

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.



Stay safe, stay off the roads and stay away from flooded areas – that's the message from Tweed Shire Council as the Tweed feels the effects of the latest weather event. Tumbulgum experienced moderate flooding on Tuesday, while minor flooding of the Tweed River was recorded at Murwillumbah and Chinderah. This photo shows the level of the Tweed River in Murwillumbah around 7am on Tuesday. For the latest weather warnings, road closures and other alerts go to the Tweed's Emergency Dashboard emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Mosquito menace warning after heavy rain

The recent heavy rain has created ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. Council is calling on residents to 'Tackle Mosquitoes Together'.

This message and program undertaken by councils of the region to reduce the impact of mosquito-borne viruses within the community can be achieved by:

- keeping yards well-maintained, mowing lawns regularly and limiting areas of dense vegetation
- covering all windows, doors, chimneys, vents and other entrances with insect screens that are in good condition
- cleaning up your yard, removing all water-holding containers and rubbish, keeping house gutters clean and properly aligned

- emptying and refilling pet water bowls and bird baths at least weekly
- ensuring all openings to water tanks and septic tanks are screened securely
- placing sand or fine gravel in pot plant trays, or flushing them out weekly
- keeping ornamental ponds stocked with native fish species that will feed on larvae.

As a matter of priority, Tweed Shire Council has and continues to carry out mosquito larvae control works in key breeding areas by air and through ground works.

For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/nuisanceinsects

Safety improvements for Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads

Council is seeking comments from the community on its plans to improve road safety on Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads, at the boat ramp intersection between Norman and McDonald streets.

Council has received Federal Black Spot funding to reduce the number of traffic collisions on this stretch of road. Over the past five years, 11 people have been injured, including three pedestrians, at this location.

Proposals for the Kennedy Drive black spot project include:

- a dedicated right-turn lane into Norman Street from Kennedy Drive
- prohibiting right turns out of Norman Street at Kennedy Drive
- a new centre refuge on Kennedy Drive near the boat ramp to provide a safe crossing point for pedestrians

- improving pedestrian safety near Scales Seafood by widening the centre median and parking lane nearest to the river as well as installing fencing to funnel people to the safe crossing point
- left-in and left-out only at the boat ramp.

Residents and visitors can view the concept designs for the project at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/blackspot and make comment until 4pm on Thursday 31 December 2020.

External consultants were engaged to review the current situation which included the installation of traffic cameras, on-site observations, crash reviews and traffic modelling.

Works are scheduled to take place following the school holidays in April 2021.

Thanks for service to Equal Access Advisory Committee

A sense of community, achievement and pride was shared at the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre earlier this month, as members of the Equal Access Advisory Committee (EAAC) and Council representatives came together to celebrate the International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD).

Held on Thursday 3 December in the South Sea Islander Room, EAAC members past and present gathered for a morning tea and the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation.

The celebrations had to be scaled down from previous years' celebrations due to COVID-19 restrictions and the pandemic also forced the postponement of the 2020 Access and Inclusion Awards.

The theme for the 2020 IDPWD was *Not All Disabilities Are Visible* and the key address by EAAC Deputy Chair Susi Hudson highlighted that, speaking from her own experiences as a visually impaired person.

Accepting certificates of appreciation for their service to the EAAC were Una Cowdroy for 18 years of service and Bill McKennarney for 6 years, including six terms as Chairperson of the inaugural Disability Access Committee before it changed to EAAC.

Other past members of the EAAC who were recognised with a certificate were Milena Morrow for 16 years, including 3 terms as Chairperson; Prospero Aplet for 4 years, including 3 terms as Chairperson; Wendy Gilbert, for 6 years, including 1 term as Chairperson; Christine Vannucci for 7 years and Beverly Kelso for 11 years.

The current board will look forward to welcome new members in February 2021.

The achievements of Tweed people living with disabilities have been featured through the Tweed Regional Museum's *Untold Stories: Living With Ability* exhibition, museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au/untold-stories

Kingscliff filmmaker Tim Morrissey, who lives with Down Syndrome has also made a film about living with disabilities called *Goals and Dreams*, which will be published on YouTube from Wednesday, 30 December 2020.



