

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.



Jake Byrne from Biological Services checking beneficial insects at work at a property at Tyalgum Creek.

Using insects to prey on plant pests

The close of 2020 saw the first on-farm workshop from Council's Sustainable Agriculture Program since March 2020, when COVID-19 restrictions put the Small Farms Big Changes workshop series on hold.

Rod and Tania Bruin hosted the workshop at their certified organic vegetable farm, Summit Organics, located at Tyalgum Creek

"This workshop was all about recognising and enhancing populations of beneficial insects that prey on plant pests," Council's Sustainable Agriculture Program Leader Eli Szandala said.

"Protecting crops against pests such as aphids, mealy bugs and caterpillars is a continual challenge for growers. Certain pest species are developing insecticide resistance and populations are increasing as a result of cultural farming practices.

"For this workshop we were delighted to bring along local Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Specialist, Jake Byrne from Biological Services."

Biological Services provide on-farm extension services to assist growers to address plant pests by using the IPM approach and also supply growers with beneficial insects to boost their populations and reduce the need for chemical controls.

"The best growers are using a combination of the four pillars of the

IPM model which are biological controls, chemical controls, cultural practices and monitoring," Mr Byrne said.

"What we do is to help the grower identify what's missing and supply them with the tools, or bugs, to help fill those gaps."

His connection with Summit Organics has been a game changer for the Bruins as they grappled with pests like aphids and Diamond Back Moth. Jake was able to supply them with Diadegma, a parasitoid wasp that lays their eggs into the problem pest, as well as other species such as Aphidius to help keep their populations in check.

"We've been trialling biological controls for some time now with varying success but it wasn't until we were successful in securing a 2019 Sustainable Agriculture Small Grant from Tweed Shire Council that we decided to undertake a bigger trial," Mr Bruin said.

A short recap video of the workshop is available on Council's YouTube page and on www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/smallfarmbigchanges To stay aware of future sustainable agriculture-based workshops or the latest on Council projects and available grants, email 'Subscribe' to agriculture@tweed.nsw.gov.au

For more information on this workshop series, supported by the NSW Government's Environmental Trust, contact Council's Sustainable Agriculture Program Leader on 02 6670 2400 or tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Council meetings now open to the public again

From Thursday 1 April 2021, members of the public will once again be able to attend Council meetings in person, following expiry of the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Act 2020.

Livestreaming of Council meetings was enabled through the Emergency Measures Act and will end from Thursday, with the expiry of the Act. Council meetings will return to normal webcasting processes, which in effect means Council meetings will not be livestreamed but be available the next day.

However, Councillors will be asked at their 15 April meeting to consider amending the existing Code of Meeting Practice (2019) to allow livestreaming to become the norm for Council meetings.

To accommodate as many people as possible and in keeping with

COVID-Safe guidelines, all Council meetings until the September election will be held in the Harvard Room at Tweed Heads Administration Office.

Those wishing to attend a meeting must pre-book their seats by emailing MinuteSecretaries@tweed.nsw.gov.au. An online booking system will be available soon.

Those attending Council meetings will be required to record their attendance via the Service NSW app or the written form provided. Anyone feeling unwell is asked to remain at home and not attend the Council meeting.

Public attendance at Council meetings is always subject to changes through Public Health Orders or legislative changes by the NSW Government.



Free Tweed Youth Week movie marathon

'Together More Than Ever' is the theme for Youth Week 2021, which runs from Friday 16 April to Saturday 24 April.

A number of free events are planned for the Tweed including a movie marathon, a wellbeing workshop, a Youth Homelessness Matters Day and a music and slam poetry showcase.

Tweed Youth Week commences on Friday 16 April with the launch at 1pm by Tweed Youth Council Chair Montana Markland, followed by a movie marathon at the Regent Theatre in Murwillumbah. Doors open at 12.45pm.

Left: The Regent Theatre, Murwillumbah will screen three movies as part of Tweed Youth Week on Friday 16 April.



Last week we each used

159L a day

as at 29 March 2021

In brief ...

Bins collected as usual over Easter

Council wishes to advise residents that all waste and recycling collection services will be as per the normal scheduled bin collection days on Good Friday (2 April) and Easter Monday (5 April).

Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre will be closed Good Friday, and open Saturday, Sunday and Monday between 9am and 3.45pm.

