



The fixed koala zone sign on Clothiers Creek Road features the emergency contact number for Friends of the Koala should anyone come across an injured koala.

Slow down for Tweed's endangered koalas

Koalas are on the move on the Tweed Coast, prompting an urgent reminder from Tweed Shire Council for motorists to be vigilant and slow down.

The call comes as two koalas have died as a result of car strikes in the Tweed, one on the M1 at Chinderah and one on Clothiers Creek Road. A third koala was also injured last week on Clothiers Creek Road.

The koala breeding season has seen them extremely active and the current bushfires may increase the chance that they are on the move, making the endangered animals vulnerable, especially on the roads.

Council has increased signage in the area warning drivers to slow down and if anyone encounters an injured koala, to contact Friends of the Koala on their 24-hour hotline 02 6622 1233.

Senior Program Leader Biodiversity Scott Hetherington said motorists are simply driving too fast and needed to be aware of koalas crossing the roads.

He urged motorists to do the right thing and slow down when travelling through habitat zones in the Tweed.

"Keeping to the speed limit will cost you an additional 30 seconds on Clothiers Creek Road," Mr Hetherington said.

"The message is simple – slow down in koala zones."

Areas of concern for Council include Cudgen Nature Reserve, Koala Beach bushland estate, Pottsville Environment Park and Pottsville Wetland.

If you encounter any sick, injured or orphaned koalas, contact the Friends of Koala 24-hour hotline on 02 6622 1233.



Last week we each used

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as at 21 August 2020

In brief ...

Letitia Road to remain closed

The road closure at Letitia Road, Fingal Head will remain in place until 23 November 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.

For more information see the 20 August Council meeting agenda and minutes at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings

In brief ...

Learn more about the NBN

NBN is offering one-on-one sessions for Tweed residents seeking education or guidance about the NBN network and home connections.

To book a 15-minute session, email nbnsessions@nbn.com.au with your first name, preferred business day/time and a quick summary of what you're interested in discussing.

Visit www.nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/media-centre/events for more information.



Warning signs have been placed on Clothiers Creek Road on the Tweed Coast advising motorists to be aware of koalas crossing.

Council adapting to the challenges of the Gold Coast-Tweed 'border bubble'

Council is working hard to find ways to limit the effects of the Queensland COVID-19 border restrictions on its work programs.

With the current border zone (bubble) of City of Gold Coast and Tweed Shire, Council is facing challenges in staff and contractor resourcing, materials and service supply and a multitude of possible contractual issues.

"While we are confident we can resolve most of the current issues through the good relationships we enjoy with our suppliers and contract partners, like many other Tweed businesses the Queensland border restrictions are having an impact on our operations," Manager Infrastructure Delivery Tim Mackney said.

"We need to be very careful when resourcing our jobs and scheduling works that none of our staff or contractors are being forced into mandatory quarantine on their return to Queensland."

Council has sought confirmation of border restriction exemptions for out-of-bubble freight drivers, waste transporters, tip truck operators running from Queensland quarries to Tweed construction sites and the movement of plant and equipment to and from Queensland suppliers and repairers.

Until late last week, no Council worker who lived in Queensland could be rostered for any job near the Shire's southern boundary as Crabbes Creek, Mooball, Burringbar, Wooyung and Sleepy Hollow were outside the bubble.

"While this was mostly a challenge for our work coordinators and managers, there was a risk that specialist staff could not attend to jobs on critical infrastructure like the Mooball Wastewater Treatment Plant.

We are thankful that Tweed residents in the postcode 2483 have now been included in the bubble and this is no longer an issue."

