

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.



From left, Tweed Shire Council's Senior Program Leader Biodiversity Scott Hetherington, Project Manager Contracts Craig Murphy, General Manager Troy Green and Manager Engineering Design Paul Morgan at the site of the new koala holding facility.

## Endangered coast koalas get more land

The NSW Government has added 89 hectares to the Cudgen Nature Reserve to help the endangered Tweed Coast koala population.

The land was bought by the Government in 2017 for koala conservation.

Tweed Shire Council swapped land with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to enable the 89 hectares to be added to the Cudgen Nature Reserve.

Council proposed the land purchase and land swap to protect existing koala habitat and create new areas of habitat on the Tweed Coast.

Meanwhile, 10 hectares has been added to the Koala Beach Bushland Reserve to boost that koala habitat and allow Council to build a koala holding facility in conjunction with Currumbin Wildlife Hospital.

The koala holding facility will allow up to eight koalas to be cared for at a time as part of a research trial into a chlamydia vaccine.

The NSW Government contributed \$340,000 under its Stronger Country Communities Fund towards the \$580,000 facility, with the remainder contributed by Council.

Construction of the koala holding facility has begun and is expected to be complete by October this year.

Find out more about koalas in the Tweed and how you can help by reporting sightings at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas)



## All businesses must have a COVID safe plan

Tweed Shire Council is asking all businesses to review and implement COVID safe plans to help prevent a second wave of the virus.

The NSW Government has recommended three easy steps to ensure businesses do everything they can to keep their staff and customers safe and remain open.

- 1 Complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- 2 Register as a COVID Safe business
- 3 Show you're COVID Safe

There are different plans for different industries available at [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19) and they all provide advice on:

- hygiene and safety
- physical distancing
- recording contact details of staff and customers
- staff wellbeing.

The plans are compulsory and may be required by the Police or a

Public Health Officer doing a random business inspection.

Ensure your business is complying with the plan and use the publicity resources available online to promote a COVID-19 safety culture.

Businesses also can download a series of posters and signs to display, advising they are COVID safe. The posters range from how to properly wash hands to physical distancing requirements.

For advice and help with COVID business plans, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officers on 02 6670 2400.

For extra business support and advice during the COVID-19 crisis, please contact our Land and Economic Development team by telephoning 02 6670 2165 or emailing [business@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:business@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

For more information on Council's services and support during the pandemic, visit [emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)



Last week we each used

**176L a day**

as at 10 July 2020

### In brief ...

#### Pay your rates and win!

Pay your yearly rates in full by 31 August 2020 for the chance to win \$3000.

Tweed Shire Council's ratepayer incentive scheme encourages full payment of rates. This benefits all ratepayers as it helps keep fees and charges as low as possible.

Receiving rates income early means Council can invest the funds and provide services from the interest earned.

Entry to the competition is automatic when you pay your rates in full before 12 midnight on 31 August 2020.

The winner will be announced here in the Tweed Link on 29 September 2020.

Go to [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/rates](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/rates) to find out how to pay.

#### Go paperless and win \$1000

Tweed Shire Council is giving four lucky ratepayers the chance to win \$1000 just by registering to receive their notices electronically.

To enter the draw, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/gopaperless](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/gopaperless) and fill in the eNotices form to automatically enter.

Once you sign up to eNotices, your rates (and water notice) will be sent to your email address.

There will be one \$1000 prize for each of the four rating quarters during the 2020-2021 financial year.

Instalment	Entries open	Entries close
1	1/7/2020	31/8/2020
2	1/9/2020	30/11/2020
3	1/12/2020	28/2/2021
4	1/3/2021	31/5/2021

Terms and conditions apply.



Since Tweed Shire Council launched its Bush Stone-curlew online reporting tool, there's been more than 50 sightings recorded by the community. These records will help protect the Tweed's curlew population.

Report sightings online at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushstonecurlew](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushstonecurlew)

## Emergency Dashboard a winner for Tweed Shire Council

### EMERGENCY DASHBOARD



[emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Tweed's one-stop shop for emergency information was last week named winner of the 'Special Project Initiative' category in the Local Government Professionals Awards (for councils with populations of less than 100,000).

The awards celebrate outstanding achievements and recognise the excellent work being undertaken by NSW councils. There were a record 182 award nominations across all categories this year.

Last week's win is the second major win for the Emergency Dashboard, which took out an RH Dougherty Award for Reporting to your Community in August 2019.

The [Tweed Emergency Dashboard](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/emergency) was launched in December 2018 in response to the major flood that hit the Tweed in March 2017. A specific [COVID-19 Dashboard](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/emergency) has been developed to support the Tweed community and help it navigate the vast range of COVID-19 information and our local response.

