



An aerial view of the upgraded Tyalgum weir pool.

Much needed upgrade for Tyalgum weir pool

Council has taken advantage of the current drought and Level 4 water restrictions in Tyalgum to upgrade the village weir pool.

Council stopped taking raw water from the weir in late November when both the water level and water quality dropped too low to be relied on for drinking water. Urgent approval was then sought to undertake improvement and essential maintenance works.

Workers dug 1.5 metres of silt out of the bottom of the weir, restoring the weir pool to its original footprint.

They stabilised the weir banks with rocks to prevent further erosion around the extraction inlet structure and to the adjacent land.

The intake filter was cleaned out and repaired and the filter

media upgraded.

The work has increased the holding capacity of the weir pool and improved raw water quality. It also has provided relief for aquatic life struggling to survive in the stagnant pool under drought conditions.

This year, Council will put up more fencing around the weir and plant more trees to prevent cattle accessing the weir pool, in agreement with the adjoining landowner.

Following the weekend's heavy rain, the weir is now full.

Tyalgum residents can expect all water restrictions to be lifted by the end of the week but ask that they conserve water until notified that restrictions are lifted.

Level 2 restrictions to remain in place

The introduction of Level 3 restrictions has been delayed by at least 10 weeks, following significant rainfall across the catchment over the weekend.

Council's Manager Water and Wastewater Anthony Burnham said while that is welcome news, Level 2 water restrictions remain in place across the Tweed.

Tyalgum still remained on Level 4 as the Tweed Link went to print however restrictions in the village were likely to be lifted in the next few days.

The level of Clarrie Hall Dam sits at 79 per cent (as at Monday 20 January), up from 68.8 per cent last Friday.

"The dam needs to get to 95 per cent for Level 2 to be lifted and we would need to receive substantial follow-up rain to get to this level," Mr Burnham said.

"To lift water restrictions, we need in the order of 700-900mm over a few months - and the outlook for that remains poor.

"The good news is that even without more rain, the introduction of Level 3 restrictions can now be delayed by at least 10 weeks."

Level 3 restrictions were due to start on 3 February and Level 4 on 28 February.

"Rainfall in the catchment will now have more benefit than previously as less will be soaked up by the very dry soil conditions," Mr Burnham said.

"We're asking everyone to keep up the great work you've all been doing to save water, as Level 2 restrictions require water use of just 144 litres per person per day.

"I urge all residents and businesses to fully support water restrictions now to make our limited water supply last as long as possible."

Under Level 2 restrictions we all need to save 50 litres of water a day, which is five household plastic buckets each; or, for a family of four, a standard bathtub filled to the brim.

Level 3 restrictions will be implemented if the dam reaches around 65 per cent capacity. Under Level 3 restrictions we all need to save 60 litres of water a day, which is six household plastic buckets.

Level 4 restrictions will be implemented if the dam reaches around 60 per cent capacity. Under Level 4 we all need to save 70 litres of water a day per person, or seven household plastic buckets each.

For more information on water restrictions in the Tweed and water saving tips, see www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/savewaternow

What's on in the Tweed this Australia Day

Australia Day 2020 falls on Sunday 26 January, making it an ideal time to share this day with you your family and friends at one of the many events taking place across the Tweed.

Visit www.whatsontweed.com.au and choose one of the categories, which will assist in targeting an Australia Day event that's happening near you. It may be under the Community and Family category or Arts and Culture. Alternatively, search by date or the search term

'Australia Day'.

If you have an event that you would like to publicise you can add it to www.whatsontweed.com.au to keep our community informed of how they can enjoy Australia Day 2020.

What's on
THE TWEED

In brief ...

Help animals and the homeless

There's still time to donate to the annual Mayoral Christmas/New Year Appeal.

This year's appeal supports three organisations: Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers and the wonderful work they do with fire-affected animals; and homelessness support organisations, Fred's Place and You Have a Friend.

For more information on the Mayoral Christmas Appeal and the full list of items you can donate, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Christmas

Vandals strike at Knox Park upgrade

The new toilet block at Murwillumbah Knox Park has been graffitied, newly-planted feature trees have been snapped in half and anti-skate features have been hacked from concrete walls.

Council's Acting Manager, Parks and Active Communities Murray Smith said vandalism at Knox Park had backed off in recent years, however these school holidays has seen an escalation of the problem.

"This is such a shame, as the money to repair the vandalism has to come out of funds set aside to build either a new playground or from funds to upgrade the park furniture," Mr Smith said.

