

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.



2017 flood damage to Shackells Bridge at Upper Burringbar. Photo: Serena V Dolinska

New flash flood warning system for villages

Residents in Burringbar, Mooball and Crabbes Creek are being asked to have their say on a new flash flood warning system for the area.

The system is being developed because flood risk studies have shown that these areas are subject to flash flooding with little to no warning.

Council, with assistance from NSW State Emergency Service and other government agencies, is now set to build an automated system to provide advanced notice of approaching floods to local residents.

Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said a key consideration for flooding in the area is the lack of warning time.

"The small Burringbar Creek and Crabbes Creek catchments are not covered by Bureau of Meteorology flood warnings, as the time between rainfall and flooding is too short," Mr Rose said.

"Council is developing an automated flash flood warning system and we want all local residents to have their say to ensure it meets their needs now and into the future."

Local residents are encouraged to take part in a survey about the project by 4pm on Wednesday, 3 March 2021.

"Funded under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program and supported by the NSW and Commonwealth governments, the flash flood warning system will enable residents to prepare their properties

and/or evacuate to a safe place prior to the onset of flooding," he said.

The warning system will have two main components: flood forecasting and warning distribution.

The flood forecasting system will use cloud-based technology, which combines local rain and stream gauge data and Bureau of Meteorology forecasts, to predict flooding. It will distribute a warning advising of an approaching flood, the expected timeframe and magnitude at key locations.

"To develop an effective flash flood warning system, we need to hear from local residents to understand their flood concerns, how much warning time they need to prepare their homes and to evacuate, and their preferred communication method for receiving the warning," Mr Rose said.

Many areas of Burringbar and Crabbes Creek catchments are known to flood. Key areas of concern include:

- Dignan Street/Hunter Street/Tweed Valley Way areas of Burringbar
- Mooball (both north and south of the railway embankment)
- Crabbes Creek village
- various rural road crossings (e.g. Greenvale Court culvert).

Visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/flood-warning to complete the survey and for more information about the project.



Last week we each used

176L a day

as at 8 February 2021

Love your library in February

There's plenty to celebrate at your local library this month.

If you haven't visited the Tweed's libraries at Tweed Heads, Kingscliff or Murwillumbah in a while, or have never found the time, the library is giving you some unmissable reasons to visit during the month of February, including:

- Fines being waived, with an option to donate to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.
- You can pick up a blind date with a book on Library Lovers' Day on 14 February. These wrapped mystery books are a fun way to find your next great read.
- Award-winning author, James Dunk, will be visiting Tweed Heads Library on 25 February at 10.30am. Limited places available, book on 07 5536 3672.

If you've never been in to check out all your local library branch has to offer, what are you waiting for? It's free to join and gives you access to thousands of books, audiobooks, online magazines, computer access, and so much more. Visit rtl.nsw.gov.au to learn more.

Bring on the Year of the Ox

Council would like to wish the Tweed's Chinese residents the very best as they gear up for their biggest celebration of the year, Chinese New Year.

This year, the annual celebration falls on Friday 12 February, kick-starting 2 weeks of celebrations before culminating in the Lantern Festival on Friday 26 February. The festival marks the transition between zodiac signs, from the Year of the Rat in 2020 to the Year of the Ox in 2021.

According to latest data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2016), there are about 750 residents with Chinese ancestry living in the Tweed – the ninth largest cultural group in the Tweed.

Want to know more about who we are in the Tweed? Then check out the Tweed Shire Community Profile at profile.id.com.au/tweed



Friday 12 February 2021 marks the start of the Chinese Year of the Ox.

It pays to remain vigilant as COVID-19 pandemic milestone reached

It's been a year since the World Health Organisation declared an international public health emergency and the first cases of what was to become known as COVID-19 were detected in Australia.

Council is proud of the way the Tweed community has adapted to change in the face of adversity over the past 12 months, particularly with the ongoing impact of hard border closures.

While some restrictions have eased and cultural facilities reopened, Council is maintaining COVID-Safe practices in keeping with NSW Government directives to help keep our community safe.

Residents are reminded to maintain vigilance and adhere to displayed signage around entry and exit points at Council

sites, requirements around hand sanitisation and physical distancing measures.

Scanning of QR codes is required at most Council facilities, including at the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Brett Street CAFE, the civic centres, Tweed Regional Museum, community halls and auditoria, Richmond Tweed Regional Library branches and the majority of Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre pools.

Please check the relevant facility website, with booking required for some activities, including swimming at the TRAC pool at Murwillumbah and for the 2020 Archibald Prize Regional Tour exhibiting at the gallery until 7 March 2021.

In relation to Council staff, under a carefully planned strategy, those who have been working from home for much of the past year will be transitioned back to work during February and March, with flexible working conditions arranged where required and consistent with Council's service delivery requirements.

Online meetings will continue as appropriate, while community gatherings and events must ensure COVID-Safe plans are in place. Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and get tested if any COVID-19 systems are experienced.

