

In brief ...

Tweed is a Refugee Welcome Zone

Tweed Shire Council officially signed a declaration to become a 'Refugee Welcome Zone' in October 2016.

As part of the recent Refugee Week, it's an opportunity to once again welcome refugees into our community.

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

For more information visit www.refugeeweek.org.au

Heavy fines for dumping

Anti-dumping signs will be erected along McAllisters Road in Bilambil Heights as a deterrent against persistent illegal rubbish dumping.

Fines for illegal dumping are \$4000 and Council will place new signage at current illegal dumping hot spots and consider placing surveillance cameras at the worst locations.

Meanwhile, illegal dumping data is being collected by the Regional Illegal Dumping Squad (RID) online thanks to a \$20,000 baseline data collection grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This project is helping establish data on the types and quantity of waste being dumped and establishing any trends or hotspots in the Tweed. Residents can report illegal dumping on ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au particularly if you have registration details of the person dumping.

Residents have provided comments on the draft Illegal Dumping Strategy which was on exhibition until 18 June 2019 and will be considered for adoption by Council at its August meeting.

Licences for personal trainers

Personal trainers operating from Tweed parks and beaches are asked renew their licence to operate from public land by 1 July 2019.

Under NSW Government legislation, anyone who operates a commercial venture from public land needs to be licensed to do so.

Open Space Officer Grahame Burton said Council encourages the use of public land for these healthy activities but requires commercially-based personal trainers, bootcamps and team building groups with six or more participants to be licensed.

Fees are being kept as low as possible to minimise the financial impact on small businesses while still complying with the law.

Businesses that use public land 10 or more hours a week will pay more than those who use it less often. Plus, the licence fee has been waived for groups of five or fewer people. Only commercial operations are affected, Not-for-profit organisations, sporting clubs and similar groups are not required to hold a licence.

The licence fees for 2019-2020 are as follows.

Annual fee:

- high frequency (over three days per week or 10 hours per week) - \$520
- low frequency (three or less days per week or under 10 hours per week) - \$260

Short-term fee (weekly):

- for activities occurring for one week or less - \$64 a week.

"Licensing commercial operators also enables us to educate groups on some of the courtesies we expect so that their activities do not infringe on the enjoyment of others using our parks, beaches and road reserves," Mr Burton said.

Personal training and group activities are prohibited within:

- 50 metres of residential housing or tourist and visitor accommodation unless exceptional circumstances apply
- 10 metres of playgrounds or park equipment, such as shelter sheds
- 100 metres of flagged areas on a beach
- in ecologically sensitive locations, such as natural coastal areas and sand dunes.

For more information and to apply for a licence, visit

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PublicSpaceCommercial

Licenses expire 30 June 2020 and new licenses are required yearly.



Celebrating the next step in the Tweed's own organics processing facility were (from left): Acting Project and Operations Officer, Wes Knight; Project Manager, Waste Program Wayne Harris; Education Officer Tarra Martel; Director Community and Natural Resources Tracey Stinson; 'Pea Pod' (Jack Lahey); 'Banana' (Hamish Patterson); Unit Coordinator - Resource Recovery, Rod Dawson and Willy the Wheelie Bin (Amelia Patterson).

Turning green waste into compost

The Tweed is one step closer to processing its own organics following last Friday's announcement of the awarding of the contract for an organics processing facility at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre.

It will be the largest organics processing facility in the Northern Rivers and will process nearly 1,800 tonnes a month of the Tweed's food and garden waste, turning it into high quality compost for reuse. The contents of residents' green bins were previously processed outside the Tweed.

Soilco Pty Ltd has been awarded the contract to design, construct and operate the facility and has extensive experience in creating recycled organics in an economically viable way.

The introduction of the green bins has reduced waste to landfill by approximately 20 per cent. Council used to recover 42 per cent and now we recover 60 per cent due to the green bin waste being turned into valuable compost.

The project is part of the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre Masterplan, which plans for waste management for the next 50 years – a \$40 million investment in responsibly minimising and managing our waste.

Construction is expected to begin later this year, with the facility to be in operation by mid-2021.

Soilco Pty Ltd will operate the facility for a period of 10 years. They will use 'in vessel composting' (processing inside a large concrete structure) which kills germs in food and garden waste into valuable compost for reuse within the Tweed.

The project was supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW EPA's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the waste levy.



Wildlife and cats spotted on candid camera

If you let your cat out, have you ever wondered how far it travels, and where to? Council has launched an interactive 'Cats on Camera' mapping tool to help give you an idea.

It displays images taken on remote wildlife monitoring cameras at three locations on the Tweed Coast. These include roaming pet cats and native wildlife that lives here, as shown by these remarkable photos.

Roaming pet cats face many dangers including snakes, ticks, busy roads and diseases like feline AIDS.

Pet cats also hunt native wildlife. In fact data compiled by Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers shows more than 161 pet cat attacks on wildlife were reported by the Tweed community in the past year. Most will go unreported as well.

Cats on Camera aims to help cat owners make informed decisions about the management of their pet cat. This project has been assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust. For more information, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CatsOnCamera



Do you know where your cat is at night?