"One of these upgrades will now have to wait, disadvantaging the public who are yet to enjoy these facilities.

"Council spends more than \$100,000 annually on park facilities which are often the target of vandalism. Installing street cameras to monitor Knox Park is an expensive exercise for which we do not have funding."

Ultimately, it is the ratepayer who has to pay for the bad behaviour of a few individuals. Information from the public is the best way to capture acts of vandalism and to report on them, especially if a description of the offenders and can be supplied.

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

For more information on the Knox Park upgrade, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/KnoxParkUpgrade



Newly planted trees snapped in half at the Knox Park upgrade.

Land swap protects businesses from flooding

Seven local businesses have been endorsed for Tweed Shire Council's Industry Central Land Swap Project and are likely to be permanently relocating their operations out of the flood-prone area.

In 2017 ex-tropical cyclone Debbie caused major flooding throughout the Tweed with many businesses severely affected. Council developed a strategy and purchased 14.02 hectares of flood-free land at Industry Central, Murwillumbah, thanks to funding from the NSW Government to create resilience and protect local jobs.

Following a rigorous third-party assessment, Council voted unanimously at the November 2019 Council meeting to endorse seven local organisations to sign up to the arrangement.

The successful applicants are all long-term local businesses including:

- 30 Marine Parade Pty Ltd
- All Home Products and Improvements
- JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd
- Mick Bourke Transport
- Murwillumbah Truck Centre
- North Commercial Pty Ltd (Hayes Steel)
- O'Connors Transport Murwillumbah

Tweed Shire Council will also be relocating its Council Depot, where extensive machinery and equipment was damaged in the flood in 2017.

For more information visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/landswap

From chalking tyres to new technology

Tweed Shire Council will introduce a parking enforcement vehicle equipped with intelligent parking technology this year, making significant improvements to the way Council monitors and enforces parking restrictions within the Tweed.

Mapping of the parking assets within the Tweed has begun, so that the parking enforcement vehicle will be able to identify the type of parking permitted by location, the length of time permitted by location, as well as school zones, no parking zones, no stopping zones, taxi and commercial vehicle zones.

Council's Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said the benefit to the community would be improved access to timed parking spaces throughout the Shire.

"This includes key business areas in Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and Bogangar/Cabarita Beach, as well as in school zones where unrestricted short term access for parents setting down or collecting their children is one of our primary safety concerns," Mr Connell said.

The parking enforcement vehicle will use licence plate recognition technology to detect vehicles that have overstayed a timed parking zone and to identify vehicles that are parked illegally in areas such as 'no stopping' zones.

Over the coming months, Council will continue to provide further information about the vehicle's introduction, including the dates when on-road trials will commence. During the trial, no enforcement action will be taken where the parking enforcement vehicle detects an offence.

However, Council Rangers will continue to conduct foot patrols to monitor and enforce parking restrictions within the Tweed and enforcement action will continue to be taken during the vehicle trial period.

Join in the holiday fun

There's plenty of free and low cost activities to do at Tweed Shire Council facilities over the school holidays.

Here's some ideas.

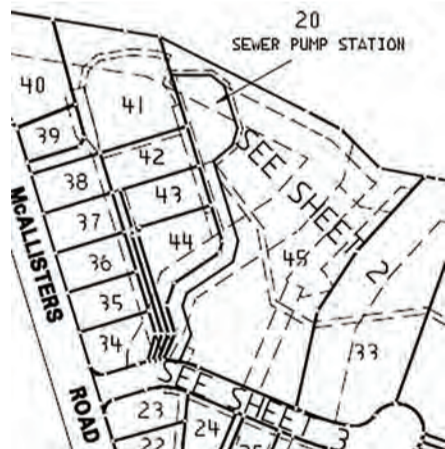
- Creative and mindful art workshops inspired by the summer exhibition Healing Circle – Home at the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Oley Art Centre, Murwillumbah.
- A day out at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre, Murwillumbah - family passes are only \$30 when purchased online.
- Discovery Days activities at Tweed Libraries including the Wendell and Friends program and an interactive tour of DreamWorks animations.
- Play at our favourite parks or playgrounds.
- A free guided tour of the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Oley Art Centre, rated as one of the best in Australia by TripAdvisor. Tours are hosted by trained volunteer gallery guides at 11.30am (NSW time) Wednesdays to Sundays (except public holidays).

To see the full list visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

For more events including markets, music and food visit Tweed's official event calendar www.whatsontweed.com.au

Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council proposes to classify Proposed Lot 20 in the subdivision of 38 McAllisters Road at Bilambil Heights, as Operational Land.



