

In brief ...

Work in Nullum Street

Council will start work in the July school holidays to rebuild Nullum Street, Murwillumbah from Condong to James Street.

The two street blocks are home to several Murwillumbah school bus depots, which will be in their least busy period during the holidays from 6 to 17 July.

The full pavement upgrade will include both intersections.

The street will be closed to through traffic during work hours from 7am to 5pm weekdays. Detours will be indicated through signage.

Residents, businesses and bus companies will be allowed to access their Nullum Street properties throughout the works.

Tweed Link stays in the Tweed Valley Weekly

You may have heard that the Tweed's other free newspaper, the Tweed Daily News Community Edition, ceases as a print publication after this week.

This of course means the Tweed Link will no longer appear in the Daily News.

However, we can assure you that you can continue to read the Tweed Link every week in the Tweed Valley Weekly.

You can also stay up to date with Council news and happenings across the Tweed by subscribing to receive the Tweed Link electronically.

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Clean fill available

Every year, Council excavates about 10,000 tonne of clean fill from its construction projects and looks for ways to reuse the material rather than disposing of it to landfill.

Eligible landowners can apply to take a load or two of clean fill to build up, for example, sites for farm sheds or pads above flood levels for stock and machinery.

To get a load of clean fill, landowners are asked to express their interest online by completing a short form on Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/disposaloffill

If the application is accepted, the landowner would be added to the database of landowners right across the Tweed interested in accepting clean fill. Council would then deliver the fill from worksites to nearby properties as the fill becomes available.

There is no charge for the fill if the trip to the landowner is shorter than the trip to a Council disposal facility. If the trip is longer, Council charges a small gap fee based on mileage.

Properties suitable for accepting fill must have access suitable for a tandem truck. In wet weather, fill can only be delivered to those properties with all-weather access. For more information or to lodge an expression of interest, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/disposaloffill



Tim Ross, Curator, Design Nation holding a Dolphin torch. Photographer Ryan Hernandez.

Aussie inventions celebrated as museum reopens

Tweed Regional Museum is re-opening its doors to the public on 30 June, with an exciting new exhibition entitled *Design Nation*.

Murwillumbah will be the first place in Australia to view the nationally-touring exhibition from the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (Powerhouse) in Sydney.

Design Nation brings together outstanding examples of Australian ingenuity and innovation in a range of classic, everyday objects from Aussie households. The exhibition casts a spotlight on Australia's rich manufacturing and design history from the mid-1960s to the late 1980s.

Australian designers have invented countless everyday items that have changed our lifestyle over time. When we look around at the everyday objects in our homes you will discover many of them were actually designed in Australia, including the Dolphin torch, the Staysharp knife and even the Esky to name a few.

Local residents are encouraged to plan a visit to the museum, especially those interested in design and creatives fascinated by innovation.

In preparation for re-opening, new measures have been put in place to ensure the Museum is a safe place to visit including a limit on visitor numbers. Visitors are encouraged to book their free tickets online for a morning or afternoon session.

The museum will ensure strict hygiene measures are in place and will continue to be guided by public health advice, as well as liaising with other museums and galleries, to determine best practice during COVID-19 restrictions.

The Tweed Regional Museum branch at Tweed Heads will remain closed until 15 September 2020. However, visitors can enjoy a virtual tour of both Boyds' Shed and the original Tweed Heads Courthouse, and look forward to September school holiday programs when the museum will reopen.

To book your free visit or to preview one of the Museum's virtual tours, visit museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au/themuseum, or email trm@tweed.nsw.gov.au or call 02 6670 2493.

Community Centres are set to reopen 1 July

Community centres at Banora Point and Tweed Heads South, Kingscliff Hall, South Sea Islander Room and Tweed Heads Auditorium will reopen on Wednesday 1 July.

Thank you to Tweed residents for being patient while waiting for these community facilities to safely reopen to visitors, staff and volunteers.

Regular sessions and activities will recommence at each facility, with restrictions in place, new timetables and modified activities. Each facility will have restrictions on capacity and open with a COVID-19 safe plan in place to ensure community safety.

