

*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.*



**September 2011:** Normally, the freshwater canals behind Pottsville Waters are full as water continually flows in from the Pottsville Wetland. This area provides important koala habitat.



**December 2019:** The freshwater canals behind Pottsville Waters are drying as water has stopped flowing in from the Pottsville Wetland. The wetland is now dry.

## Watch out for Tweed's koalas this summer

Most of the Tweed is still categorised as suffering from intense drought and koala habitats remain extremely dry and are at high risk of bushfire.

Forested wetlands on the Tweed Coast floodplain that are normally very wet are now dry, including the Pottsville Wetland.

Recent devastating bushfires have resulted in significant declines to many koala populations throughout NSW and because of this, it is even more important to protect the Tweed's koala populations.

Here's some things you can do to help protect the Tweed's koalas.

- Report a fire immediately by calling triple zero (000). The quicker the Rural Fire Service can respond, the better chance they have at

being able to contain the fire.

- Report any suspicious behaviour or suspected arson to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Bush fire arson is dangerous. It can destroy lives, properties and have long-term effects on the environment, including koalas.
- Report any sick, injured or orphaned koalas to Friends of Koala 24-hour hotline on (02) 6622 1233 or find out more information or report koala sightings at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas)

You can also donate to Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers – one of the organisations in Council's annual Mayoral Christmas Appeal (running until the end of January 2020) – at [twvc.org.au](http://twvc.org.au)

## Contractors will be monitoring sewage flows

Council contractors last week began monitoring the flow of sewage within the Kingscliff, Hastings Point and Pottsville sewerage systems to help plan for future repairs and improvements.

Contractors from ADS Environmental Services are inserting flow and level sensor monitoring equipment in sewer manholes and pipes at various locations to determine the capacity and performance of the systems.

During the study, which will continue through to April, they will need to visit each testing site at least three times to insert, monitor and recalibrate equipment if necessary.

Sewage flow and rainfall data collected, together with hydraulic modelling, will be used to help plan rehabilitation and improvement works.

The contractors will be working near, and at times within, private property to access manholes and pipes. When they need to enter a private yard, they will contact the residents in advance. At no time will they need access to any house or building.

There will be no disruptions to the sewerage system during the monitoring period.

Anyone wanting more information can contact Council Engineer Simone Gillespie on (02) 6670 2400.

## Level 3 and 4 water restrictions coming

Tweed residents are urged to re-focus on saving water after the holidays as we are not on target to achieve the savings we need to ensure our drinking water supply lasts as long as possible.

Council's Manager Water and Wastewater Anthony Burnham said up to Christmas the community responded well to Level 2 water restrictions (and Level 4 in Tyalgum) but since then consumption has been rising again.

"We are not on target to achieve our savings under Level 2 restrictions and are due to move to **Level 3 restrictions on Monday 3 February** and then **Level 4 restrictions by Friday 28 February** if we don't get significant rain in the catchment within three weeks," Mr Burnham said.

At the rate of decline of the dam supply, the Level 3 trigger of 65 per cent capacity will be reached in about two weeks' time as Clarrie Hall Dam continues to fall nearly two per cent a week.

"The fact our water supply is reducing rapidly and we are not saving what we need to under Level 2 restrictions strongly demonstrates the very serious situation we face," he said.

"We all need to save more water now, knowing tougher restrictions are just around the corner."

Mr Burnham said while Council would continue its education campaign on water restrictions, it also would be ramping up compliance and enforcement actions as we move rapidly towards tougher restrictions.

"If anyone breaches water restrictions, they can expect a polite

notice in their letterbox once. Any further breaches, they can expect a fine of \$220 every time," he said.

Bureau of Meteorology figures have confirmed 2019 the driest year on record at Bray Park, with only 716.7mm of rain recorded, less than half the average of 1571mm. In 2002 when the Tweed last went to Level 4 water restrictions, the annual rainfall was higher at 767.5mm for the year.

Since records began there have only been five other years when the recorded rainfall at Bray Park dipped below 1000mm: 2002 – 767.5mm; 1986 – 846mm; 1915 – 863mm; 1902 – 742.6mm; and, 1885 – 754mm.

The bureau has also confirmed that soil moisture levels are very low (heading towards the one percentile), suggesting that any rain received will be taken up by the soil and result in little to no run-off to replenish the water supply. What is needed is significant steady rain.

However, the outlook is poor, with the bureau forecasting a 35 to 40 per cent chance of receiving median rainfall or above from February to March – and only a 50 per cent chance of getting just 70 per cent of that amount.

On the temperature front, the bureau forecasts an 80 per cent chance of higher than median temperatures.

"These statistics and forecasts are evidence that the Tweed is in the grips of a prolonged and serious drought," Mr Burnham said.

