



Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres (TRAC) is reopening the Murwillumbah facility for squads only. Members of the public can book a lane for lap swimming at TRAC Kingscliff.

Some community facilities reopening

Council has set out its timetable to safely reopen a number of community facilities following the COVID-19 shutdown period.

- ✔ **Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres** – the Kingscliff outdoor pool reopened to the public on Monday 1 June. Bookings are essential - book your lane at trackingscliff.eventbrite.com.au Murwillumbah indoor pool will reopen for squads only. Other pools remain closed.
- ✔ **Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre** will reopen on Wednesday 3 June – bookings are essential. Book your free visit at trgmoac.eventbrite.com.au
- ✔ **Tweed Regional Museum** in Murwillumbah is planning to reopen on Tuesday 30 June.

- ✔ **Richmond Tweed Regional Library** branches at Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah are planning to reopen on Wednesday 1 July.
- ✔ **Community centres at Banora Point and Tweed Heads South, Kingscliff Hall, South Sea Islander Room and Tweed Heads Auditorium** are planning to reopen on Wednesday 1 July. Further information on entry details, such as booking times and specific restrictions, are available on the website of each facility. Thank you to everyone for being patient while waiting for these community facilities to safely reopen to visitors, staff and volunteers. For more information on the status of Council services during COVID-19 restrictions visit emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

New-look Knox Park

A prominent section of Murwillumbah's Knox Park has an impressive new look following a \$1.5 million makeover.

The renovation at the corner of Wollumbin and Brisbane Streets is now complete and open to the public, however an official opening may have to wait a few months until COVID-19 restrictions are further relaxed.

The upgrade includes: upgraded pathways to improve accessibility; new lighting to improve safety; new gardens and landscaping; naturally shaded outdoor seating areas; a new bus stop; a new outdoor stage area with power; and a new park entry at Brisbane and Wollumbin Street.

The Knox Park upgrade project is funded through the Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund and the Restart NSW Fund and Tweed Shire Council.

For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/knoxparkupgrade and check out Council's Facebook page for more photos of the makeover.



The upgrade includes art deco-style entry signage.

Restart NSW funding brings Rail Trail one step closer

Construction of the Tweed section of the proposed Northern Rivers Rail Trail is likely to begin in early 2021 after the NSW Government today committed \$7.8 million to the project.

The Restart NSW funding, together with the \$6.5 million already provided by the Commonwealth Government, is now sufficient to complete detailed design and construct the shared-user path along the disused rail corridor from Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek.

"Today's announcement gives certainty both to Council and the adjacent landowners along the rail corridor allowing them to better plan for their future," Rail Trail Director Iain Lonsdale said.

The legislation required to formally close the rail line is not likely to go through Parliament until later this year due to the Government's

more pressing need to manage the current coronavirus pandemic.

"When the legislation is amended, Council will be ready to start work to build this long-awaited recreation and tourism facility," Mr Lonsdale said.

"While we have been waiting on funding certainty, we have been gaining the licences and approvals needed to build the rail trail and are now in a position to consult further with the adjacent landowners and other stakeholders to finalise detailed design and get this project shovel ready for next year."

For more information on the Rail Trail visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/railtrail

Help Tweed Regional Museum collect COVID-19 history for future generations to explore

Tweed Regional Museum is collecting stories to record how the local community is living through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Museum is asking local children and their families to share their thoughts, feelings and drawings about daily activities at home, through a handwritten letter.

The letter writing project is one of the ways that the Museum is documenting life locally during this historic time.

The letters will be compiled in the Museum's collection for future

generations to read and to learn how daily lives were affected during the pandemic. A selection of letters will be featured on the Museum's website and social media pages.

Send your letters to:
Tweed Regional Museum
PO Box 816
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

For more information visit museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au/letter



Last week we each used

189L a day

as at 29 May 2020

Waste tip



Keep an eye on what expires

Stock your fridge and shelves like the stores do.

Place items that expire first at front (or stacked at top) and place newer items in the back (or bottom) that expire later.

In brief ...

Tweed Valley Way nightworks

Road nightworks are set to start on Tweed Valley Way at the intersection of Bartletts Road, Eviron, this Sunday (7 June) at 7pm.

Contractors will close one lane to dig out the road pavement and replace with new asphalt.

The work will take about six nights – from 7pm to 6am – and be done over a period of two weeks.

There will be no work on Friday and Saturday nights.

Stop / slow flagmen will be in place to direct traffic through the one-lane section.