A period of twenty eight days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written submission to the proposed classification. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

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

Land | Life | Culture opening soon at Regional Museum



An exciting new display is opening at the Tweed Regional Museum in Murwillumbah soon, showcasing the natural and cultural heritage of the Tweed. Sign up to the Museum's Program Alerts or follow their Facebook page and be the first to know about the museum's latest news, special events and more. Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe or www.facebook.com/TweedRegionalMuseum. Image © Ryan Fowler Photography

Thank you for having your say in 2019

In 2019 many people in our community had their say to make sure that the community's voice was heard. Feedback from the community on projects that affect them is essential to ensure that Councillors can consider this in making their final decisions.

Here's how the Tweed community had their say on Council projects (non-DA) in 2019:



Event notice

2020 Envirobank NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships

Cudgen Headland SLSC, in partnership with SLSNSW and Tweed Shire Council will be hosting the 2020 Envirobank NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships on Kingscliff Beach on 1-2 February 2020.

Event footprint

The craft trailer and event management compound will be established in Lions Park south of the Cudgen Headlands SLSC and preparations for the event will commence from Wednesday 29 January. The competition will stretch from the Cudgen Headlands SLSC along the beach in front of the Kingscliff Holiday Park and down past the Kingscliff Bowls Club. It is anticipated that the event will attract over 3000 competitors, officials and supporters to Kingscliff during the 2 day carnival.

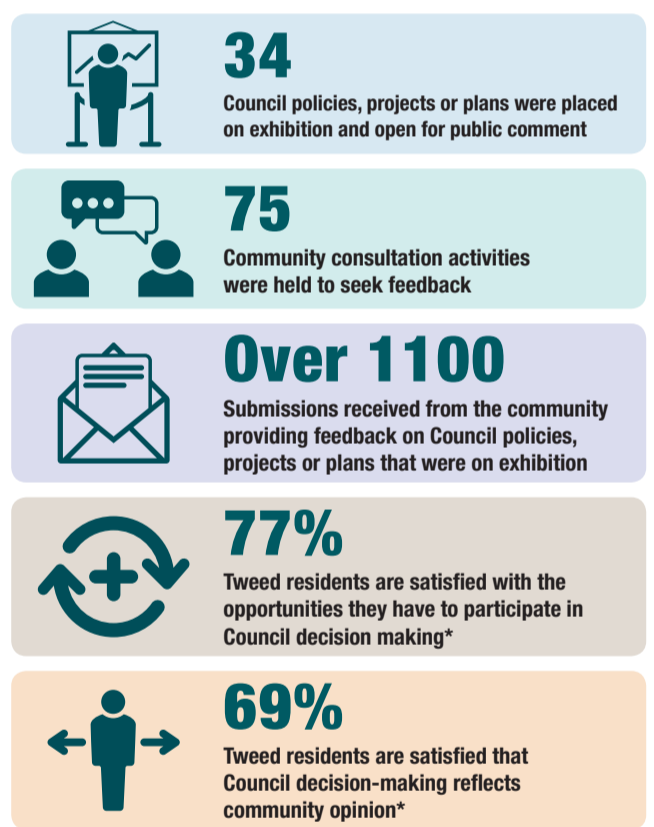
Regular trading

To minimise the impact on regular local trade, no vehicles will be allowed to park permanently in the public parking area adjacent to Lions Park. Temporary parking will be established outside of the Kingscliff CBD for competitors and visitors. Event workforce personnel will be on hand to assist with the management of the public parking.

Key contacts

Throughout the competition SLSNSW will have a media team monitoring the event who will be able to address any enquiries. For up-to-date event information visit www.surflifesaving.com.au/events/2020-envirobank-nsw-country-championships. SLSNSW media can be contacted as follows:

Phone: Duty Media Officer on 0405 203 764 or email media@surflifesaving.com.au



*Results from the 2019 'Be Our Best' Resident Survey.

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

DA19/0818 – Carport within front building line, front fence and gatehouse Lot 1 Section 4DP 20361, No. 1 Thompson Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0826 – Use of existing awning Lot 4 DP 776195, No. 2 Skye Close, **Terranora**

DA19/0277 – Two storey dwelling Lot 1 DP 783900, No. 886 Tomewin Road, **Tomewin**

DA19/0695 – Demolition of three (3) dwellings with outbuildings Lot 1 DP 777875, Lot 1 DP 416535, Lot 1 DP 860069, No. 132-134 Dry Dock Road, **Tweed Heads South**

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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