The purpose of the dashboards is to provide real-time emergency information for Tweed residents, businesses and visitors that can be accessed on any computer or device with an internet connection at any time of day.

The Emergency Dashboard includes the current status for weather warnings, road closures, power outages, water and sewer interruptions and Council services and facilities, along with links to many other useful resources to help with planning for an emergency and what to do after.

The COVID Dashboard includes links to Australian and NSW Government advice, information about COVID-19 impacts on Council services and links to local information such as the border closure process.

The next emergency or natural disaster in the Tweed is not a matter of if, but when.

Tweed Shire Council is confident the Tweed Emergency Dashboard will help to keep our community safer and more informed in times of emergency.

It enables us to be a disaster ready community with 24/7 access to a mobile friendly emergency dashboard - at a time when we most need real-time information.

To view the Emergency Dashboard, go to [emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Please note that Tweed Shire Council is not the main agency in an emergency. Depending on the type of event, the relevant combat agency is the lead authority.



# Small grants big benefits

Tweed Shire Council's Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program is accepting applications from local farmers for grants up to \$4000 for eligible projects that improve the health of soils, pastures and waterways in the Tweed.

The small grants help give farmers financial and technical support to improve the health and productivity of their land.

Council's Program Leader Sustainable Agriculture Eli Szandala said previous grant rounds had helped the Tweed's primary producers to do important work they would otherwise not have had the time, money nor technical support to do.

"The grants are flexible enough to allow farmers to bring forward innovative ideas and initiate projects that will have beneficial environmental outcomes, while also often improving farm yields," Mr Szandala said.

Previous projects have included the use of biological controls of pests in vegetable and turf production, eliminating the need for chemicals; fencing to establish rotational, mixed species grazing systems; and, upgrades to a dairy effluent management system.

Grant guidelines and application forms can be found at

[www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture)

Applications close at 4pm on Friday 21 August 2020.



Previous grant recipient Farm & Co. used its grant to build a chicken run within a market garden, improving soil fertility and reducing pests naturally.

# Residents get a say on park upgrades

Tweed Shire Council's commitment to improve the quality of parks and open spaces continues with a call to residents to have their say on the future of two existing community parks.

Clarrie Englert Park on Gollan Drive, Tweed Heads West, and Banora Point Community Centre Park on Leisure Drive, Banora Point, are being upgraded thanks to a grant from the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play Grant Program.

Council's Manager of Parks and Active Communities Stewart Brawley said Council would match the funding and partner with the local community to create recreational spaces that are more welcoming and inclusive for all.

"Park improvements could include the addition of inclusive play equipment, seating, picnic facilities, a drinking fountain, connecting pathways, landscaping and tree planting to provide more natural shade," Mr Brawley said.

To give the communities a say on what facilities they would like to see included in the upgrades, a survey has been sent to all nearby residents of each park. Residents can also complete their survey online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3WTCM3](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3WTCM3) for Clarrie Englert Park or [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTBFD5C](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTBFD5C) for the Banora Point Community Centre Park. The surveys close on Friday 31 July 2020.

Later this year, Council will hold a family pop-up event for the nearby communities and their children to discuss their ideas and designs for each park, including the choice of play equipment. The event will be hosted by Council's Recreation Planner at a date to be confirmed and in line with any COVID-19 restrictions at that time.

## Current vacancies

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

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# Lighting illuminates local sporting scene

Improved lighting has been switched on at the Walter Peate Reserve as part of the rollout of the Kingscliff Sport and Recreation Complex Masterplan.

Lighting up to 100 lux has been installed on three sportsfields, alongside 200 lux lighting of the premier football field.

The new lights extend both the training and competition capacity in the evenings, extending the grounds usefulness during the sporting season.

The project is part of the first stage of the Kingscliff Sport and Recreation Complex Masterplan, which already has delivered an upgrade to athletic facilities, with construction under way of a new clubhouse and amenities building.

The new lights will be a welcome addition to the clubs who call the complex home, including: Cudgen Junior and Senior Cricket clubs, Kingscliff Hockey Club, Kingscliff Football Club, Tweed Little Athletics Centre and Cudgen Junior Rugby League Club.

The project was funded through a NSW Office of Sport Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund grant totalling \$3.2 million. Tweed Shire Council contributed a further \$750,000 and user groups made their own contributions.

For more information on the project, visit

[www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/sportandrecreation](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/sportandrecreation)



From left, Tweed Shire Council's Program Lead Recreation Operations Murray Smith, Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson and Manager Parks and Active Communities Stewart Brawley celebrate the night under lights.