For more information on COVID-19 restrictions in NSW, visit www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules

Timeline: Looking back at the COVID-19 crisis

25 Jan First positive cases reported in Australia (4 tourists from China)
30 Jan World Health Organisation (WHO) declares a 'public health emergency of international concern'

1 Mar First Australian death reported: 78 year-old man from Diamond Princess cruise ship
2 Mar First Australian cases of community transmission reported
9 Mar Council's COVID Crisis Management Group established
11 Mar WHO officially declares COVID-19 a pandemic

20 Mar Australian border shuts to all non-residents
23 Mar All non-essential travel banned, social distancing measures increase
25 Mar Queensland border shuts from midnight
NSW Local Government elections postponed by one year

15 Apr JobKeeper payment legislation is passed
26 Apr COVIDSafe app is released by Australian Government

2 Aug State of disaster declared in Victoria by Premier Andrews

1 Dec Queensland reopens border to NSW
18 Dec Community transmission outbreak in Sydney's Northern Beaches
21 Dec Queensland shuts border to NSW hotspots, including Greater Sydney

JAN
2020

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NOV

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2021

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11 Feb WHO announces this novel coronavirus disease would be named COVID-19

12 Mar PM announces first economic stimulus package
15 Mar PM announces all international arrivals will have to self-quarantine for 14 days
16 Mar Council closes cultural facilities

26 Mar Council closes its front counters at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads, eligible staff encouraged to work from home where possible
27 Mar All returning residents required to spend 2 weeks in supervised quarantine

29 May Council begins a rolling schedule of reopening community facilities

26 Oct Victoria records zero new cases and deaths for first time since 9 June

1 Feb Staff working from home begin returning to the office
Queensland reopens border to NSW
Australia records 28,818 cases of COVID-19 and 909 deaths



Clearing the way to design and construct the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

Tip kept busy with holidays and warmer weather

Staff at the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre have been kept on their toes over the holiday break due to COVID-19 restrictions keeping people at home.

In a 4-week period which covered the 2 weeks before Christmas and 2 weeks after, Council recorded 1,398 tonnes of waste from household collections. This was up by 148 tonnes from 2019/20 which recorded 1,250 tonnes.

The wet and humid spring and summer which increased green waste from kerbside collection for the same period of time was also up with 1,275 tonnes collected compared to 944 tonnes the previous year.

Residents brought a further 349 tonnes of household green waste to the Resource Recovery Centre compared to 205 tonnes in the previous year.

Council Unit Coordinator – Resource Recovery Rod Dawson said that there were a number of contributing factors that potentially led to the increase in waste collected and delivered.

“In 2019/20, we were in the grips of a drought so garden growth wasn’t as prolific,” Mr Dawson said.

“Over the same time this year, we had people staying at home more due to COVID-19 restrictions, coupled with a wetter summer. The amount of green waste is likely a reflection of people spending more time around their homes.”

Over the holidays, demand on town park bins remained constant over the same comparison time with 72 tonnes collected in 2019/20 and 73 tonnes in 2020/21.

Patronage to the Tweed JUNKtion: Tip Shop Treasures was down over this Christmas with 693 customers visiting in search of a bargain as opposed to 984 the previous Christmas. However, the drop in customers can be attributed to the fact the shop was closed for a week due to floods in December 2020.

“Border restrictions also played a role with Queenslanders who were regulars being forced to stay away,” he said.

Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/resourcerecovery for information on the Resource Recovery Centre and Tweed JUNKtion: Tip Shop Treasures.

Want to hear more local environmental stories? Subscribe to Council’s Environment and Sustainability and other newsletters at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

IPART review of funeral industry

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) would like to hear from NSW consumers about their experiences with the funeral industry as part of its review of the industry’s costs, competition and pricing.

Consumers are faced with organising a funeral at a time when they’re vulnerable and IPART would like to ensure they’re getting good service at a reasonable price.

To review the issues paper and how to tell them about your experiences visit www.ipart.nsw.gov.au and click on ‘special reviews’.

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

Find out more about the Northern Rivers Rail Trail

Tweed Shire Council goes online this week to talk Rail Trail.

The first of 4 information sessions will be held on Wednesday (10 February) from 3 to 4pm and Thursday from 10 to 11am.

Anyone can attend a session by opening Google Chrome and logging into BlueJeans (similar to Zoom) at the scheduled time.

The other 2 sessions will be held next week.

Construction of the Tweed section of the proposed Northern Rivers Rail Trail is due to begin within months, now that all government funding contributions needed to deliver the project have been secured and the corridor has been formally closed as an active railway line.

The online sessions will provide information about designing and constructing the Tweed section of the trail from Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek.

Session attendees will be able to ask questions of Council’s Project Director Iain Lonsdale and the NSW Public Works Advisory Project Manager, Alex Manning, after a presentation of information.

“The community will learn what’s been done to date and what is being done now to help all 4 prospective tenderers prepare their final detailed design submissions as part of their tender submissions,” Mr Lonsdale said.

For session times, BlueJeans links and more information, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/railtrail

80 million containers recycled

We love to Return and Earn here in the Tweed.