To find out how to save water and what the water restrictions mean for you, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/savewaternow](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/savewaternow)

## Waste tip 10

### Drop off for free at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre

**Set aside a container and add small items:** metal pieces, batteries, aerosol cans, paint cans, smoke alarms, fluoro globes, containerised oil, x-rays, computer/accessories and ink cartridges can be dropped off **free** for recycling/safe disposal.



## Access changes during auditorium upgrade

Work is underway on a \$1.3 million refurbishment of parts of the Murwillumbah Civic Centre Auditorium, thanks to funding from the NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund.

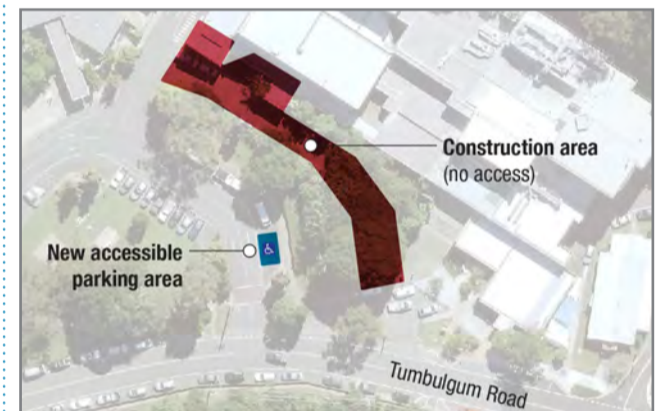
The auditorium will be closed from January to May 2020 while these works are carried out.

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, including the disabled parking bays.

Alternate options for accessibility have been provided and a disabled car park has been established near the base of the disabled pedestrian ramp in the bus parking area. The pedestrian ramp to access the Murwillumbah Civic Centre administration office will remain open.

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.

For more information about the upgrade visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/MCC-AuditoriumUpgrade](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/MCC-AuditoriumUpgrade)



There will be some parking and traffic changes during the upgrade to the Murwillumbah Civic Centre Auditorium from now until May.

## Youth Council delivers

Council thanks members of the 2019 Youth Council, which was made up of 17 motivated students from seven high schools across the Tweed.

The Youth Council is an advisory committee established to respond to issues relevant to young people aged 12 to 24 years and provide an opportunity for Council to develop better relations with Tweed's young people.

Youth Council member, Jazmine Cooke from Tweed River High School made some great headway this year on environmental initiatives, including a successful nomination to YMCA NSW Youth Parliament where she worked on a bill to ban single use plastics that went on to be adopted.

She also developed an environmental project in partnership with Tweed Heads South Primary School and spoke about environmental initiatives at last year's World Environment Day event.

The young people demonstrated a genuine concern for their community, the environment and the impacts of climate change and appreciated learning about Council's role in this and its future plans.

Council's Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson and Senior Program Leader – Waterways, Tom Alletson presented the draft Climate Change policy to Youth Council members recently and young people have been encouraged to provide feedback on the policy.

To find out more about Youth Council and young people in the Tweed visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/YoungPeople](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/YoungPeople)



The final Youth Council meeting for 2019 with Council staff and some of the Youth Council members.

# Vandal-proof dispenser trial

A request from Kingscliff businesses for hygiene facilities to be provided in Rowan Robinson Park has led to a 12-month trial of vandal-proof soap dispensers.

The dispensers have been installed in public toilets at Jack Evans Boat Harbour at Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah's Knox Park and Rowan Robinson Park in Kingscliff.

Acting Manager, Parks and Active Communities Murray Smith said Council spends more than \$100,000 annually on park facilities which are often the target of vandalism.

"We hope this trial will assist in reducing what we spend on replacing and repairing Council assets that have been vandalised," Mr Smith said.

Council estimates that the number of people accessing Council parks over the summer holiday period doubles.

"Our aim is to provide readily available and reliable hygiene facilities during this period of increased visitation. We will be monitoring how the new vandal-proof soap dispensers perform during this period of increased use, and over the 12-month trial period."

The 12-month trial began last month.

You can report non-urgent acts of vandalism to Council assets by visiting [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/ReportAProblem](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/ReportAProblem). For urgent issues, call Council on (02) 6670 2400.

## Come and try wheelchair tennis

Council's regional tennis facility at Arkinstall Park, Tweed Heads South is hosting the Tweed Heads International Wheelchair Tennis Open from Wednesday 15 January to Sunday 19 January 2020.

The event, which boasts prizemoney of \$45,000, is part of the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, with more than 150 tournaments across 40 countries.

There's a free come and try session on Saturday 18 January from 12 noon to 3pm.

Bring your family to try wheelchair tennis and other inclusive activities and watch the top players in the world compete.

For more information contact Michael Spry on [MSpry@Tennis.com.au](mailto:MSpry@Tennis.com.au)

## Planning for future community needs

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

Council's draft *Community Development Strategy 2020–2024* is now on public exhibition and will help guide future service for the diverse communities in the Tweed.

The strategy has been developed from extensive research and community engagement and 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 well-being of all residents.

Council welcomes community feedback until 30 January 2020.

