

*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.*



Council's Sustainability Program Leader Debbie Firestone, Energy Project Officer Michael Qualmann and Colin George from the Australian Sustainability Institute will be at the workshops to provide friendly, helpful advice.

## Smart power saver workshops for seniors

Two workshops will be held during the Tweed Seniors Festival to give one-on-one help to save you money, get expert tips on energy saving and solar, as well as providing an opportunity to catch up on industry trends in battery storage.

The events will be hosted by Council's Sustainability Program Leader Debbie Firestone, Energy Project Officer Michael Qualmann and Colin George from the Australia Sustainability Institute. They are all experts in their field and love helping people find savings in their power use and electricity bills.

### Details of events

There is no cost for the workshops however bookings are essential. Bring your last two electricity bills for one-on-one help to save you money.

**Tuesday 18 February, 11.30am – 2pm**

Murwillumbah Community Centre, Nullum Street, Murwillumbah.  
[smartpowersaversmurwillumbah.eventbrite.com.au](http://smartpowersaversmurwillumbah.eventbrite.com.au)

**Wednesday 19 February, 11.30am – 2pm**

Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre, corner Brett Street and Wharf Street, Tweed Heads.

Bookings for both days are essential via phone (02) 6670 2400, email [dfirestone@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dfirestone@tweed.nsw.gov.au) or online at [smartpowersaverstweed.eventbrite.com.au](http://smartpowersaverstweed.eventbrite.com.au)

Find out more about solar and energy saver ideas at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy)

To view the full program for the Tweed Seniors Festival, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival)

## Smiley radars remind drivers of speed limits

Council's road safety team have trialled a portable radar on Casuarina Way that flashes a red sad face to speeding drivers and a green smiley face to drivers who are obeying the speed limit.

Road Safety Officer Alana Brooks said most drivers wanted to do the right thing and the interactive signs gave drivers instant feedback and reminded them about the speed limit.

At the two locations on Casuarina Way, Casuarina, speeds have dropped by an average of seven kilometres an hour.

Before placement of the smiley face radar, a site north of Windsong Way recorded that 58 per cent of vehicles were travelling over the

50 kilometre an hour speed limit. When the sign was present, only seven per cent of drivers were doing the wrong thing.

"The signs are a great community awareness tool, encouraging drivers to check their speed and acknowledging good driving behaviour," Ms Brooks said.

While Council has only one smiley face radar sign at this stage, funding applications have been lodged with the NSW Government for more.

Locations for the signs will be prioritised based on known speeding problems, on-going community concern, a high number of vulnerable road users and/or a recorded crash history.

## Help clean up the Tweed

Volunteer registrations for Clean Up Australia Day 2020 are open, with an appeal to Australians to step up on Sunday 1 March to reduce the amount of waste in the environment.

Clean Up Australia Chairman Pip Kiernan said Australia creates 2.5 million tonnes of plastic waste each year.

Only 12 per cent of this is recycled, with the rest ending up in our parks, roadsides, bush, waterways, oceans or in landfill as rubbish.

Clean Up Australia Day is the nation's largest community-based mobilisation event and last year more than 680,000 volunteers removed over 15,000 ute loads of rubbish from the 6901 registered locations across the country.

Council is providing the collection of bagged waste and recycling to registered community groups and Council's waste contractor Solo are providing skip bins for larger collection points.

See the advert on the next page to find out how to get involved.

## Water restrictions lifted

Water restrictions across the Tweed have been lifted following 200mm of rainfall in the catchment area in recent days.

Clarrie Hall Dam is now at 100 per cent and there are significant river flows at Bray Park Weir.

Residents and businesses can return to normal water usage but everyone is encouraged to continue any water saving habits for the long term.

The dam level rose from 82.5 per cent on Wednesday 5 February to 100 per cent on Sunday.

The rain has caused a number of maintenance and safety issues in our public parks and these take priority over turning back on beach showers and taps, so please be patient as we work through this. It may take up to two weeks.

No further business restriction permits will be issued and any business with a Level 2 Restriction permit has now expired.

## New social enterprise café in Tweed Heads set to open

A new café is set to open in Tweed Heads this month that is good for people, good for the community and good for the planet too.

Located in the newly-upgraded plaza precinct at the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre, the Brett Street CAFE (Community Access For Everyone) is opening to the public on Monday 17 February.

The café is a social enterprise initiative of Tweed Shire Council and will be a convenient and welcoming place to grab a coffee and healthy snack while knowing that the money you spend is doing good.

Income from the café will support the delivery of Council's Community Services programs such as MisterChef, which supports

older men who may need to learn to cook for themselves. Another program is Stand Together, which provides knowledge about reducing the risks of falls and how to prevent them.

The café is the last piece of the \$1.2 million Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre redevelopment, which is now complete.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and Tweed Shire Council. An official opening is planned for 6 March 2020.

Visit [www.brettstreetcafe.com.au](http://www.brettstreetcafe.com.au) for more information about the Brett Street CAFE.



Last week we each used  
**176L a day**

### Clarrie Hall Dam level



For the latest level, see [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WaterandWastewater](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WaterandWastewater)

## Waste tip

### Watch your (bin) weight!

In the green bin, be mindful of wet lawn clippings, heavy garden waste and ruined fruit from trees. If in doubt, save some items for the following week.

The collection truck's mechanical arm can only pick up 60kg.



## Ten things you should know before you go

Less than five per cent of people have a plan for their end of life and 45 per cent of people die without a will.

