

*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.*



The Tweed is a tempting place to visit, but Council is urging anyone considering a visit at the moment to think again.

## Spread the word – don't visit the Tweed

**Council is urging anyone considering a visit to the Tweed to think again.**

During the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, the Tweed is under the same restrictions as the rest of New South Wales.

Please tell your Queensland-based family and friends, as well as those from elsewhere in the country, that we're requesting they do not visit the Tweed for non-essential purposes.

Tweed residents can still go out to shop for essential items, such as food and medicines, care for others and exercise.

No more than two people (or members of a single household) are to be together in a public space and to keep to physical distancing rules you should stay at least 1.5metres from others.

"We urge everyone to take the restrictions on movement and gathering very seriously so we can limit the spread of this virus and save lives," General Manager Troy Green said.

"One third of our residents are over the age of 60 and 4.4 per cent are Aboriginal. These residents are more vulnerable to this virus than others so it is everyone's responsibility to act to keep them safe.

"When this crisis is over, we will gladly welcome all visitors back to our beautiful shire."

For the full list of restrictions, see [Public Health \(COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement\) Order 2020](#).

Please note that Queensland tightened its border restrictions last Friday, no eligible Tweed resident can cross the border without a valid border pass available from [www.qld.gov.au/border-pass](http://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass). For more information from the Queensland Police Service, visit [mypolice.page.link/g4v3](http://mypolice.page.link/g4v3).

For more information on Council's response to COVID-19 and service updates, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

## COVID-19 Care Package announced

**Council has announced a series of measures to help those financially affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.**

Many Tweed ratepayers, residents and businesses have taken a financial hit from COVID-19, as well as from the measures taken by various levels of government to slow down infection levels.

The following COVID-19 Care Package measures were adopted at last week's Council meeting. In the case of rates, the applicant must demonstrate they have been financially hurt by COVID-19:

- 1 Deferral of two quarters (Quarter 4 2019/2020 and Quarter 1 2020/2021) of rate instalments. The deferral will attract zero interest and will be repayable over a two-year period from Quarter 2, 2020/2021.
- 2 Waiver/rebate of all outdoor dining fees for 12 months.
- 3 Rebate of annual airfield lease for commercial businesses at the Murwillumbah Airfield for 2020.
- 4 Fifty per cent reduction for cattle saleyards for 2020.
- 5 80 per cent rent reduction for Visitor Information Centres for the duration of the pandemic.
- 6 Waiving licensing fees at the Tweed Marina for 2020.

- 7 Waiving/refunding booking/licence fees for Council facilities, venues or parks for 2020.
- 8 Waiver of development application fees relating to the COVID-19 emergency for 12 months from 3 April 2020.
- 9 Waiving the parking cost at the Council-owned carpark in Murwillumbah for six months from 3 April 2020.
- 10 Pause/deferment on payments on Council loans for six months for all not-for-profit and sporting clubs from 3 April 2020.

The total cost to Council for these 10 measures is estimated at more than \$633,000.

In addition, Council is expecting a downturn in income due to the closure of five holiday parks and its cultural and aquatic facilities. As well, there will be an increase in operating costs to enable staff to work from home as well as increased cleaning and sanitation of our buildings and public spaces.

Council estimates the total impact to its budget will be around \$3 million.

For more details on Council's response to COVID-19, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

## Keep our beaches open by following COVID-19 rules

**Tweed residents are urged to maintain physical distancing when they go to the beach to surf, swim or walk.**

"We've seen beaches in other local government areas closed because people have not stuck to the rules and we don't want that happening here," Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson said.

"Our beaches are a primary recreation spot for residents and a great place to continue to get your daily exercise and stay healthy during this

crisis – and you can do that without breaking the rules.

"If you are walking your dog, keep it on a leash and under control at all times unless you are at one of our off-leash beaches or parks."

The rules:

- 1 Keep it to two people unless you're all from the same household.
- 2 Stay at least 1.5 metres apart both in and out of the water.

For information on off-leash dog exercise areas in the Tweed, see [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/walkmydog](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/walkmydog)

## Have your say about climate change

**Council has stepped up its response to climate change by laying a firm policy foundation for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting the Tweed to the impacts of climate change.**

The draft *Climate Change Policy – Net Zero by 2030* is on public exhibition until Monday 18 May and Council is encouraging the community to provide its feedback.

The draft policy provides information about Council's role as a community leader in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and assisting the community to do the same.

