

*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.*



Murwillumbah Community Gardens committee and volunteers work with fencing contractor Chris McDonald in constructing a new retaining wall, funded through the Tweed Shire Council Community Sponsorship Policy.

## Grants provided to Tweed community groups

**Dedicated volunteers are seeing the fruits of their labour result in the transformation of a derelict plot in the heart of Murwillumbah into a productive and appealing community garden.**

The Murwillumbah Community Garden is one of the recipients of the 2020 Tweed Shire Council Community Sponsorship Policy, which provides funds annually for activities and projects that benefit the health and wellbeing of Tweed Shire residents.

Run by the Tweed Valley Rural and Community Advancement Co-operative Ltd, the garden project started in 2016 and is nearing its official opening later this year.

Council has allocated \$9000 from this year's Sponsorship Policy, which will go towards a much-needed retaining wall.

The garden features vegetable beds, an orchard, a rainforest riparian area and a haven for flora and fauna.

Secretary Jenny Unwin said Council funding, along with support from many trades and local businesses, had ensured this project will become a memorable part of Murwillumbah for the whole community to enjoy.

The Council grants are presented through the Community Sponsorship Policy, which aims to provide financial assistance by way of a sponsorship agreement to local community groups and organisations. A total of \$39,690 was endorsed by Council to be allocated across 10 groups as part of this year's funding round.

Other recipients of Council's Community Sponsorship Policy grants for 2020 are:

- **Blind and Vision Impaired Support Group NSW Far North Coast Inc.** received \$1500 to take vision-impaired people in the Tweed out for lunch twice a month.

- **Cabarita Boardriders Club Inc.** received \$4000 to install surfing etiquette signs and two monuments acknowledging the significance of the Cabarita Beach/Bogangar Surfing Reserve.
- **Mem's Soul Food Productions Inc.** received \$7200 to deliver a 10-week mentoring and practical skills development program for girls to learn valuable life skills and set goals for the future.
- **Tweed, Byron and Ballina Community Transport Inc.** received \$3960 to deliver a six-month trial providing monthly men's social outings.
- **Tweed Theatre Company Inc.** received \$1500 to fund Public Liability and Volunteer Workers Insurance and upgrade personal sound equipment.
- **Tyalgum Community Hall Association Inc.** will use \$3635 of funding received to install a reverse-cycle air conditioning unit to improve the amenity of the meeting rooms in the Tyalgum Community Hall.
- **Tweed Valley Woodcraft Association Inc.** received \$2000 to purchase and install an automated defibrillation unit which will be installed at the Murwillumbah clubhouse in case of a cardiac emergency.
- **Tyalgum District Community Association Inc.** received \$1835 to run a first aid training program for 15 Tyalgum locals with instruction on first aid, including the use of defibrillators.
- **Young Farmers Connect Inc.** will use \$5600 of funding received to run educational and community connections programs aimed at fostering the next generation of farmers on the Tweed.

For more information and contacts of each of the 10 recipients, please visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding)

## New 834-tonne reef installed off Tweed Coast



The new \$1 million artificial reef being installed off the Tweed Coast.

**A new \$1 million artificial reef has been installed off the Tweed Coast by the NSW Government.**

The state-of-the-art reef has created a new home for local fish and aquatic organisms with recreational fishers set to benefit from the range of sportfish and tropical species living in the reef. The reef was funded from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust, with the money raised through NSW fishing licence fees.

The reef is located around 7.5 kilometres south-east of the Tweed Heads river entrance, between Cook Island and Kingscliff. It is approximately 2.5 kilometres off the coast of Wommin Bay at a depth of 25 metres.

The Fish Grotto – a steel structure over 10 metres tall – forms the foundation of the 834-tonne underwater habitat. The reef is made up of innovative arrowhead reef modules to attract key sports fish.

Offshore artificial reefs have been scientifically studied and shown to have up to four times greater diversity compared to natural temperate reefs.

There are a number of artificial reefs in NSW, including Sydney, Wollongong, Port Macquarie and Merimbula. For more information, visit [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/artificial-reef](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/artificial-reef)



Last week we each used

**184L a day**

as at 4 September 2020

## Wastewater pond works costs kept to a minimum

**Tweed Shire Council is filling in a redundant wastewater pond at its Murwillumbah Waste Water Treatment Plant that hasn't been used since the late 1990s.**

The man-made pond is what's left of a much larger artificial pond established at the eastern end of the Murwillumbah Waste Water Treatment Plant at the top of Murwillumbah (Main) Street in about 1974.

