

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.



Some of the members of the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre redevelopment team inspecting the site are (from left) Warren Boyd, Paul Mitchell, Jacqui Turner, Joanne Watters and Todd Remmers.

## Tweed Heads cultural plaza takes shape

The \$1.2 million Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre redevelopment is well underway, with construction on track to be completed before Christmas and an official opening planned for early 2020.

The upgraded facility will include an outdoor plaza with a direct pathway for easier access to the library and auditorium, contemporary landscaping, an improved drop-off area, accessible parking, better lighting and a more accessible after-hours library book return. A technical upgrade of the Tweed Heads auditorium was completed in March.

The redevelopment will also include a social enterprise café,

providing training and employment opportunities for young and older people, people with disabilities and others who need support to enter the workforce. Income from the not-for-profit café will support the delivery of local social and community programs.

Car parking arrangements will remain in place until the project is completed. Council thanks members of the community for their co-operation, patience and flexibility during the construction period.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and Tweed Shire Council.

For information about the upgrade visit the project page at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/THCC](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/THCC)

## We're all using too much water every day

**Tweed residents are facing water restrictions before Christmas as the drought continues to bite.**

This week, Council begins a campaign to urge residents to save water as much as possible. Every week the Tweed Link will publish how much water on average each person is using each day against Council's target of 160 litres per person a day. You'll find the figures in the Tweed Link every week, next to the masthead.

The per capita consumption figure is updated every Friday, to ensure you have the latest information on how we are tracking against our Target 160L. Last week's figure was 193 litres per person per day – some 33 litres above where it needs to be (see above, right).

Clarrie Hall Dam is now at 93 per cent capacity and falling a further one per cent every week as we continue to release 40 megalitres a day to maintain supply at Bray Park Weir, where Council extracts our town water for treatment and distribution to customers.

When the dam level hits 75 per cent, water restrictions will be imposed.

Now is the time you can make the biggest difference to our longer-term water security by using less where you can.

In Tyalgum and Uki, water carting already is banned.

The touch of rain last week provided some temporary respite for the

Tyalgum supply, with the flow in Tyalgum Creek improving and levels at the Tyalgum weir rising slightly. Still, significant rain is needed to delay imminent water restrictions being imposed on the village.

Things to do now in the house:

- check for water leaks and fix them
- change washers on dripping taps
- have short four-minute showers
- don't run the tap to clean your teeth
- check the flow control on your taps – your tap should be four-star WELS rated
- fill the dishwasher and washing machine before use
- check you have WELS-rated taps and shower heads – if you don't, upgrade and apply for Council's rebate up to \$100.

And in the yard:

- check your watering system and rainwater tank top-up to make sure there are no leaks and it is not topping up unnecessarily
- check your garden irrigation system for leaks and adjust the irrigation settings to reduce water use
- apply mulch to the beds
- when watering, make sure you use a trigger nozzle.

## Sustainable home package winners announced

**The winners of Council's 2019/20 Rates Incentive Scheme have been drawn.**

The first prize of a \$2500 sustainable home package was won by Paul and Brenda J. Harris of Banora Point. Evelyn L. May of Kingscliff won second prize, a \$1500 sustainable home package. The third prize of a \$1000 sustainable home package went to Raimondo and Michela De Santis of Tweed Heads South.

Each sustainable home package can be tailored to suit the winners' needs choosing from items such as solar power, solar hot water, rainwater tanks, window tinting, awnings, water-efficient white goods,

landscaping and more.

The Rates Incentive Scheme is open to ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the due date.

The early payment of rates in full increases Council's cash flow, creating additional revenue from investments which is used to increase funding for services.

Around 6,000 of the 41,000 ratepayers in the Tweed paid their rates in full for the 2019/20 rating year.

For more information visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Rates/Paying](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Rates/Paying)



Last week we each used

**193L a day**

Save water now to delay restrictions

### In brief ...

#### Is your nomination in yet?

There's not much time left to nominate your school, sporting club or a member of the community for a 2019 Australia Day award.

Nominations for this year's awards close on Friday 18 October 2019.

The six award categories are:

- 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](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay)

#### Comparison website live

The NSW Government has launched a new website to allow comparisons of local council services across the 128 local government authorities in the State.

The Your Council website [yourcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://yourcouncil.nsw.gov.au) allows ratepayers to access comprehensive statistics on the operations of their local council and the profile of their local community including:

- council expenditure in a range of areas including roads, bridges, footpaths, libraries, recreation and culture, community services and the environment
- community facilities including the number of swimming pools, public halls and libraries as well as the length of roads and amount of open space
- key operational information including council staffing levels and average rates and charges
- demographic information about the local population and councillors as well as economic statistics including the unemployment rate, average income and number of businesses.

The data for each council is also benchmarked against similar councils so ratepayers can compare how their council is travelling.

#### Register to have your say – make your voice heard

Community input is essential to ensure that Council delivers services and programs in line with community expectations.

In the last 12 months Council has conducted over 20 in-person community conversations across the Tweed to seek feedback on projects ranging from the Northern Rivers Rail Trail to Council's annual budget.

However, in these busy times, in-person meetings don't suit everyone and may leave some parts of our community without a voice.