Despite the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, Council continues to operate and is providing an easy way for you to have your say while maintaining physical distancing by viewing the draft policy and submitting your comments at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/climatechange](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/climatechange)

The policy has been developed to acknowledge that the global climate is changing and the effects of climate change will impact many facets of life, including Council operations, the community, the economy and the environment.

Council has set an aspirational target to reach net zero emissions from its operations by 2030.

Check out what climate change means for the Tweed and how you can do your part to work towards net zero by 2030 by visiting

[www.yoursaytweed.com.au/climatechange](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/climatechange)



**Right: Beach erosion in front of the Cudgen Headland Surf Lifesaving Club, Kingscliff in 2011.**



Last week we each used

**161L a day**

as at 3 April 2020

## Waste tip



### Tips while at home

- **Plan meals** to avoid waste and save money
- **Choose products** with less packaging
- **Sort, sort, sort** – food scraps, recycling, landfill, soft plastics
- **Use reusable storage** to keep food longer (containers, beeswax wraps)

## Brett Street CAFE changes

**The Brett Street CAFE (Community Access For Everyone) is still open for business but has reduced its operating hours due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

Located in the newly upgraded plaza precinct at the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre, the café is now open from 8.30am to 2pm Monday to Thursday until further notice.

Council's Coordinator Community Services Joanne Watters said the café was still serving takeaway coffee, light meals and snacks and accepting payment via card only.

"We will continue with the limited opening menu until things get back to normal at which point there are plans to roll out the full menu," Ms Watters said.

"We really appreciate the support of the community during this time and we are looking at ways that we can do more to help and service community needs during the crisis," she said.

The team is taking all measures to ensure the community café remains a safe place to visit, including adhering to rigorous food safety and hygiene practices at all times.

For more information about the Brett St CAFE, visit [www.brettstreetcafe.com.au](http://www.brettstreetcafe.com.au)



## Ignite creativity and connect with art from home

**With the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre closed due to the COVID-19 crisis, the team has worked up alternate ways to keep you connected to art from home.**

"Engaging with the arts is an effective way to reduce stress and stimulate your imagination so we think it is really important to keep you connected throughout this emergency," Art Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said.

The Border Art Prize 2020 has been taken online and artists can submit their entry in this year's competition by sending a JPEG image of their work to [awardsandprizes@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:awardsandprizes@tweed.nsw.gov.au) by 5pm on Sunday 19 April.

The online art competition is open to any artist living and working in the Tweed or surrounding shires. It is designed to showcase local talent and help artists build their profiles. The winner of the prize will receive \$3000, with the runner-up receiving \$1500 and third place \$500.

The prize will then be showcased as an online exhibition from Friday 8 May to Sunday 5 July, with prize winners announced via social media on Saturday 9 May.

"The team's also keeping the community connected to art via a hashtag campaign #YourHomeStudio," Ms Muddiman said.

"In homage to Margaret Olley's own home studio, we're asking artists of the Tweed to share how they're making the most of their time at home by submitting a photograph of their home studio or artwork using the hashtag #YourHomeStudio."

Other ways to stay connected are by following the Gallery's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and exploring artworks online and taking virtual tours of current exhibitions.

For more information about the Border Art Prize visit [artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/prizesandawards/borderartprize](http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/prizesandawards/borderartprize)





## Discover local history from home

Tweed Museum Curator Erika Taylor is pulling out all stops to keep the Tweed connected to history from home.

During the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, Erika will be hosting a 'History from Home' online discussion via Facebook every Tuesday from 8am.

To join the discussion, visit [facebook.com/TweedRegionalMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TweedRegionalMuseum) and ask Erika and the Museum team to find photos for you from the Museum's archive of more than 100,000 historical images. Once your images have been uncovered, Erika will post them online together with their unique stories.

All suggestions and ideas are welcome from funny animals, ancestors or any part of the local area.

The Museum is also working to develop online activities to keep youngsters connected to history while they are off school. These activities will be available soon.

For more information on the Museum and to get involved, follow it on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

## Don't flush wet wipes

Council is again reminding residents that wet wipes should not be flushed. Only the four Ps should go down the pipes – pee, poo, puke and (toilet) paper.

While Council has not yet seen an increase in wet wipe blockages of the sewer system, sewer pump stations have been working harder over the past few weeks since the COVID-19 run on toilet paper and with more people staying at home.

"Our workers clear wet wipe blockages every day and while they are not reporting increased blockages at this stage, they are reporting that our pumps are running harder," Manager Water and Wastewater Operations Brie Jowett said.