The pond was used as a maturation pond, which is the final treatment process.

A second man-made maturation pond at the southern end of the site was upgraded in 2018, to create an emergency storage pond to manage effluent overflows during high flow or emergency situations.

Council has filled in about three-quarters of the northern pond using suitable excavated materials from nearby worksites. In doing so, thousands of dollars have been saved in reduced haulage costs both at the worksites and at the treatment plant.

It is expected truck movements will reduce after the NSW school holidays and resume at a later date once more suitable fill materials become available.

The licenses and permits obtained to fill the pond included a fauna management plan and a fisheries permit to manage any marine plants and animals in the pond.



## Council seeks new web platform provider

**Tweed Shire Council has issued a request for offer for the supply and implementation of a new website platform.**

The process follows feedback from a customer survey which was carried out earlier this year.

The new platform will help deliver much-needed digital improvements to Council's websites, including being more engaging and inclusive for residents, businesses and visitors.

If you or anyone you know might fit the bill for this project, head to Council's website at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders/current](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders/current) to register and download relevant documents.

Offers close at midday, Wednesday 23 September.

## Hoodies are a 'hiit' at TRAC



Participants in Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres' (TRAC) 'Aquahit' classes have been undeterred by the closure of TRAC's change rooms due to COVID-19 restrictions. Supervisor – Aquatic Programs Jeff Collier (pictured back left) said the new towelling hoodies in the TRAC shop were popular with aqua program participants, as they went out in the cold throughout winter rugged up after exercising in the heated 25-metre pool. To view TRAC's range of adult aqua exercise classes, visit [trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/classes](http://trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/classes)

# New sessions aim to make pest bird a Myna problem

Training sessions teaching residents how to be part of Indian Myna bird pest control have continued to be popular.

The sessions, led by Council staff, are held on the first Tuesday of every month at Council's Murwillumbah offices on Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah. Participants learn how to use the traps, what the best food is to entice the birds and advice on how to handle the birds once trapped.

Indian Mynas are a serious threat to the survival of our native wildlife as they are a hollow-nesting species. During the nesting season, they become very aggressive and take over hollows that would have been used by our hollow-dependant species, such as lorikeets and rosellas, kookaburras and sugar gliders. If a hollow is already occupied, they will evict whoever is in there, even animals as big as possums.

Project Officer Pest Animals Wildlife Protection Emily Clarke said the cost for hiring a trap for one month was \$20, which is reimbursed when the trap is returned.

The cost includes training by Council staff on trap use, management and animal welfare, ongoing member support from Council staff while you have the trap (one month), assistance in the humane euthanising of captured pest birds if required, some start-up bait for the trap and the option to extend trap hire for an additional month at no extra charge if your trapping is successful and more birds are evident in your area.

**Right: Council Project Officer Pest Animals Wildlife Protection, Emily Clarke conducts an Indian Myna bird trapping session for residents at Murwillumbah.**

To date, Council has lent eight Indian Myna traps to community members on rural, urban and semi-urban properties and a primary school.

For further information on Council's Indian Myna bird control program, contact Council on 02 6670 2400 or at [indianmyna@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:indianmyna@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

If you have the pest birds on your property and you'd like to hire a trap, book into a trap training session via EventBrite at [indian-myna-trap-bookings.eventbrite.com.au](http://indian-myna-trap-bookings.eventbrite.com.au)



Work getting underway to upgrade coastal boardwalks on Norries Headland at Cabarita Beach.

## Request for offer

**RF02020087 Supply and Implementation of New Web Platform, CMS and Web Form Builder**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon 23 September 2020

**RF02020101 Panel of Providers for Vertebrate Pest Management Services**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon 30 September 2020

**RF02020083 Ground Maintenance of Bilambil Sportsfields**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon 7 October 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](http://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.

## Current vacancies

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**WATER WEEK 11** Check when your water meter is read at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading)

# Caba boardwalks get a facelift

Upgrades are underway on two coastal boardwalks on Norries Headland at Cabarita Beach.

The boardwalks, which provide access down to the beach, were constructed more than 20 years ago and have been showing signs of deterioration due to the harsh coastal conditions.

The decking will be renewed with more durable and weather-resistant materials.

Funding for the project came from a \$56,500 grant from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and a \$20,000 contribution from Tweed Shire Council.

The work has commenced this week and is expected to take two weeks to complete.