Mother possum and joey.



Koala mum and joey.

Keeping up to date online

Want to keep up to date with the latest news from Tweed Shire Council and its facilities?

One way is to like or follow Tweed Shire Council's social media channels which include Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Tweed Regional Gallery and Tweed Regional Museum are on Facebook and Instagram and the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) is on Facebook.

Or go to www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe to sign up for a range of free e-newsletters, with topics including Business, Environment and Sustainability and Art and Culture.

You can also subscribe to a number of alerts, so you can be notified when a new Council job is posted or to view the latest media release.

And don't forget you can also sign up to receive the Tweed Link online. It's all available at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

Vacancies

Coordinator – Project Management Officer (Contract) Storekeeper

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.

On exhibition

Public Exhibition – 2019/2020 Fees and Charges

Notice is given that it is proposed to amend the following fees and charges:

The following fee On-site Sewage Management – Approval to Operate (per system) Each additional system in excess of 4 (application fee only) is to be amended from \$48.00 to \$48.50 due to an error in calculation of fee.

Submissions concerning the proposed amended fee will be received by Council for 28 days from the date of this advertisement.

Troy Green
General Manager

Council notice

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993, Section 47

Tweed Shire Council hereby gives notice of amendment of its notice of intention to grant a licence to Pottsville & District Men's Shed Inc. This notice is intended to clarify that the term of the proposed licence will be five (5) years commencing on 30 March 2022 with an option to renew for a further five (5) years. The land in question is located at Overall Drive, Pottsville (Lot 301 in DP 1125090) being the land to which the Licence Agreement between Council and the Pottsville & District Men's Shed Inc dated 30 March 2017 applies. The proposed licence will be granted for the purpose of Men's Shed activities.

Any person may make submissions to the Tweed Shire Council with respect to the proposed licence. Any such submissions should be made in writing, addressed to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW, 2484 or submitted to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au, for 28 days from the date of this notice, i.e. before 23 July 2019.

A plan identifying the area proposed to be licensed is available for inspection during normal business hours at the following places:

Murwillumbah Civic Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah and Tweed Civic Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads.

General Manager, Tweed Shire Council
25 June 2019



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 7 pm, Monday 1 July 2019.

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

Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association meet at Kingscliff Public School, Orient St (downstairs) at 6pm, Monday 1 July 2019.

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

How Council is spending your rates dollars in 2019/2020

The \$232 million Council Budget for 2019/2020 has been adopted.

As one of the fastest growing council areas in NSW, Council is investing in multiple major infrastructure projects to deliver services and facilities to meet the needs of a rising population.

See the panel below right to read about some of the key projects Council will be working on in the coming financial year.

Council is also continuing projects such as the Industrial Land Swap, which will enable eligible local businesses directly impacted by the 2017 flood to swap their flood-prone land with Council-owned flood-free land in Murwillumbah; and planning for raising Clarrie Hall Dam to ensure Tweed's water supply meets future demand.

Ongoing sustainability initiatives include a Zero Waste Strategy, a Koala Holding Facility at Pottsville and Upper Tweed River Estuary Riverbank Restoration projects.

These projects are in addition to delivering 52 essential services to residents such as parks, roads, water, sports fields, aquatic centres, libraries, the Tweed Regional Museum and Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre.

Council's 2019/2020 Budget totals \$232 million, made up of \$137

million in the General Fund, \$48 million in the Water Fund and \$47 million for the Sewer Fund.

The draft Budget was publicly exhibited in April and May, with amendments made in response to input from individuals, community groups and businesses.

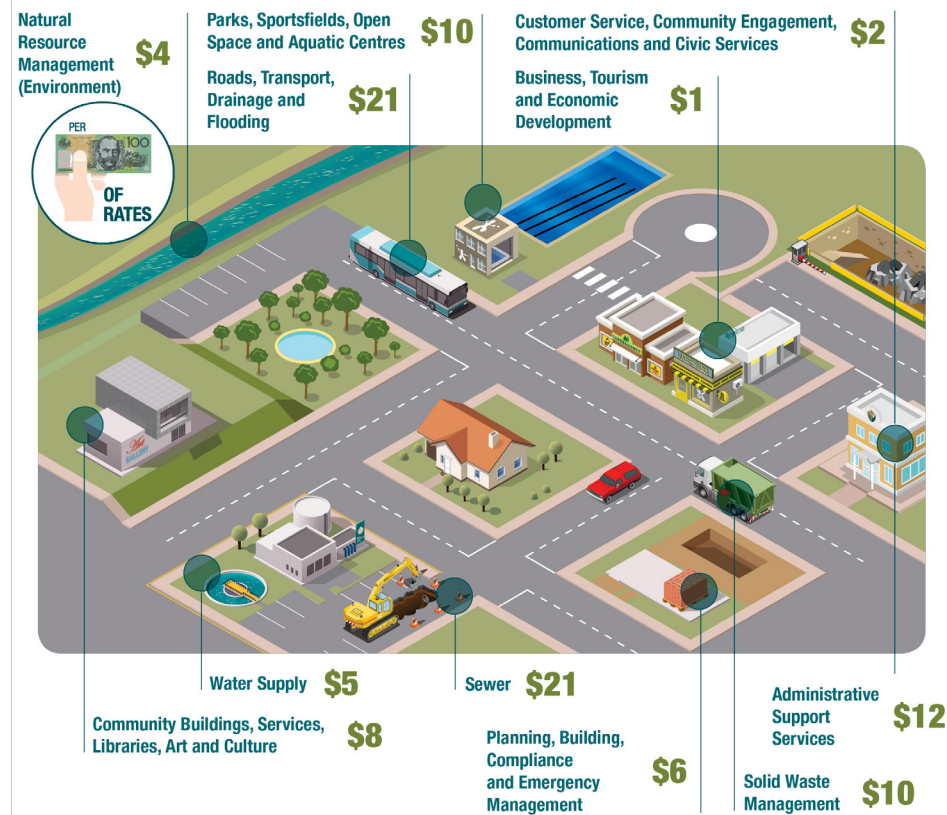
The Budget is funded by a minor increase to the General Fund rate of 2.7 per cent, along with increases in water (\$3.40), sewer (\$16.40) and waste management (\$68.50) in response to increased state government waste levies and the cost of manually sorting waste incorrectly placed in the yellow recycling and green organics bins.