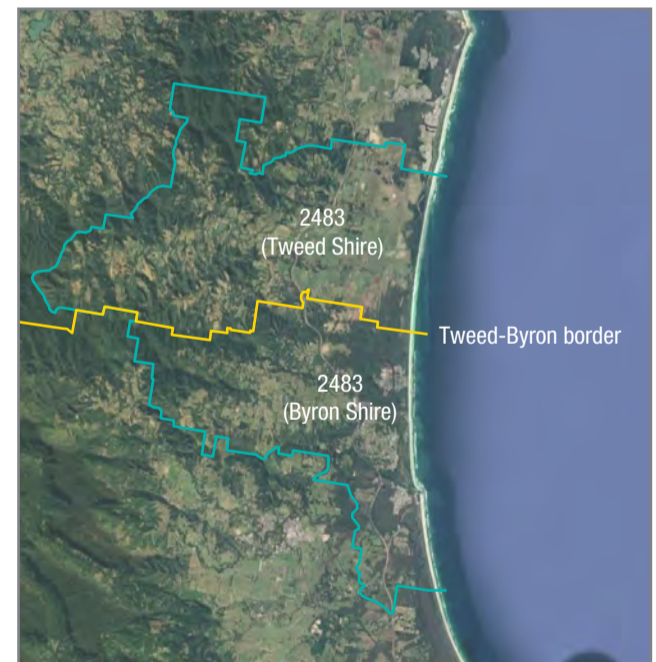
Contracting resources and material supply issues already have delayed the completion of the rebuild of Byangum Road in Murwillumbah and Acacia and James streets in Tweed Heads as the primary contractor is Ipswich-based.

"We're now negotiating with that contractor to find a way around the issue that will allow us to finish the job or to protect the works from the weather until we can complete it properly."

Last week the upgrade of Jack Chard Park at Tweed Heads began with the Brisbane contractor deploying the few local staff available to undertake landscaping. However, the contractor engaged to supply and install the playground equipment is working with Council to find a way around the impasse of their staff crossing the border.

The replacement of the heat pump and essential maintenance at the Kingscliff swimming pool also has been challenging but the Brisbane-based supplier has now confirmed it can freight the equipment to site under the current border restrictions and a local subcontractor has been found to install the pump.

"Despite these issues, we are confident we can continue to provide our services to the community under the current border arrangements. Where issues arise, we are in regular contact with our Queensland counterparts to try and reduce the impacts – but ultimately we are in the same boat as all north coast residents and businesses who are working within the constraints of the unprecedented COVID situation," Mr Mackney said.



The 'border bubble' was recently changed to include the 2483 postcode area within Tweed Shire.



Council workers unblock the mouth of Mooball Creek in 2018.

Funds committed to fix Mooball Creek training walls

Tweed Shire Council has resolved to commit \$290,000 towards repairing the Mooball Creek training walls at Pottsville if matching funding can be secured from NSW Crown Lands.

The funding commitment was made at a Council meeting last week (Thursday 20 August).

The Mooball Creek training walls were built in the 1970s to help manage the floodplain.

But over the years, they have been severely damaged by heavy seas and are now missing sections of crest with many rocks lost into coastal sands.

It is believed the poor condition of the walls may be contributing to the silting up of the creek mouth, preventing upstream waters flowing to the ocean.

Other factors contributing to the dumping of sand at the creek mouth include the flow of the creek and sand moved by ocean swells.

In 2018, Council had to intervene and open the creek mouth after it became blocked with sand.

At the time, heavy rain raised further concerns about the possibility of flooding affecting upstream agricultural lands and Pottsville waterfront residential property if the creek mouth remained blocked.

In 2019, Council applied for grant funding to fix the walls under the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund but its application was not successful.

Subsequent inquiries have confirmed that while the walls are built on Council-managed Crown Land, they are a Council floodplain asset.

Tweed Shire Council Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose welcomed Council's decision but advised the Pottsville community that the repair would not go ahead without a matching funding commitment.

"If we cannot secure matching funds from Crown Lands we will continue to seek grant funding where we can but the repair cannot be done solely from Council's floodplain asset management budget," Mr Rose said.

Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings to view the meeting minutes.

Help us control this pest fish in the Tweed

Stopping the spread of one of the world's worst pest fish – tilapia – in Tweed waterways is the focus of a public awareness campaign supported by OzFish Unlimited and Tweed Shire Council.

