

Save water now. If not you, then who?



Council staff and Willow the Water Drop will be out and about at local shopping centres until Sunday 22 December spreading the word about how to save water. Level 2 water restrictions are in place in the Tweed. The first weekend at Tweed City was huge, with staff chatting to hundreds of shoppers. Thanks to everyone who stopped by. To find out how you can save water, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SaveWaterNow

Murwillumbah Auditorium upgrade to start early 2020

The Murwillumbah Civic Centre Auditorium has received funding from the NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund to refurbish parts of the Auditorium and work is expected to start in early January 2020. The Auditorium will be closed from January to May 2020 while these works are carried out.

During this time there will be some parking and traffic changes around the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre and access to the Canvas and Kettle room and vehicle entry ramp will be closed from January to April 2020. Alternate options for accessibility will be provided and an additional disabled car park will be installed near the base of the disabled pedestrian ramp in the existing bus parking area.

The auditorium was built in 1974 and upgrades will bring it up to modern standards for accessibility, energy efficiency and functionality. Once completed, the upgraded facility will create modern, attractive

and functional cultural spaces for current and future generations of residents and visitors to enjoy.

The \$1.3 million project funded by NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund (\$1.14 million) and Tweed Shire Council (\$186,000) will include:

- removal of asbestos from auditorium ceiling
- replacement of the roof to fix persistent leaks
- technical upgrades to theatre equipment, such as lighting and sound
- refurbishment of the foyer and provision of accessible toilets
- accessible access to stage and backstage areas
- backstage refurbishment and addition of an accessible toilet.

For more information about the upgrade and to provide feedback, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/MCC-AuditoriumUpgrade

Cool off at TRAC Slide and Dive over the school holidays



Enjoy the giant waterslide over summer at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre Murwillumbah.

Splash and slide into a day of fun for the whole family over the holidays.

The famous giant hill waterslide and diving boards at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) Murwillumbah are open every day during the NSW school holidays from 10am to 4pm.

Family passes are only \$30 when purchased online. For more information visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/summer

Enjoy a family day out by:

- taking on the giant hill slide
- cooling off at the shaded toddler play pool
- chilling out in the indoor/outdoor pools
- jumping off the diving boards
- sitting back and relaxing at the grassed picnic and barbecue areas where you can buy lunch at the Starting Block Café or BYO food.

Award for a lifetime of environmental achievement

Tweed Shire Council has won the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award for Organisations at the 2019 Green Globe Awards.

The annual Green Globe Awards are NSW's premier environmental awards, recognising and celebrating collaboration, partnerships and projects that encourage others to achieve positive change and protect our environment.

For more than two decades, Tweed Shire Council has enacted a strong commitment to protecting its internationally significant environment through catchment management activities and adopting a Renewable Energy Action Plan, to name just a few projects.

Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson said Tweed Shire Council was thrilled to be recognised with the award.

"Our team has been working in this space for over 20 years and have built a credible reputation as sustainability leaders by delivering

tangible environmental outcomes," Ms Stinson said.

"A very special thanks to all of our wonderful Council staff who are so passionate and dedicated to protecting and enhancing our diverse environment in this region and to our committed community who also make significant contributions to the health of the Tweed's environment through their actions," she said.

Council's goal is to generate 25 percent of its energy requirements through renewable sources by 2022 and 50 per cent by 2025.

Find out more about Council's Sustainability program at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainabilityProgram

Right: Council's Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson and Unit Coordinator – Sustainability & Environment Jane Lofthouse with the award.

Save water now Last week we each used **194L a day**
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In brief ...

It's the last Tweed Link of 2019

This is the last Tweed Link for 2019. Thanks for reading about all the latest news from Tweed Shire Council throughout 2019.

The next issue of the Tweed Link will be out on Tuesday 14 January (online subscribers), Wednesday 15 January (Tweed Daily News) and Thursday 16 January (Tweed Valley Weekly).

Between now and then, we'll be keeping you up to date in the local papers with simple ways to save water while Level 2 water restrictions are in place.

Subscribe to receive the Tweed Link and a range of newsletters direct to your inbox at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

To all our readers, have a happy Christmas and New Year. See you in 2020.

Council Christmas closure

Council offices will close down for Christmas from 4.15pm (4.30pm for phones) on Friday 20 December and re-open on Monday 6 January at 8.30am.

For Council emergencies 24 hours a day during this time, please call 1800 818 326. To report non-urgent matters, go to www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/ReportaProblem



Koala Beach resident Dan Wallace with daughter Lucy meeting Kooee Koala at the community event.

25 years of Koala Beach

Council held a community event recently to celebrate 25 years of Koala Beach Estate in Pottsville.

The detailed development planning and initial koala monitoring for Koala Beach Estate commenced in 1994 and the estate is widely recognised as a great place to live and an ecological success.

Over 50 residents attended the event to find out more about:

- flora and fauna, habitat restoration and monitoring projects and plans for the koala holding enclosure
- information on increased compliance of companion animals and control of pest animals in the estate from Council's Coastal Ranger
- a review of the income and expenditure for Koala Beach Estate special rate for the past 10 years from Council's Finance Manager.