"We understand that wet wipes are an alternative if you cannot buy toilet paper but please bin these handy little items and do not flush them. Any wipe, whether labelled as flushable or biodegradable, simply does not break down on contact with water like toilet paper does."

Blockages due to wet wipes being flushed cost ratepayers thousands of dollars every year. If a blockage occurs within the household pipes before they reach the Council-owned network, the cost of clearing that blockage is borne by the property owner or occupant.



A worker lifts a pump at the Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant covered in a mess of wet wipes and other non-flushables.

## Request for offer

### RF02020017 Panel of Providers – Supply of Cemetery Bronze Plaques and Memorial Stones

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 29 April 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.

## Advanced notice of herbicide application

Application period between: Thursday 3 April to Thursday 30 April 2020

Locations: Selected sportsfields

Product names: Crowbar and Monopoly

## Current vacancies

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

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at

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Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).

Indoor and outdoor public gatherings, excluding household members, are limited to a maximum of two people.

Everyone should stay home unless you are:

- shopping for essentials
- receiving medical care
- exercising in compliance with the public gathering requirements or
- travelling to work or education.

Older Australians should stay at home to the maximum extent practicable, particularly those:

- over 70 years of age
- over 60 years of age who have existing health conditions
- indigenous Australians over the age of 50 who have existing health conditions.



Australian Government

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)

## Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Fingal Head Community Association Inc. AGM and bi-monthly meeting due to be held on 8 April at the Fingal Head Public School has been cancelled due to Government restrictions.

## Modification Application for public comment

The following Section 4.55(2) 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 fourteen (14) days from Wednesday 8 April 2020 to Wednesday 22 April 2020.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	File no.
GTH Resorts No.14 Pty Ltd Atf GTH Resorts No.14 Unit Trust	Lot 11 DP 1254208; No. 30 Fraser Drive, <b>Tweed Heads South</b>	amendment to Development Consent DA17/0358 for a manufactured home estate	DA17/0358.01

### Proposed modification

- Full revision of proposed layout including reduction in dwelling sites from 110 down to 97;
- Amendment to the MHE community amenities, including revised club house design and new workshop building;
- Revised setbacks and acoustic wall arrangements;
- Modified dwelling mix;
- Minor increase to the habitat restoration areas;
- Revised staging; and
- The construction of manufactured homes on the site.

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

In accordance with Clause 118 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000*, there is no right of appeal under Section 8.8 of the Act by an objector.

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)

## 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

**DA20/0044** – Farm shed  
Lot 4 DP 877662, No. 447 Cobaki Road, **Cobaki**

**DA20/0142** – Demolition of existing dwelling  
Lot 6 DP 881229, No. 55 Crooks Valley Road, **Crystal Creek**

**DA20/0136** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage  
Lot 197 DP 1232786, No. 15 Edgewater Lane, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0072** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 3 Section 28 DP 8950, Lot 4 Section 28 DP 8950, No. 2 Eyles Avenue, **Murwillumbah**

**DA19/0879** – Dwelling, attached garage and dwelling additions in two stages  
Lot 1 DP 749577, No. 74 Seven Oaks Road, **Nunderi**

**DA20/0038** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 597 DP 1076975, No. 42 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0116** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 353 DP 1049061, No. 31 Macadamia Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0112** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within front building line, hard stand area, stairs, fence and retaining walls  
Lot 319 DP 246199, No. 27 The Quarterdeck, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0143** – Carport  
Lot 321 DP 844423, No. 8 Bordeaux Place, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA20/0071** – Security fencing to existing building and car park – Stage 1 and boundary fence along Skyline Terrace – Stage 2  
Lot 2 DP 1009372, No. 135 Piggabeen Road, **Tweed Heads West**

**DA19/0198** – Use of an existing filled area (pad measuring 68m x 45m, with ground levels ranging between 3.36m RL and 4.26m) as a maintained paddock (above flood)  
Lot 5 DP 1080196, Lot 6 DP 1080196, No. 1094 Clothiers Creek Road, **Clothiers Creek**

**DA18/0054** – Eco-tourist facility (6 cabins) and camping ground (12 sites)  
Lot 2 DP 883186, No. 5515 Tweed Valley Way, **Crabbes Creek**

**DA19/0705** – Replacement school signage  
Lot 1 DP 937265, Prince Street, **Murwillumbah**

#### Refused

**DA19/0805** – Staged rural business hub containing rural industry, garden centre, plant nursery, cafe, signage (stage 1) and dwelling (stage 2)  
Lot 100 DP 1011315, Riverside Drive, **Tumbulgum**

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)