

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.



Last year's (pre-COVID) Australia Day Award winners at the official ceremony held at Murwillumbah Cultural and Civic Centre Auditorium.

Fun events celebrate what it means to be Australian

From barbecue breakfasts to backyard cricket, bike parades and tree planting, the Tweed community will come together on Australia Day to celebrate.

Four Council-sponsored events will be hosted by local community organisations: Tumbulgum Community Association, Tyalgum Hall Community Association, Crabbes Creek Hall Committee and Murwillumbah Community Garden.

Activities will kick-off from 8am at Tumbulgum, with their annual 'Big Traditional BBQ', followed by judging of the wildest, whackiest Aussie-themed bicycles, before their annual cricket challenge.

At Tyalgum, a decorated bike muster will get underway from 9am, with all entrants to be awarded with delicious gelato, followed by the official presentation, morning tea and raffles. Similarly, activities will take place at Crabbes Creek Hall from 8am while tree planting is planned at Murwillumbah Community Gardens.

The community activities will complement this year's official Tweed

Shire Australia Day Awards, with all activities providing an opportunity to reflect, respect and celebrate the unfolding Australian story.

In compliance with COVID-Safe guidelines, this year's official event will be scaled-down in size and take place at Twin Towns Clubs and Resorts at Tweed Heads, with attendance by invitation only.

The awards ceremony will be hosted by 2021 Tweed Shire Australia Day Ambassador Rebecca Hogan – awarded Citizen of the Year at last year's event – and will recognise outstanding achievement by members of the community over the past year.

This will be followed by a special ceremony which will see more than 30 residents from 12 countries as far afield as Colombia, Thailand and the Netherlands, become new Australian citizens.

Winners of this year's Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards will be announced at the ceremony.

For further information on Australia Day in the Tweed, please visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

What lurks beneath ... meet 'The Unflushables'

Council cleared more than 500 blockages in its sewers and sewer pump stations last year, mostly due to 'The Unflushables'.

'The Unflushables' are headed by the wet wipe but also includes in its ranks sanitary products, nappies, any type of cloth or rag, syringes, needles, cotton buds, condoms, fats and oils.

They do not break down on contact with water but rather tangle and bind with other grubby matter and fats to block sewer pipes and pump stations.

Every time there's a blockage, not only does it cost the ratepayer thousands of dollars to clear but it also causes raw sewerage to back up and overflow somewhere, posing a risk to the environment and health of everyone concerned.

In good news, Tweed residents are getting better at binning 'The Unflushables', according to Council's Manager Water and Wastewater Brie Jowett.

"While 544 blockages is still far too many at more than 10 every week, the figure has dropped by more than 25 per cent on the previous year when 741 blockages were recorded," she said.

In Western Australia, the ABC recently reported that sewer blockages have cost authorities \$3.3 million since COVID-19 began and more people worked from home.

WA authorities have dragged multiple serious 'fatbergs' and 'hairballs' from its sewers over the past year, reasoning that the spike is from more people working from home without the convenience of that small bin in the toilet room.



Pump assistant Craig Simpkins works to remove a mass of wet wipes and rags wrapped at the Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"In the workplace, toilet cubicles are fitted with bins for unflushables and those bins are cleared and cleaned regularly. In the home, that may not be the case," Mrs Jowett said.

Wet wipes, regardless of what they say on the label, should never be flushed.

Council has had a range of wet wipes immersed in jars of water for more than 3 years. All, including those labelled flushable and those labelled biodegradable, are still intact.

"Anyone who visits a Council office can see for themselves that only toilet paper disintegrates. Only pee, poo, puke and paper should be flushed. Everything else needs to be binned."

Fats and oils should be disposed of by placing the warm liquid into a container and allowing it to solidify or cool before popping it in the bin.

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

DA20/0713 – Two (2) lot strata subdivision
Lot 87 DP 1034922, No. 704 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA20/0767 – Alterations and additions (to existing dwelling) and attached secondary dwelling
Lot 55 DP 249140, No. 18 Surf Street, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0646 – Use of unit 4 (including mezzanine level) for light industry within an existing light industrial development
Lot 4 SP 80033, Unit 4/No. 23-25 Ourimbah Road, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0861 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls
Lot 15 DP 1266201, No. 16 Evergreen View, **Bilambil Heights**

DA20/0869 – Two storey dwelling with attached double garage and retaining walls
Lot 17 DP 1266201, No. 12 Evergreen View, **Bilambil Heights**

DA20/0890 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 199 DP 503927, No. 9 Diane Crescent, **Bilambil Heights**

DA20/0721 – Two storey garage/workshop with first floor studio in rear yard with reduced setbacks
Lot 7 DP 247427, No. 119 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**



Last week we each used

177L a day

as at 15 January 2021

You're never too old

Would you like to hold an event to celebrate this year's Tweed Seniors Festival? Or maybe you know someone who is deserving of a NSW Seniors Local Achievement Award.

