



Make a splash at the giant slide at TRAC Murwillumbah – bookings are essential.

School holiday fun in the Tweed

There's plenty to do locally these school holidays. Check out these activities around the Tweed:

Treasure hunt at Tweed JUNKtion (tip shop): There's a DIY treasure hunting activity at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre over the summer holidays. It's a fun way to show your kids how things can be reused or made into something new.

Art Play at Tweed Regional Gallery: Create your own 'CLAYONS' after exploring artist Kenny Pittock's exhibition *Planes, Trains and Bubble'O Bills*. Kenny is a Melbourne-based artist who uses humour and colour to playfully celebrate Australian culture. A fun exhibition for kids and adults to explore together. Take part in the 'CLAYONS' activity online and in the Gallery.

Water slide at Murwillumbah pool: Make a splash at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre, Murwillumbah. The giant slide has reopened and the 50m pool and kiddies play area are lots of fun! Bookings are essential.

School holiday swim intensives: Fast track your child's learning with a 5-day block of swimming lessons at a special discounted price. Spaces are limited and bookings are essential.

School swimming racing clinics: Prepare your kids for swimming carnivals at one of the racing clinics at TRAC Kingscliff. Sessions include underwater and over water video analysis, starts and turns finetuning and drills to improve strokes and racing tips. Spaces are limited and bookings are essential.

Go to www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays for details.

Increase in applications leads to delays

As with many other NSW councils, Tweed Shire Council has been experiencing a major increase in development and building related application activity over the past 12 months.

From January to December 2020 Council received 1515 development applications (including modifications) and construction certificates, an increase of 8% on the 1382 applications received for the same period in 2019.

This upward trend of activity was particularly evident in December 2020, with Council accepting 71 development applications (including modifications) through Council's existing online portal and a further 21 development applications (including modifications) through the newly available NSW Planning Portal, which applicants were able to use for the first time.

Director Planning & Regulation Vince Connell said December 2020 marked the time that applicants could change over from Council's existing lodgement process to the new lodgement process, which

formally took effect on 1 January 2021.

"Council staff have worked very hard over the past six months to best plan for, and communicate to the public and the development industry the new State Planning Portal Management process," Mr Connell said.

"While the transition process has been successful to date, we still expect that some applicants will need our assistance in adapting to the new system.

"Currently we have 549 outstanding applications, including 317 development applications (including modifications) and 152 construction certificates.

"Development applications are generally being processed based on their lodgement date where possible and we ask all applicants for their patience as there will be delays given the volume of applications Council received in December," he said.

For more information visit www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au and www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/development



Looking forward to spending time at a Tweed Holiday Park after winning one of four staycations at the 2020 Sustainable Living Home Expo are Emilia, Rachael and Emmett Sanderson from Kynnumboon.

Home Expo participants win staycations

Practical actions and ideas from 14 online workshops at the 2020 Sustainable Living Home Expo have inspired participants to take action to be kinder to the Earth and to reduce their carbon footprint.

Across the 14 online workshops, participants described nearly 100 significant ways they can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save money on food, water, fuel and electricity bills, create comfortable homes, grow productive backyards, encourage native wildlife and strengthen our community's response and resilience to climate change.

By pledging to do what she can to reduce her family's greenhouse gas emissions, Kynnumboon's Rachael Sanderson has won a holiday at a Tweed Holiday Park.

Ms Sanderson registered for three webinars during the Home Expo: Solar At Your Place, Who Gives A Cluck (backyard chickens) and Waterwise Gardening.

"I found the Expo very interesting because there were subjects which we had a direct interest in," Ms Sanderson said.

"We have been thinking about getting solar panels for our place so it was good to hear information on what is best suited for us. I have 17 chickens at home so I was very interested in gaining some tips to keep them healthy and happy and since there was a web session on waterwise gardening straight after, I signed in for that.



Last week we each used

181L a day

as at 8 January 2021

Waste tip



Having trouble with bin pong?

Place a few newspapers or paper towels inside the bottom of your bins (indoors and outdoors) to help keep them just that little bit fresher.

In brief ...

Have your say on proposed special rate variation for Kings Forest

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposed special rate variation to be levied solely on properties associated with the Kings Forest subdivision, near Kingscliff.

All funds raised from the proposed special rate levy would cover costs for maintenance and management of environmental protection lands within the development.

Amended financial statements showing proposed additional rates income are available at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Submissions close at 4.30pm on Friday 29 January 2021.

To make a submission visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au or for more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/kingsforest

Kids keen to save water

Tweed Shire Council's Brie Jowett took the 'water is precious' message to Year 1 and 2 students at Terranora Public School late last year.

The 120 young people were learning about the earth's resources and invited class mum Brie, who manages the Tweed's water and wastewater operations, to talk about where water comes from, where wastewater goes and why it's important to use water wisely.

