

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.



More than 530 koala sightings by the Tweed community have been recorded since 2017.

Play your part to protect Tweed koalas

Tweed residents are being encouraged to play a vital role in monitoring precious local koala populations following a disturbing report by the World Wildlife Fund that found 71 percent of the NSW North Coast's koala population had been devastated by 2019/20 bushfires.

Since establishing the Tweed Shire Council online koala sighting portal in 2017, more than 530 sightings by the community have been recorded on the database.

Tweed Shire Council Senior Program Leader – Biodiversity Scott Hetherington said the information supports the data from the three-yearly Tweed Coast monitoring program which is used to manage habitat areas and focus actions that reduce threats.

"We know that people are concerned about koala populations in the Tweed and we have been fortunate to have avoided the devastating fires of 2019/20 which decimated habitats elsewhere in NSW," Mr Hetherington said.

"By going online and reporting sightings, it helps us to compile information about populations, where they are and what measures we might need to take to help protect them.

"The online database is an easy way everyone can be involved and do their bit to help protect these endangered animals."

Mr Hetherington said while there has been a focus on koalas on the Tweed Coast, recent monitoring had confirmed that we are fortunate to

have good levels of koala activity throughout the shire.

"Spring is when koalas are on the move and at risk from dogs and cars. They can end up in strange locations," he said.

"It's also when mums have their joeys with them so it's important to drive with care, especially in koala zones."

He said there had been a few 'surprise spots' where sightings had been recorded such as around Terranora and Banora Point.

"Given that these areas are busy urban centres, the current sightings are largely unexpected and we need to make the local community aware of the need to take measures with pets and on the roads to protect them," he said.

"We are lucky to be living in a region where we can live alongside koalas so it's crucial to do what we can to ensure their survival."

You can contribute to the monitoring process through Council's website if you come across or see a koala by recording the location, date and time of sighting, where the koala was seen as well as its size and condition.

The public is encouraged to take photos, if possible, which can then be used to help in scientific studies in recording the health and size of local koala populations.

To report a koala sighting go to www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas

To report a sick or injured koala call Friends of the Koala on 02 6622 1233.

Recycled plastic helps to upgrade beach access



Recycled plastic planks are being trialled at a beach access at Salt.

Tweed Shire Council is trialling a new recycled plastic plank material to replace an existing hardwood board and chain beach access.

Works are currently taking place at the beach access next to Salt Surf Life Saving Club to widen the track to allow for separation between pedestrians and surf club/emergency vehicles. The track should also provide a more durable and stable surface for vehicles.

Trialling the material will allow Council to test its durability on highly-trafficked areas such as vehicle access points.

Council's Unit Coordinator – Sustainability and Environment Jane Lofthouse said that if successful, Council may apply for grants to install the recycled plastic material in other locations along the Tweed coast.

"The use of recycled plastic materials helps Council in its goal of closing the loop on waste and fulfilling its commitment to zero waste," she said.

"The recycled plastic planks provide a much longer lifespan and are virtually maintenance free, unlike the traditional hardwood boards. They are also much easier to walk on. The product is specifically designed for beach and marine use."

The works are fully funded by Council's beach access maintenance program.

Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/beaches to find out more about beaches in the Tweed.

2021 Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards nominations open

Tweed Shire Council has opened nominations for the community's 2021 Australia Day Awards.

The awards are a chance for the community to recognise the achievements of people and groups in the Tweed during 2020.

You can make nominations in the following eight categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Arts and Culture Award
- Volunteer of the Year (Individual)
- Volunteer of the Year (Group)
- Sporting Achievement (Individual)
- Sporting Achievement (Group)
- Community Event of the Year
- Young Achiever in Community Service

Think of a friend, family member, community member, school or local club that deserves to be recognised and nominate by 4.30pm on Friday 16 October 2020 at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/australiadaynomination

The format of the awards ceremony will be guided by the NSW Public Health Orders, and a decision will be made in November as to whether a public ceremony can be held on Australia Day.

However, anticipating that restrictions will still be in place on public gatherings, Council is making plans to broadcast a virtual ceremony on Australia Day.

For more information on the Tweed Shire Australia Day awards, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/australiaday



Recipients of the 2020 Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards.