Council will look to minimise the impact on the public by working on one boardwalk at a time and advising the community to seek alternative access during the works phase.

## 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

**DA20/0428** – Patio cover

Lot 1 DP 819216, No. 16 Huntingdale Place, **Banora Point**

**DA20/0486** – Patio roof

Lot 20 SP 33679, Unit 19/No. 68 Darlington Drive, **Banora Point**

**DA20/0487** – Three storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 8 NPP 286030, Unit 8/No. 36 Old Ferry Road, **Banora Point**

**DA20/0438** – Patio roof

Lot 10 DP 792161, No. 98 John Robb Way, **Cudgen**

**DA20/0463** – Carport within front building line

Lot 8 Section 3 DP 2634, No. 26 Crescent Street, **Cudgen**

**DA20/0283** – Three storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 192 DP 1232786, No. 52 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0432** – Three lot strata subdivision

Lot 14 Section 8 DP 758571, No. 99 Kingscliff Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0409** – Secondary dwelling (detached)

Lot 5 Section 24 DP 5042, Lot 6 Section 24 DP 5042, No. 11 Eyles Avenue, **Murwillumbah**

**DA20/0481** – In-ground swimming pool and garden shed

Lot 237 DP 1082837, No. 149 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0439** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls

Lot 205 DP 1237760, No. 16 Bartle Frere Close, **Terranora**

**DA20/0398** – Cabana

Lot 176 DP 249155, No. 20 The Mainbrace, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0464** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 65 DP 260472, No. 1 Sandpiper Avenue, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0422** – Single storey dwelling and retaining walls

Lot 70 DP 1241079, No. 50 Lorikeet Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA20/0260** – Pontoon

Lot 117 DP 701433, Lot 75 DP 264646, No. 17 Limosa Road, **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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

# Thousands of fingerlings released in the Tweed

Clarrie Hall Dam, located close to Uki in the Tweed, last week became home to 10,000 Bass fingerlings.

The fish release by NSW Fisheries was part of a restocking program funded through the NSW Recreational Fishing Licence fee.

The Bass fry were spawned at the Port Stephens Fisheries Institute from local broodstock. In natural conditions, Bass migrate from freshwater to saltwater to spawn, making the restocking program essential to establishing and enhancing recreational fishing resources in freshwater dams.

The 90-day-old Bass fingerlings measured about 20mm, after hatching at just 4mm long.

Fisheries Institute staff will travel more than 6000 kilometres and release about 400,000 fish to 35 recreational waterbodies across the state.

Special river restocking trips are underway in the Upper Clarence and Macleay River systems as well to help regions affected by last summer's bushfires and the ongoing drought to recover fish stocks.



Luke Cheviot of the Fisheries Institute gently introduces the Bass fingerlings to the waters of Tweed Shire's Clarrie Hall Dam.

## Proposed grant of licence

**Proposed grant of licence over community land – Condong**

*Local Government Act 1993* – Section 47A

Tweed Shire Council hereby gives notice of intention to grant a licence to Possums Community Preschool Association Inc. The term of the proposed licence will be three (3) years. The land in question is located at 20 McLeod Street, Condong (Lot 1 in DP 263998). The proposed licence will be granted for the purpose of a community preschool.

Any person may make submissions to Tweed Shire Council with respect to the proposed licence. Any such submissions should be made in writing, addressed to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484 or submitted to [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au) for 28 days from the date of this notice.

## Development proposals for public comment

The following development applications have been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for a period of fourteen (14) days from Wednesday 9 September to Wednesday 23 September 2020.

### Application details

**DA20/0561** – Change of use to recreation facility (indoor)

Lot 171 DP 1208112, No. 480 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**  
Newton Denny Chapelle

**DA20/0604** – Boarding house comprising 42 self-contained rooms (including managers unit)

Lot 2 Section 4 DP 2379, No. 31 Boyd Street, **Tweed Heads**  
Boden Property Pty Ltd

Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. It should also be noted that Council has adopted a policy whereby, on request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality by submitters in determining access to submission letters. However, the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* – GIPAA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

**Please note – Requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donations**

A disclosure is required to be made in a statement accompanying the relevant development or planning application by a person who makes the application. In addition, a person who makes a written submission either objecting to or supporting a relevant development or planning application must also make a disclosure if the person has made a reportable political donation.

Further information regarding Donations and Gift Disclosure are available on Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/planninginformation](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/planninginformation)

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