



Jack Evans Boat Harbour is set to have an inclusive playspace to upgrade existing facilities.

## Inclusive playspace set for Jack Evans Boat Harbour

An inclusive park and playspace is planned to become a major feature of Jack Evans Boat Harbour in Tweed Heads, thanks to a grant from the NSW Government.

To be known as *Goorimahbah – Place of Stories Inclusive Park and Playspace*, the extensive upgrade to existing facilities at the boat harbour will ensure all children can play, regardless of age or ability.

The project aims to make Jack Evans Boat Harbour a vibrant focal point for community activity in Tweed Heads, recognising the area as an accessible destination for residents and visitors.

The safe and unique design of the playspace will enable children with disabilities, their families and/or carers to meet, play and connect.

The new inclusive playspace will include:

- all abilities play equipment to meet the needs of children aged 2–12 years and youth
- local Indigenous art and stories
- accessible surfacing
- new seating and picnic areas
- additional shade trees and built shade
- natural and sensory play elements.

The project team has been working in partnership with Council's Equal Access Advisory Committee, Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Youth Council to develop the draft concept plan for the park.

Council is also working alongside Variety – the Children's Charity which provided a design grant of \$30,000 to fund the draft concept plan and worked with the community to have their say.

An additional \$300,000 from the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play Grant Program was received by Council to fund the cost of construction. This is on top of a funding grant of \$300,000 from the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grant – Clubgrants Category 3 Fund.

With extra funding from Council, the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$930,000.

Chairperson of the Equal Access Advisory Committee, Karen Sculley, welcomed the much-needed playspace for people with a disability.

"This is fantastic news, it's been great for committee members to be involved in the design of Goorimahbah – Place of Stories," Ms Sculley said.

"We've been working with Council on this project to make sure the community, and people with disabilities especially, have their say on the draft design so it is accessible and inclusive for all.

"Goorimahbah – Place of Stories will become the Tweed's premier regional inclusive park and playspace and will bring benefits to the community, and attract visitors from across the region," she said.

The project was identified as a high priority in Council's *Open Space Strategy 2019–2029* and in the *Jack Evans Boat Harbour Plan of Management*.

The park concept plan will be unveiled to the community mid-2021 to allow the public to comment on the proposed design features and refurbishment. Construction is due to begin in early 2022.

### In other good news ...

- Over the next 18 months, Council will build new inclusive playspaces at Tweed Heads West, Tweed Heads, Banora Point and Fingal Head. Have your say on some of these projects at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/parks](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/parks)
- Earlier this year, Council was also successful in securing a grant for \$138,790 as part of the NSW Government's Crown Reserves Improvements Fund to replace sections of boardwalk and cycleway with low maintenance composite materials and paving at Jack Evans Boat Harbour. The grant will also fund design changes to increase accessibility and provide more seating and shade areas.

## Continued wet weather impacting Tweed roads

The ongoing wet weather is impacting on our roads and according to the Bureau of Meteorology, the rains are likely to continue for some time over the next few weeks.

Potholes occur when road pavements become saturated. The ongoing wet weather across the Tweed over the last few months means potholes are appearing all across our sealed road network.

"The ongoing rains have not only affected our sealed roads but also significantly impacted our gravel roads. We are still working our way through damages from the December floods and January storms, however many are still in need of repair," Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said.



Council's Roads and Stormwater patching crew gets ready to test out the new Ausroad HD series truck, CAT roller and trailer. From left Matt O'Grady, Gary Dixon and Gary McCoy.

The wet and warm conditions have also seen rapid growth of roadside vegetation.

"Our road maintenance crews are working as hard as they can through this wet weather. But some of our routine activities, such as grading and slashing have been delayed.

"We encourage all motorists to take care on the road. Slow down, drive to the road conditions and be alert for hazards," Mr Rose said.

While crews continue to work hard, they're also working their plant and equipment hard. Fortunately, they recently received their new Ausroad HD series truck and CAT roller and trailer for bitumen road patching.

The truck comes with additional communications systems, emergency stop features and reversible conveyor system allowing for safer and more efficient operator maintenance.

Council fixes more than 25,000 potholes each year. Good asset management practices and improvements to the capabilities of the patching trucks has seen the number of potholes that need to be fixed significantly drop by almost 50 per cent, compared to more than 46,000 seven years ago.

Stay safe on the roads and remember, **if it's flooded, forget!** For emergency information visit [emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Report a non-urgent problem – including potholes – online at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/reportaproblem](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/reportaproblem)

Visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks) for information on roadworks and closures.