To make a submission or for more information, visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/communitydevelopment](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/communitydevelopment)

### On exhibition

#### Planning Proposal Palms Village Caravan Park, Tweed Heads

The community is invited to review and provide a submission on a Planning Proposal that seeks to rezone land adjoining the Palms Village Caravan Park in Tweed Heads to facilitate:

- integration of the site with the Caravan Park
- development related to the operation of the park
- to prevent any type of residential accommodation.

The Planning Proposal applies to Lot 1 DP 777875, 132–134 Dry Dock Road Tweed Heads South and is referred to as Planning Proposal PP16/0004 (Draft Tweed LEP Amendment No. 27). It seeks to amend *Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014* to rezone the site from R2 Low Density Residential to RE2 Private Recreation.

In addition, a Planning Agreement seeks to achieve the above outcomes and also ensure that fill removed from the site is appropriately disposed of. This Planning Agreement is also on exhibition and open for public comment.

Documents can be viewed at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/PalmsVillage](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/PalmsVillage) and printed copies are available at the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads administration offices.

#### Have your say

The Planning Proposal, Planning Agreement and supporting information will be on exhibition and open for public comment from Tuesday 14 January – Friday 14 February 2020.

Submissions must be made in writing and received by 4pm on Monday 10 February 2020 and may be made:

- Online: [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/PalmsVillage](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/PalmsVillage)
- Email: [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Subject heading: Planning Proposal PP16/0004

- By mail addressed to:

Planning Proposal PP16/0004, Rezoning Palms Village, Tweed Heads General Manager, Tweed Shire Council  
PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484

The progress of the Planning Proposal can also be tracked through the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's online tracking portal at <http://leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au>

In accordance with Council policy and the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* – 'GIPAA', confidential information contained within submissions may be released upon a request being made by a third party.

## Development Proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking) for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 15 January 2020 to Wednesday 29 January 2020.

The proposal is not designated development and Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

| Applicant           | Location  | Proposal   | Application No. |
|---------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| Tweed Shire Council | Boundary Street; Tweed Terrace and Part Lot 7061 DP 1068882; Coral Street, <b>Tweed Heads</b> | Demolition of the existing Marine Rescue Point Danger building and viewing platform of the Captain Cook Memorial and Lighthouse, reconstruction of the Marine Rescue Point Danger building and viewing platform of the Captain Cook Memorial and Lighthouse including a café, landscaping works and construction of 12 car parking spaces within Tweed Terrace | DA19/0837       |

## Notification of Integrated Development Applications

#### Development Application No. DA19/0855

A development application has been lodged by Planners North seeking development consent for alterations and additions to existing educational facility (new preschool and kindergarten buildings, demolition of existing demountable, additional parking), increase in enrolment, staff and tree removal at Lot 1 DP 615053 & Lot 1 DP 840975; No. 36–52 Sunshine Avenue, **Tweed Heads South**. 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          |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| Section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i> | General Approval | Rural Fire Service |

The documents will be available for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 15 January 2020 to Wednesday 29 January 2020.

#### Development Application No. DA19/0859

A development application has been lodged by Paradise Tower Pty Ltd seeking development consent for use of site for functions and events ancillary to existing restaurant and rural tourist facility at Lot 3 DP 541945; No. 64 Mount Warning Road, **Mount Warning**. 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          |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| Section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i> | General Approval | Rural Fire Service |

The documents will be available for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 15 January 2020 to Wednesday 29 January 2020.

#### Development Application No. DA19/0810

A development application has been lodged by Bysea Pty Ltd seeking development consent for food and drinks premises (restaurant and café) at Lot 2 DP 415533; No. 128 Chinderah Bay Drive, **Chinderah**; Lot 3 DP 415533; No. 130 Chinderah Bay Drive, **Chinderah**. 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 documents will be available for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 15 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020.

## Re-notification of Integrated Development Proposals

#### Development Application No. DA19/0805

A development application has been lodged by ACL Investment Trust seeking development consent for staged rural business hub containing rural industry, garden centre, plant nursery, cafe, signage (stage 1) and dwelling (stage 2) at Lot 100 DP 1011315; Riverside Drive, **Tumbulgum**. 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 documents will be available for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 15 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020.

#### Development Application No. DA19/0802

A development application has been lodged by Wollumbin Common Pty Ltd ATF Wollumbin Common Trust seeking development consent for demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a caravan park in 4 stages including a bore for water – Stage 1 for 8 short term sites, 62 long term sites, community centre, swimming pool, amenities, men's shed, managers dwelling, on-site detention pond and effluent treatment system; Stage 2 for 40 long term sites; Stage 3 for 41 long term sites and Stage 4 for 21 long term sites at Lot 2 DP 803636; No. 355 Tomewin Road, **Dungay**. 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) |
| Section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i>              | General Approval  | Rural Fire Service  |

The documents will be available for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 15 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020.

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

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)