Between December 2017 and November 2020, residents of the Tweed recycled:

- 32,719,872 aluminum cans
- 31,451,112 glass bottles
- 14,607,381 plastic containers
- 782,464 liquid paper board (cardboard drink packs)
- 40,387 steel cans

That’s over 26 million containers a year or 79.6 million over 3 years! It’s great to see residents supporting the NSW Government’s Return and Earn scheme.

There are Return and Earn reverse vending machines at Chinderah, Kingscliff, Murwillumbah, Terranora and Tweed Heads South.

For more information on the scheme, visit returnandearn.org.au

Are you returning your eligible containers to help the environment and earn money?

Request for offer

RF02020141 Asphalt Resurfacing – Terranora

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDST) 3 March 2021

RF02020149 Plant and Equipment Hire for Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDST) 17 February 2021

RF02021005 – Road Stabilisation Program 2020/21

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDST) 24 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.

Night road works begin around Tweed Heads

Council has engaged East Coast Asphalt and Concrete Edging to profile, seal and re-asphalt various roads in Tweed Heads during February and March 2021.

Night roadworks started this week at Minjungbal Drive from Rivendell Drive north past Frizelle Sunshine Tweed Used Cars yard. Only the northbound lane is open.

Night roadworks at Wharf Street (on the bowls club side) from Florence Street to south of Brett Street have also started in the southbound lane only.

Weather permitting, other roadworks have also been scheduled:

- **Wharf Street** (southern end) – Sunday 14 to Thursday 18 February 2021, night roadworks at Wharf Street from Terranora Terrace to Kennedy Drive on ramp
- **Brett Street** – Sunday 14 to Sunday 21 February, night roadworks from Keith Compton Drive to Powell Street
- **Powell Street** – Sunday 14 to Tuesday 23 February, night roadworks from Brett Street to Frances Street
- **Powell Street** – Tuesday 16 to Tuesday 23 February, night roadworks from Frances Street to Florence Street including Florence Street roundabout
- **Ivory Crescent, Ivory Place, McGregor Crescent and Florence Place** – Thursday 25 February to Friday 5 March, day roadworks.

Night roadworks hours are from 7pm to 6am (NSW time). Day roadworks hours are from 7am to 5pm. Traffic control may set up outside of these times in order to make the work zone clear of vehicles.

Dates may shift back 1 to 2 weeks if bad weather or other unforeseeable circumstances arise. Please check electronic signs near the sites for exact dates and for any changes to the schedules.

For more information on road ownership and maintenance responsibilities for driveways, private and crown roads and bridges visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadsandbridges

To stay up to date with what’s happening on our roads follow us on Facebook or visit MyRoadInfo at northernrivers.myroadinfo.com.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

- DA20/0924** – Carport within the front building line Lot 25 DP 249141, No. 87 Pioneer Parade, **Banora Point**
- DA20/0934** – Carport within the front building line Lot 728 DP 870981, No. 60 Avondale Drive, **Banora Point**
- DA20/0958** – In-ground swimming pool Lot 445 DP 31998, No. 129 Peninsula Drive, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA20/0913** – Dwelling house with attached garage Lot 4 DP 247865, No. 16 Towners Avenue, **Bogangar**
- DA20/0908** – In ground swimming pool Lot 109 DP 1186602, No. 11 Laceflower Parade, **Casuarina**
- DA20/0935** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and carport within the front building line Lot 152 DP 1031933, No. 9 Ebony Court, **Casuarina**
- DA20/0837** – Use of existing carport Lot 21 Section 2 DP 5119, No. 60 McLeod Street, **Condong**
- DA20/0980** – Dwelling alterations and additions including carport within the front building line and front fence Lot 26 DP 249874, No. 1 Sand Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA20/0944** – Shed Lot 1 DP 372137, No. 158 Old Lismore Road, **Murwillumbah**
- DA20/0955** – Verandah extension and retaining wall Lot 152 DP 1159786, No. 18 Point Lookout Chase, **Murwillumbah**
- DA20/0914** – Swimming pool Lot 1035 DP 1101846, No. 2 Kiama Street, **Pottsville**
- DA20/0917** – In ground swimming pool Lot 4 SP 54297, Unit 2/No. 27 McKenzie Avenue, **Pottsville**
- DA20/0936** – Patio roof Lot 320 DP 1048762, No. 6 Urunga Drive, **Pottsville**
- DA20/0973** – Carport and patio roofs Lot 205 DP 1037521, No. 5 Benaud Place, **Pottsville**
- DA20/1007** – 1.8 m high front fence to be used as a pool fence Lot 395 DP 1052083, No. 38 Macadamia Drive, **Pottsville**
- DA20/0811** – Shed Lot 15 DP 30842, No. 14 Cooloon Crescent, **Tweed Heads South**
- DA20/0511** – Demolition of existing dwelling, new two storey dwelling and in-ground swimming pool Lot 95 DP 238224, No. 20 Wyuna Road, **Tweed Heads West**
- DA20/0826** – Farm shed and associated earthworks Lot 1 DP 134303, No. 408 Tumbulgum Road, **Tygalgal**

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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