Tilapia was introduced into Australia as an ornamental fish in the 1970s. Tilapia can tolerate a wide range of habitats, including fresh and brackish water.

Due to their aggressive nature, especially when breeding, they impact on native species, reducing their numbers and causing damage to native habitats and water quality.

Once populations are established, it is virtually impossible to eradicate tilapia from waterways.

The pest was confirmed in Bogangar Canal and Cudgen Lake in 2014 and is the only known Mozambique tilapia population in NSW. It is extremely important to keep tilapia out of the Tweed River and all other waterways.

When COVID-19 restrictions allow, recreational anglers and fishing clubs will have the opportunity to join tilapia buster workshops and events being planned with NSW DPI Fisheries. The project will help identify tilapia

hotspots and build an understanding of impacts on native fish habitat.

In the meantime, fishing for tilapia is one way to help keep local numbers down.

It is important recreational anglers do not help spread tilapia between waterways. Don't use tilapia as bait (dead or alive) as even dead adults may be carrying viable eggs or larvae in their mouth.

It is illegal to return any recreationally caught tilapia to the water. If caught they must be humanely dispatched and disposed of, preferably in a bin going to landfill.

The community can play a vital role in stopping the spread of tilapia by reporting sightings to NSW DPI Fisheries hotline, 1800 675 888 or email aquatic.biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Take good quality photographs of suspected tilapia, and freeze the whole fish where possible.

More information is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquatic/freshwater-pests/species/tilapia

To get involved in stopping the spread of tilapia, contact Council by calling 02 6670 2400.



Anglers are being encouraged to record their catches of tilapia in Tweed Waterways as part of a public awareness campaign to monitor the spread of the pest fish. Pictured, Mozambique tilapia. Image © State of New South Wales through NSW Department of Industry.



Tweed Shire Council recently finished work on upgrading the Tweed Coast Road intersection with Plantation Road at Cudgen. While roadworks are an inconvenience to motorists, Council hopes residents are pleased with the improvements. For the latest on roadworks in the Tweed, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Chinderah Districts Residents Association Inc. – Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday 1 September 2020, 7pm at 24 Kingscliff Street, Uniting Church Hall. Opposite Eloura Nursing Home, Kingscliff.

Request for offer

RF02020096 Domestic Kerbside Bin Composition Audit

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 9 September 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.

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.

On exhibition

Draft Asset Protection Zone on Public Land Policy

You are invited to have your say about the *Draft Asset Protection Zone on Public Land Policy* that deals with development application requests for the use of Council owned or managed land to meet legislative requirements for a buffer zone between a bush fire hazard and a proposed development. The draft policy seeks to ensure all requirements are located wholly within the boundaries of the development site.

The draft document will be on exhibition from 26 August to 7 October 2020 and is available to view at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/apzpolicy

Submissions should be made in writing by 4pm 7 October 2020.

Online: www.yoursaytweed.com.au/apzpolicy

Email: tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Post: General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484.

For more information contact Scott Hetherington, Senior Program Leader – Biodiversity, phone 02 6670 2400 or email tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

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Explore more of the Tweed with the new Hinterland Drives guide

Tweed Shire Council is encouraging locals to journey beyond the Tweed's famous coastline and experience its green country landscapes, ancient forests, creative communities and farm-grown goodness while the COVID-19 travel bubble restrictions are in place.

The new *Tweed Hinterland Drives Guide*, developed by the Tweed Tourism Company together with local tourism businesses, showcases the Tweed's internationally-significant environment, galleries, distilleries, fresh-made foods, rainforest retreats and unique history.

Compact and easy to navigate, a drive holiday to the Tweed's inland villages and vistas delivers an abundance of things to do and see. From foodies and hikers to creatives and culture-buffs, there's a Tweed country trip to suit all needs, from overnight escapes to restorative stays. Sleep tight in a luxury villa set deep in Gondwana era rainforest, check-in at a restored art deco hotel or get among local life with a fun farm-stay experience.

