



Visitors at Tweed Regional Gallery view Angus McDonald's portrait of Behrouz Boochani – the winner of the Archibald Prize 2020 ANZ People's Choice Award.

Archibald Prize boosts local economy

Hosting one of Australia's best known art competitions, the Archibald Prize, at Tweed Regional Gallery is having a significant economic boost for Murwillumbah.

Queues of art lovers eager to see the exhibition have been commonplace since the 2020 Archibald Prize Regional Tour opened to the public on Friday 22 January 2021.

Up until last Wednesday, 29,810 people have visited to appreciate the exhibition, with the busiest week being from 15 to 21 February when 6,436 passed through the doors.

Despite the numbers, the Gallery team is ensuring that COVID-19 protocols and restrictions remain in place with QR code check-ins and capacity limits.

"We have had numerous businesses in Murwillumbah tell us that the exhibition has been a real positive for the town," Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said.

"It's drawing visitors from far and wide, especially from Queensland." But it's not just the Gallery and Gallery by Bacaro café that are busy. "The Gallery Downtown in central Murwillumbah has also seen a steady rise in patronage as visitors 'discover' our flourishing local art culture," she said.

Murwillumbah business owner Lisa Hartshorne, who runs Bowerbird Emporium on Wollumbin Street in the town, said she'd had more customers because of the exhibition.

"The 2020 Archibald Prize Regional Tour has been an absolute bonus to my business, and many other small businesses in the town and surrounding villages," Ms Hartshorne said.

The 2020 Archibald Prize Regional Tour continues at Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre until this Sunday 7 March.

To avoid the rush, plan a trip from about 2.30pm onwards when the crowds ease up slightly and the demand for parking isn't as great.

Tickets are available for purchase at trg-archibald.eventbrite.com.au or through the link at artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Meanwhile, the next exhibition at the gallery is also well worth seeing.

After travelling the country, the National Gallery of Australia's collection of Sidney Nolan's iconic 'Ned Kelly' paintings is making a final stop at Tweed Regional Gallery from Friday 19 March to Sunday 22 August 2021, before returning to Canberra.

Visit trg-sidneynolan-nk-admission.eventbrite.com.au to purchase tickets or through the link at artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Have your say on raising wall of Clarrie Hall Dam

Tweed Shire Council invites the community to have its say on the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam before the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project is completed.

The EIS team are undertaking online consultation until 17 March to explain key EIS findings to date and answer any questions.

The EIS consultant, EcoLogical Australia, will manage the online engagement on Council's engagement portal Your Say Tweed.

Tweed residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to go to www.yoursaytweed.com.au/raisingclarriehall-eis to:

- view a 3D animated flyover of the proposal to raise the dam by 8.5 metres
- read a plain-language draft EIS summary
- ask a question
- request a call back to speak to the EIS consultant
- complete a short survey to express their views about the proposal.

Residents and other stakeholders must register on the Your Say Tweed site to have their say before the community consultation closes at 4pm on Tuesday 17 March 2021.

The proposal to raise the wall of Clarrie Hall Dam to secure water for the Tweed to at least 2046 has been classified as State Significant

Infrastructure. When the EIS is completed the studies will be placed on public exhibition by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for 28 days. During this time, members of the community can express their views about the proposal.

When the EIS is placed on public exhibition a link to the DPIE's Major Projects page will be published on the Your Say Tweed site to assist the community to read the full EIS and make submissions via the state government site.

All submissions must be considered and responded to in a Response to Submissions Report.

DPIE considers both the EIS and Response to Submissions Report and will then make a recommendation to the Minister as to whether the project should go ahead and, if so, under what conditions. Assuming the Minister recommends the project can proceed, the final decision on whether to progress to construction will be made by the elected Tweed Shire Council.

Council has received part funding for the EIS under the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program.

Visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/raisingclarriehall-eis to have your say.

Have you considered running for Council? Find out what's involved

Council will host a series of candidate briefings in March and April to provide a thorough understanding of the role of a councillor, ahead of the NSW Local Government elections on Saturday 4 September 2021.