The development includes over 270 hectares of bushland reserved for nature conservation and is home to at least 24 threatened species and ecological communities.

From the outset, Koala Beach was designed to ensure that wildlife and habitats within and around the estate continued to thrive into the future, alongside the residential development.

A report will be provided to Council in February to recommend calling for expressions of interest for representatives on the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management Committee.

If you are a resident of Koala Beach estate and want to join the newsletter mailing list and find out about opportunities to join the Committee, please email tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au and use 'Koala Beach Committee' in the subject line of your email.



Save water now

Don't muck about,
we're in drought

Level 2 water restrictions are in place across the Tweed, with Level 4 restrictions in place in Tyalgum.

Level 2 residential restrictions – what's OK and what's not.

Banned

Watering lawns 	Outdoor showers 	Water play toys 	Sprinklers/soaker hoses
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Limited use

Boats and trailers used in salt water – hand-held hose with on/off trigger nozzle 10 mins only			
House cleaning <p>Commercial cleaners only when property is for sale/lease.</p>	Fishponds/aquariums <p>Top-up only to keep fish alive.</p>	Swimming pool top-up <p>Hand-held hose with on/off trigger nozzle only before 9am or after 4pm.</p>	New turf <p>1hr on day of install then 30 mins for 7 days only – hand-held hose with on/off trigger nozzle before 9am or after 4pm.</p>

Allowed

Every 2nd day odds/evens* before 9am or after 4pm

Gardens <p>Hand-held hose with on/off trigger nozzle 30 mins only.</p>	Gardens <p>Low-flow microspray/drip irrigation 15 mins only.</p>	Cars <p>Hand-held hose with on/off trigger nozzle 10 mins only.</p>
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*Odd/even days correspond to odd/even house numbers i.e. odd house numbers permitted on each odd date of the month and vice versa. **No watering** allowed on the 31st of the month.

Buckets

or watering cans allowed anytime

Dog washing 	Gardens 	Cars
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We need your help to reduce household water consumption by 50 litres per person per day and make our limited water supply last longer. The first thing you should do is reduce your outdoor water use by fixing leaks and watering less.

Here are 5 things you can do in your yard and home to save water.



In the yard

1 Put away the hose. Save 20L/min	2 Clean with rake and broom. Save 100L/5min	3 Fix it. Save 1.3L/hour
4 Mulch to stop water loss.	5 Cover pool to stop water loss.	

In the home

1 Laundry Load it up. Save 80L	2 Kitchen Don't pre-rinse dishes. Save 45L/5min
3 Toilet Don't flush pee try ½ flush poo. Save 10L/day	4 Shower Cut 2 mins off. Save 18L
	5 Basin Face, hands, teeth on/off/on. Save 2L

More information can be found at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SaveWaterNow or call Council on (02) 6670 2400.



Please donate to help people and animals in need



The annual Mayoral Christmas Appeal is supporting three organisations this year, Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers and the wonderful work they do with fire affected animals, Fred's Place and You Have a Friend. For more information on the Mayoral Christmas Appeal and to view a full list of donatable items, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Christmas (image courtesy Julie Fletcher www.biographic.com/the-big-picture-2019).

Planning for community needs for the next four years

If you are interested in the future of your community in the Tweed region, we want to hear from you.



The draft *Community Development Strategy 2020–2024* was developed from extensive research and community engagement.

Council's draft *Community Development Strategy 2020–2024* is now on public exhibition and has been developed from extensive research and community engagement.

The strategy will help guide future services for the diverse communities in the Tweed, whether you live in one of the coastal communities, inland villages or in the Tweed Heads area.

The strategy addresses matters such as the importance of access and inclusion, the need to address growing homelessness, maintaining community safety, resilience to climate change and the health and wellbeing of all residents.

It also outlines the need to ensure additional support is available for more vulnerable residents and that there are adequate opportunities for everyone in the Tweed.

The strategy is part of Council's commitment to working toward safe, healthy and more inclusive communities and aims to ensure the voice of the community is reflected in the final strategy that will be implemented.

The strategy is on public exhibition until 30 January 2020 and Council welcomes community feedback. To make a submission or for more information, visit the project page at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/communitydevelopment

Lost for Xmas gift ideas?

Still looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Here's some great tips.

- Shop local – do your Christmas shopping in the Tweed. Better still, buy from a local independent business.
- Share local business content on social media and leave online reviews.
- Check out the extensive range of gifts available at the Tweed Regional Gallery's shop and support local artists.
- Pick up a 2020 Calendar from the Tweed Regional Museum Tweed Heads branch and show your support for our local history.
- Purchase a family pass to the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre and enjoy our famous giant waterslide over summer. Buy tickets online at trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/summer
- Choose environmentally friendly gifts and limit any unnecessary plastic packaging or wrapping.



Choose environmentally friendly gifts and wrapping.

Have your say

Have your say on Council's draft *Black Rocks Sports Field Master Plan*

The Tweed community are invited to have their say about Council's draft *Black Rocks Sports Field Master Plan* which is currently on exhibition.

