

Courtney sweetens life for our native bees

Tweed Shire Council Compliance Officer Courtney Castles is making the most of her current maternity leave by nurturing her passion as an environmental scientist and rescuing Australian native bees.

“We all know bees are having some issues and our poor natives are in even more trouble than the honey bee,” said Courtney. “They face the same issues – bushfires and years of drought – and then they have to compete with the introduced honey bee for food.”

Native bees are very small, about 4mm in length, all black and do not sting. But they also can make their hives in inconvenient places, such as water and electricity meter boxes.

“Some people just kill them, which is heart breaking, as they need all the help they can get,” she said.

Courtney, who volunteers her services as the Stingless Bee Lady, will rescue any native bee hive, place it in a custom-made bee box with a viewing panel and, once it’s thriving again, and donate it to a local child care centre or school.

“Native bees are wonderful to watch and it’s so great to educate children about these small natives.”

Contact Courtney via email stinglessbeelady@gmail.com or by calling 0400 092 888 and remember to keep your water meter box free from obstructions and vegetation so Council meter readers can access it.



The 2021 Tweed Shire Youth Council – (from left) Dawn Cosham (St Joseph’s College Banora Point), Montana Markland (Pacific Coast Christian School), Tom Nguyen (St Joseph’s College Banora Point), Julia Wilder-Donvito (Wollumbin High), Oska Proietto (Banora Point High), Abby Pirotta (Lindisfarne), Madison Bambach (Wollumbin High), Daniel Green (Lindisfarne), Logan Wright and Daniel Daley (both from Murwillumbah High). Absent: Imogene Pain (Banora Point High), Rykah Ross and Jiorja Campbell (Tweed River High).

Welcome to 2021 Tweed Shire Youth Council

Council protocols replaced classroom papers when inductees of the 2021 Tweed Shire Youth Council came together for the first time recently in Tweed Heads.

Representing seven different schools, the 13 members of the Youth Council from Years 10 and 11 were welcomed to their roles.

First established in 2016, the Tweed Shire Youth Council provides young people with an opportunity to express their views on local community matters that directly relate to them.

The 2021 Tweed Shire Youth Council members are:

- Oska Proietto and Imogene Pain, Banora Point High School
- Abby Pirotta and Daniel Green, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School
- Daniel Daley and Logan Wright, Murwillumbah High School
- Montana Markland, Pacific Coast Christian School
- Dawn Cosham and Tom Nguyen, St Joseph’s College Banora Point
- Madison Bambach and Julia Wilder-Donvito, Wollumbin High School

- Rykah Ross and Jiorja Campbell, Tweed River High School.
- The elected Chair is Montana Markland and Deputy Chair is Logan Wright.

Facilitated through Council’s Community Development unit, the Tweed Shire Youth Council ensures young people can feel more connected to where they live and to be involved in the planning and delivery of youth-related decisions made by Council.

General Manager Troy Green said it was great to see so many engaged young people in the Tweed.

“We hope to hear lots more from the members of the Tweed Shire Youth Council who will be able to put forward concerns, ideas and initiatives directly to Council for consideration,” she said.

The Tweed Shire Youth Council’s next meeting will be held at the Council Chambers in the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre on Tuesday 23 March 2021. Meetings are held four times a year.

For more information, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/youngpeople

Don’t miss your free Council e-newsletters

Have you subscribed to receive Council’s free newsletters direct to your inbox?

From microbots to habitat restoration, the latest edition of Council’s free *Wild Life newsletter* is full of useful and interesting information.

Compiled by Council’s Biodiversity Project Officer Michael Corke, the newsletter features profiles on landowners and what they are doing to improve their properties for native flora and fauna, practical tips for providing makeshift waterholes for wildlife and guides to native plants and animals. There are even tips about identifying invasive weeds and what to look for when buying seedlings.

Meanwhile, Council’s *Business newsletter* provides updates on the latest in support for your business, available grants and local business news.

In the March edition, you can find out about the next Succeed in

the Tweed event workshop where we talk about the 2021–22 Events Sponsorship funding round and Service NSW presents on how to run a COVID-Safe event.

You can also find out how to register a business interest in the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

It’s packed full of information about how to get involved with NSW Government initiatives to boost the economy – the ‘Dine & Discover’ and simplified debt restructuring programs for example.

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Let’s all tackle mosquitoes together

Check out the great pack you’ll receive when you register for the Tackling Mosquitoes Together SMS text message program.