Bill McKennarney and Una Cowdroy with their certificates of appreciation.



Last week we each used
222L a day
as at 11 December 2020

In brief ...

Feedback sought on tower use

Council is asking the community to have their say on the future use of the former Volunteer Marine Rescue building, or Kingscliff Communications Tower, in Faulks Park in Kingscliff.

As part of a community consultation, members of the public have until Wednesday 6 January 2021 to make a submission setting out their preferred use for the facility.

Council is in the process of finalising the refurbishment of the tower. Visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/kingscliff-communications-tower to make a submission. Submissions close Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Do you want keep parklets?

Council wants to know if the community would like to keep the parklets, art seats and planters that are peppered around Murwillumbah's CBD.

When Council installed the Brisbane Street parklet in September, it was a pilot project to see how it would be received. By the time the second parklet was installed in Queen Street, the community's passion for these vibrant dashes of colour was clear.

The art seats and planter boxes are located on the corner of Murwillumbah and Brisbane streets, as well as on the northern and southern side of the central pedestrian crossing on Murwillumbah Street. Complementing their vibrant colours are the wonderful chalk art popping up around them.

Your feedback will inform if the parklets, art seats and planters remain permanently. Go to www.yoursaytweed.com.au/parklet to complete the survey by 4pm on Monday 18 January 2021.

The overwhelming community support has prompted Council to publish a 'behind the scenes' page, highlighting that our community spirit is well and truly alive.

Visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/parklet-behind-the-scene to watch the videos of artists and installation of the parklets, view the photos and read all about it.

The project is supported by the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces initiative.



Fill out the survey to tell Council whether you'd like to keep Murwillumbah's parklets.

Christmas meals to go

With Christmas rapidly approaching, time is one commodity many don't have a lot of.

To bring a little Christmas cheer to the table, the Brett Street CAFE (Community Access For Everyone) at the Tweed Heads Cultural and Civic Centre is offering a special traditional 'Meal To Go' dinner and dessert package.

It's a delicious roast turkey and baked leg ham combo with roast pumpkin and potatoes and a vegetable medley served with gravy, cranberry sauce and stuffing.

No Christmas meal would be complete without dessert and there is a choice of either two fruit mince pies with custard or traditional plum pudding with custard.

This tasty package is only \$18, with orders being taken now until the close of business at 2pm on 21 December.

You can place an order at the café or by calling 07 5569 3131 and meals can be picked up on Christmas Eve between noon and 1pm, ready to be taken home and heated on Christmas Day.

A social enterprise initiative of Tweed Shire Council, Brett Street CAFE generates income to support the delivery of Tweed Shire Council Community Services programs, to ensure local social purpose outcomes.

Over the festive period, the Brett Street CAFE will be operating on normal trading hours, 8.30am to 2pm right up until Christmas Eve, 24 December.

It will be closed from Friday 25 December 2020 until Friday 1 January 2021 and will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021. When it does reopen, the café will operate from 8.30am to 2pm Monday to Friday with a limited menu during January.

For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/brettstreetcafe

Contractor monitoring sewer flows

Tweed Shire Council is monitoring sewer flows in the Banora Point and Tweed Heads catchments to help it plan for future repairs and improvements to the sewer system.

Contractors from ADS Environmental Services next week will start installing flow and level sensor monitoring equipment in a number of sewer manholes and rain gauges at a number of sites to understand how well the sewer system is performing.

During the study, which will continue through to April 2021, they will need to visit each site at least three times to insert, monitor and recalibrate equipment if necessary.

Sewage flow and rainfall data collected, together with hydraulic modelling, will be used to help plan rehabilitation and improvement works.

The contractors will be working near, and at times within, private property to access manholes and pipes. When they need to enter a private yard, they will contact the residents in advance. At no time will they need access to any house or building.

There will be no disruptions to the sewer system during the monitoring period.