Inspiration for a countryside adventure can be found online. Go to visitthetweed.com.au/inspiration/take-a-tweed-hinterland-drive to take a look at the guide.

Call into one of the Tweed's Visitor Information Centres at Tweed

Heads, Kingscliff or Murwillumbah to get more details on experiences, travel routes and places to stay to help map out your ideal Tweed touring holiday.

Residents are reminded that we all have a part to play in keeping our community COVID-Safe while out-and-about by:

- Keeping your distance. Leave 1.5 metres between yourself and others.
- Staying home if you are unwell, get tested and isolate.
- Washing your hands regularly. Take hand sanitiser with you when you go out.



Expressions of interest

Voluntary House Purchase Scheme (VHP) homes for relocation

Council is seeking expressions of interest from Tweed property owners to buy one of three houses that need to be removed from flood-prone areas of the shire.

Council has purchased all three homes under its VHP Scheme and will engage a qualified house relocation company to move the houses.

Any property owner interested in buying one of the houses for relocation to a Tweed property should express an interest by emailing tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au with their details.

All expressions of interest will be passed to the successful house relocation tenderer, who will then negotiate with applicants directly to buy and relocate a home.



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

DA20/0447 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 389 DP 710435, No. 187 Darlington Drive, **Banora Point**

DA20/0164 – Attached secondary dwelling
Lot 308 DP 854383, No. 14 Penda Court, **Bogangar**

CDC20/0075 – Shop fit-out for juice/sandwich bar 'Nectar'
Lot 1 Section 5 DP 29748, No. 34 Tweed Coast Road, **Cabarita Beach**

DA20/0036 – Two lot boundary adjustment
Lot 2 DP 1244626, Lot 3 DP 1244626, No. 1466 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**

DA20/0370 – Retaining wall
Lot 14 DP 1252272, No. 14 Denman Drive, **Cudgen**

DA20/0298 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including spa
Lot 1 DP 246569, No. 171 Farrants Road, **Farrants Hill**

DA20/0406 – Demolition of existing garage, double garage addition and new roof on dwelling
Lot 5 DP 208843, No. 20 Reserve Creek Road, **Kielvale**

DA20/0459 – Two lot strata subdivision
Lot 1 DP 1251576, No. 25A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0385 – Partial in-ground swimming pool
Lot 6 DP 702456, No. 468–470 McAuleys Road, **North Tumbulgum**

DA20/0423 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 18 DP 818099, No. 56 Elvadale Place, **Nunderi**

CDC20/0064 – Swimming pool
Lot 917 DP 1101845, No. 6 Newcastle Drive, **Pottsville**

DA20/0029 – Three storey dwelling, detached garage and retaining walls
Lot 451 DP 1040725, No. 22 Bottlebrush Drive, **Pottsville**

DA20/0421 – In-ground swimming pool, rock wall and porte cochere
Lot 201 DP 1033384, No. 13 Roseash Court, **Pottsville**

DA20/0442 – Verandah addition to existing dwelling
Lot 1126 DP 1115395, No. 3 Narooma Street, **Pottsville**

DA20/0424 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 2 DP 860667, Round Mountain Road, **Round Mountain**

DA20/0364 – Dwelling
Lot 15 DP 1080250, No. 2427 Kyogle Road, **Terragon**

DA20/0047 – Multi dwelling housing comprising five (5) dwellings, including tree removal
Lot 2 Section 1 DP 10803, No. 51 Kennedy Drive, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0403 – Temporary installation of an observation wheel within Jack Evans Boat Harbour Parklands for a period of 5.5 weeks
Lot 7036 DP 1054009, No. 60 Boundary Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0436 – Patio roof
Lot 18 DP 1017336, No. 10 Silkwood Terrace, **Tweed Heads West**

DA20/0230 – Three (3) lot strata subdivision
Lot 9 SP 48387, Unit 9/No. 2–10 Cupania Court, **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 datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

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