The pack includes:

- a bottle of repellent
- an info card to help you choose the best repellent
- a weekly checklist fridge magnet
- a Tackling Mosquitoes Together sticker
- an informative brochure that helps you protect yourself, your family and your community
- a great calico bag – handy to keep your repellent and sunscreen in for when you leave the house.

The SMS program is free to join and will give you great tips on how to stay safe from mozzies and any diseases they may spread.

Join hundreds of your fellow Tweed residents to Tackle Mosquitoes Together. Register now at www.tacklingmosquitoestogether.com.au



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Courtney Castles rescues native bees to donate to early childhood education.

Find out more about sustainable living

The 2020 Tweed Shire Sustainable Living Home Expo went online last year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

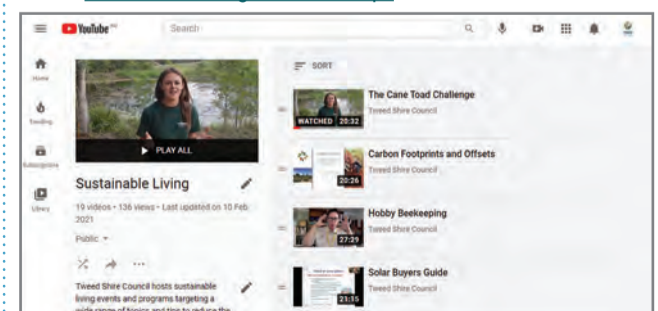
If you missed any of the virtual Home Expo workshops or sessions at the time – don’t worry – because they’re now on Council’s YouTube channel through a dedicated Sustainable Living playlist (pictured below) at www.youtube.com/user/tweedshirecouncil/playlists

The expo featured sessions on a wide variety of subjects including:

- sustainable home design
- trimming your power bill
- a solar buyer’s guide
- keeping backyard chickens
- waterwise gardening.

And more ... so take a look what’s on offer.

Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/homeexpo for information.





As part of the *Grow Make Eat* exhibition, the Museum is hosting a series of unique 'Eat the Exhibition' tours, allowing visitors to enjoy the exhibition while sampling some unique Tweed flavours along the way.

Eat the Exhibition tours at Grow Make Eat

The Tweed Regional Museum's newest temporary exhibition, *Grow Make Eat* celebrates the Tweed's growers, makers and consumers in stories that weave together our shared culinary and agricultural past, present and future.

The exhibition features native foods, case studies on agricultural experimentation and a display of almost every food product manufactured in the Tweed Shire.

Explore stories of some unique ingredients, techniques and innovations, and learn about what locals are making and eating.

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Explore the exhibition in a special curator-led tour and sample some of the Tweed's finest food and drink products, and literally 'eat the exhibition'.

The Museum's 'Eat the Exhibition' tours commence next Tuesday 16 March and then will be conducted on the following Tuesdays: 30 March, 20 April, 4 May, 18 May, 1 June and 22 June.

The tour at the Tweed Regional Museum in Murwillumbah commences at 10.30am and lasts approximately 45 minutes. The cost is \$10.

Bookings are essential. Vist [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for tickets or scan the QR code below.



Request for offer

RF02020068 Stotts Creek Landfill Cell C Construction

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 21 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.

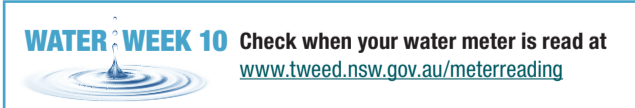
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Current vacancies

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Call Council first if you think your sewer is blocked

Tweed residents who think the sewer system is blocked should call Council 24x7 before they call a plumber to avoid a stink over a plumber's bill.

Council can quickly determine if the blockage is Council's problem or the responsibility of the property owner by checking the sewer inspection shaft.

The inspection shaft is the point where responsibility transfers from the Council to the property owner. The owner is responsible for ensuring the inspection shaft is visible and accessible (not covered with vegetation etc) and for anything that happens between the shaft and their property's drainage. Council is responsible for anything that happens downstream of the shaft.

If the shaft:

- contains wastewater or water, it's probably Council's problem and Council will fix it
- is clear, it's probably the owner's problem and the owner will need to hire a plumber at their own expense, or

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Road closures – Kingscliff Triathlon

Kingscliff Triathlon, Sunday 28 March 2021. Race Starts 6.30am and finishes 12.30pm.