The purpose of the master plan is to guide the future infrastructure within the Black Rocks Sports Field to cater for the current and future community requirements. The following documents are on exhibition:

- Draft *Black Rocks Sports Field Master Plan* – Provides a site plan outlining future infrastructure and use of the sports field.
- Draft *Black Rocks Sports Field Master Plan Report* – Provides a discussion for the proposal including site analysis, site history, community input and literature review of relevant planning documents.

The draft *Black Rocks Sports Field Master Plan* is on public exhibition from 17 December 2019 to 31 January 2020 and Council welcomes community feedback during this period.

To find out more or make a submission, visit the project page at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/BRSFMasterPlan

Current vacancies

View current vacancies at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Subscribe

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

Have your say on the draft amendment to the *Code of Meeting Practice*

At the meeting of 6 June 2019, Council resolved to adopt a new *Code of Meeting Practice*.

Key factors affecting the Tweed

From 14 December 2019, Council is required to webcast all meetings of council and committees of the council on Council's website.

As Council is installing webcasting infrastructure, amendments to the *Code of Meeting Practice* to include supplementary provisions to specify how meetings will be webcast are being proposed.

The draft amendment to the *Code of Meeting Practice* is on public exhibition from 17 December 2019 to 27 January 2020 and Council welcomes community feedback.

To find out more, read the draft *Code of Meeting Practice*, or to make a submission visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/code-of-meeting

Proposed road naming

Proposed naming of road in subdivision

In pursuance of section 162(1) of the *Roads Act, 1993* as amended, Council proposes to name the road dedicated in a plan of subdivision (DA15/0444) at Cobaki in the Shire of Tweed as shown below:

Norvill Lane

A period of fourteen days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written objection to the proposed naming. Any objections should state clearly the reasons for such objections. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

What's On at the Gallery?

Are you looking for something to do over the holidays? Why not drop into the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre in Murwillumbah?

Free guided tours are hosted by trained volunteer gallery guides at 11.30am (NSW time) Wednesdays to Sundays (except public holidays). The tours last approximately 45–60 minutes and provide a glimpse into the history of the Gallery and the exhibitions on display. There's four exciting new exhibitions that have just opened including Hiromi Tango's *Healing Circle — Home, Salient: Contemporary Artists at the Western Front*, Vicki Stavrou's *Coastal Muse* and *For Country, For Nation*, a touring exhibition from the Australian War Memorial.

You can pick up some unique Christmas gifts by local artists from the Gallery Shop, enjoy a coffee at the café and soak up the beautiful Tweed Valley views.

To join the free tour, meet the Gallery Guide at the front foyer before 11.30am (NSW time) and for more information visit artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/TheGallery/VisitUst

The Gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm (NSW) including Boxing Day and New Years Day. Closed Christmas Day.



Drop into the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre these holidays.

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

DA18/0971 – Staged eco tourist facility comprising two (2) cabins (1 cabin per stage)
Lot 3 DP 626700, No. 84 McDonalds Road, **Carool**

DA19/0505 – Dual occupancy (detached) with pool
Lot 362 DP 1087716, No. 36 Avoca Street, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0739 – Patio
Lot 1 DP 1142917, No. 191 Botanical Circuit, **Banora Point**

DA19/0752 – Retaining wall
Lot 114 DP 1201995, No. 36 Callistemon Avenue, **Casuarina**

DA19/0750 – Dwelling with attached double garage, in-ground swimming pool, 1800mm high front fence with gate house
Lot 40 DP 1214044, No. 9 Spoonbill Lane, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0798 – Boundary fence
Lot A DP 35831, No. 35 William Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0742 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool and front fence
Lot 1 DP 591443, No. 15 Tweed Coast Road, **Pottsville**

DA19/0796 – Above ground swimming pool
Lot 74 DP 864094, No. 22 Sassafras Street, **Pottsville**

DA19/0766 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 2 DP 513879, No. 86 Adcocks Road, **Stokers Siding**

DA19/0781 – En-suite addition to existing dwelling
Lot 322 DP 860725, No. 4 Eliza Fraser Court, **Terranora**

DA19/0618 – New dwelling with attached double garage
Lot 58 DP 31369, No. 17 Murraba Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0716 – Alterations and additions to existing dual occupancy
Lot 1 SP 15991, Unit 1/No. 12B Boundary Lane, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0719 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 24 Section 2 DP 3123, No. 76 Charles Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0800 – Enclosed patio addition
Lot 1 SP 52407, Unit 1/No. 1 Mariners Drive West, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0839 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 12 DP 801161, No. 25 Flamingo Place, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0744 – Boundary fence to 2.1 m
Lot 100 DP 836272, Lot 101 DP 836272, No. 34 Vintage Lakes Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0720 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 117 DP 701433, No. 17 Limosa Road, **Tweed Heads West**

DA19/0512 – Use of existing studio
Lot 4 DP 631375, No. 1151 Urliup Road, **Urliup**

DA19/0755 – Deck
Lot 1 SP 17902, No. 1/17 Shearwater Parade, **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

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