The 4 briefing sessions will be hosted by former Mayor of Lismore Jenny Dowell OAM, with the support of Council and Local Government NSW. Potential candidates need only attend 1 session, with the same content to be repeated at each event, as follows:

- **Tuesday 23 March:** 1–4pm and 5.30–8.30pm at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Administration Office
- **Tuesday 27 April:** 1–4pm and 5.30–8.30pm at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Office

Councillors elected in September will serve a reduced 3-year term

after the 2020 election was postponed by 12 months due to COVID-19. The future schedule of council elections will not be impacted by this change, and the subsequent election will proceed in September 2024.

Council General Manager Troy Green said the briefings would provide a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of an elected member of Council.

"Councillors play a crucial role in the decision-making process at Council and it is essential anyone considering nominating to run in the upcoming election do so with their eyes wide open," he said.

"The position covers an extensive range of subject areas and requires a substantial time commitment.

"As a Council body, we do all we can to support our elected members, and we hope these candidate briefings will provide a good



Last week we each used

171L a day

as at 1 March 2021

Waste tip



Voila! A clean Council kitchen caddy!

Place the caddy on your dishwasher's bottom rack, bucket facing down, lid extended open. The lid can also be detached from bucket, placing both on bottom rack separately.

No dishwasher? Give them a good spray and soak outside!



All wet-wiped out!

Wet wipes are one of the chief culprits of more than 500 blockages in sewers and sewer pump stations in the Tweed over the past year.

They're part of a group known as 'The Unflushables' which also includes sanitary products, nappies, needles, cotton buds, condoms and rags.

When any of these are flushed down the toilet they don't break down and instead they tangle up with other grubby material and fats to block sewer pipes.

To show that wet wipes don't break down on contact with water, Council officers have been carrying out a little experiment over the past few years.

In September 2017 a range of wet wipes were immersed in jars of water to see what happened – and the results are in ... more than 3 years later:

- 'flushable' wipe – still intact, but a little fuzzy
- 'non-flushable' wipe – still intact
- 'biodegradable' wipe – still intact.

Toilet paper was placed in another jar at the same time and it has completely broken down.

Only pee, poo, puke and (toilet) paper should be flushed down the loo. Everything else needs to go in the bin.

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

For more info, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seweroverflows



A Tweed Shire Council wet wipes experiment over 3 years has shown that wipes do not break down over time – imagine what they're doing in our sewer system.



Tweed Shire Council continues to monitor the numbers of flying-foxes as part of the National Flying-Fox Monitoring Program.

Planning Committee meeting agenda Thursday 4 March 2021

The Planning Committee meeting agenda for Thursday 4 March 2021 is available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 5.30pm. A Public Forum on agenda items being considered is to be held at 4.30pm prior to the meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Planning and Regulation

- 8.1 Development Application DA20/0965 for earthworks and associated drainage at Lot 21 DP 1082482 Tweed Coast Road, Chinderah
- 8.2 Planning Proposal to remove the permissibility of Rural landsharing communities through amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019

Council meeting agenda Thursday 4 March 2021

The Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 4 March 2021 is available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting. A Public Forum on agenda items being considered is to be held at 4.30pm prior to the meeting.

Agenda

3 Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1 Adoption of recommendations from Planning Committee meeting held 4 March 2021

10 Reports through the General Manager

13 Reports through the Director Engineering

- 13.1 RF02020103 – Fixed Term Full Time Hire of Two Vacuum Combination Trucks and Drivers
- 13.2 RF02020140 Tweed Valley Way Asphalt Patches – Riverside Drive to Leddays Creek Road Tumbulgam

16 Confidential items for consideration

17 Reports through the General Manager in committee

19 Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation in committee

- 19.1 Planning Proposal PP19/0006 Seabreeze Estate Pottsville 'Potential School Site' (Lot 1747 DP 1215252) – Legal Advice

The agendas for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings. It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public.

Minutes of these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that these meetings are webcast and will be available on Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings

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

Nomadic flying-foxes getting around!

The Tweed will enter its ninth year of participation in the National Flying-fox Monitoring Program this year.

Led by the CSIRO, the program commenced in 2012 with a view to obtaining reliable estimates of the numbers of flying-foxes and tracking the population over time.