The students were fascinated to learn about the membrane filters that help treat our water in the Tweed. The membranes are hollow plastic fibres with billions of microscopic pores thousands of times smaller than a human hair and provide a high level of protection from pathogens.

They also were keen to get their hands on Council's experiment in a jar, where a selection of so-called flushable, non-flushable and biodegradable wipes have been immersed in water for more than three years and all are still fully intact. Only the toilet paper has disintegrated, proving that wipes of any kind should never be flushed.

The children then designed their own posters to help get the water wise message out to the community and reinforce the 'No Wipes in Our Pipes' campaign.



Terranora Public School students came up with some great water messages after a session with Council's Brie Jowett.

Travel convention something to write home about

The Tweed will have a unique opportunity to showcase what it has to offer when the region hosts the Australian Society of Travel Writers' (ASTW) 2021 Convention.

The ASTW Convention is a highlight on the travel media calendar, with up to 200 writers, editors, photographers and influencers, along with product and destination publicists, coming together to meet, network, share and celebrate.

The Tweed was selected to host the major national event based on a proposal submitted by the Tweed Tourism Company that offered an invitation to meet and take in the region's stunning coast and valley settings, to discover its artisan food and drink, strong arts scene, UNESCO World Heritage nature and array of wellness businesses.

The Tweed Tourism Company is responsible for promoting tourism in the Tweed and is contracted by Council to promote the Tweed as a tourism destination, identify new tourism opportunities and operate Visitor Information Centres.

The Convention Program includes conference sessions, social functions, pre- and post-familiarisation opportunities and the ASTW's Annual Gala Awards Dinner.

President of the ASTW, Elisa Elwin, said that the association was excited to be partnering with the Tweed Tourism Company for the 2021 event.

"The excellent Tweed team submitted a stand-out proposal for the 2021 AGM and Convention addressing all our requirements and going above and beyond our expectations for a destination," Ms Elwin said.

Tweed Tourism Company General Manager Brad Nardi said the Tweed has a great opportunity to showcase its offerings to some of Australia's leading travel media.

"The Tweed has some of the country's most-talked-about and awarded experiences, from hatted restaurants and leading arts offerings to nature trails taking in Gondwana-era rainforest," Mr Nardi said.

"The Tweed ASTW Convention will be based at Mantra on Salt Beach and the program will include a stunning welcome event at Husk Distillers, morning wellness offerings by the beach and a packed familiarisations offering for media delegates to choose from."

The ASTW 2021 Convention will be held in the Tweed from 14 to 16 October 2021.

\$1000 cash prize winner

The winner of the second quarter Go Paperless prize was drawn at the Council meeting on 10 December.

The cash prize of \$1000 was awarded to Rea Dennis from Pottsville.

To go paperless and enter the third quarter draw visit

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/gopaperless

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Notification of Integrated Development applications

Development Application no. DA20/0992

A development application has been lodged by Mr M Walker seeking development consent for two storey dwelling with carport and upgrade of existing bridge at Lot 13 DP 871071; No. 198 Rowlands Creek Road, Rowlands Creek. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW Office of Water)

Development Application no. DA20/0919

A development application has been lodged by JV No. 3 Pty Ltd seeking development consent for mixed use development with six ground floor commercial premises (including 3 x restaurants/cafes with footpath dining and 3 x retail shops and office) and shop top housing (5 units) above at Lot A DP 374174; No. 76 Marine Parade, Kingscliff. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

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The development applications and the documents accompanying them may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 13 January 2021 to Wednesday 10 February 2021.

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.

Any submission objecting to the proposed development must state the ground upon which such objection is made.

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

Public notification of 1080 baiting

This notification is to advise all landholders within 1 kilometre of properties, Lots 4 and 23, 88 Round Mountain Road, Round Mountain; Lot 1, 337 Round Mountain Road, Round Mountain; Lot 250, 1183 Cudgera Creek Road, Cudgera Creek; Lot 2, 209 Towners Road, Round Mountain and 791 Pottsville Road, Cudgera Creek that 1080 fox baits will be laid on the above-mentioned properties from 21 January 2021 to 21 July 2021.

Property owners are warned to keep their working and domestic dogs and cats confined to their property and ensure they do not enter the baiting location during and after poisoning. In the event of an accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

The primary purpose of the 1080 baiting program is to target foxes during their breeding season and to reduce the overall fox population in the study area to:

- reduce the known impact of fox predation on the Tweed Coast bush stone-curlew population, particularly predation of eggs and chicks during the bush stone-curlew breeding season;
- reduce fox predation on other susceptible threatened species known to occur in the study area such as the beach stone-curlew and pied oyster-catchers; and minimise potential impacts to the endangered Tweed coast koala population, particularly juvenile and young dispersing koalas.

For further information contact:

Sustainability and Environment Unit,
Tweed Shire Council on 02 6670 2400.



