



Chief drone pilot John McIntosh prepares for flight (left) and checks his flight controls after taking off.

Drone team flies for greater productivity

Council has begun using drone technology on its worksites, promising greater productivity and safer outcomes for its staff and contractors.

Eight staff last year successfully completed Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) training and are now certified to operate as remote piloted aircraft (RPA or drone) pilots.

Recently Council completed the internal paperwork needed to operate under CASA's commercial rules, purchased a drone and opened for business to undertake general photography and videography projects, as well as survey work.

Council's Remote Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Operations team flies a DJI Phantom 4 Pro RTK model capable of capturing survey accurate imagery and digital terrain modelling. From the images captured, Council can produce 3D models as well as calculate cut and fill quantities in quarries on land development and construction worksites.

"The adoption of drone technology opens up a seemingly endless list of opportunities that will increase productivity and improve safety on our worksites," said Manager Design Paul Morgan.

"Workers will not have to climb structures to undertake inspections; we'll have a bird's eye view of the terrain and risks on landslips from a safe distance; and, we'll be able to quickly and accurately calculate stockpile quantities for quarry, landfill and development sites."

All the business units of Council will be able to benefit from this technology.

"We will be able to undertake weed and pest management surveys; inspect road and waterway damages after natural disasters; and, monitor traffic at worksites ... the possibilities are endless.

"The time and cost savings of this technology promise to be considerable."

The drone team has been busy since opening for business last week, flying multiple missions in that time.

Battling mosquito-borne diseases on the home front

Council, along with its Northern Rivers counterparts and the Northern NSW Local Public Health District, is working to educate the community about mosquitoes and what to do to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.

The Increasing Resilience to Climate Change project is designed to raise awareness about what residents can do to limit the spread of arboviral disease in the lead up to and during mosquito season.

"Change behaviour company The Social Deck will work with the community to drive the change needed to protect it from such diseases

as Ross River fever," Environmental Health Officer Kelly Piazza said.

Mosquito risk around the home can be reduced by:

- emptying water from containers in the yard
- filling pot plant bases with sand to avoid water pooling
- keeping drains and roof guttering clear and free flowing
- covering septic and rainwater tank openings.

The project has received \$140,700 in funds from the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Environment.

For more information, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/nuisanceinsects

Subscribe to the new *Community Emergency Update* e-newsletter

Council has introduced a new e-newsletter – *Community Emergency Update*, which will provide you with timely and relevant information about Council services and emergency situations.

The opt-in subscription is another way that Council helps people stay informed during an emergency. You can subscribe to this, and the wide range of other services, at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

COVID-19 dashboard

Council has launched the new look and feel COVID-19 dashboard which is now available. The dashboard provides information about Council services and closures and connects users to factual and reliable Government sources. It features a range of links to relevant local information such as border closures and business and community support. The dashboard contains links and information on:

- available hotlines/help lines
- Australian and NSW Government information
- what you can and cannot do under the Public Health Order
- Queensland border closure
- ways you can stay informed by subscribing to media releases, Community Emergency Updates and official social media accounts. Visit emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus for more information.



Council's new-look COVID-19 dashboard you can subscribe to the *Community Emergency Update* e-newsletter.



Last week we each used
190L a day
as at 1 May 2020

Waste tip



Recycling with room to spare

Crush items (milk cartons, bottles, cans and cardboard boxes) before putting them in the recycling bin. Kids love helping out with this! Cardboard (including pizza boxes) can be placed in the **green bin**, which creates even more space in the recycling bin.

Businesses urged to connect to wellness

As part of our Together Tweed campaign, Council and the Tweed Tourism Company are supporting local business owners through the Green X7 Wellness Program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The online program is designed to provide local business managers with skills to:

- create a connected culture of wellness and performance
- build resilience and a positive mindset
- encourage a balanced lifestyle to prevent staff disengagement
- develop a connected and effective team.

Eighty course places are available, with Council and the Tweed Tourism Company sharing the costs. Head to whatsontweed.com.au to learn more and book your place.

Terms and conditions apply. For more information email business@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Together Tweed resilience

One of the goals of Council's 'Together Tweed' campaign is to encourage the community to take care of one another throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council is working with the Tweed Community Resilience Network to gather information on COVID-19 impacts affecting local service providers and the community.