For more information contact Engineer James Camauli by calling Council on 02 6670 2400.



Contractors setting up flow gauges in Murwillumbah in 2018.

Request for offer

RF02020113 Water Mains Cleaning, Hydrant & Valve Maintenance & Hydrant Testing

RF02020143 Active Transport Plan

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDST) 20 January 2021

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

Proposed Special Rate Variation 2021/22

At its Ordinary meeting of 10 December 2020, Council resolved to place amended Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation on exhibition in order to seek community feedback on a proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to fund the long term maintenance and management of environmental protection lands within the Kings Forest development.

The proposed Special Rate Variation is aimed at raising a Special Rate in 2021/22 which will be indexed with annual rate pegging in subsequent years.

The proposed on-going Special Rate is to be levied solely on properties associated with the Kings Forest subdivision and all funds raised from the special rate levy will be allocated to the management of the environmental protection land.

The following documents which have been amended to include the proposed special rate, were adopted by Council on 10 December 2020 and are now on public exhibition:

- *Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2020/21 – 2029/30* (as amended) and
- *Draft Delivery Program 2020/2021* (as amended)

Submissions and feedback will be received until 29 January 2021 for consideration by Council at a February meeting to determine whether to proceed with an application for special rate variation.

Current vacancies

View current vacancies at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at

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WATER WEEK 2 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading

Tweed Heads' past comes to life on big screen

History will become larger than life this week as Twin Towns features images and video from Tweed Regional Museum's collection on its 17-metre outdoor screen over summer.

The slideshow features rare local beach scenes from the early 1900s, up until the 1960s. Summer holiday crowds are depicted camping, swimming and competing in the Hokey Pokey dance and beauty competitions.

Well-known painter H C Simpson can be seen painting local landscapes and beach scenes. The famous Jack Evans Porpoise Pool at Snapper Rocks also features, alongside scenes of fish being netted on Kirra and Greenmount beaches.

The presentation contains a special collection of stills and moving images captured by local photographer Charles Simpson in the 1940s and 1950s which were donated to the Museum by the Simpson family, and featuring a selection of clips filmed around Tweed Heads, in the 1950s and 1960s.

Museum Curator Erika Taylor said the rare footage taken by Charles is being shown outside the Museum for the first time.

"The Hokey Pokey competitions that he captured attracted up to 1000 people at a time. No trip to Greenmount in the 1950s and 1960s was complete with taking part in the famous Hokey Pokey competition, a dance based on a hand jive," Ms Taylor said.

Adopt don't shop for a pet this Christmas

If a dog or a cat is on your Christmas wish list, the Tweed's dog and cat rehoming specialists, Friends of the Pound, may be able to assist you.

Council's Director Planning & Regulation Vince Connell said Council works closely with not-for-profit animal rescue charity Friends of the Pound to ensure as many animals are rehomed in the Tweed as possible.

"When you adopt a pet, you save a loving animal by making them part of your family and open up shelter space for another animal who might need it," Mr Connell said.

"You can adopt your chosen pet on a trial basis for 14 days to see if they fit into your home. If you already have a dog, the pound can

"At the time the phenomenon attracted national and international media attention, so became known around the world."

The show can be seen on Twin Towns' external screen in Wharf Street, Tweed Heads from 18 December starting at 8.10pm (NSW) and running on the hour until 1am (NSW).



One of the many beach scenes from the collection of Tweed Regional Museum which will feature on Twin Towns' outdoor screen over summer.

arrange for your dog to meet your prospective pet to see how they get along," Mr Connell said.

All animals offered by Friends of the Pound are microchipped and desexed, making pet ownership easier for families offering a dog or a cat a forever home at Christmas.

Pet ownership is not for everyone. Choosing the right pet takes time, planning and research. You need to consider the needs of your prospective pet and the time and financial commitment it takes to be a responsible pet owner.

Anyone looking to adopt a pet can view the animals available for adoption on the Friends of the Pound website friendsofthepound.com or their Facebook page.