Fun Activities for Banora Seniors (FABS) is scheduled to resume from 7 July with a new activities timetable.

For people who can't get out and about, or aren't ready to, some activities are being trialled as virtual get-togethers. The singing group from the Banora Point Community Centre has had great results doing virtual 'singing for fun' sessions.

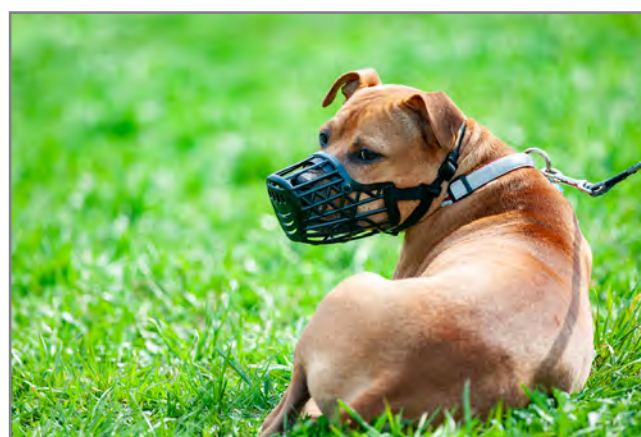
Contact Council's Community Services team for an updated timetable, to find out what's on at each centre or to find out more about any of the programs on 07 5569 3110.

The facilities will also once again be available for hire. To find out more information, look at availability or to book online, visit tweed.bookable.net.au

For more information on the status of Council services during COVID-19 restrictions visit emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus



Banora Point Community Centre is just one of those reopening on 1 July.



Pitbull terriers are one of the restricted breeds in NSW.

New permits for non-desexed cats and dangerous/restricted dogs

From 1 July 2020, owners of cats not desexed by four months of age will be required to pay an \$80 annual permit fee, in addition to the existing one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

This initiative by the NSW Government will create a stronger incentive to desex cats, which in turn will improve their health and wellbeing, including reducing the risk of some cancers.

Improving desexing rates will also ease the burden on pounds and shelters, reduce euthanasia rates and help to address concerns about feral, stray and roaming cats and their effect on wildlife.

Exemptions are in place for cats that are registered by 1 July, those kept for breeding purposes by members of recognised breeding bodies and cats which cannot be de-sexed for medical reasons.

From 1 July, owners of dogs of a restricted breed or formally declared to be dangerous will be required to pay a \$195 annual permit, in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee. This is a further

disincentive to owning high-risk dogs and encouraging owners to better manage the behaviour of their animal.

Pet owners will be able to pay for annual permits using the NSW Pet Registry website or through Council from 1 July.

Annual permit fees will go directly to the Companion Animals Fund, which pays for companion animal management by local councils, including pounds/shelters, ranger services, dog recreation areas, and education and awareness programs. The fund is also used to operate the NSW Pet Registry and carry out responsible pet ownership initiatives.

For more information you can visit:

- www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/responsible-pet-ownership/nsw-pet-registry/annual-permits
- www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-cats/responsible-pet-ownership
- friendsofthepound.com
- www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/microchippingregistration

Help put a brake on Tweed water consumption – now!

Tweed residents are being urged to reduce water waste now as we enter the traditionally dry winter months.

“The current coastal showers are not a true reflection of the rainfall in the upper catchment that goes into our rivers and Clarrie Hall Dam,” Manager Water and Wastewater Business and Assets Anthony Burnham said.

“History tells us that the Tweed averages less than 150mm of rain over the winter months and it is not unusual to go for 100 days without receiving a single drop.

“The river flow over Bray Park Weir, which supplies the Tweed with the bulk of its water, will fall very quickly from its current healthy level without rain.

“This means we will again have to closely watch both river and Clarrie Hall Dam levels to make our limited water supply last as long as possible.”

Water restrictions were last introduced in the Tweed in December 2019 and lifted in February 2020.

Under those recent restrictions, Tweed residents did not meet the normal consumption target of 160 litres per person per day, let alone the level 2 water restriction target of 144 litres per person per day.