Council officers count flying-foxes on a quarterly basis at each of the 16–18 camps known around the Tweed. Numbers generally range from just a handful to up to 8,000–10,000 animals at each camp.

This information contributes to research projects to help better understand the movements and seasonal activity of flying-foxes in the Tweed and across the country.

Some fascinating insights on this were shared by Dr Justin Welbergen recently at the 2020 National Flying-fox Forum.

- Flying-foxes are becoming known as 'extreme nomads'. Though it's easy to assume that bats live permanently at a particular camp

or move seasonally between a couple of local camps, it turns out that almost 20% of the bats at any given camp today were at a different camp the day before.

- Covering immensely larger areas than any bee or other insect could dream of, they are amazingly efficient pollinators. They are effectively running a free, east-coast-wide gardening service for our eucalypt forests, helping to keep them healthy, productive and resilient.
- Satellite tracking studies show that individual bats wander thousands of kilometres throughout the year, and one particular grey-headed flying-fox covered over 12,300km between 123 camps in 37 different local government areas.
- Flying-foxes are ranked among the most mobile mammals on earth.

Check out littleaussiebat.com.au for some more information.

Request for offer

RF02020015 Removal of Dwelling 73 River Street Murwillumbah

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

RF02020091 Lighting Upgrade to Multiple Sites

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 7 April 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.

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

DA20/0921 – Use of rumpus and bathroom

Lot 13 DP 238601, No. 15 Blue Haze Crescent, **Banora Point**

DA20/0942 – Addition to front deck and glass enclosure

Lot 2 SP 39366, Unit 2/No. 51 Mariners Crescent, **Banora Point**

DA21/0007 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 2 SP 47881, Unit 2/No. 4 Covent Gardens Way, **Banora Point**

DA20/0787 – Dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 58 DP 860877, No. 36B Waranga Crescent, **Burringbar**

DA20/0977 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 5 DP 1231670, No. 12 Sea Eagle Court, **Casuarina**

DA20/1027 – Garage conversion, carport and 1.8m high front fence

Lot 10 DP 1182599, No. 382 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA21/0019 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 38 DP 1182599, No. 61 Laceflower Parade, **Casuarina**

DA20/0933 – Swimming pool

Lot 1 DP 781895, No. 73 Wommin Bay Road, **Chinderah**

DA20/0986 – Demolition of existing dwelling

Lot 387 DP 755701, No. 43 Tweed Coast Road, **Hastings Point**

DA20/0714 – Two (2) lot strata subdivision

Lot 714 DP 1263014, No. 20 Sorrel Court, **Murwillumbah**

DA20/0504 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool and carport

Lot 3 DP 255735, No. 39 Omiah Way, **Piggabeen**

CDC21/0017 – Demolition of existing dwelling

Lot 31 DP 249208, No. 18 Surfside Crescent, **Pottsville**

DA20/0848 – 2 m high block wall within property boundary

Lot 72 DP 263729, No. 29 Victoria Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA20/0959 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 613 DP 1077500, No. 35 Lomandra Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA20/0679 – Dwelling, pool and shed

Lot 6 DP 1201210, No. 12 North Hill Court, **Tanglewood**

DA20/0824 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls

Lot 419 DP 1252575, No. 40 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA20/0930 – Dwelling and swimming pool

Lot 11 DP 1243926, No. 21 Winchelsea Way, **Terranora**

DA20/0711 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including double garage, deck, gatehouse and front fence

Lot 62 DP 245048, No. 32 Meridian Way, **Tweed Heads**

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

Development proposals for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 3 March 2021 to Wednesday 17 March 2021.

The proposal is not designated development and the Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Mr K Milroy	Lot 12 DP 1038726; No. 569 Pottsville Road, Sleepy Hollow ; Lot 333 DP 1001758; No. 84 Sleepy Hollow Road, Sleepy Hollow	Use of existing unapproved structure as a restaurant or café	DA21/0045

Please note: while referenced in the supporting materials, the proposed **eco cabins do not form part of this development application**.

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Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Zone Planning Group	Lot 5 DP 872039; No. 51 Tweed Coast Road, Bogangar	Change of use to recreation facility (indoor) and 2 signs	DA21/0055

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified. 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.

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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