The Tweed Community Resilience Network membership includes representatives from service organisations, business and community associations with a focus on local emergency events.

Visit Council's COVID-19 dashboard for more information at emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus



Emmet from North Tumbulghum tunes into Storytime with his dad, Grant Goodey.

'Click and Collect' weekly reads from your library

Click and collect has come to the library!

Library members across the Tweed can now go online to order books, DVDs, magazines and jigsaw puzzles for no-contact collection at a later time while library branches remain closed due to COVID-19.

To click and collect, go to www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au for more information and to access the service.

Stay connected to your library by joining online Storytime and other programs via the library Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RichmondTweedRegionalLibrary

We are #TogetherTweed.



Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM prepares her video message ahead of Saturday's announcement of the Border Art Prize 2020.

Log in for Border Art Prize naming

Guest judge and director of the Grafton Regional Gallery Niomi Sands will announce the winners of this year's Border Art Prize 2020 online this Saturday 9 May, from 5pm.

This year's exhibition went online to meet COVID-19 social distancing challenges and attracted almost 400 entries that showcase the creative talents across our region.

The virtual opening and prize announcements start at 5pm online at the Tweed Regional Gallery Facebook and Instagram pages. Download the online catalogue from the gallery website from Friday 8 May at artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Stay connected and support the artists by visiting:

[f TweedRegionalGallery](https://www.facebook.com/TweedRegionalGallery)

[tweedregionalgallery](https://www.instagram.com/tweedregionalgallery)

Keeping workers apart over longer hours

Council reminds residents that construction sites can operate on weekends and public holidays under new rules introduced in early April by the NSW Government to support industry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The move allows workers to adhere to social distancing rules by extending work hours across more days.

For more information www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/noise

Dedication of lands as public road

Roads Act 1993, Section 10

Dedication of lands as public road

Notice is hereby given that the Tweed Shire Council, by resolution of the Council dated 21 February 2019 has resolved to dedicate the land described hereunder as public road pursuant to Section 10 of the *Roads Act 1993*. Troy Green, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484.

Schedule

Lots 1 and 2 DP1246513

Request for offer

RF02019168 Construction of a Shed (Koala Holding Pen)

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 27 May 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. 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.

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 6 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading

Maximising quiet time

Council has been making the most of the work opportunities afforded by the State Government's stay-at-home directive and has completed essential maintenance works at all TRAC swimming pools and Knox Park.

At the main Murwillumbah pool, Council's Fitting and Welding team has upgraded the handrails of the hydrotherapy pool; at Tweed Heads it has replaced the plastic covers on the skylights; and, at Kingscliff it has installed a new anchor post for the shade sail.

New signage is being erected at a number of Council sites and parks while relatively few people are out and about.



Council contractors upgrade the pedestrian ramps along the footpath near the Tweed Heads Council Administration Centre, taking advantage of the low traffic volumes in the Tweed Heads Library car park due to the COVID-19 closure.

Stay up-to-date on social media



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

DA19/0261 – Multi-dwelling housing (comprising 3 dwellings), demolition of existing structures, tree removal and 3 lot strata subdivision Lot 26 DP 21680, No. 40 Sutherland Street, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0654 – Alterations to existing commercial premises including additional level and change of use to retail premises with storage at first level Lot 3 DP 619331, No. 7 Prospero Street, **South Murwillumbah**

DA20/0111 – Pontoon Lot 126 DP 246488, Lot 117 DP 246488, No. 80 Companion Way, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0106 – Change of use to a motor vehicle repairer Lot 30 DP 246253, No. 39 Machinery Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA20/0160 – Carport within front building line Lot 165 DP 260990, No. 27 Cominan Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA20/0120 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 11 DP 1182599, No. 380 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA20/0007 – Three storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool Lot 183 DP 1232273, No. 66A Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0151 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within front building line and in-ground swimming pool Lot 164 DP 245474, No. 31 Vulcan Street, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0878 – Demolition of existing shed and construction of a new shed with toilet Lot 7 Section 2 DP 2048, No. 15 Tumbulgum Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA20/0170 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 209 DP 1195219, No. 20 Riverbend Way, **Murwillumbah**