General Manager, Troy Green said the Tweed was continuing on a fiscally responsible path by presenting balanced cash budgets, an approach that has to date positioned Tweed in a strong, financially sustainable position.

"This Budget ensures that Council invests in infrastructure as part of our commitment to make the Tweed an even better place to live, work and visit."

The Budget and associated documents can be viewed at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/IPRF

Your rates explained



Some major projects to be delivered during the coming financial year include:

- \$450,000 invested in the protection of coastal resources, including the protection of threatened species
- \$1.2 million for redevelopment of the Tweed Heads Civic Centre which will create a cultural plaza and social enterprise café for this precinct
- \$1.3 million for an upgrade to the Murwillumbah Auditorium
- \$5 million for planning for Arkinstall Park Stage 2
- protecting the Bray Park Weir from saltwater inundation
- improving the performance of the Hastings Point Wastewater Treatment Plant
- upgrading the Uki Water Treatment Plant
- investigation and design for replacement of the roundabout at Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads with traffic lights
- investigation and design for extending Kirkwood Road to Fraser Drive and Broadwater Parkway connecting Mahers Lane to Fraser Drive
- \$1.2 million for Renewable Energy Action Plan solar projects.

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

- DA19/0170** - Shed
Lot 1 DP 200947, No. 304 Terranora Road **Banora Point**
- DA19/0278** - Demolition of existing dwelling, pool, garage and retaining walls
Lot 179 DP 261796, No. 14 Midship Court **Banora Point**
- DA19/0356** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool, front fence and garage
Lot 2 DP 530812, No. 10 Barelilan Drive **Banora Point**
- DA19/0363** - Patio roof
Lot 320 DP 830232, No. 15 Nandina Terrace **Banora Point**
- DA19/0325** - Retaining walls
Lot 111 DP 793189, Lot 12 DP 731767, Lot 113 DP 793189, Lot 112 DP 793189, No. 39 Walmsleys Road **Bilambil Heights**
- DA19/0329** - Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 10 DP 1227671, No. 1 Willow Avenue **Bogangar**
- DA19/0292** - Use and completion of farm buildings and retaining walls
Lot 1 DP 411245, No. 351 Cudgen Road **Cudgen**
- DA19/0335** - Deck extension
Lot 7 DP 777741, No. 845 Cudgera Creek Road **Cudgera Creek**
- CDC19/0047** - In-ground swimming pool
Lot 51 DP 1066506, No. 27 North Point Avenue **Kingscliff**

- DA19/0372** - Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 612DP 1243648, No. 11 Candleberry Street **Murwillumbah**
- DA19/0313** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within front building line
Lot 75 DP 263729, No. 35 Victoria Avenue **Pottsville**
- DA19/0368** - In-ground swimming pool
Lot 586 DP 1076975, No. 24 Lomandra Avenue **Pottsville**
- DA19/0190** - Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls
Lot 313DP 1238182, No. 17 Ossa Boulevard **Terranora**
- DA19/0302** - Carport within front building line
Lot 33 Section 2DP 28266, No. 26 Acacia Street **Tweed Heads South**
- DA19/0299** - Carport
Lot 17 DP 238224, No. 11 Blue Waters Crescent **Tweed Heads West**
- DA19/0303** - Deck
Lot 45 DP 264646, No. 23 Plover Place **Tweed Heads West**
- DA19/0316** - Pool pavilion, gym and swimming pool
Lot 18 DP 1233807, No. 211 Tyalgum Creek Road **Tyalgum Creek**
- DA19/0154** - Staged development - Stage 1 - shed, Stage 2 - dwelling with attached carport, Stage 3 - in-ground swimming pool
Lot 68 DP 858534, No. 156 Braeside Drive **Uki**
- DA18/0398** - 17 lot residential subdivision
Lot A DP 374054, No. 11 Edward Street **Bray Park**

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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