



Sunset over the Tweed estuary at Terranora Broadwater. Image © Ryan Fowler Photography

Tweed River health slowly improving

World Rivers Day is coming up next Sunday, making this an ideal time to release the results of the Tweed River's annual health check.

The Tweed River Report outlines the health of the Tweed River from high in the caldera down to the river mouth at Tweed Heads.

Overall, the news is good. There has been no significant change in water quality between the 2018 and 2019 monitoring programs, with the exception of the Rous River, where the grade improved from 'D' to 'C'.

Senior Program Leader Waterways, Tom Alletson, said the goal was to see the water quality in the Tweed River improve over time.

"There's a lot of work to do to improve the quality of the river," Mr Alletson said. "While it's not great to see a score of 'D' for the Cobaki and Terranora tributaries, an 'A' for the Cobaki and Terranora Broadwaters and the Lower Tweed Estuary is reassuring."

To read the full *Tweed River Report 2019*, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/NaturalEnvironment

Nominations and funding grants open for Australia Day 2020

Applications for financial assistance of up to \$300 are invited from non-profit organisations and community groups interested in hosting small community events to celebrate Australia Day on Sunday 26 January 2020.

The local events must involve Tweed residents.

Applications close at 4.30pm on Friday 18 October 2019.

As mentioned in last week's Tweed Link, nominations are open for the Tweed's Australia Day Awards.

You can nominate for any of the following six categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Achiever in Community Service

- Arts and Cultural Achievement Award
- Sporting Achievement
- Community Event of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

For more information, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay or call Council's Events Officer on (02) 6670 2400.



AUSTRALIA DAY
IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Doing the wrong bin is such a waste



Council's Resource Recovery Education Officer Tarra Martel wants to encourage residents to put the right things in the right bin.

Council's bin inspection team is lifting the lid on unwanted items in the Tweed's bins to reduce contamination rates and cut down on unnecessary processing costs.

Sorting out contamination in the Tweed's green bins alone is costing \$200,000 a year – that's ratepayers' money that could be better spent elsewhere.

Council's Resource Recovery Education Officer Tarra Martel said plastic bags in both the green and yellow bins was the biggest issue.

"Plastic bags cause sorting machinery to break down and add extra costs to the bin as they need to be pulled out by hand, which ends up being paid for by residents," Ms Martel said.

There is still a lot of confusion about what bags can be used in the green bin. The best solution is to stop using bags altogether. Just rinse your kitchen caddy out after you empty it into your green bin; use newspaper to line your bin; or, the brightly coloured green compostable bags displaying the Australian Standard AS 4736.

To check you are using the right bag or to confirm what goes in each bin, email waste@tweed.nsw.gov.au or visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Waste/RedYellowAndGreenBins



Second Hand Saturday – last chance for registrations

There's still time to register for Second Hand Saturday – the North Coast's biggest day of garage sales, to be held on Saturday 28 September.

To get your sale advertised for free in the Tweed Link, register before 4pm Wednesday 18 September.

Any registrations after this date, and before the final cut-off this Friday 20 September, will appear online only.

There's also an optional second date the following Saturday, 5 October, for those who participate on the first date.

For more information and to register, visit secondhandsaturday.com.au, like the mysecondhandsaturday [Facebook page](#) or call Council on (02) 6670 2400.

Second Hand Saturday is coordinated by North East Waste and Council and funded by the NSW EPA's *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative.



Dementia Friendly sites across the Tweed

Did you know the Tweed has one of the highest rates of dementia in NSW? This is mostly due to the number of people over the age of 65 in this area.

Across Australia, 70 per cent of people with dementia are living in the community.

To support Dementia Action Week this week, Council's management team completed the 'Become a Dementia Friend' training to learn about what it's like to live with dementia and what a 'dementia friendly community' is. Staff were also invited to attend the training.

To provide safe spaces for people in the community with dementia, a number of organisations and businesses across the Tweed have come on board as 'dementia friendly sites'. Find out more at

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/OlderPeople or complete the 'Become a Dementia Friend' online training at www.dementiafriendly.org.au

The Tweed Regional Gallery, Museum and libraries are dementia friendly. Here's what they offer:

- The Tweed Heads Library will host a 'Memories on the Move' session for people with dementia and their carers this Thursday, 19 September, at 11am.
- Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre encourages people living with dementia and their carers to visit the Gallery and connect through a shared activity. A free dementia awareness program is available that uses art and music to stimulate memories and conversation. Pick up your *MemoryScape* self-guided tour sheet at the Gallery.
- The Tweed Regional Museum is developing a new program for people with dementia, in consultation with members of the community living with the condition. The program will be object based, and will be available later this year.



We want to know what you think about the state of your local bus stops. The survey will help us identify and prioritise improvements across the Tweed. The survey closes on 16 October. Take the survey at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-shire-bus-stop-survey

Have your say on the future of our community facilities

Community and cultural buildings play a critical role in providing spaces for people to get together and improve the health and wellbeing of all members of our community.



Community Facilities Plan 2019–2036



Road closures – Tweed Valley Triathletes

Tweed Valley Triathletes will be conducting events each Saturday morning from 6 to 8am commencing on Saturday, 21 September 2019 and concluding on Saturday, 21 March 2020 using roads in and around Murwillumbah. The roads that will be used are Tumbulgum, Racecourse, Cane and Queensland, and Murwillumbah, Wharf, Reynolds, Charles, George, York and Martin streets. Contact Chris Goudkamp on 0408 669 174 for further information.

