

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 attendees and their dogs at one of the successful 'take your lead' training sessions. Photo courtesy Domestic Dog Training

Taking the lead at dog training sessions

More than 35 dogs and their owners recently took part in the 'take your lead' free dog training sessions in Kingscliff.

The training was provided for dog owners to better understand the impacts their dogs pose to wildlife on beaches and to learn skills to prevent their dogs from harming threatened species in coastal areas. It also educated dogs and owners about public safety on beaches, especially in the lead up to summer.

Council's Program Leader – Pest Management Wildlife Protection Pamela Gray said the sessions went really well and the feedback was really positive from attendees.

"There was a fantastic uptake in the sessions and we were happy to see so many dog owners wanting to learn new skills for themselves

and their dogs," Ms Gray said.

The classes promoted the need for a balance between recreation and conservation and provided obedience training for the dogs.

"It's particularly important to remember that our threatened shorebirds are nesting now and dogs are a direct threat to them," she said.

"This is a timely reminder for locals and visitors to understand the locations of the dog zones on beaches across the Tweed and particularly the dog prohibited zones at Hastings Point and Pottsville," she said.

You can view all dog off-leash beaches and the dog prohibited zones via the online mapping tool at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WalkMyDog

Have your say on having your say

You're encouraged to have your say about Council's draft **Community Engagement and Participation Plan** which is currently on exhibition.

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- informed about issues and decisions that could significantly affect their future
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The *Community Engagement and Participation Plan* combines the *Community Engagement Strategy* (adopted by Council in August

2018) with new content that addresses requirements for a Community Participation Plan under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The result is an integrated document that makes it easier for the community to understand how, when and on what they can expect to have an opportunity to contribute to in decision making on Council projects.

Council encourages the community to read the plan and have their say online or at one of three Community Conversations at Banora Point, Kingscliff or Murwillumbah.

Read more, have your say and register for Community Conversations at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/CEPP

Hard copies of the Draft Plan are also available at Council's offices at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads.



Protecting our pandanus

Unlike other areas, the Tweed has lost a limited number of pandanus trees to dieback, which is caused by planthoppers.

ABC News recently reported an alarming dieback rate of pandanus in Agnes Waters and also in and around the town of 1770. Dieback is reported to be occurring along much of the south-east Queensland coast and into northern NSW.

Acting Team Leader – Environmental Health David Bell said by recognising the problem 15 years ago and introducing an inspection and treatment program on the Tweed Coast, Council has limited the number of trees lost.

Council's controlled pest management program – which started in 2004 – targets the infestation of the 'flatid', or planthopper.

The planthopper is native to north Queensland where it is usually controlled by natural predators which are not present in NSW.

Physical control can also be effective, by stripping affected leaves from the tree to allow healthy regrowth and disposing of leaves in sealed bags to avoid wind spreading the planthoppers and eggs.

Council's Pest Management Team continue to monitor and treat pandanus on public land and can give advice to residents who have affected pandanus growing on private land.

For further information on how to identify the signs of pandanus dieback visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PandanusDieback or call Council on (02) 6670 2400 and request to speak with a Pest Management team member on pandanus dieback.

Left: A pandanus affected by dieback and (inset) a healthy tree.



Last week we each used

188L a day

Save water now to delay restrictions

How can we do death well?

What do you think about the way we 'do death' in the Tweed?

Come along to one of two discussion groups to share your 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 the Tweed's cemeteries.

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

The two discussion groups which are open to the community to attend are 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 where you can book your free ticket.

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

Action-packed school holidays

There was plenty to do locally over the school holidays, including a sold-out Colored Sand Craft Workshop at the Tweed Regional Museum, busy ART PLAY sessions at the Tweed Regional Gallery and hands-on gardening workshops at the Murwillumbah Library.

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre's (TRAC) giant waterslide and diving boards also opened for the first time of the season and the kids' play pool (below) was packed on those hotter days.



Council offers some of the best facilities in the area to enjoy with your kids, they are open on weekends too.

- **TRAC Murwillumbah:** Monday to Friday 5.30am – 7pm, Saturday 5.30am – 6pm, Sunday 10am – 5pm. Slide and dive, open every weekend 10am – 4pm
- **Tweed Regional Museum, Murwillumbah:** Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4pm
- **Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre:** Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am – 5pm
- **Kingscliff Library:** Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am – 5pm. Wednesday 9am – 6pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm
- **Murwillumbah Library:** Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 6pm. Thursday 9am – 7pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm
- **Tweed Heads Library:** Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 6pm. Thursday 9am – 7pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm.

Vote for sustainability

Forty nominations have been received for Council's first Sustainability Awards, highlighting the range of environmental initiatives active in the Tweed.