Sightings help Tweed's endangered curlews

Tweed Shire residents are contributing to the slow recovery of endangered Bush Stone-curlew populations in the Tweed.

Since July, at least 12 breeding pairs of Bush Stone-curlews have been reported by residents using Council's online tool, www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushstonecurlew

Chicks are now starting to hatch and are looking strong and healthy.

Public parks and private properties around Tweed Heads, Fingal Head, Kingscliff, Chinderah, Hastings Point and Pottsville support a number of Bush Stone-curlews.

Chicks are particularly vulnerable; however the actions of residents by reporting sightings and joining in Council's efforts to protect nesting areas of both Bush Stone-curlews and Beach Stone-curlews have resulted in encouraging numbers of breeding pairs.

Importantly the populations are still at risk and residents are reminded to heed signage and fencing. Don't approach the birds as this puts unnecessary stress on the parents, slow down on roads and keep dogs well away.



Bush Stone-curlew chicks are now starting to hatch in the Tweed. Photo: David Charley

Slide activities at TRAC closed due to COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Slide and Dive activities at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres (TRAC) in Murwillumbah will not be operating during the September/October school holidays.

Lap swimming is still available at all three of the TRAC facilities at Murwillumbah (25m and 50m), Kingscliff and Tweed Heads South.

To comply with the current COVID-19 restrictions, everyone must pre-book their lane prior to attending. Swimmers are reminded to stay home if unwell, to use cashless payments if possible, to observe physical distancing and to sanitize their hands before and after visiting.

To book your next visit to a TRAC facility and for more information on restrictions in place, visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Pottsville Beach Community Hall Inc. Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held 1pm, Wednesday 30 September 2020 at Pottsville Beach Community Hall, 1 Tweed Coast Road Pottsville, NSW.

Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 16 September 2020 to Wednesday 30 September 2020.

The proposal is not designated development and the Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

| Applicant | Location | Proposal | Application no. |
|--------------|--|--|-----------------|
| Mr NJ Kilner | Lot 1 DP 780203; Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South | commercial boat hire operations on Tweed River from Foysters Jetty | DA20/0631 |

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified.

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

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

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

DA20/0490 – Carport

Lot 400 DP 32314, No. 73 Peninsula Drive, **Bilambil Heights**

DA20/0430 – Two storey dwelling with underground basement and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 26 DP 1171641, No. 83 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0499 – Part demolition of existing dwelling

Lot 2 DP 26293, No. 30 Boomerang Street, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0256 – Signage for Murwillumbah East Public School (LED sign)

Lot 1 DP 810786, No. 45 George Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0539 – Dual occupancy (attached)

Lot 333 DP 1001758, No. 84 Sleepy Hollow Road, **Sleepy Hollow**

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WATER WEEK 12 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading

New system speeds up meter replacement program

Tweed Shire Council has completed 12 months' water meter replacement work in just four months after adopting a mobile solution to issue and retrieve job orders.

Every year Council replaces around 1200 water meters at the end of their service lives of about 20 years, or after they have recorded a certain volume of water, as well as repairing hundreds of others.

This year, facing a backlog of 2074 meter replacements, Council replaced its paper-based system with an online mobile tool that automatically logs the meter replacement job based on age and consumption data. These programmed replacements are then picked up by the operator in the field using an iPad.

Before replacing the meter, the operator photographs the reading on the old meter to ensure accuracy in the consumption data recorded.

After replacing the meter and while still on site, the operator then photographs the reading on the new meter and sends all the data against that meter electronically to Council's office staff to enter it against that property.

"It's very important that our meter replacement program is up to date so our customers can have confidence in the accuracy of their water bill, as it is a user-pays system," Manager Water and Wastewater Operations Brie Jowett said.

Adopting a mobile tool for planned meter replacements has increased staff productivity and saved many thousands of dollars by cutting the paperwork and data entry burden by an estimated 90 per cent.

The new system also allows meter readers to log maintenance or repair requests immediately if they find an issue while reading a property meter.

Right: Tweed Shire Council meter reader Andre 'Axe' Palomar can log a maintenance or repair request from the field as he goes about his daily work.