Water bottling change

New water bottling facilities are no longer permitted in rural areas of the Tweed, following the completion of a planning proposal process started by Tweed Shire Council in late 2018.

An amendment to remove the clause in the Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 that allowed water bottling facilities in the RU2 Rural Landscape Zone came into effect when the amendment was published on the NSW Legislation website on Friday (29 May).

The draft Planning Proposal was publicly exhibited from 20 August 2019 to 17 September 2019. 343 submissions were received in response to the exhibition. 338 were in support of the proposal and five were opposed.

Existing approved water bottling facilities are allowed to continue their operations on the properties where they are currently approved, as required by the State Government.

The LEP amendment was published in Friday's [Government Gazette](http://www.gazette.nsw.gov.au) and is effectively immediately.

New Bush Stone-curlew online reporting tool

To celebrate World Environment Day on Friday 5 June, Council is excited to launch a new easy online tool to report sightings of Endangered Bush Stone-curlews.

Council's Program Leader - Pest Animals Wildlife Protection, Pamela Gray said the Tweed community were very protective of their Bush Stone-curlews and many residents had been actively involved in their protection for many years.

"We have developed this reporting tool to make it easier for the community to pass on their records.

"The data collected will help Council to understand how many nest sites are used in the Tweed each year, how many chicks hatch and how many survive to reach adulthood. It also helps us to understand why some of the chicks don't make it to adulthood. That's why it is important for the community to let us know about every sighting, even if it is sad news," said Ms Gray.

The Tweed is lucky enough to have one of the few local Bush Stone-curlew populations in NSW that is slowly recovering from near extinction. Report your sightings at

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushstonecurlewsighting



Report sightings of Bush Stone-curlews to increase local knowledge of this endangered bird.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

5 June 2020

This World Environment Day, it's time for nature. It's time to make a positive difference right now. The food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature.

Whilst we can't come together this year, here are some things you can do today to make a positive difference.

Spend time in nature and report what you see

- ☀️ Koala sightings help us conserve koalas and their habitat and help sick koalas get the assistance they need quickly.
Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas
- ☀️ There is a new easy way to report your sightings of endangered Bush Stone-curlews online!
Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushstonecurlewsighting
- ☀️ Share pictures and stories of what you've noticed in your backyard.
Visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/backyard-habitat

Plant native plants or plant a tree in your backyard

- ☀️ Visit Council's *Native Species Planting Guide* at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/nativespeciesplantingguide

Make local food choices

- ☀️ Buy local food that's in season: this reduces carbon emissions, packaging and supports family farms.
- ☀️ Shop at farmers markets, roadside stalls and independent retailers stocking local products.
- ☀️ Use natural food wraps instead of plastic – your food will last longer too. Search 'DIY beeswax wraps' online.

Protect wildlife

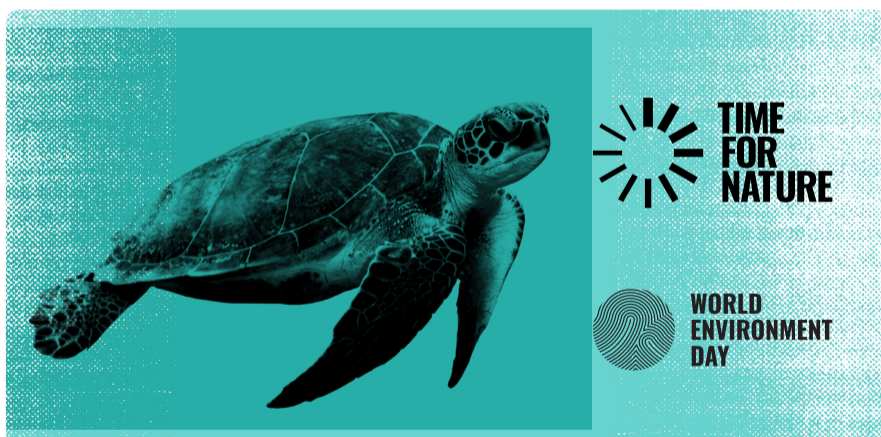
- ☀️ Keep pet cats contained and keep dogs on a leash to protect wildlife.

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

- ☀️ Switch off lights, take short showers and wash clothes in cold water.
- ☀️ Walk, cycle, take the bus, drive less and drive slower.

Go solar

- ☀️ Check out Council's *Solar Buyers Guide*. Use local Clean Energy Council-accredited solar installers to slash your power bill and your carbon footprint.
Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy



Hosts of the annual World Environment Day Festival in the Tweed, Caldera Environment Centre will this year be collating a range of talks and information on their website to celebrate.