The Tweed event – part of the NSW Seniors Festival 2021 from Wednesday 14 April to Saturday 24 April – aims to focus on and celebrate the contribution seniors have and continue to make to the community.

Organisations interested in participating in the Tweed Seniors Festival 2021 are invited to register through the 2021 Event Nomination Form at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival

Council will be hosting the opening ceremony at the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre Auditorium on Wednesday 14 April, which will include the presentation of NSW Seniors Local Achievement Awards and a morning tea held in a COVID-Safe way.

Some suggestions for events include a special morning or afternoon tea or lunch, special deals for seniors during the week, holding a concert, film screening or social gathering, providing an exhibition, demonstration or tour and staging a leisure or health activity.

Every event is required to have a COVID Safety Plan in place.

Your event will be included free in a Tweed Shire Seniors Festival program which will be distributed and promoted before the festival.

To be part of the festival by organising an event, complete the 2021 Event Nomination Form at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival and email to communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au by Friday 5 February.

Meanwhile, nominations are now open for the NSW Seniors Local Achievement Awards with the winners to be announced at the opening ceremony on Wednesday 14 April. The form can also be downloaded at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival

To stay in touch about the festival please send your contact email to communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au or for more information, contact Project Support Officer Lyn Porter on 07 5569 3110.



Don't forget to find the treasure

Time is running out to get your entry in for the Tweed Regional Museum Treasure Hunt.

The free competition, open to children up to 18 years of age, closes on Saturday 23 January. The treasure hunt takes participants on a short journey around several historical sites in the Murwillumbah CBD starting and ending at the Museum.

The map asks for answers to clues found at each site. On completion of the entry, each participant will receive a little gift pack to take home.

The competition will be drawn on Wednesday 27 January 2021. Prizes include a family Slide and Dive pass at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre, a family pass to a film screening at the Regent Cinema, a \$100 gift voucher for Mill and Make and a \$100 gift voucher for Cracklepoint Games.

Treasure hunt maps are available during opening hours (Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm) from Tweed Regional Museum, Murwillumbah.

For more information, visit museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au

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

Approved – deferred commencement

DA20/0394 – First floor deck and double carport within front building line
Lot 20 DP 240408, No. 10 Holden Street, **Tweed Heads South**

Replace your **old shower** and get a **refund from Council**



Saving more than 15,000 litres of water per year and up to \$100 in water and electricity costs is as easy as installing water-saving showers, basin and sink spouts, mixers, aerators and flow controllers or regulators.

Council provides homeowners a 50 per cent rebate on the purchase and installation of approved water saving products such as showers and tapware.

If you upgrade your outdated showers and tapware with water efficient products, Council will refund 50 per cent of the total purchase and installation costs for eligible products to a maximum of \$100.

For further information on the rebate program, including terms and conditions and the application form, please visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/waterrebate or call Council on 02 6670 2400.

Smartphone ... anyone?

Tell us what YOUTH want for a chance to win a smartphone of your choice.

If you're 12 to 24 years old and you live in the Tweed, take the Youth Outdoor Recreation Plan survey by 28 February 2021 for a chance to win a smartphone. Tell Council:

- what sport and outdoor recreation activities you like
- what new sport or outdoor recreation facilities you want
- what outdoor events and activities you want.

The survey will take less than 10 minutes and will inform Tweed Shire Council's *Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan*, as well as which projects are selected for the co-design workshops to be held early this year.

The survey has been extended to 28 February, so head to yoursaytweed.com.au/youth-voice



YOUTH
What do YOUTH want?

Request for offer

RF02020114 Supply of Standby Generator Servicing

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDST) 10 February 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.

Current vacancies

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

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe



WATER WEEK 3 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading

Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council intends to classify Lot 145 in Deposited Plan 1233026, as Operational Land.

A period of 28 days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written submission to the proposed classification.

Authorised by the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484.

Naming of road in subdivision

Notice is hereby given that Tweed Shire Council, in pursuance of Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, has approved the name of a road in a plan of subdivision (DA14/0435) in **Bogangar** in the Shire of Tweed as shown below:

Kanooka Crescent

Authorised by the delegated officer, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484.

Notification of Integrated Development application

Development Application no. DA20/1037

A development application has been lodged by RJ Barry Constructions Pty Ltd seeking development consent for commercial premises with office premises on first floor and restaurant on second floor at Lot 10 Sec 4 DP 2974; No. 11 River Street, **South Murwillumbah**. 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. DA20/1033

A development application has been lodged by Mormatsal Investments Pty Ltd seeking development consent for food and drink premises (pub) including associated bottle shop, drive-thru and signage at Lot 10 DP 1254208; No. 14 Fraser Drive, **Tweed Heads South**. 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 20 January 2021 to Wednesday 17 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

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