The JUNKtion Tip Shop will be closed Good Friday and Easter Sunday and Monday but will be open on Easter Saturday from 9am until 3pm. For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/resource-recovery

In brief ...

Last chance for a discounted defibrillator

Attention local sports clubs – the NSW Government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program closes on 12 April 2021 at 5pm.

It is the final year of the program and your last chance to acquire an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for your club or sports facility at a reduced cost, with up to 75 per cent covered. Get your application in before the funding allocation is exhausted.

For information on eligibility, funding available and approved providers, visit www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator

Don't waste the chance to join Circular Cafés

Local food businesses – are you ready to do better with your bins? With a little help from Circular Cafés, food waste can be kept out of landfill.

Sign up to receive:

- free assessment of business waste
- free green bin service for one year
- free action plan, resources and ongoing support
- free bin stickers.

You will also be supported with the Circular Cafés toolkit, covering all the tough topics, such as single-use plastic.

Join the 65 other businesses that have joined this Northern Rivers movement. It's just good business.

For more information, go to circularcafes.com.au



Kombucha Café in Murwillumbah is doing a great job with the Circular Cafés Program.

Reminders for the weekend

Council offices will be closed Friday 2 April and Monday 5 April for the Easter public holidays.

Please call the after hours service on 02 6670 2400 for Council emergencies such as sewer blockages and overflows; serious water supply issues: leaks, no supply, poor quality, unable to turn meter on/off; dog attacks; pollution; or any Council-related issue that poses risk or immediate threat. For all other issues, use our 'Report a Problem' service at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/reportaproblem

And don't forget that Daylight Saving Time will end at 3am on Sunday 4 April 2021. Clocks will move back one hour.

Planning Committee meeting agenda Thursday 1 April 2021

The Planning Committee meeting agenda for Thursday 1 April 2021 is available on Council's website at 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.

Agenda Reports for consideration Planning and Regulation

- 8.1 Development Application DA20/0526 for a staged development comprising of demolition of existing structures and two lot subdivision (stage 1) and construction of two semi-detached dwellings (stage 2) at Lot 1 DP 213025 No. 2 Kingscliff Street, Kingscliff
- 8.2 Development Application DA20/0965 for earthworks and associated drainage at Lot 21 DP 1082482 Tweed Coast Road, Chinderah
- 8.3 Compliance matter (unauthorised dwelling) at Lot A DP 102388 No. 5 Kirby Street, Murwillumbah 2021-1882
- 8.4 E-zones Review

Council meeting agenda Thursday 1 April 2021

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Agenda Reports for consideration

- 3.1 Adoption of Recommendations from Planning Committee Meeting held 1 April 2021

Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 12.1 RF02020139 Air-conditioning Systems Maintenance Services for Tweed Shire Council

At its meeting on 18 March 2021 Council resolved to resume public attendance for Public Forum in line with the meeting room's Covid-Safe Plan and this Planning Committee Public Forum is for speaker only Agenda items being considered and will be held at 4.30pm prior to the meeting.

The agendas for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings and are available on Council's website.

It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Also, the 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 following the meeting.

Request for offer

RF02021022 Develop Concept Design and provide Technical Support for Banora point WWTP Solar

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 14 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.

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Chinderah Districts Residents Association Inc. meet Tuesday 6 April, 7pm at Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff Street. Opposite Eloura Nursing Home Kingscliff.

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

Murwillumbah auditorium upgrade nears completion

Excitement among regular users of the Murwillumbah Civic Centre Auditorium is rising as the upgrade project moves into its final phase.

The auditorium was closed to the public in January last year to make way for refurbishment to parts of the facility. It is now expected to be completed and re-open to the public by late April 2021.

Initially expected to take four months to complete, the project was delayed by the onset of COVID-19 as well as the discovery of more asbestos and structural roof damage than anticipated.

The expanded scope pushed the total project cost to \$2.3 million, under a package jointly funded by Council and the NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund.

Officially opened by then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in 1975, the new facility will be a state-of-the-art venue which brings the auditorium up to modern standards for accessibility, energy efficiency and functionality.

The refurbishment includes:

- technical upgrades to theatre equipment, such as lighting and sound, including intelligent lighting, top-of-the-range projector equipment, electric stage hoists and revamped curtains
- remodelling of the foyer and provision of accessible toilets
- new ticket office
- cedar timber finishing
- removal of asbestos
- accessible access to stage and backstage areas
- backstage upgrade.