Visit calderaenvironmentcentre.org

Together we can act #ForNature

World Environment Day is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5 June – engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on a pressing environmental issue.



A naturally beautiful farewell



Did you know that Tweed Valley Cemetery offers an outdoor option to celebrate the life of a loved one?

Affectionately known as 'Stumpy' this ancient tree stump overlooks our duck pond and glorious gardens. Topped with granite, the coffin sits in a calm and uniquely Australian environment.

To discuss options to honour the life of your loved one phone (02) 6670 2435 or visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/cemeteries

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

DA20/0169 – Two storey dwelling, attached garage and retaining wall Lot 288 DP 31041, No. 81 Lakeview Terrace, **Bilambil Heights**

DA19/0597 – Reposition and use of existing outbuilding to meet flood levels and building line setback and internal alterations Lot 418 DP 755740, No. 34 Lagoon Road, **Fingal Head**

DA20/0254 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool Lot 20 DP 1214044, No. 37 Drift Court, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0237 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 90 DP 1034762, No. 7 Lamington Way, **Murwillumbah**

DA20/0264 – Shed Lot 7 DP 815069, No. 48 Adcocks Road, **Stokers Siding**

DA20/0224 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining wall Lot 317 DP 1238182, No. 16 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA20/0095 – Two lot strata subdivision Lot 4 DP 1119104, No. 7 Auro Court, **Murwillumbah**

DA20/0148 – Alterations and additions including attached dual occupancy Lot 7 DP 776195, No. 1 Highland Drive, **Terranora**

DA19/0858 – Extensions to existing storage shed Lot 9 DP 246253, No. 27 Machinery Drive, **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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Current vacancies

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WATER WEEK 10 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading

Check pet details online before you buy

There's been a rise in the number of cats and dogs being adopted and purchased during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes Friends of the Pound locally who have seen an increase in the number of pets they've rehomed.

Unfortunately, the downside is a spike in the number of scams offering puppies for adoption.

Planning Committee Meeting Agenda Thursday 4 June 2020

The Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for Thursday 4 June 2020 is available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings. During this period of COVID-19 distancing restrictions the meeting will be livestreamed, commencing at 3pm. A Public Forum on agenda items being considered is to be held prior to the meeting.

Agenda Reports for consideration Planning and Regulation

- 8.1** Development Application DA19/0802 for the 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
- 8.2** Development Application DA18/0519 for Multi Dwelling Housing Comprising Three Dwellings, the Use of One Dwelling as Bed and Breakfast Accommodation and Ancillary Structures including Water Tanks and Detached Storage Unit at Lot 1 DP 775668 No. 217 McAllisters Road, Bilambil Heights
- 8.3** Kingscliff Locality Plan and Development Control Plan Part B26 – Kingscliff – Adoption and Implementation
- 8.4** Local Strategic Planning Statement – For Adoption
- 8.5** Summary of Local Heritage Assistance Fund 2019–2020 and Continuation of Heritage Program Based on Tweed Heritage Strategy 2020–2023
- 8.6** Variations to Development Standards

The Agenda for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings.

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.

Please be aware that these meetings are webcast and will be available on Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission reported in April puppy scams were almost five times higher than average. They estimate that these scams have taken more than \$300,000 from members of the public who think they are doing the right thing.

Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said prospective owners are strongly encouraged to use NSW Pet Registry online to undertake a free buyer search and to ask the seller for a microchip number, a breeder identification number or for the name of the rehoming organisation offering the pet for sale.

"By using the microchip or a breeder identification number the online search will determine the breed, age, registration and de-sexing details of the cat or dog. By using the rehoming organisation number, the online search will confirm details about the seller," Mr Connell said.

To undertake a pet registration search or for more information visit: www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Council Meeting Agenda Thursday 4 June 2020

The Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 4 June 2020 is available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings. During this period of COVID-19 distancing restrictions the meeting will be livestreamed, commencing at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting.

Agenda Reports for consideration

- 3.1** Adoption of the Planning Committee Recommendations from Meeting held on 4 June 2020

General Manager

- 12.1** Tweed Tourism Company – March 2020 Quarterly Report

Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 14.1** Skyline Attractions Observation Wheel – Jack Evans Boat Harbour
- 14.2** Draft Jack Evans Boat Harbour Plan of Management

Engineering

- 15.1** RF02019172 Supply and Delivery of Water Pipes and Fittings

Confidential items for consideration

Planning and Regulation in committee

- 21.1** Proposed Purchase of Land for New Council Facility

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