Extraordinary and Ordinary Council Meeting agendas

Thursday 17 September 2020

On Thursday 17 September 2020 there will be an Extraordinary Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to the end of September 2021, which will be followed by an Ordinary Council Meeting. Both agendas are available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings. The meetings will be held via livestream commencing at 3pm. A Council Public Forum on agenda items being considered is to be held from 2pm prior to the meeting.

The agendas for the 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

Extraordinary agenda

- In attendance**
- Aboriginal statement**
- Prayer**
- Apologies**
- Disclosure of interests**
- Items to be moved from confidential to ordinary/ordinary to confidential**
- Reports through the General Manager**
- Reports from the General Manager**
 - Method of Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the period ending September 2021
 - Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for period ending September 2021

Ordinary agenda

- In attendance**
- Aboriginal statement**
- Prayer**
- Apologies**
- Confirmation of minutes**
 - Confirmation of Minutes of Council Meetings held 20 August and 3 September 2020
- Disclosure of interests**
- Items to be moved from confidential to ordinary/ordinary to confidential**
- Schedule of outstanding resolutions**
 - Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 7 September 2020
- Mayoral minute**
 - Mayoral minute for August 2020
- Receipt of petitions**
 - Receipt of petitions as at 4 September 2020
- Orders of the day**
 - Salt Surf Life Saving Club – Parking
 - Bus Shelter Designs
- Questions on notice**
- Items by exception**
- Reports through the General Manager**
- Reports from the General Manager**
- Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation**

- Submission on the NSW Land Use Planning Strategy Issues Paper
- Expression of Interest for Community Markets (RF02020038)
- Submission on the Statement of Intended Effects for a proposed Housing Diversity State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)
- Agricultural Buffers – DA20/0295 at Lot 6 DP 749384; No. 27 Reserve Creek Road Kielvale; Lot 4 DP 877860; No. 29 Reserve Creek Road Kielvale; Lot 3 DP 877860; Wulffs Lane Kielvale and DA20/0383 at Lot 101 DP 1056576; Cudgen Road Cudgen

17 Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

- Environmental Land Purchases
- Acceptance of Grants from Transport for NSW
- Casuarina Town Centre Beach Facilities and Disabled Access – Response to resolution from 6 August 2020 Council meeting.
- Draft Policy Canal Management and Pontoon License Fees – Public Exhibition
- RF02020046 Tweed Heads South Program Pool Water Treatment System Upgrade & Associated Plant Room Construction

18 Reports from the Director Engineering

- Proposed Sub-licence to Marine Rescue NSW at Coral Street, Tweed Heads (Lot 7061 DP 1068882)
- Bike Plan and Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan
- Owner's Consent Request – Nightcap Rural Land Sharing Communities Development
- Owner's Consent Request – Turnock Street Extension, Kingscliff
- Owner's Consent Request Haulage Road – Tweed Coast Road, Crescent Street and Turnock Street, Kingscliff

19 Reports from the Director Corporate Services

- Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020
- Code of Meeting Practice – Retention of Meeting Recordings
- Resource Support – 1 April to 30 June 2020
- Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 31 August 2020

20 Delegates reports

21 Reports from sub-committees/working groups

- Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held 24 July 2020
- Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 August 2020
- Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held 19 August 2020
- Minutes of the Tweed Regional Gallery Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 19 August 2020
- Minutes of the Tweed Regional Museum Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26 August 2020

22 Confidential items for consideration

23 Reports through the General Manager in committee

24 Reports from the General Manager in committee

25 Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation in committee

26 Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment in committee

- Captain Cook Memorial Lighthouse Upgrade Budget Shortfall

27 Reports from the Director Engineering in committee

- Intent to Dispose of Disused Quarry Land at Chauviers Road, Crystal Creek
- Air Space Lease – Turnock Street, Kingscliff

28 Reports from the Director Corporate Services in committee

29 Close of meeting

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TRM Tweed Heads

TRM Tweed Heads is located in a beautiful park setting on the banks of Terranora and showcases three historical buildings.

Explore the original Tweed Heads Court House to view displays on law and order, shipwrecks and relics, and the heyday of the Twin Towns tourism boom. Visit Boyd's Shed to learn about the legendary Boyd Brothers' fishing exploits and the history of fishing in the Shire.

Why not combine a visit with a picnic in the park? During school holidays, the Museum will be offering a free take-home activity bag to each child that visits.