As part of Tweed Shire Council's commitment to making decisions together, Your Say Tweed is a website that provides the community with an opportunity to provide their feedback on Council projects at a time and place that suits them. All projects that are on public exhibition are featured on the site as well as projects in the early stages of development where documents are yet to be drafted.

Over 3,500 Tweed residents have already joined Your Say Tweed to ensure that their opinions are considered in Council decision-making.

To register to have your say visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au)



Drab one minute (inset), alive the next. This RMS traffic box at the corner of Wharf and Bay streets at Tweed Heads has had a makeover, thanks to Council seeking permission from the RMS and local artist Tony Lawrence from Pharside Skate Shop in Murwillumbah weaving his magic.





The popular annual Les Peterkin Portrait Prize for Children is on exhibition at Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre in Murwillumbah until 17 November. The Prize is a celebration of the enormous artistic talent of local primary schools and this year attracted the highest ever number of entries and participating schools. This year's theme was 'Myself – At My Favourite Place'. Taking out first prize in the 5–7 years category was Dharylle Price, 7, of Condong Public School with her work *The Forest*.

**Apprenticeships now available! Recruiting for 2020**

Programmed, in partnership with Tweed Shire Council has opportunities for apprenticeships commencing in early 2020 in Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Cabarita Locations.

**Kick start your career in the following trades:**

- Electrician
- Horticulture Parks and Gardens
- Engineering Fabrication/Welding
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanic

**Be rewarded with:**

- Paid full-time wages
- 4 weeks annual leave per year
- Certificate III level training
- PPE and uniform paid for
- Tools all provided on the job

Applications close 21st October 2019 at 3.00pm AEST.

**TO FIND OUT MORE AND TO APPLY, GO TO [JOBS.PROGRAMMED.COM.AU/TWEEDSHIRECOUNCIL](http://JOBS.PROGRAMMED.COM.AU/TWEEDSHIRECOUNCIL) CALL 1300 440 784**

## Requests for offer

### RF02019151 – Domestic Kerbside Bin Composition Audit

**Offers close:** Wednesday 4pm (DST) 16 October 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](http://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.

## Current vacancies

View current vacancies at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Careers](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Careers)

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# Tell us what doing death well means to you?

**Council's new Cemeteries and Business Manager Helen Carter is putting death on the agenda as she calls for community participation at two events to be held in October.**

"I want the participants of the two groups to share their ideas on traditional burial options, sustainable burial options and creative ideas for memorialising loved ones as well as ways to utilise the history and spaces of our cemeteries," Ms Carter said.

Her approach will assist with the development of a new business plan for managing the 11 cemeteries within the Tweed Shire, ranging from the large recreational facility, Tweed Valley Lawn Cemetery, to small village cemeteries.

"The discussion groups will also explore the idea of, what does doing death well mean? Should we consider more sustainable options,

such as eco burials, where a loved one is buried in a biodegradable casket and memorialised with tree planting?"

The two discussion groups will be held on:

- Monday 21 October, 10am to 11.30am at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre, Canvas and Kettle Meeting Room
- Wednesday 23 October, 2pm to 3.30pm at the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre, Harvard Room.

For more information visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/cemeteries](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/cemeteries) where you can book your free ticket.

Another option is to leave a short story on the Your Say Tweed page on how you would like to approach the issue of memorialising death.

With limited places, bookings are essential. Refreshments will be provided on the day.



The beautiful Tweed Valley Cemetery at Eviron.

## Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

**Banora Point & District Residents Assoc.** meet at the South Tweed Sports Club commencing at 6.30pm, Monday 14 October.

## 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

**DA19/0382** – Secondary dwelling

Lot 27 DP 244460, No. 8 Banora Boulevard, **Banora Point**

**DA19/0239** – Shelter for existing BBQ area

Lot 10 DP 1031830, Mount Warning Caravan Park No. 153 Mount Warning Road, **Mount Warning**

**DA19/0122** – Change of use of Tenancy 7 to business premises including the use of the mezzanine level and signage

Lot 7 SP 93739, Lot 0 Road 5901, Unit 7/No. 29 Wharf Street, **Tweed Heads**

**CDC19/0098** – Removal of internal load bearing wall

Lot 30 Section 5 DP 20361, No. 17 Harwood Street, **Murwillumbah**

**DA18/0349** – Use of existing dwelling and shed

Lot 8 DP 1079822, No. 33 Forest Way, **Stokers Siding**

#### Approved – Deferred commencement

**DA18/0038** – Use of internal alterations to medical centre

Lot 6 Section 2 DP 4043, No. 13 Beryl Street, **Tweed Heads**

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](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking)

## Notification of Integrated Development Application

### Development Application No. DA19/0649

A development application has been lodged by Mr SM Cleary and Mrs LC Cleary seeking development consent for construction of bridge at Road 1872; Mountain Ash Road, **Urliup**; Lot 172 DP 755685; No. 11 Mountain Ash Road, **Urliup**; Lot 1 DP 783893; No. 12 Mountain Ash Road, **Urliup**. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development 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
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 development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking)

The documents will be available for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 9 October 2019 to Friday 8 November 2019.

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 Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation)

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