Be careful of small pools

Did you know that portable and inflatable pools capable of being filled with water to a depth of greater than 300mm require a child proof fence, and all pools that hold greater than 2000 litres of water need either a Complying Development Consent or a Development Application?

Inflatable and portable pools must comply with all relevant regulations, especially those aimed at keeping children under the age of 5 years water-safe during the summer holiday season.

Owners of portable or inflatable pools are urged to visit the NSW Swimming Pool Register and fill out the pool self-assessment checklist – www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/checklists

If an owner of a portable or inflatable pool answers 'no' to any of the checklist questions they must contact Council's Building and Environmental Health Unit 02 6670 2400.

For more information and the legal requirements for swimming pool safety fences visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/swimmingpools

Council Xmas closures

Council offices at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period from Monday 21 December and will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021 at 9am.

For Council emergencies 24 hours a day during this time, please call 1800 818 326. To report non-urgent matters, visit Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/reportaproblem

A number of Council services will continue throughout the festive season, including outdoor cleaners, coastal maintenance crews, cemetery services, parks and gardens, community services and rangers.

Council's waste contractor Solo will continue to empty residential bins as normal, including Christmas Day and public holidays.

For information on days and hours of operation of Council facilities such as Tweed Regional Gallery, Tweed Regional Museum and TRAC, please see their websites.

This is the last edition of the Tweed Link for 2020. Tweed Shire Council wishes everyone a safe and happy festive holiday season.

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

DA20/0761 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 564 DP 755740, No. 20 Laura Street, **Banora Point**

DA20/0828 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 1101 DP 850253, No. 2 Cabana Court, **Banora Point**

DA20/0817 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 15 DP 821933, No. 216 Carool Road, **Bilambil**

DA20/0820 – Carport within front building line
Lot 162 DP 852450, No. 3 Sierra Vista Boulevard, **Bilambil Heights**

DA20/0776 – Alterations and first floor additions to existing dwelling
Lot 9 DP 1030322, No. 612 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA20/0585 – Dwelling
Lot 1 DP 1260494, No. 12A Reserve Creek Road, **Kielvale**

DA20/0773 – Bedroom extension
Lot 2 DP 413216, No. 230 Clothiers Creek Road, **Nunderi**

DA20/0775 – Shed
Lot 192 DP 815226, No. 65 Bilambil Road, **Terranora**

DA20/0734 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including swimming pool, carport and front/side return fence within front setback
Lot 257 DP 30961, No. 54 Jacaranda Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

DA20/0288 – Regularisation of an existing roof and the construction of an acoustic wall and roof at the existing Halcyon House Motel
Lot 100 DP 1208306, No. 19–25 Cypress Crescent, **Cabarita Beach**

DA20/0533 – Use of existing earthworks for the purposes of a dam
Lot 100 DP 1134560, No. 538 Duranbah Road, **Duranbah**

DA19/0832 – Use of existing cottage as a secondary dwelling
Lot 8 DP 14141, No. 23 Tweed Coast Road, **Hastings Point**

DA20/0293 – Dual use (permanent residential and tourist and visitor accommodation) of dual occupancy (attached) including two (2) swimming pools, and strata subdivision
Lot 1 DP 1262504, No. 49 Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0591 – Change of use to medical centre (dentist) and associated signage
Lot 385 DP 755701, No. 12 Coronation Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA20/0234 – Two (2) lot subdivision and light industrial development including self-storage and associated signage
Lot 206 DP 1122768, No. 27–33 Kite Crescent, **South Murwillumbah**

DA20/0549 – First use as an art gallery within unit 5 of existing light industry facility including associated signage
Lot 5 SP 99844, Unit 5/No. 173 Lundberg Drive, **South Murwillumbah**

DA20/0578 – Change of use of Unit 5 to artisan food and drink industry
Lot 31 DP 246253, No. 37 Machinery Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA20/0578 – Change of use of Unit 5 to artisan food and drink industry
Lot 31 DP 246253, No. 37 Machinery Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

Refused

DA20/0267 – Alterations and additions
Lot 242 DP 1033384, No. 13 Muskheart Circuit, **Pottsville**

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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