People's Choice voting is now open, to give our community the chance to find out more about each nomination and vote for their favourite entry across the three categories of: *Regenerative Agriculture, Wildlife and Habitat Conservation* and *Tweed Sustainability*.

Council's Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson said seeing so many nominations is a positive step in the right direction.

"It has been great to see a range of nominations and projects addressing waste reduction, sustainable farming, wildlife protection, soil improvement, bush regeneration, weed control and efforts to save water, to name just a few.

"The Tweed is building a very credible reputation, with real runs on the board as a sustainability hub. Local businesses and our community are the driving force for sustainability initiatives – it's very positive to see.

"Let's take this opportunity to recognise and encourage our local environmental heroes and show your support by voting," she said.

Nominees are also invited to a 'Make Change Happen' masterclass with dynamic sustainability leader Sandi Middleton on 18 October, designed to support and inspire those already involved in environmental projects and to strengthen the network of like-minded environmental champions in the Tweed.

Voting for the People's Choice Awards ends at midnight on Sunday 3 November, with the winners announced at a ceremony on Friday 15 November. Vote at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainabilityAwards or in person at Council offices.





Vote for your favourite Tweed Sustainability Award nominees



People's Choice voting is open until midnight Sunday 3 November 2019 to give our community a chance to find out about the inspiring people and projects helping to protect and enhance our beautiful natural environment.

Vote for your favourite entry (one vote only) across the three categories of:

- Regenerative Agriculture**
- Wildlife and Habitat Conservation**
- Tweed Sustainability**

Vote at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainabilityAwards or in person at Council offices.

Regenerative Agriculture Award

Kelvin Gessel – Cattle farming

Rous River bank restoration and re-vegetation

Rob and Sue Harnett, Tweed Valley Whey – Dairyfarming, cheese manufacture and tourism

Sustainable dairy farming leading to diversification in cheese making and agritourism

Matthew and Henry Prichard, Cudgen Road Farms Pty Ltd – Vegetable production

Use of cover crops to reduce erosion and build soil carbon

John Quayle, Mariefields Organic Farm – Primary production with cattle breeding and apiary

Mariefields Organic Farm and Land for Wildlife

Robert Quirk – Sugarcane

Building soil carbon in acid sulfate soil landscapes

Peter and Lee Smith, All Natural Meat Co – Grazing (*Remembering Peter's legacy, 1972 – 2019*)

Healthy soil grows healthy produce, which in turn creates a healthy community

Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Award

Ken Rippin

Wildlife Corridor Protection

Gary Austin, Bilambil Landcare Group

Outstanding results at the Bilambil Creek ecological restoration project

Mark Evans, Conservation Connection – Business: conservation and land management

Conservation and Land Management in Tweed Shire

Liz Hawkins, Dolphin Research Australia – Marine and environmental conservation, research and education, not-for-profit

Dolphin Research Australia's citizen science initiatives

Sarah Jantos, Green Heroes – Community group or not-for-profit

Saving the world before bedtime and empowering the next generation

Steve Collom, Habi-Tec – Business: Conservation arboriculture

Innovative arboriculture carving hollows

Bill (William) Hoskins, Pottsville Dune Care

President and convener of Pottsville Dune Care team

Jenny Hayes, Team Koala Inc.

Working for the survival of Tweed Coast koalas for future generations

Sam Dawson, Wollumbin Environmental Services – Business: Environmental services

Control of 'Cats Claw Creeper' in Oxley and Rous catchments

Tweed Sustainability Award

Youth

Alyce Togo, Cudgen Public School – Individual: Child <12 years

Junior environmentalist: learning, leading and educating

Joshua Carpenter, Banora Point High School, Individual: Youth 13–18

Tackle bins reduce fishing debris and wildlife injuries

Saige Hill, Zero Hour Australia – Individual: Youth 13–18, community group or not-for-profit, event

Director of Zero Hour Australia

Adult

Garry Gnapp

Sustainability author and advocate

Claire Masters (*Remembering Claire's legacy, 1954 – 2019*)

An inspirational advocate for the local environment

Eddie Roberts

Rehabilitation of private land, sustainable living and community engagement

Ian Walker, t-weed

Builder, artist, writer, musician, health worker

Business

Rebecca Whan, AuwaEarth – Education, construction industry

Hands-on sustainability workshops promoting eco-awareness at a local level

Morgan Snow, Fins Seafood Restaurant – Hospitality – Restaurant and bar

Sustainable seafood restaurant

Gary Bagnall, New Leaf Café – Hospitality, café

New Leaf café, a local leader in environmental sustainability

Bruce Parry, Summerland Credit Union – Banking and finance

Summerland Credit Union goes totally green and wins glistening gold

Vivien Miller, Sunshine Sugar – Sugarcane and sugar production

Globally certified sustainable Sunshine Sugar

School/education/educator

Banora Point High School

Working hard across the school community for environmental benefit

Chillingham Primary School

Sustainable and organic gardening

Murwillumbah High School, Learning Support Class

'Yes WE Can Recyclers' Life Skills 2 (LS2) special education class

Possums Community Preschool Inc.