DA20/0137 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage Lot 541 DP 1076975, No. 13 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

DA20/0211 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 301 DP 1049060, No. 39 Sassafras Street, **Pottsville**

DA20/0156 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls Lot 226 DP 1237760, No. 6 Woodroffe Street, **Terranora**

DA20/0176 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 226 DP 1237760, No. 6 Woodroffe Street, **Terranora**

DA20/0119 – Carport within front building line Lot 56 DP 863486, No. 40 Skyline Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

DA20/0185 – Shed with amenities Lot 24 DP 10436, No. 3 Morley Street, **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

Korns Bridge closed

Roads and Maritime Services has closed Korns Crossing bridge on Numinbah Road at Crystal Creek to undertake repairs. The bridge will be reopened about 5pm on Saturday 9 May.

Motorists heading towards Murwillumbah from Numinbah should turn right on to Zara Road at Chillingham and left on to Tyalgum Road at Tyalgum. Motorists heading towards Numinbah from Murwillumbah should turn right from Kyogle Road on to Tyalgum Road, then right on to Limpinwood Road at Tyalgum and left on to Numinbah Road at Chillingham. Heavy vehicles are reminded not to use Chilcotts Road. Contact RMS on 132 701 for more information.

Wild dog control in Cudgen Nature Reserve

Wild dog control using 1080 baits in Cudgen Nature Reserve

The NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) will be laying 1080 ground baits in Cudgen Nature Reserve from 12 May to 9 June 2020 inclusive. Wild dogs are being controlled to reduce their impacts on neighbouring properties and wildlife.

1080 warning signs have been placed at all authorised access points to the baiting location.

Warning: 1080 is lethal to wild and domestic dogs. In NSW, dogs are prohibited in all national parks and reserves. Please be aware of the risk of 1080 poisoning to pets and working dogs and always keep domestic animals away from national parks and reserves and bait stations. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

For more information contact the NPWS Tweed Byron Area office in Murwillumbah on (02) 6670 8600.



Planning Committee Meeting Agenda Thursday 7 May 2020

The Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for Thursday 7 May 2020 is available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings. The meeting will be held remotely via livestream commencing at 3pm. A Planning Committee Public Forum on Agenda items being considered is to be held at 2pm prior to the Meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Planning and Regulation

- 8.1. Rural Land Strategy – For Adoption
- 8.2. Planning Proposal PP16/0004 Palms Village Caravan Park – Post Exhibition Report and Recommendation to Make Plan
- 8.3. Development Application DA19/0539 for a Dual Occupancy at Lot 333 DP 1001758 No. 84 Sleepy Hollow Road, Sleepy Hollow
- 8.4. Kingscliff Locality Plan and Development Control Plan Part B26 – Kingscliff – Adoption and Implementation
- 8.5. Variations to Development Standards under State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 – Development Standards

Council Meeting Agenda Thursday 7 May 2020

The Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 7 May 2020 is available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings. The meeting will be held remotely via livestream commencing at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

- 5.1 Adoption of Recommendations from Planning Committee Meeting held 7 May 2020

Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 15.1 Open Space Strategy 2019–2029: Acceptance of funding from NSW Department of Customer Service for the refurbishment of the Tweed Heads Regional Inclusive Play Space
- 15.2 Open Space Strategy Implementation – Acceptance of funding from the NSW Government for the upgrade of play spaces in Banora Point and Tweed Heads West

Engineering

- 16.1 Speed Awareness Devices
- 16.2 Funding Offer for Federal Black Spot and Safer Roads NSW Programs 2020/2021
- 16.3 Closure of Council Beach Car Parks and Roads
- 16.4 Release of Easement at Terranora within Council Land – Lot 900 in DP 846133

Confidential items for consideration Planning and Regulation in Committee

- 22.1 Unauthorised Development at Lots 101 and 104 DP 1255992 No. 25 and 149 Sleepy Hollow Road, Sleepy Hollow

The Agenda for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting. On 25 March 2020, the *Local Government Act 1993* was amended to allow councils to meet remotely to reduce the coronavirus risk.

It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public.

Minutes of these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

This meeting will be closed to the public and livestreamed, details are available at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings

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