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## Have your say on Salt SLSC car parking options

Council is investigating options to provide additional public car parking spaces next to Salt Surf Life Saving Club (SSLSC), to allow the building to be considered for further uses.

The current development consent for the SSLSC building has several conditions that limit its use to club and member activities only. This means that the club is currently unable to use the building for activities and uses that are open to the general public.

Community land on the northern side of the club, off Bells Boulevard, has been earmarked as the location for the proposed additional car parking.

"The club has expressed a need to carry out commercial activities available to non-members in the upper level and deck areas of the building, so it can continue to finance the provision of its community service activities," Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said.

"For this to happen, a modification to and/or a new development consent will be required. As part of that process, Council must consider what car parking is available to cater for commercial uses.

"We want to hear from the community on the proposal and encourage residents to review the three car park design options, then complete the one-minute online survey."

Have your say, review the proposed car parking options and provide your feedback at by Sunday 18 April 2021 by visiting [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/salt-surf-life-saving-club-parking](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/salt-surf-life-saving-club-parking)

There are currently 196 Council-owned parking spaces around Salt Central Park and 95 parking spaces on privately-owned land to service the Mantra Resort, hotel, shops and restaurants.



Additional public car parking spaces are proposed on the northern side of the club, off Bells Boulevard.

## Fire Safety Practitioner reforms

The NSW Government has introduced reforms of the annual certification of fire safety measures and equipment within certain commercial, industrial and residential buildings.

Annual fire safety measures within those buildings are to be inspected by an accredited fire safety practitioner. Under these reforms, an updated Annual Fire Safety Statement must be completed by owners of eligible buildings, with effect from 1 March 2021.

Further information on this can be found on Council's webpage [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/firesafety](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/firesafety)

Competent Fire Safety Practitioners are now known as Accredited Practitioners (Fire Safety) and it is a requirement of the NSW Government that only these people are able to check and certify fire safety measures listed on the Fire Safety Schedule for a building where that function is covered by the FPA scheme.

A guide has been developed to assist building owners in selecting and determining that a person is an Accredited Fire Safety Practitioner (Fire Safety). Find the guide by searching 'selecting an accredited practitioner' at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

You can find a link to a list of Accredited Practitioners in your area via [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/firesafety](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/firesafety) and clicking on the 'Fire Safety Practitioners' drop-down.

# Free forum highlights role of women in councils

Women interested in running for Council at the upcoming NSW Local Government election are invited to attend a free forum to be hosted by the Australian Local Government Women's Association of NSW (ALGWA NSW).

The forum forms part of a state-wide campaign aimed at encouraging more participation by women in local government ahead of the poll on Saturday 4 September 2021.

The forum will be held at Tweed Heads Administration Office on Tuesday 27 April from 10am to 12pm, immediately before the candidate briefing sessions to be hosted by Council later that day.

Executive committee members of ALGWA NSW will present at the forum.

The forum is specifically aimed at women considering running for local government election in September and will focus on the process involved, as well as the current situation in NSW and the lived experience of being a councillor.

Latest figures from the Office of Local Government show women represent just 31 per cent of the 1300 councillors serving on the State's 128 local councils.

The forum is free of charge, but bookings are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Prospective female candidates interested in attending the forum should make a booking at [tweedwomensforumalgwa.eventbrite.com.au](http://tweedwomensforumalgwa.eventbrite.com.au)

Visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/elections](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/elections) to book into a candidate briefing session. A further two candidate briefing sessions will be held on Tuesday 27 April at Tweed Heads Administration Office. The three-hour sessions will take place from 1pm and repeated again at 5.30pm.

For further information on the election, including how to register as a candidate, visit the NSW Electoral Commission website at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 135 736.

## 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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 24 March 2021 to Wednesday 7 April 2021.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
Optus Mobile Pty Ltd	Lot 5 NPP 270419; No. 5/6 Parkside Drive, <b>Tweed Heads South</b>	Telecommunications facility	DA21/0067

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](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/planninginformation)

## Request for offer

### RF02021024 Quarry Road Industrial Development – Subdivision

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](http://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](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers)

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

**WATER WEEK 12** Check when your water meter is read at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading)

# You have the power to save money on energy bills

If you're looking for help to save money on your power bills or thinking about home solar and battery storage – Smart Power Savers may have the answers.

Book yourself a free one-on-one session for personalised help from independent energy coaches who will help you take control of your power bills and examine ways to make your home more comfortable while saving you money.

