



Palm Trees will be removed and replaced with native trees at Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South.

## Native trees to shade and beautify Minjungbal Drive

**Tweed Shire Council is developing an urban tree canopy program to improve areas of the Tweed most lacking in shade.**

To launch the program, 34 native brush box and 13 tuckeroo trees will be planted at Minjungbal Drive, from Dry Dock Road to Heffron Street at Tweed Heads South. The brush box will replace the cocos palms currently growing in the centre median.

“Cocos palms, also known as queen palms, are a registered environmental weed – not a fitting species to showcase the entrance to the Tweed,” Manager Parks and Active Communities Stewart Brawley said.

“They also provide little in terms of shade and habitat.”

Council will remove the 38 palms that line the median strip from Dry Dock Road to Heffron Street from 19 October 2020 and replace them with native trees. Additional tree planting will take place at the corner of Heffron Street near the skate park and Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre



Tweed Heads South and in Faux Park to shade the shared-user path along the Tweed River.

This tree replacement program will substantially reduce the maintenance load on Council as the palms continually drop fronds, fruit and seeds that cause litter problems.

“The palm seeds are spread widely by wind, birds and other animals while unripened fruit is poisonous to our native bats,” Mr Brawley said.

The Queensland Brush Box, *Lophostomen confertus*, is a prized street tree rarely troubled by pests or disease and will establish really quickly and provide a much-needed shade canopy over this busy road. The trees will also help to reduce radiated heat, purify the air and reduce noise.

Additional programs are being developed to provide opportunities for the community to become involved in planting and caring for trees in their own streets and parks.

For more information or to ask a question about the project, visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/cool-towns](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/cool-towns)

## Historic flood markers to include 2017 flood event



March 2017 floods will feature in the updated historical signs in flood prone areas of Tweed Shire.

**Tweed Shire Council will be updating flood marker signs to commemorate the March 2017 flood event, which devastated the Tweed community.**

Flood marker signs in Murwillumbah, Tumbulgum, Chinderah, Uki, Chillingham and Tyalgum will be updated to include information from the March 2017 floods.

The flood marker signs, primarily used to raise awareness of the flood risk and educate residents on historic flood levels, will feature historical photos as well as photos from March 2017, courtesy of the Tweed Regional Museum.

Community feedback from the Flood Marker Survey ([www.yoursaytweed.com.au/flood-markers-survey](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/flood-markers-survey)) conducted in 2019 informed the design and locations of the flood markers.

The flood markers are a grant-funded project under the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program, through the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

To help you prepare for the storm season, keep an eye out for a special feature in the next edition of the Tweed Link. It will be packed full of storm safety information, a season outlook, flood triggers and an easy-to-follow guide to help residents be better prepared.

Visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/floodsandstormwater](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/floodsandstormwater) for more information on flooding in the Tweed.

## Likely long delays expected on Tweed Valley Way

**Motorists are advised to expect long delays on Tweed Valley Way from Tuesday 6 October as work to repair a river slip begins.**

Contractors will be working to construct a rock revetment in the Tweed River near the bridge over Dinsey's Creek at Condong.

One lane will be closed on Tweed Valley Way which could result in delays of up to 15 minutes due to the volume of traffic using this arterial road.

The work will take about three weeks to complete.

Meanwhile, Riverside Drive at Tumbulgum has been closed from the southern exit on Tweed Valley Way to Government Road to allow a river slip to be repaired by constructing a rock revetment in the river.

The road will be opened under changed conditions at night time and on weekends.

Tumbulgum residents are advised to access the village via the northern Riverside Drive exit.



Last week we each used

**182L a day**

as at 2 October 2020

## Waste tip



### Jar of rags!

**Grab an old jar, scissors and old fabric, like an old t-shirt or PJ's.**

Cut fabric into rag-size cloths. Put your cut rags into the jar and place on your kitchen or work bench for messy clean ups. Throw them in the wash and reuse!

## In brief ...

### Charges resume at Murwillumbah carpark

**Paid parking will resume on the middle floor of the multi-level carpark in Murwillumbah from Monday 12 October 2020.**

Charges have been waived since April this year as part of Tweed Shire Council's *COVID-19 Care Package* to support residents and businesses in the Tweed.

It means that \$2 coupons will once again be required to be displayed when parking on the middle level.

Visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/parking](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/parking) for more information on parking in the Tweed.

### Free online composting workshop

**Tweed Shire Council and North East Waste are encouraging households to learn more about composting.**

A free online workshop will focus on how to turn your organic household waste into reusable compost.