Community members who regularly use the auditorium to stage productions from dance recitals to business awards and theatre productions, were impressed by the works during a recent sneak-peak tour of the facility.

Colin Elliott, contracted to manage Council's auditoria for the past seven years, congratulated the project team for incorporating community requests into the final design.

"People don't realise what a great facility we have here," he said.

"This is a top facility, the people who first built this theatre in the 1970s were visionary and did a great job."

Murwillumbah Theatre Company president Dianne Robinson was excited by the upgrade.

"It's got everything we've always wanted, right down to the kitchen sink," she said.



Colin Elliott (left) inspects the 'work in progress' with Council's Andrew Illingworth, Manager Tweed Holiday Parks and Cultural Facilities.

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

DA20/0643 – Conversion of gym and storeroom into rumpus with a bathroom and use of an existing carport (unit 2)
Lot 2 SP 56912, SP 56912, Unit 2/No. 6 Dunloy Court, **Banora Point**

DA20/0724 – Dwelling and attached secondary dwelling
Lot 2 DP 1262190, No. 2 Cambridge Court, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0874 – Construction of ten (10) serviced apartments and associated strata subdivision
Lot 1 DP 1082499, No. 5 Mountbatten Court, **Pottsville**

DA20/0484 – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including a revetment wall
Lot 113 DP 246488, No. 8 Compass Way, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0004 – Carport
Lot 531 DP 836840, No. 39 Honey Myrtle Drive, **Banora Point**

DA21/0030 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage
Lot 8 DP 1266201, No. 52 McAllisters Road, **Bilambil Heights**

DA21/0054 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 5 DP 1189943, No. 7 Dryandras Court, **Casuarina**

DA20/0748 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool and carport within the front building line
Lot 30 DP 32011, No. 10 Terrace Street, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0893 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 45 DP 1180878, No. 274 Casuarina Way, **Kingscliff**

DA20/1012 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 4 DP 1145386, No. 41 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0098 – Covered patio
Lot 75 DP 1070242, No. 17 Mount Ernest Crescent, **Murwillumbah**

CDC21/0025 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 128 DP 1045822, No. 4 Nowra Street, **Pottsville**

CDC21/0026 – Complying Development Certificate for a swimming pool
Lot 1312 DP 1118285, No. 113 Newcastle Drive, **Pottsville**

DA20/1030 – Spa and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 4 DP 9871, No. 145 River Street, **South Murwillumbah**

DA20/0571 – Dwelling and shed
Lot 26 DP 1126031, No. 1897 Kyogle Road, **Terragon**

DA20/0995 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and partial above ground pool
Lot 608 DP 1266799, No. 33 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA21/0022 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 6 DP 1092500, No. 37 Sunnycrest Drive, **Terranora**

DA20/0844 – alterations and additions to existing dwelling
lot 2 DP 584974, no. 62 riverside drive, **Tumbulgum**

DA20/1017 – Boundary fence
Lot 1 SP 15614, Unit 1/No. 2 The Quarterdeck, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0036 – In-ground swimming pool and retaining walls
Lot 58 DP 31369, No. 17 Murraba Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0477 – Use of two carports
Lot 2 SP 48348, Unit 2/No. 36 Vintage Lakes Drive, **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



A new nest cradle has been erected at a site in the dunes south of Black Rocks at Pottsville.

Nest cradles help local osprey population

Council staff have recently undertaken work at two locations to help the local Tweed osprey population.

A new nest cradle has been erected at a site in the dunes south of Black Rocks. It is hoped that the nest cradle will provide a local breeding pair with a new nest option, following the slow disintegration of a large dead tree in which their former nest was located.

A new nest cradle has also been placed on an abandoned light pole at Les Burger football ground at Bogangar.

Murwillumbah locals may also have noticed damage to the large osprey nest above a power pole on Tumbulgum Road. Essential Energy is aware of the nest damage and advised that repairs are being planned to occur after the nesting season is completed.

Ospreys are designated to be a vulnerable species in NSW, however they are a high profile and much-loved predator within the Tweed Shire's waterways.

There are approximately 20 osprey nests located within Tweed Shire and monitoring by a team of dedicated volunteers has established that 14–16 chicks successfully fledged in the 2020 breeding season.

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