Early childhood environmental awareness

Mia Iles/Isabella Compton/Sati Brown, Kingscliff High School students

Power.Of.3 is a group of students who are taking responsibility to make tomorrow the era of change

St Ambrose Catholic Primary School

St Ambrose Student Green Team

Sathya Sai College

Learning about litter, living life cleaner and making it greener

Tweed Heads South Public School

The Tweed Heads South Public School Green Team

Tweed River High School

Tweed River High School cleans the coast

Community group or not-for-profit

Ari Ehrlich, Caldera Environment Centre

World Environment Day festival Murwillumbah

Pam O'Connor, Tweed Valley Rural Community and Advancement Coop

Murwillumbah Community Garden project

Nature Explorers

Nature Explorers engage in active citizenship creating a sustainable community

Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre

PBNC's ongoing, planning, implementation, demonstration and promotion of sustainable practices

Voting ends
midnight Sunday
3 November

Don't kill Bush Stone-curlews with your kindness

Some recent reports of the endangered Bush Stone-curlews being fed bread, mince and other human food is causing extreme concern to Council's wildlife protection team.

Council's Program Leader – Pest Management Wildlife Protection Pamela Gray said she realises people are trying to do the right thing and to help the birds by feeding them.

"Sadly, human food is really bad for the birds, and there have been two occurrences recently where Bush Stone-curlew chicks have not survived because of bone deformities," Ms Gray said.

"This is because they are being fed processed foods rather than their normal diet of calcium-rich insects that they thrive on."

In NSW, the Bush Stone-curlew has been listed as an endangered species, which means that it is likely or is in immediate danger of becoming extinct.

"I know it seems harmless to feed the birds but we are urging the public to avoid doing this as there are dire consequences for the birds," she said.

"It's also important not to encourage wildlife to be dependent on humans for food.

Bush Stone-curlews are much loved residents of some of our coastal villages however, very few young birds make it through to adulthood.

"We are currently in the nesting season and it's really important to avoid making contact with the birds, and give them some space to nest and raise their chicks," she said.

If you see an injured Bush Stone-curlew please call Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers on their 24 hour Hotline (02) 6672 4789.

For more information visit Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/BushStoneCurlew

Are you interested in placemaking and public art?

Council is seeking feedback from the community on its draft **Placemaking and Public Art Policy**, currently on public exhibition until 11 November.

The policy provides an overview of Council's approach to placemaking and public art, updated definitions of key terms and a description of three types of public art: ephemeral (short-lived), temporary and permanent.

Council's Community Development Officer – Cultural Planning David Burgener said this policy will define public art more clearly than we have done before.

"Placemaking and public art is widely recognised for its ability to enliven spaces, contribute to a positive sense of place and reinforces a range of social, cultural, economic and heritage values," Mr Burgener said.

"That could be through direct commissions or in partnership with other tiers of government, the private sector, or through community driven initiatives.

"Council plays a key role in the development of public spaces. The draft policy provides a framework for Council to consider placemaking projects and public art in its many forms and we would welcome community feedback," he said.

If adopted, this plan will guide Council's approach to placemaking projects and public art into the future.

To find out more or to make a submission, go to www.yoursaytweed.com.au/PlacemakingPublicArt



An example of public art: 'Ground Swell' sculpture at Casuarina Sculpture Walk by artist Stephen Newton.

Requests for offer

RF02019153 Supply & Install 7 x Vehicle Activated Signs (Solar)

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 23 October 2019

RF02019079 Sewer Rising Main Replacement – Oyster Point Rd and Hibiscus Pde Banora Point

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 30 October 2019

RF02018166 After Hours Messaging Service

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 6 November 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.

Wild dog control in Cudgen Nature Reserve

Wild dog control using 1080 ground baits in Cudgen Nature Reserve

The NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service will be laying 1080 ground baits in Cudgen Nature Reserve from 29 October to 10 December 2019 inclusive. Wild dogs are being controlled to reduce their impacts on neighbouring properties and wildlife.