The *Composting at Home* workshop on Saturday 10 October runs from 10am to 11am. Composting expert Nicki Walker will demonstrate basic techniques, showcase DIY compost containers and advise on suitable materials.

She will offer troubleshooting tips and give advice on how to use compost in your home garden.

To register, visit [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121180067845](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/121180067845)



Council staff Tracey Stinson, Paul Morgan and Sylvia Roylance at last year's NSW Vinnies Community Sleepout held at Seagulls.

## Sleep out at home for a cause

**Tweed locals will have a unique opportunity to be part of the annual NSW Vinnies Community Sleepout without having to leave their own property.**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's Vinnies Community Sleepout is taking a different approach and will be a virtual event with participants choosing their own sleeping locations rather than coming together at designated Sleepout venues.

Tweed event co-ordinator Jennifer Barrie said the Sleepout, which raises money for Vinnies homeless services such as Fred's Place in Tweed Heads, will be held on Friday 23 October.

Council staff participated in the community Sleepout last year with Council's Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson raising more than \$1000 for the charity.

This year, there will be an online livestream hosted by media personality Deborah Knight which will link 12 statewide areas and provide an insight into the harsh reality faced by people living without a secure place to call home.

All funds raised will be spent locally on Vinnies homeless services, and donations are tax deductible.

You can register to take part and donate on Vinnies website at [fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/joinnow](http://fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/joinnow)



Holiday parks, such as Tweed Holiday Parks, provide an affordable option for camping in the Tweed.

## Council crackdown on illegal campers

Tweed Shire Council is clamping down on illegal overnight camping at a range of coastal and beach locations, including public carparks and road reserves, by prohibiting the parking of vehicles at night.

As of this month, motorists risk being fined \$116 if they park their vehicle in a 'no parking' zone with restrictions being in place between 11pm and 5am, seven days a week.

"Illegal camping related activities on public recreation and road reserves throughout the Tweed continue to cause significant amenity, public health and environmental impact issues," Team Leader Rangers Nicholas Harrigan said.

"The majority of locations impacted by these changes are car parks along the coast, as well as a portion of Tweed Coast Road between Pottsville and Wooyung where the large majority of illegal camping occurs."

Mr Harrigan said there are numerous holiday parks in the Tweed that offer an alternative affordable camping option. For more information on caravanning and camping in the Tweed, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/campingandcaravanparks](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/campingandcaravanparks)

### Public notice – road usage

**Twin Towns Triathlon Club** will be conducting events each Saturday from 5.30am to 7.30pm, commencing 26 September 2020 and concluding 20 March 2021 using roads in and around Banora Point. The roads used will include Leisure Drive, Fraser Drive, Botanical Circuit, Woodlands Drive and Darlington Drive. Contact [twintownstri@gmail.com](mailto:twintownstri@gmail.com) for further information.

### Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

**Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association** meeting will be held 6.30 – 8.30pm, Wednesday 14 October, Kingscliff Bowls Club, upstairs.

### Request for offer

**RF02020122 Removal of Dwelling at 6074 Tweed Valley Way**

**RF02020066 Removal of Dwelling at 6078 Tweed Valley Way**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon (AEDST) 14 October 2020

**RF02020103 – Fixed Term Full Time Hire of Two Vacuum Combination Trucks and Drivers**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon (AEDST) 21 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

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

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**WATER WEEK 2** Check when your water meter is read at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading)

# Process for application lodgement continues

**Tweed Shire Council is asking residents and businesses to continue lodging development and building related applications through its web-based planning portal until the end of the year.**

However, in response to a recent State Government Mandate, the following four applications will need to be lodged via the NSW Planning Portal from 1 January 2021:

- development applications
- construction certificates/subdivision works certificates
- complying development certificates, and
- private certifier certificates.

Council staff are currently working to update systems to implement this change.

Further information and guidance on how to lodge applications through the NSW State Planning Portal will be progressively released

over the next three months.

From 1 January 2021 the NSW Planning Portal will be the only place to lodge these applications.

Initially the NSW State Government advised that this change would come into effect on 1 July 2021 but it has now been bought forward.

"The decision to bring forward the start date is likely to result in a disruption and some delays of Council's assessment services due to the current high volume of applications and the need to modify Council's administrative systems," Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said.

"We ask for your patience throughout this implementation period."

Visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/preliminaryapplicationsubmission](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/preliminaryapplicationsubmission) for more information.