If you have solar and are thinking about expanding your system or adding battery storage, you can also book in for a session with Smart Power Savers.

Michael Qualmann from Power Smart is one of our Smart Power Savers energy coaches. Michael has been involved with solar energy for more than 35 years. With qualifications in engineering and financial planning, Michael is good at separating facts from hype and promoting no-nonsense solutions that benefit the environment and the hip pocket.

Energy coach Seb Crangle, a self-confessed 'energy-efficiency nerd', takes great satisfaction from helping households make the most of their energy consumption to be comfortable at home.

Seb has qualifications for energy auditing from the Energy Efficiency

Council and has delivered training in energy efficiency across the industry and for the broader community.

Smart Power Saver sessions will be held on Thursday 22 April at the Murwillumbah Community Centre from 2pm to 7.15pm and on Friday 23 April at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Administration Office from 9am to 3pm.

Book a free 30-minute, one-on-one consultation to chat directly with our independent energy coaches, either in-person, on the phone or online via Zoom. To register and to find out more energy tips, go to [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy)

The Smart Power Saver sessions are part of the 2021 Tweed Seniors Festival which commences on Wednesday, 14 April. For details on the festival, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival)



# Copyright restrictions on Council's DA Tracker

With the recent introduction of key development and building application lodgements through the NSW Government's Planning Portal ([www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au)), Council still retains the bulk of its assessments and determination functions.

This includes allowing applicants and the public to monitor applications and related modifications through Council's development application (DA) tracker at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said viewing key plans and documents for each DA online is a convenient and popular option for the public instead of having to travel into a Council office.

"Although it is a great customer service tool, users have a responsibility to adhere to privacy safeguards under various State and Federal legislation," Mr Connell said.

An important piece of Federal legislation, the *Copyright Act 1968* operates to prevent people from copying or reproducing other peoples'

work in any material form, without first obtaining their consent. This means that only the creator of the work may copy or reproduce it.

The legislation applies to all documents with some form of stated intellectual property, such as building plans, specifications and technical documents typically prepared by consulting specialists, and covers key plans and documents published on Council's DA Tracker.

"Tweed Shire Council has been a leader in the provision of web based ePlanning information and electronic lodgement processes over the last decade," he said.

"While we welcome and encourage the public to access documents through Council's DA Tracker, we also need to highlight the legal restrictions of copying or reproducing these documents contrary to the Copyright Act."

The restrictions are further explained in the terms and conditions acceptance function each time you access the DA Tracker.

## 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

**DA20/0987** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 226 DP 846248, No. 10 Lochlomond Drive, **Banora Point**

**DA20/1009** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport Lot 7 DP 250581, No. 5 Boyle Avenue, **Banora Point**

**DA21/0081** – Rear patio to existing dwelling Lot 1109 DP 850253, No. 18 Cabana Court, **Banora Point**

**DA20/1013** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage Lot 12 DP 1266201, No. 28 Evergreen View, **Bilambil Heights**

**DA21/0006** – Carport within the front building line Lot 113 DP 836305, No. 8 Silver Ash Court, **Bogangar**

**DA20/1029** – In-ground swimming pool Lot 58 DP 1031933, No. 11 Beech Lane, **Casuarina**

**DA20/0909** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 1 DP 845571, No. 4 Chitticks Lane, **Fingal Head**

**DA20/1002** – Two storey dwelling and in-ground swimming pool Lot 34 DP 1171641, No. 99 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

**DA20/0855** – Change of use of Tenancy 7 to recreation facility (indoor) Lot 2 DP 173499, No. 63 Wollumbin Street, **Murwillumbah**

**DA21/0018** – Swimming pool Lot 1517 DP 1207462, No. 14 Bonville Street, **Pottsville**

**DA20/0971** – Above ground swimming pool and deck Lot 19 Section 1 DP 1223, No. 146 Riverside Drive, **Tumbulgum**

**DA21/0011** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, including front balcony and rear awning Lot 2 DP 746649, No. 33 Crystal Waters Drive, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0789** – Detached secondary dwelling Lot 39 DP 205850, No. 1 Eunga Street, **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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Re-notification of integrated development application

### Development Application No. DA19/0346

Additional information and amendments to a development application has been lodged by The Mount Warning Beverage Company Pty Ltd in relation to the development consent being sought for alterations and additions to an existing water bottling facility at Lot 1 DP 883113 & Lot 2 DP 883113; No. 2574 Kyogle Road, **Kunghur**. 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)

The development application and the lodged additional information and amended documents may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 24 March 2021 to Wednesday 21 April 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.

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