

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.



The NSW Government's new Code of Conduct for the short-term holiday letting sector comes into force across the State in December.  
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## New Code of Conduct for short-term holiday lets

Last month the NSW Government announced a new Code of Conduct for the short-term holiday letting (STHL) sector.

The new Code, which comes into force on 18 December, includes guidance and obligations for hosts and guests centred on minimum standards of good behaviour. It also includes formal avenues for complaints and dispute resolution.

Council's Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell has welcomed the new Code of Conduct but said that the NSW Government's full package of STHL reforms, relating to the permissibility and approvals for STHLs, will not be in place until mid-2021.

"This delay in the introduction of the new STHL planning reforms is likely to create some confusion for both landowners and proposed STHL operators, as well as residents who wish to raise concerns about STHLs," Mr Connell said.

"In recent years Council has been attempting to apply a balanced approach to its compliance and enforcement in respect of STHL enquiries and complaints, and will continue to apply this approach until the introduction of the new planning legislation."

Under the current legislation, STHL or rental accommodation is generally defined under the Tweed Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 as tourist and visitor accommodation.

This land use requires a Development Approval from Council, subject to site and permissible land use.

In the Tweed LEP residential zones, tourist and visitor accommodation is prohibited in the R1 General Residential, R2 Low Density Residential, and R5 Large Lot Residential zones, and permitted with consent in the R3 Medium Density Residential zone. In the rural zones tourist and visitor accommodation is prohibited in the RU1 Primary Production and RU2 Rural Landscape zones, and permitted with consent in the RU5 Village zone.

These legislative requirements are currently the basis for any investigations undertaken by Council into complaints received from Tweed residents in respect of STHL use.

"Once the State Government's full package of STHL reforms are introduced, it is Council's understanding that NSW Fair Trading will have the primary responsibility for responding to complaints made by residents in respect of the conduct of legitimate STHL operations, whilst NSW Councils will be responsible for STHLs that have commenced in an unauthorised manner under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*," Mr Connell said.

Further information can be found on the NSW Fair Trading website at [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)

## Businesses can sign up to new Northern Rivers NSW brand

More than 30 businesses in the Tweed have signed up to promote and use the new Northern Rivers NSW brand.

Launched in April this year, the Northern Rivers NSW brand brings together the power of one of Australia's most beautiful, creative and innovative regions – giving it a single point of focus and representation whilst still celebrating the diversity and differences of the region.

This uniting brand is being driven by 'Northern Rivers Together', a collaborative partnership of regional businesses, industry bodies and government representatives.



"The Northern Rivers NSW brand creates scale, representing some 300,000 residents and businesses located in the Northern Rivers," CEO of The Casino Food Co-Op and interim Chair of Northern Rivers Together, Simon Stahl said.

The Northern Rivers NSW brand is supported by brand collateral and videos promoting the Northern Rivers region.

Last week Northern Rivers' local councils, including Tweed Shire Council, leading businesses and regional stakeholders came together to sign a Memorandum of Understanding underpinning the new brand.

Northern Rivers Together is encouraging all businesses, not-for-profit and sporting organisations, community groups and individuals in the Northern Rivers to sign up and be part of this new venture by visiting [northernriversnsw.com.au](http://northernriversnsw.com.au)

## Cut your carbon footprint to win a \$350 stay on the coast

You could find yourself enjoying a weekend away at Tweed Holiday Parks simply by taking part in the free online 2020 Sustainable Living Home Expo on 1 and 2 December.

Coordinated by Tweed Shire Council, the Home Expo will feature interactive online webinars covering a wide range of sustainable homes and living subjects featuring useful advice and information from experts in their field.



Hanging your clothes out to dry, instead of using a dryer, could win you a stay on the Tweed Coast.

From solar panels to beekeeping, electric vehicles to waterwise gardening, there is bound to be a subject of interest.

And participating is as easy as pre-booking your place at the event, then log in to the Zoom online event on your computer or smart device from the comfort of your own home.

Not only might you gain tips on how to save costs and assist the environment, you could find yourself enjoying a break on the Tweed coast courtesy of Council.

A big focus of the event is to help the Tweed community join global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Event organiser and Council's Sustainability Program Leader, Debbie Firestone, hopes participants' actions to reduce their environmental impacts can reach the 100 tonnes target.

"In the Tweed our average carbon footprint per person is nine tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year," Ms Firestone said.

"We'll need to halve that to meet global temperature targets. This event will provide practical tools and tips to measure the affect that each of us can have on reducing our impacts on climate change."