“We only achieved the normal 160 litres target with really wet weather. Our community performance fell a long way short of what we needed to achieve in that most recent water emergency.”

Since that rain stopped at the end of April, daily consumption figures have again headed north, topping out a couple of weeks ago at 200 litres per person per day.

“We need to put a brake on water consumption now.”

Anyone who thinks their water consumption is too high should check for a leak by checking their water meter. If it's ticking over while you have no taps or appliances on, you may have a leak and should call a plumber. If you have a rainwater tank that gets topped up with town water, check the automatic top-up switch because they often fail. The tank may be overflowing without you knowing about it.

“If you have an undetectable leak, Council may be able to offer you some relief on that high water bill so please check your meter.”

Every day the Tweed consumes 30 million litres of water.

“If every consumer saved the 40 litres a day we are asking them to save and achieved Target 160L, we would get the most out of our limited supply.”

To save 40 litres a day:

- only water outdoors before 9am or after 4pm
- cut your outdoor watering time by two minutes (a hose typically uses 20 litres a minute)
- cut your shower time by four-and-a-half minutes (an efficient showerhead uses nine litres of water a minute)
- don't rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher (saving at least 45 litres a day)
- only use a high-pressure cleaner for outdoor cleaning and car-washing
- fix a dripping tap and save 33 litres a day.

For more information and water saving tips, visit

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/saveaternow

Letitia Road to remain closed

The road closure at Letitia Road, Fingal head will remain in place until 24 August 2020.

This is due to heightened concerns about protecting the Aboriginal elders and residents particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. Council made the decision at last week's Council meeting.

Any adjustments in the design and location of barriers will be made to accommodate school parking.

For more information see the 18 June Council meeting agenda and minutes at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings

Find out what's on in the Tweed

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift, there's now more happening across the Tweed.

Keep up to date at the Tweed's official events calendar, What's on Tweed at www.whatsontweed.com.au

Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council proposes to classify 6074 Tweed Valley Way, being Lot 1 DP 124444 at Burringbar and 6078 Tweed Valley Way, being Lot 1 DP 124445 at Burringbar 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

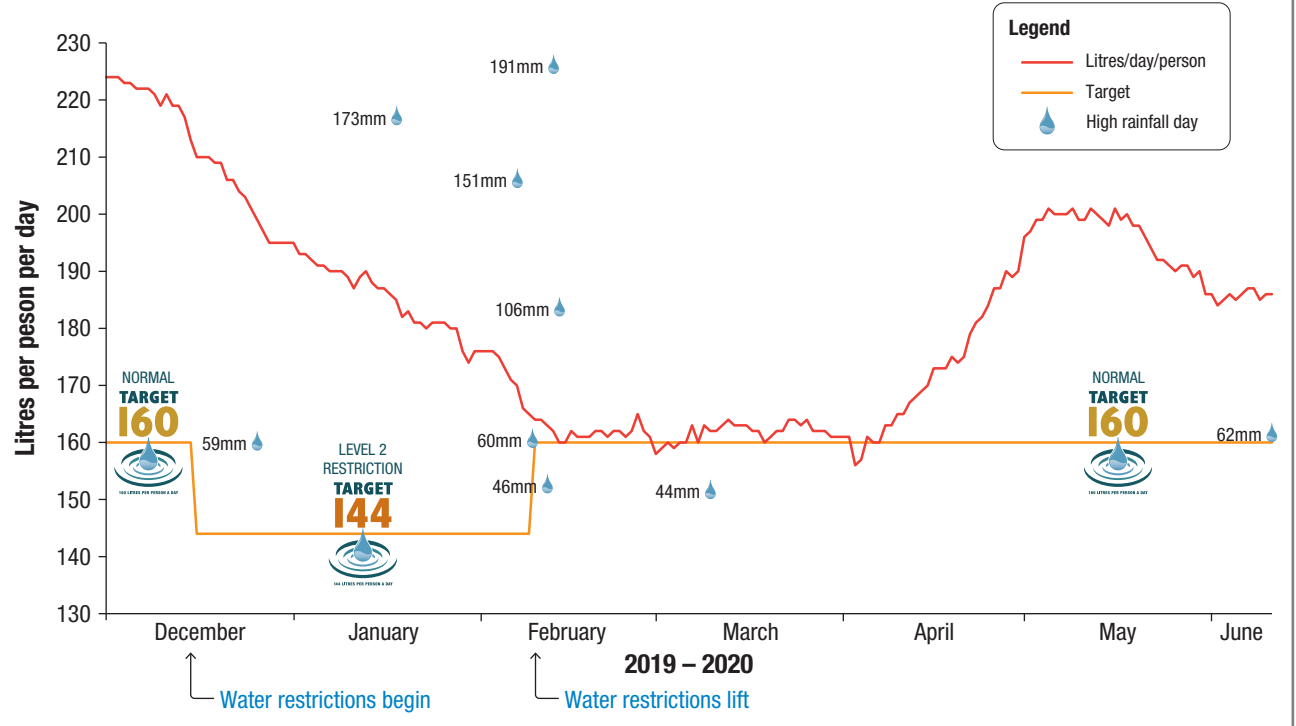
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WATER WEEK 13 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading

Daily water use per person



Graph showing the Tweed's daily water use per person from 1 December 2019 to 11 June 2020.

Barrier to stop saltwater

Council is progressing with the concept design of a hinged barrier across Bray Park Weir to protect the Tweed District Water Supply from the risk of tidal inundation.

Council adopted this solution identified by a community Project Reference Group, which had been working on the difficult problem of saltwater contamination of the weir pool since March 2018.

The Tweed District Water Supply is at risk of saltwater contamination due to an increased frequency and intensity of high tides overtopping the weir wall.

The risk is heightened during times of low flow in the Tweed River which are insufficient to hold back an upcoming tide.

The risk is becoming more intense due to an increasing frequency of sea level anomalies, where actual tide heights exceed predicted tide heights.

In August 2017, the first of these sea level anomaly events resulted in a lot of saltwater getting into the weir pool, stopping the production of drinking water supplies for two days. The weir pool had to be dredged of the saltwater, at a cost of more than \$400,000.

Since then (apart from an incident last month), Council has prevented 26 overtoppings by manually placing heavy concrete blocks on the weir wall.

“We have been managing the risk of tidal inundation of the weir pool for many years, first by placing sandbags across the weir wall and now by placing large concrete blocks on the wall, so we welcome Council's decision to progress with the concept design of a hinged barrier,” Manager Water and Wastewater Business and Assets Anthony Burnham said.

Once a concept design is developed, cost estimates will be updated and this will be provided to Council to gain approval to proceed.

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

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

DA20/0175 – Alterations and additions to existing distillery including the construction of a tank farm; barrel house; and fermenting shed, and ancillary earthworks
Lot 4 DP 600065, No. 592 McAuleys Road, **North Tumbulgum**

DA20/0066 – Secondary dwelling
Lot 5 DP 793031, No. 2 Parkwood Place, **Terranora**

DA20/0174 – Use of previously created new tenancy (Tenancy 1) and associated mezzanine level and construction of amenities within an existing commercial building
Lot 1 DP 831040, No. 28 Greenway Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA20/0190 – Dwelling and secondary dwelling (attached)
Lot 61 DP 1241079, No. 32 Lorikeet Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA20/0328 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 441 DP 221546, No. 13 Mimosa Avenue, **Bogangar**

CDC20/0040 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 1 DP 702719, No. 801 Numinbah Road, **Crystal Creek**

CDC20/0051 – Partial in-ground swimming pool
Lot 6 DP 863736, No. 888 Cudgera Creek Road, **Cudgera Creek**

CDC20/0049 – Swimming pool and alterations and additions to existing dwelling house
Lot 5 DP 1121836, No. 492 Nobbys Creek Road, **Nobbys Creek**

DA20/0327 – Flyover patio roof
Lot 12 DP 801161, No. 25 Flamingo Place, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0519 – 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
Lot 1 DP 775668, No. 217 McAllisters Road, **Bilambil Heights**

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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