These are two of the 10 topics that will be covered in a three-hour workshop run by Compassionate Communities Northern NSW, in collaboration with the Groundswell Project, which is part of the Tweed Seniors Festival from 12 – 23 February.

The workshop will encourage residents of the Tweed to start thinking about death and the benefits of early palliative care referral to assist in living longer and with a better quality of life, in partnership with Tweed Shire Council.

Guest speaker and end of life consultant Mimi Zenzmaier from Sacred Earth Holistic Funerals will address do-it-yourself, at-home funerals as a way for families to say goodbye to a loved one within a home environment, as well as the value of having the dead in the presence of family members at the end of life.

Cemeteries Business Manager Helen Carter said the Council initiative to partner with Compassionate Communities was part of an ongoing community discussion on 'doing death well' which began last year.

Other topics to be covered in the three-hour workshop include expected deaths, the community preference for cremation and why health care professionals die differently from non-health care professionals.

The workshop will be held at the Tweed Valley Cemetery at 813 – 873 Eviron Road, Eviron on Tuesday 18 February from 1pm to 4pm. Entry is by a gold coin donation, with afternoon tea and light refreshments provided.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling (02) 6670 2435 or emailing [cemeteries@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cemeteries@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

For more information visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival) and [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CemeteryServices](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CemeteryServices)

## Increase in dog attacks

Council's rangers have experienced an alarming increase in the number of dog attacks reported over the summer months, with many of these being extremely serious.

Complaints have also been received relating to dogs off leash, particularly on coastal areas such as beaches and creeks.

Council's Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said there were also complaints from dog owners who are using on leash areas to exercise their dogs but are concerned by the number of dog owners who do not restrain their dogs in public areas.

"In January, rangers responded to approximately 22 dog attacks – compared to 7 in December – and 62 call outs for unleashed or roaming dogs compared to 33 in December," Mr Connell said.

"Given the scope of the rangers' duties, this is a significant workload which could be reduced by owners understanding and adhering to the principles of responsible pet ownership."

Council rangers will continue to conduct increased patrols throughout the Tweed. Enforcement action will be taken where an offence has been detected. Any dog not secured by a lead in a public place attracts a \$330 on-the-spot fine and a dog involved in an attack attracts a \$1320 on-the-spot fine or the potential to be prosecuted in court.

"Council is urging pet owners to comply with all laws relating to owning a dog by making sure adequate fencing is in place to prevent a dog from escaping a property, as well as ensuring that a dog is secured by a lead any time it is in a public place," Mr Connell said.

For more information on responsible pet ownership please visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Dogs](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Dogs)

**Clean up Australia Day**  
Sunday 1 March 2020



STEP UP TO CLEAN UP

Business Clean Up Day • Tuesday 25 February  
Schools and Youth Clean Up Day • Friday 28 February

REGISTER or DONATE  
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**Development Proposal for public comment**

The following Development Application has been received by the 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 12 February 2020 to Wednesday 26 February 2020.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Tweed Shire Council	Lot 2 DP 1156966; Lundberg Drive, <b>South Murwillumbah</b> ; Lot 2 DP 1139059; No. 102 Lundberg Drive, <b>South Murwillumbah</b> ; Lot 1 DP 232745; No. 92 Lundberg Drive, <b>South Murwillumbah</b> ; Lot 10 DP 1071301; Quarry Road, <b>South Murwillumbah</b>	33 lot subdivision (31 industrial lots, 1 drainage reserve lot and 1 residual lot), subdivision works involving the construction and opening of new roads and provision of underground drainage, water supply, sewerage, power and communication services	DA19/0875

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified. 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.

**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)

**Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings**

**Fingal Head Community Association Inc.** bi-monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 February 2020 commencing at 7.30pm in the MPU at Fingal Head Public School.

**Naming of roads**

Notice is hereby given that the Tweed Shire Council, in pursuance of Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, has approved the name of a road in a plan of subdivision (DA15/0444) at Tweed Heads West, in the Shire of Tweed as shown below:

Norvill Lane

Authorised by the delegated officer. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, Civic Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah, NSW, 2484.

**Request for offer**

**RF02019026 Murwillumbah Auditorium Refurbishment**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon (DST) 4 March 2020

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.

**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**

**DA19/0779** – Shed with amenities

Lot 1 DP 531385, No. 588 Tomewin Road, **Dungay**

**CDC20/0005** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 341 DP 1196575, No. 22 Central Parade, **Murwillumbah**

**DA19/0450** – Multi dwelling housing (four (4) detached residential dwellings), and strata subdivision

Lot 6 Section 5 DP 758571, No. 47 Kingscliff Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA19/0538** – Alterations and additions to attached dual occupancy

Lot 1 DP 214686, No. 4 Marine Parade **Kingscliff**

**DA19/0656** – Boat ramp and retaining wall

Lot 119 DP 30960, Lot 365 DP 30960, No. 23 Lakes Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

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)

**Current vacancies**

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

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- Train and employ local disadvantaged people



**Good for our planet**

- Minimise packaging and food waste
- Minimise energy and water use
- Make a positive impact on the environment



**Good for community**

- Fund programs to help disadvantaged people in the Tweed to thrive
- Revitalise and activate the public areas of the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre



**OUR PURPOSE** To help disadvantaged people in the Tweed to thrive

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**LOCATION**

Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre (located in the plaza), 17 Brett Street, Tweed Heads

**OPENING HOURS**

Open early mornings, for lunch and all-day café treats  
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 2.30pm (NSW)  
Closed Saturdays and Sundays



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