By pledging to do what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint and benefit the environment, you could go into the draw to win



Last week we each used

**182L a day**

as at 20 November 2020

### In brief ...

#### Letitia Road to remain closed

The road closure at Letitia Road, Fingal Head will remain in place until 22 February 2021.

This is due to heightened concerns about protecting the Aboriginal Elders and residents particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

The road continues to remain open to pedestrians and cyclists.

Council made the decision at last week's Council meeting. For more information see the 19 November 2020 Council meeting agenda and minutes by visiting [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings)

#### Citizen scientists needed for Tweed Coast's sea turtles

Tweed residents and visitors are being asked to keep an eye out for marine visitors to our shore with the start of the sea turtle nesting season.

The season runs until March with two threatened species, green and loggerhead turtles, coming ashore from Tweed to Forster along the NSW coast.

NSW TurtleWatch project officer Holly West is encouraging locals to become citizen scientists and help to look and record turtle tracks and nests on the Tweed Coast.

"Beachgoers can play an important role in recording where the tracks are, what type of tracks they are (to determine species) and where possible nests may be located," Ms West said.

"We also need beachgoers to report potential threats to the turtles such as marine debris, light pollution and coastal erosion which could prevent them from finding suitable nesting sites."

National Park and Wildlife Services (NPWS) and NSW TurtleWatch volunteers will work together to monitor nests and protect them from potential dangers.

"Female turtles usually come ashore between dusk and dawn and those early risers walking the beaches may be the ones to spot the nests first," she said.

NSW TurtleWatch was developed by Australian Seabird Rescue and is supported by the NSW Government's Saving Our Species program.

To find out more or to report a sea turtle sighting, please visit NSW TurtleWatch, contact them on 0468 489 259 or email [turtletwatchnsw@gmail.com](mailto:turtletwatchnsw@gmail.com)

Turtle sightings can also be reported to your local NPWS office or by calling 1300 072 757.



Tweed residents are being asked to become citizen scientists to help monitor local sea turtle nests.

one of four vouchers for two nights' accommodation in a cabin at Tweed Holiday Parks valued at \$350 for up to four people. Terms and conditions are available on Council's website.

During each webinar, a hyperlink unique for the session will be provided to participants which takes them to an online 'prize entry draw' where they can enter their contact details, and describe what action they intend to take to reduce their environmental footprint as a result of the session.

Everyone can take part and make a pledge. Actions can be as significant as investing in solar power or buying into electric vehicles or as easy as committing to hanging your washing outside rather than using the dryer or just having shorter showers.

The webinars will be held on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 December starting from 11am on both days with each session running for 30 minutes. There will be six sessions each day and people can participate in as many as they like.

A special beeswax wrap session is also available on Wednesday from 2pm with a free DIY kit available for each participating household.

To find out more about the Home Expo and to register for webinars, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo)





Winner of the 2016 Young Archie (16 to 18 years old category) by Kalyani Mumtaz, 18, Byangum.

## Final call for Young Archie comp

Time is running out for young artists to show their portrait skills and submit an entry into the Young Archie Competition.

The Young Archie Competition is part of the 2020 Archibald Prize Regional Tour that will be on display at the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre from Friday 22 January 2021 to Sunday 7 March 2021.

The competition is open to residents of the Tweed, Ballina, Byron and Kyogle shires, Lismore City and the Gold Coast but entries close on Friday 4 December.

Each entry must be a portrait of someone who is known to them and plays a significant role in their lives.

The finalists from each age category will have the honour of being exhibited at Tweed Regional Gallery during the 2020 Archibald Prize Regional Tour.

Visit [artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/youngarchie](http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/youngarchie) to download entry forms and for more information.

All enquiries to [gallerieducation@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gallerieducation@tweed.nsw.gov.au), telephone 02 6670 2712.

## Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council proposes to classify:

**221 Terranora Road, Banora Point, being Lot 11 in DP1254897, as Operational Land.**

A period of twenty eight days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written submission to the proposed classification. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484.

## Notice of proposed licence

*Local Government Act 1993*, Section 47

Tweed Shire Council hereby gives notice of intention to grant a lease to Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club Limited. The term of the proposed lease will be twenty one (21) years. The land in question is located at Marine Parade, Kingscliff (Lot 100 in DP117102 and part Lot 2 DP1122062). The proposed lease will be granted for the purpose of a surf life saving facility and activities and community purposes.

