Once the group has identified what needs to be looked at again or, possibly looked at for the first time, an independent consultant will be engaged to do that work.

By early next year, the group will provide Council with an opinion on the existing strategies and make recommendations for any changes they consider may ensure the security of our water supply.

To join the discussions, visit the water strategies project page at www.yoursaytweed.com.au

Replace your old shower and get a refund from Council



Saving more than 15,000 litres of water per year and up to \$100 in water and electricity costs is as easy as installing water-saving showers, basin and sink spouts, mixers, aerators and flow controllers or regulators.

Council provides homeowners a 50 per cent rebate on the purchase and installation of approved water saving products such as showers and tapware.

If you upgrade your outdated showers and tapware with water efficient products, Council will refund 50 per cent of the total purchase and installation costs for eligible products to a maximum of \$100.

For further information on the rebate program, including terms and conditions and the application form, please visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WaterRebate or call Council on (02) 6670 2400.

Development Proposal for public comment

The following development application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking for a period of fourteen (14) days from Wednesday, 27 March 2019 to 10 April 2019.

Application details

DA19/0172 – Specialised retail premises

Lot 120 DP 817783, No. 54–58 Greenway Drive, **Tweed Heads South**
Hodges Shorten Architects

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.

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 Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation

Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands.

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