## Grab your free energy-efficient house plans

**The Australian Government has released new free house designs to support homebuilders and industry to design comfortable, energy-efficient homes.**

Design For Place home designs are based on smart energy-efficient design principles and use shading, ventilation and thermal mass to make homes more comfortable throughout the year.

They have been designed by an architect in collaboration with an energy assessor and have variations to suit a range of Australian climates. Each home plan achieves an energy rating of 7 stars or more under the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme ([www.nathers.gov.au](http://www.nathers.gov.au)).

There is a suite of three base designs available: a single-storey, two-bedroom townhouse; a single-storey, three-bedroom home; and a double-storey, four-bedroom home.

Each Design For Place plan comes with a helpful design pack

demonstrating what a well-designed, energy-efficient house can look like. The pack contains information to support discussions with architects, designers or builders.

**Please note:** This information should be used as a guide to assist in the design of your proposal and may be helpful in the initial planning of your development.

As building regulations are state-based and development controls vary between individual council areas, it is suggested that you direct any development or building enquiries to Tweed Shire Council's Planning and Building Duty Officers on 02 6670 2400.

You can view the designs at [www.yourhome.gov.au/house-designs](http://www.yourhome.gov.au/house-designs)



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### Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by 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 14 days from Wednesday 7 October 2020 to Wednesday 21 October 2020 .

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
ZI Sing Pty Ltd, C/- Zone Planning Group	Lot 6 DP 239236; No. 30 Altair Street, <b>Tweed Heads South</b>	new generation boarding house comprising eight (8) self-contained rooms including demolition and earthworks	DA20/0691

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

### 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

**DA20/0255** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within the front building line

Lot 3 DP 800344, No. 31 Ti Tree Avenue, **Bogangar**

**DA20/0554** – Carport

Lot 15 DP 1083567, No. 12 Acolus Court, **Casuarina**

**DA20/0573** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 8 DP 1182599, No. 386 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

**DA20/0472** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including front fence and above ground swimming pool

Lot C DP 371575, No. 6 Chinderah Road, **Chinderah**

**DA20/0515** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 28 DP 29200, No. 38 Ocean Drive, **Chinderah**

**DA20/0581** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1 DP 1216837, No. 430 Reserve Creek Road, **Kielvale**

**DA20/0279** – Three storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 180 DP 1232273, No. 70 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0476** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 12 DP 1262504, No. 78 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0496** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 12 DP 1262504, No. 78 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0507** – Front, side and rear fences up to 1.8 m

Lot 6 DP 1222073, No. 12 Sunfish Lane (Private Road), **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0513** – In-ground swimming pool and 1.5 m high front fence

Lot 106 DP 1202149, No. 3 Sailfish Way, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0601** – Inground swimming pool

Lot 120 DP 1202149, No. 3 Seaside Drive, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0521** – Front, rear and side boundary fence to 1.8 m

Lot 5 Section 33 DP 9506, No. 17 James Street, **Murwillumbah**

**DA20/0166** – Conversion of existing structure to dwelling

Lot 134 DP 755696, Couchy Creek Road, **Numinbah**

**DA20/0479** – Carport within front building line

Lot 123 DP 1025584, No. 11 Taylor Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0500** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1 SP 54831, Unit 1/No. 15 McKenzie Avenue, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0600** – Alterations to existing dwelling

Lot 544 DP 1076975, No. 19 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0611** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 391 DP 1148511, No. 175 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0525** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 3 DP 248775, No. 74 Wilman Road, **Round Mountain**

**CDC20/0087** – Ensuite into existing floor space

Lot 4 DP 17747, No. 428 Tweed Valley Way, **South Murwillumbah**

**DA20/0397** – Retaining wall

Lot 8 DP 1079822, No. 33 Forest Way, **Stokers Siding**

**DA20/0503** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 164 DP 246854, No. 40 The Quarterdeck, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0446** – Alterations and additions to Tweed Heads Bowls Club (installation of boom gates within carpark)

Lot 12 DP 803451, No. 22–38 Florence Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0290** – Enclosure of existing roofed patio (Unit 17)

Lot 17 SP 34192, Unit 17/No. 22A Kirkwood Road, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA20/0527** – Deck

Lot 10 Section 12 DP 28390, No. 19 Ocean Avenue, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA20/0544** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 22 DP 238224, No. 1 Blue Waters Crescent, **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)

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# Our community is facing COVID-19 together

As we adapt to our new normal and keep up the good work to stay COVID-Safe, we want to share a heartfelt thanks to the Tweed community.