Any person may make submissions to the Tweed Shire Council with respect to the proposed lease. 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.

Date of notice: 25 November 2020

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

# Woodcrafters supported by Council grant funding

Maintaining a healthy interest in wood working has become a lot easier for the Tweed Valley Woodcraft Association thanks to a community grant from Tweed Shire Council.

The association, which formed in 1996, has more than 60 members, both male and female, and meets at its purpose-built workshop and club rooms on the Murwillumbah Showground.

President Doug Robinson said the club enjoyed a strong relationship with Council and had received \$2000 through Community Sponsorship Policy funding to purchase and install an automated external defibrillator for the clubhouse.

"We have been very fortunate to have had Council support over a number of years – we received funding for our dust extraction project, a new drum sanding unit and this year the defibrillator and associated first aid kit," Mr Robinson said.

"Given that the majority of our members are retired, having this piece of equipment is a welcome addition to our club room."

He said the club had closed down due to COVID-19 restrictions from March to July but was now functioning again under an approved COVID-19 management plan.

"Since restarting, we have had a number of interested people seeking to join in recent weeks, however, in the interests of our existing members and the safety of likely new members we have closed membership for the remainder of this year," he said.

"Our association comprises of people from all walks of life who come together to learn and develop their woodcraft skills in a social and friendly atmosphere."

He said the focus was mainly on personal projects for the

members but they had undertaken works for various community organisations.

"Before the COVID-19 restrictions, we held open days to show what we do and had annual competitions against the Richmond Valley Woodcrafters but that has been put on hold also."

To find out more about Council's Community Sponsorship Policy funding, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding)



Tweed Valley Woodcraft Association president Doug Robinson and vice president Mike McGee with the new automated external defibrillator in the Association clubhouse.

# Women encouraged to run for local office in 2021

State and local government have joined forces to empower more women to stand for their community and nominate for the 2021 local government elections.

Office of Local Government figures show women represent just 31 per cent of the 1300 councillors serving on the State's 128 local councils.

Since the 1960s Tweed Shire Council has had more than 15 female councillors – with women holding the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Shire President and Council Administrator.

Local councils are the level of government closest to the community. They provide key infrastructure, facilities and services to local residents and are integral to improving the lifestyle and amenity of local communities.

Key dates for candidates include:

- closing of electoral rolls/opening of nominations on 26 July 2021
- closing of nominations on 4 August 2021
- NSW Local Government Election Day on 4 September 2021.

For further information, visit [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.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

**DA20/0764** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 39 DP 825815, No. 70 Lochlmond Drive, **Banora Point**

**DA20/0780** – Dwelling additions  
Lot 29 DP 29289, No. 7 Seaview Road, **Banora Point**

**DA20/0717** – In-ground swimming pool and front fencing within front building set back  
Lot 2 SP 49319, Unit 2/No. 6 White Beech Court, **Bogangar**

**DA20/0349** – Emergency services facility  
Lot 11 DP 1254897, No. 221 Terranora Road, **Banora Point**

**DA18/0053** – Mixed use development (restaurant, offices and dual use residential and tourist accommodation units) including works within Tweed Coast Road reserve, tree removal and extension to a right of carriageway over Lot 6 DP 872039  
Lot 17 Section 6 DP 30043, Lot 6 DP 872039, Lot 0 ROAD 2188, No. 53 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**

**DA20/0413** – Replacement of existing footpath dining structure  
Lot 6 DP 1185345, No. 35 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**

**DA20/0647** – Dwelling with attached garage, shed, carport and inground swimming pool  
Lot 32 DP 1264481, No. 4 Norvill Lane, **Cobaki**

**DA20/0700** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 606 DP 1003398, No. 166 Duranbah Road, **Duranbah**

**DA20/0488** – Two storey dwelling with basement garage, gym and swimming pool  
Lot A DP 367912, No. 32 Queen Street, **Fingal Head**

**DA20/0537** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including 1.5m high front fence  
Lot 54 DP 1186189, No. 313 Casuarina Way, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0702** – 1.8 m high front and side fence  
Lot 387 DP 1097757, No. 1 Fairy Bower Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0782** – Dwelling alterations  
Lot 144 DP 1066504, No. 3 Narrabeen Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0783** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 568 DP 1180830, No. 13 Bundeena Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0805** – Carport conversion to garage  
Lot 165 DP 1099179, No. 4 Cathedral Court, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0755** – Dwelling with attached garage  
Lot 715 DP 1263014, No. 18 Sorrel Court, **Murwillumbah**