# Blocking the big surf at Bray Park Weir

When you're looking forward to the next run of big surf, spare a thought for Tweed Shire Council's Water and Wastewater team.

A big surf for them can mean placing large concrete blocks on the wall of Bray Park Weir to stop a higher-than-predicted tide overtopping the wall and contaminating the Tweed's drinking water supply.

Two weeks ago, Council had to put the blocks out twice and take them back off twice.

They were put out twice due to the predicted high tides, which, if accompanied by a sea level anomaly, put the weir pool at risk of overtopping. Then, they had to be removed twice due to predictions of rain as access could be cut to upstream crossings or the blocks themselves could be washed away.

Over the past three years, sea level anomalies, which cannot be accurately predicted, have resulted in tides being up to 420mm higher than expected.

The concrete blocks have had to be put on the weir wall 28 times since the first sea level anomaly in August 2017, which resulted in the shutdown of water production for two days while the weir pool was dredged of salt water at a cost of more than \$400,000.

A smaller overtopping occurred in the early hours of Monday 25 May this year, when about 15 million litres of saltwater entered the weir pool on a much higher-than-predicted tide.

"We have to take a conservative approach to deploying the blocks because the Tweed has a single source of water and very limited access to an emergency supply in the event of salt water contamination," Manager Water and Wastewater - Business and Assets Anthony Burnham said.

"By the time we confirm a sea level anomaly and know how much higher it is likely to push the predicted high tide, we only have hours to react.

"So grab your surfboard and head to the beach but spare a thought for the workers who have to deploy those concrete blocks in often slippery and dangerous conditions to protect the town water supply."

Council currently is working on the concept design for a hinged barrier across the weir as a recommended solution to the increasing frequency and size of potential overtopping events.

Visit Your Say Tweed for more information on the project at

[www.yoursaytweed.com.au/brayparkweir](http://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

**DA20/0345** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 1210 DP 1011945, No. 66 Riversdale Boulevard **Banora Point**

**DA20/0353** - Use of rear first floor covered deck, ground floor ensuite and storage room  
Lot 3 Section 3DP 28871, No. 34 Pacific Drive **Banora Point**

**DA20/0360** - Two storey dwelling with attached triple garage  
Lot 122 DP 263367, No. 14 Captains Way **Banora Point**

**DA20/0363** - Carport within the front building line  
Lot 6 DP 29974, No. 24 Anthony Avenue **Banora Point**

**DA20/0372** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 117 DP 1049552, No. 12 Macquarie Street **Banora Point**

**DA20/0390** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 61 DP 1191156, No. 9 Lambent Avenue **Casuarina**

**DA20/0312** - Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 3DP 1262504, No. 51 Nautilus Way **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0402** - Patio  
Lot 20 DP 839005, No. 2 Monarch Drive **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0307** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport, in-ground swimming pool and pool house  
Lot 728 DP 1068713, No. 1 Tathra Street **Pottsville**

**DA20/0354** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 1 SP 80195, Unit 1/No. 22 Newcastle Drive **Pottsville**

**DA20/0356** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and retaining walls  
Lot 301 DP 1049060, No. 39 Sassafras Street **Pottsville**

**DA20/0358** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including garage conversion

Lot 583 DP 1076975, No. 49 Marsupial Drive **Pottsville**

**DA20/0380** - Dwelling with attached garage and carport  
Lot 31 DP 249208, No. 18 Surfside Crescent **Pottsville**

**DA20/0092** - Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of new dwelling and carport  
Lot 2 DP 617036, No. 175 Palmers Road **Terragon**

**DA20/0348** - Deck and pergola within the building line  
Lot 39 DP 792238, No. 2 Market Parade **Terranora**

**DA20/0362** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 1 DP 1147817, No. 4 McDonald Street **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0376** - Deck extension and retaining wall  
Lot 2 DP 617743, No. 15A Charles Street **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0355** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within the front building line  
Lot 18 DP 258723, No. 35 Blundell Boulevard **Tweed Heads South**

**DA20/0384** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 5 DP 631375, No. 1207 Uriup Road **Uriup**

**DA20/0157** - Staged light industrial development including 13 units and signage  
Lot 512 DP 1132400, No. 195-197 Lundberg Drive **South Murwillumbah**

**DA19/0233** - Use of constructed garage, garage converted to bedroom and roofed patio  
Lot 24 DP 260432, Lot 1 SP 19362, No. 21 Shearwater Parade **Tweed Heads**

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)