Swim course: Cudgen Creek closed 6am to 10.30am. **Cycle course:** Roads closed – Marine Pde from Moss St to Seaview St roundabout (5am to 12.30pm), Marine Pde from Seaview St roundabout to Wommin Bay Rd (5.30am to 11am), Wommin Bay Rd from Marine Pde to Chinderah Bay Dr (6am to 11am), Chinderah Bay Dr to Chinderah Village Caravan Park (6am to 10.30am), Pearl St southbound from Turnock St to Seaview St (6am to 11am). **Run course:** Roads closed – Moss St and Sutherland Pt Rd, Cudgen Creek Boardwalk from Salt to creek mouth (all 6am to 12.30pm).

For more information visit kingsclifftri.org/roads or call Mike 0402 226 333.

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

- DA20/0408** – Agricultural produce industry
Lot 6 DP 593989, No. 178 Byrill Creek Road, **Byrill Creek**
- DA20/0621** – Conversion of garage into bedroom, walk in robe and laundry (unit 2)
Lot 2 SP 13023, SP 13023, Unit 2/No. 23 Gibson Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA20/0667** – Change of use to a wine shop and delicatessen
Lot 6 DP 549037, No. 20 Bay Street, **Tweed Heads**
- DA21/0005** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 2 DP 249509, No. 87 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**
- DA20/0569** – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling with attached double garage
Lot 1 DP 105660, No. 364 Carool Road, **Carool**
- DA20/1028** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a lift
Lot 9 DP 1077697, No. 749 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**
- DA20/0889** – Relocated dwelling from outside of shire
Lot 4 DP 1260065, No. 1462 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**
- DA20/0939** – Conversion of garage to bedroom
Lot 66 DP 879148, No. 12 Bellbird Drive, **Kingscliff**
- DA20/0969** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 11 DP 1214044, No. 22 Drift Court, **Kingscliff**
- DA20/0996** – Deck extension
Lot 1 DP 544477, No. 14 Oceanview Crescent, **Kingscliff**
- DA21/0026** – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 18 DP 1214044, No. 41 Drift Court, **Kingscliff**
- DA20/1038** – Roofed patio and retaining wall
Lot 38 Section 5 DP 20361, No. 85 Byangum Road, **Murwillumbah**
- DA20/0801** – Carport within the front building line
Lot 32 DP 263730, No. 40 Royal Drive, **Pottsville**
- DA20/0981** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 6 DP 248803, No. 13 Gladioli Avenue, **Terranora**
- DA21/0012** – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls
Lot 210 DP 1237760, No. 9 Woodroffe Street, **Terranora**
- DA20/0991** – Carport within the front building line
Lot 532 DP 1010130, No. 10 Medoc Place, **Tweed Heads South**

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

- contains tree roots, it may be a shared problem and the cost to fix it also will be shared.

However, there also is a grey area where inspection shafts have been poorly installed or modified. In these cases, the cost to fix is determined based on the cause.

While Council can reimburse some plumbers' bills if the sewer blockage is Council's responsibility, it does not do so automatically. That's why responsibility for the blockage needs to be established before a plumber is engaged.

Council needs evidence that it was Council's responsibility so call Council first before you call a plumber and avoid a stink over a disputed bill.

To avoid blockages in the sewer system, customers are reminded that many items are not meant to be flushed, including all types of wet wipes, nappies, rags, syringes, fats and oil.

For all sewer blockages, call Council on 02 6670 2400, 24 hours-a-day.

On exhibition – have your say

Planning Proposal Council Pound and Animal Rehoming Centre

The community are invited to review and provide a submission on a Planning Proposal that seeks to enable a Council Pound and Animal Rehoming Centre as an additional permitted use with consent at Lundberg Drive, Murwillumbah.

The proposed amendment would enable the land to be developed for the purpose of a Council Pound and Rehoming Centre subject to a development consent being granted under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

This Planning Proposal is referred to as Amendment No. 30 to the *Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014* and applies to Lot 1 DP 232745 and part Lot 2 DP 1139059 at number 92 Lundberg Drive, South Murwillumbah.

The Planning Proposal and supporting information can be viewed online at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/planningproposal-pound and will be on exhibition and open for public comment until 4pm Wednesday 21 April 2021.

The progress of the Planning Proposal can also be tracked through the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's online tracking portal at leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au

Have your say

- Online at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/planningproposal-pound
- Email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- By post to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484

Submissions must be in writing and received by 4pm Wednesday 21 April 2021.

Further information

Strategic Planning and Urban Design Unit. Phone: 02 6670 2503.

The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has delegated Tweed Shire Council as the local plan-making authority for this planning proposal under clause 2.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

Development proposal 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 10 March 2021 to Wednesday 24 March 2021.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
Northpoint Advisory	Lot 4 DP 1256458; No. 62 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff	Indoor recreation facility (Tenancy 6) and associated minor fitout works and signage	DA21/0072

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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