**DA20/0745** – Use of unauthorised alterations and additions to existing dwelling comprising bedroom, WIR, ensuite and external entertainment area  
Lot 2 DP 231438, No. 401 Nobbys Creek Road, **Nobbys Creek**

**DA20/0758** – Shed  
Lot 3 DP 586760, No. 1983 Numinbah Road, **Numinbah**

**DA20/0480** – Use of garage conversion and retaining wall  
Lot 3 DP 242654, No. 9 Nunderi Lane (Private Road), **Nunderi**

**DA20/0598** – Carport within the front building line  
Lot 295 DP 1125090, No. 21 Woodfull Crescent, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0645** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within front building line  
Lot 580 DP 1076975, No. 43 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0739** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 2 SP 83984, Unit 2/No. 3 Terrigal Street, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0807** – Window addition to existing dwelling  
Lot 520 DP 1076975, No. 6 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0838** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 1730 DP 1215252, No. 13 Toormina Court, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0686** – Shed conversion to a dwelling  
Lot 11 DP 1038726, No. 589 Pottsville Road, **Sleepy Hollow**

**DA20/0695** – Use of existing roofed deck, pool deck and retaining walls  
Lot 208 DP 1237760, No. 5 Woodroffe Street, **Terranora**

**DA20/0350** – Three lot boundary adjustment and connection to reticulated sewer  
Lot 8 DP 807165, Lot 3 Section 2 DP 30012, Lot 4 Section 2 DP 30012, Lot 5 Section 2 DP 30012, No. 2–6 Dalton Street, **Terranora**

**DA20/0662** – Use of 1.8m high solid front fence  
Lot 27 Section 5 DP 4043, No. 32–34 Enid Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0736** – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high front fence  
Lot 46 DP 31369, No. 14 Murraba Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0788** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including patio  
Lot 28 DP 876214, No. 3 Navigators Way, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0736** – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high front fence  
Lot 46 DP 31369, No. 14 Murraba Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

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#### Approved – deferred commencement

**DA19/0866** – Secondary dwelling over triple garage  
Lot 28 DP 778340, No. 36 Martinelli Avenue, **Banora Point**

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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Sustainable Living



# Home Expo

Tuesday 1 and  
Wednesday 2 December 2020

Online  
in 2020

**Live online interactive webinars:**

Catch up with inspiring speakers sharing their passion, knowledge and practical tips for sustainable homes and living, with a focus on climate change and carbon emissions reductions.

To register, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo) and click the link to the free webinar which you are interested in.

Sign up for as many webinars as you like however, places are limited.

	Tuesday 1 December	Wednesday 2 December
11–11.30 am	<p><b>Solar for tenants and shady roofs</b> Kim Mallee, Community Power Agency</p> 	<p><b>Wildlife friendly backyards</b> Michael Corke, Tweed Shire Council</p> 
11.30 am–12 pm	<p><b>Solar at your place</b> Michael Qualmann, Tweed Shire Council</p> 	<p><b>Backyard chickens</b> Julie O'Shea, Who Gives a Cluck</p> 
12–12.30 pm	<p><b>Energy efficiency tips for all homes</b> Sebastian Crangle, Enova Community</p>	<p><b>Waterwise gardening</b> Roman Spur</p> 
12.30–1 pm	<p><b>Cane Toad Challenge</b> Emily Vincent, Watergum</p> 	<p><b>Sustainable home design 101</b> Rebecca Whan</p>
1–1.30 pm	<p><b>Hobby Beekeeping</b> Kathy Knox, Gold Coast Amateur Beekeeping Society</p> 	<p><b>Electric Vehicles 101: EV types and charging systems explained</b> Bryce Gatton, Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA)</p> 
1.30–2 pm	<p><b>Carbon Footprints and Offsets</b> Catherine Petterson, Carbon Positive Australia</p> 	<p><b>Climate change reality</b> Reverend Peter Moore: Angligrreen, Climate Reality Project</p> 
2–3 pm		<p><b>*SPECIAL WASTE LESS WORKSHOP*</b> <b>Food Smart and beeswax wraps workshop</b> Linda Tohver, Nicki Walker, North East Waste</p>

**Pledge  
and go in  
the prize  
draw**

Join the push to reduce 100 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions during this year's event. Participants that pledge actions will go in the draw for four holiday vouchers for 2 nights' accommodation at Tweed Holiday Parks cabins, valued at \$350 each. Details on how to pledge will be provided at the end of each webinar. Go to [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo) for more information.