1080 warning signs have been placed at all authorised access points to the baiting location

Warning: 1080 is lethal to domestic dogs. Please restrain pet and working dogs and ensure they do not enter the baiting location. In the event of accidental poisoning please seek immediate veterinary assistance. Domestic dogs are prohibited in all NSW National Parks, penalties apply for non-compliance

For more information contact the NPWS Tweed Byron Area office in Murwillumbah on (02) 6670 8600.



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On exhibition

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The Plan combines the *Community Engagement Strategy* (adopted by Council in August 2018), with new content that addresses requirements for a Community Participation Plan under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the integration of Tweed DCP A11-Public Notification of Development Proposals. DCP A-11 will be repealed upon the Plan's adoption.

Have your say

Learn more about the Plan and provide your feedback by **4pm Friday 15 November**.

In person: Hard copies of the Plan are available for viewing at Council offices 8am to 4.15pm weekdays.

Attend a Community Conversation to learn more and discuss the Plan. Visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/CEPP or call (02) 6670 2400 to register.

- Wednesday 23 October – Banora Point (1.30–2.30pm)
- Tuesday 29 October – Kingscliff (6–7pm)
- Monday 4 November – Murwillumbah (6–7pm)

Online: View the Plan, learn more and have your say online at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/CEPP

Email: Make a written submission to TSC@tweed.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Draft Community Engagement and Participation Plan

Mail: Draft Community Engagement and Participation Plan
General Manager, Tweed Shire Council
PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484

More information

Tweed Shire Council Strategic Planning & Urban Design Unit
Phone: (02) 6670 2503.

Please note 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.

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

DA19/0436 – Use of existing decks, alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a front fence at 1.8m

Lot 15 DP 28471, No. 40 Walter Crescent, **Banora Point**

DA19/0519 – Deck

Lot 259 DP 261752, No. 64 Cominan Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA19/0574 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 193 DP 880249, No. 13 Kimberley Circuit, **Banora Point**

DA19/0541 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 131 DP 836305, No. 37 Tallowood Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA19/0628 – An in-ground swimming pool with decked area

Lot 32 DP 800344, No. 18 Ti Tree Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA19/0479 – Two storey dwelling

Lot 3 DP 1208138, No. 4 Anne Street, **Chinderah**

DA19/0615 – Shed

Lot 4 DP 867005, No. 48 Hazelwood Drive, **Cudgera Creek**

DA19/0555 – Patio roof between dwelling and detached garage

Lot 1 DP 363614, No. 69 Dulguigan Road, **Dulguigan**

DA19/0528 – Shed

Lot 2 DP 1245379, No. 101 Duranbah Road, **Duranbah**

DA19/0516 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage, retaining walls and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 343 DP 1087716, No. 3 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0583 – New dwelling with attached double garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 217 DP 1232814, No. 36A Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0599 – In-ground swimming pool and retaining wall to existing dwelling

Lot 164 DP 1232273, No. 45A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0605 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 448 DP 1093804, No. 21 Avoca Street, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0577 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1 DP 774112, No. 73 Youngs Road, **Limpinwood**

DA19/0508 – Detached garage

Lot 2 DP 1101117, No. 33 Prince Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0545 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and caravan port

Lot 35 DP 1119104, No. 11 Sovereign Way, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0549 – Roofed patio and deck additions

Lot 5 Section 30 DP 9506, No. 5 Hartigan Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0552 – Alterations and additions, garage conversion, carport and rear patio roof

Lot 121 DP 263154, No. 13 Diana Court, **Pottsville**

DA19/0603 – In-ground swimming pool and spa

Lot 1020 DP 1101846, No. 31 Newcastle Drive, **Pottsville**

DA19/0567 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1 DP 586597, No. 83 Nolans Road, **Stokers Siding**

DA19/0550 – Alterations and additions including detached double garage and swimming pool

Lot 15 DP 31857, No. 27 Kirkwood Road, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0581 – Patio roofs and shed addition to existing dwelling

Lot 21 Section 2 DP 28266, No. 2 Acacia Street, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0460 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool

Lot 128 DP 255387, No. 102 Jacaranda Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

DA19/0498 – Divide tenancy into two, internal fitout and change of use to food and drink premises of new tenancy and signage

Lot 715 DP 789918, No. 21–25 Amaroo Drive, **Banora Point**

DA19/0526 – Additions to existing rural workers dwelling

Lot 12 DP 1112698, No. 168 Hogans Road, **Bilambil**

DA19/0455 – Use of existing mezzanine for storage purposes ancillary to the existing Industrial use and enclosure of a balcony ancillary to existing dwelling

Lot 18 DP 364209, No. 43 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0561 – Two lot strata subdivision

Lot 1 & 2 SP 13089 and SP 13089, No. 1/14 McGregor Crescent, **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