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

DA19/0423 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls Lot 179 DP 261796, No. 14 Midship Court, **Banora Point**

DA19/0487 – 1.8m high front fence Lot 144 DP 263367, No. 5 Captains Way, **Banora Point**

DA19/0494 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 345 DP 854383, No. 7 Watergum Place, **Bogangar**

DA19/0437 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool Lot 21 DP 1145386, No. 73 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0532 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within front building line Lot 21 DP 839005, No. 4 Monarch Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0432 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, retaining wall and front fence Lot 41 DP 253699, No. 10 Durigan Place, **Banora Point**

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

Vacancies

Community Development Officer

Supervisor – Reticulation

Survey Assisnant x 2 (Part-time)

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.

WATER WEEK 12 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

These facilities are the heart of a community – places where people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities connect, share knowledge and interests and create a sense of belonging and solidarity in the community.

Council has prepared a new draft *Community Facilities Plan 2019–2036* to provide direction about where and when new and expanded community and cultural facilities may be delivered in the Tweed Shire over the next 20 years.

The draft plan considers community and cultural buildings, for example, libraries, community centres and halls, museums and art galleries.

Council welcomes community feedback on the draft plan until 15 October 2019. To read the draft plan, related resources and make a submission online, please visit Your Say Tweed at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/CommunityFacilitiesPlan

Good time to go solar

Interest-free loans could help Tweed homeowners install solar or batteries with no cash up front.

The NSW Government Empowering Homes Program aims to provide interest-free loans to eligible NSW residents to install battery and solar-battery systems on 300,000 homes across the state.

Loans of up to \$9000 for a battery system or up to \$14,000 for a solar-battery system will be available to owner-occupiers with an annual household income up to \$180,000. All applications will be subject to normal loan assessment criteria.

Find out more at <https://energy.nsw.gov.au/renewables/clean-energy-initiatives/empowering-homes> and check out the solar buyers guide on Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy

Subscribe to Council's Environment and Sustainability Newsletter at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe for more tips on environmental savings.



A 25-tonne long-reach excavator places the amour rock into position to repair the South Murwillumbah Flood Levee and prevent it from failing in a future flood event. Council received \$3.75 million in Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) funding to repair the levee following damage in the 2017 flood. For more information visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au

Extraordinary and ordinary Council Meeting agendas – 19 September 2019

The extraordinary and ordinary Council Meeting agendas for Thursday 19 September 2019 are available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings. The meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre and Cultural Centre on Tumbulgum Road commencing at 5.30pm. A Community Access Session is to be held at 4.30pm prior to the Council Meetings.

Extraordinary Council Meeting agenda

General Manager

- 1 Method of Election of Deputy Mayor for period ending September 2020
- 2 Election of Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2020

Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

- 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council Meeting held Thursday 15 August 2019
- 2 Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary and Confidential Council Meeting held Thursday 5 September 2019
- 3 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 19 September 2019
- 4 Mayoral Minute for August 2019
- 5 Receipt of Petitions at 19 September 2019

Orders of the day

- 6 Jobs Register
- 7 Climate Emergency Declaration
- 8 Licencing of Kingscliff RSL Sub-branch for Utilisation of Kingscliff Community Hall
- 9 Small Smart Sustainable Housing Project Funding

Confidential items for consideration

General Manager

- 10 Expression of Interest to Host the 2023 and 2024 NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships
- 11 Event Proposal – Slideapalooza, Boundary Street, Tweed Heads
- 12 Tweed Destination Management Plan

Planning and Regulation

- 13 Submission to the Public Exhibition of the State Government's Short Term Rental Accommodation Draft Legislation Amendments
- 14 Development Application DA18/0038 for the Use of Internal Alterations to Medical Centre at Lot 6 Section 2 DP 4043 No. 13 Beryl Street, Tweed Heads
- 15 Development Application DA18/0349 for the Use of Existing Dwelling and Shed at Lot 8 DP 1079822 No. 33 Forest Way, Stokers Siding
- 16 Development Application DA19/0242 for the Erection of Dwelling to Create Detached Dual Occupancy and a Detached Garage and Carport at Lot 38 DP 263730 No. 52 Royal Drive, Pottsville

Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 17 Proposed Licence to Pottsville and District Men's Shed Inc of part Lot 301 on DP 1125090, Overall Drive, Pottsville known as Black Rocks Sports Field

- 18 Park Naming – George Beattie Park
- 19 Tweed Heads Cultural Plaza Redevelopment Project
- 20 Tweed Community Services Business Plan 2018/2021
- 21 Placemaking and Public Art Policy
- 22 2018 Year in Review Publication – Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre
- 23 Acceptance of Grant – Tweed Estuary Erosion Stabilisation and Fish Habitat Rehabilitation

Engineering

- 24 Classification of Land as Operational – 42 River Street, South Murwillumbah
- 25 RF02018141 Design and Construct Uki Water Treatment Plant
- 26 RF02019074 Small Site Retail Electricity Supply
- 27 RF02018095 Bray Park Water Treatment Plant Membrane Filter Replacement

Finance, Revenue and Information Technology

- 28 Resource Support – April, May, June Quarter 2019
- 29 Monthly Investment Report for Period Ending 31 August 2019

People, Communication and Governance

- 30 Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2019

Sub-committees/working groups

- 31 Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 August 2019
- 32 Minutes of the Tweed Shire Youth Council Meeting held Wednesday 14 August 2019
- 33 Minutes of Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 22 August 2019

Confidential items for consideration

Engineering

- C1 Consolidation of High Flood Hazard Land at 6082 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar

The Agendas for the meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings. The meetings are open to the public.

Confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Minutes of the meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

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