

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.



Recipients of the Seniors Local Achievement Awards were (from left) Norma Robertson, Gary Sutton, Jan Fletcher, Tina Cherian, Clive Andrew, Jean Laundry and Geoff Dart.

## Celebrating the contribution of seniors

The Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre was a hive of activity last Wednesday (14 April) for the official opening of the 2021 Tweed Seniors festival.

The festival, which this year features the theme 'In Our Nature', focuses on connecting with others in challenging times and attendees embraced the theme.

Certificates were presented to recipients of the Seniors Local Achievement Awards – Clive Andrew, Gary Sutton, Jan Fletcher, Norma Robertson, Jean Laundry, Geoff Dart and Tina Cherian.

Entertainment was provided by the Fasolati Choir, featuring an

impressive Charleston dance display by Lorraine Redden and 'Freddi' Rutherford and by singer Chris Harvie.

Council's Community Care Coordinator Joanne Watters paid tribute to the hard working Seniors Festival Working Group led by Project Support Officer Lyn Porter.

The major lucky door prize was won by Maurine Lumme.

Attendees then enjoyed a morning tea provided by Brett Street CAFE.

The Tweed Seniors Festival continues until Saturday 24 April and a full program of events is available on Council's website at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival)

## Illegal building activity poses risks for residents

Council compliance officers took urgent action recently in requesting that a Murwillumbah property be immediately withdrawn from sale.

The property – an old shed – had undergone extensive renovations, turning it into a small house without relevant Council approvals.

Council imposed fines totalling \$4720 and requested that the owner rectify the unauthorised works and undertake the appropriate applications by 20 April 2021 or face court action.

Director Planning and Regulation Vince Connell said illegal building works can result in increased health, safety and fire risks if the works have not been approved and inspected.

"In this instance there is also an increased risk of flood damage as the floor level has been constructed below the minimum habitable level that is required for flood prone land, further increasing the risk to future residents."

"This also highlights the importance of purchasers completing their due diligence and approval searches prior to any property purchase.

"Council will take action when necessary to protect the safety of residents, issuing fines and taking steps to regularise the use and works that have not received the necessary approvals," he said.

To find out if your development needs consent visit:

- [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/development](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/development)

## There are struggles for life for a turtle hatchling

The challenge of survival for loggerhead turtle hatchlings was highlighted on the Tweed Coast recently.

A loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) nest was laid on Pottsville Beach on 5 January 2021 and reported to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) by local residents.

In early January, NPWS and Tweed Shire Council installed a fence, signage and a predator barrier to keep the nest safe. Volunteers from NSW TurtleWatch monitored the site daily over the last three months, looking for any signs of hatchlings.

On Wednesday 14 April, hatchlings were discovered on the surface



Loggerhead turtle hatchlings face many challenges to survive.

of the nest early in the morning.

NPWS, NSW TurtleWatch volunteers and Australian Seabird Rescue (ASR) staff immediately attended the site. Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council (TBLALC) members and a Council Ranger also visited during the course of the morning.

The hatchlings were very lethargic and unable to make their way to the water's edge. NPWS and ASR collected the hatchlings for assessment and monitoring. The nest was also checked for any other hatchlings or eggs.

Sadly, a large number of the eggs remaining in the nest were not viable as they had been invaded by roots from spinifex grass. The nest had unfortunately also been impacted by the major storms we experienced in February and March this year.

A total of 19 hatchlings were found. Of these hatchlings, 17 were released into the ocean at Pottsville Beach after sunset on Wednesday evening. Two hatchlings required further care and are currently rehabilitating at ASR.

This rescue was a wonderful example of teamwork between NPWS, ASR, Tweed Shire Council and TBLALC to ensure the best possible outcomes for this nest and the hatchlings.

If you see signs of nest disruption or hatchlings at your local beach, please call NPWS on 13000PARKS (1300 072 757) or Australian Seabird Rescue on 0468 489 259 as soon as possible.

The NSW TurtleWatch program has been developed by Australian Seabird Rescue. It is supported by the NSW Government's Saving our Species program in partnership with NPWS and the Marine Estate Management Strategy.



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### In brief ...

#### Sign up and you could win \$1000

Do you receive too much mail? Go paperless and receive your rates electronically.

For a chance to win \$1000 visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/gopaperless](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/gopaperless) and fill in the eNotices form.

Once you've filled in the eNotices form, your rates (and water notice) will be sent to your email address. Your entry into the draw is automatic.

Entries close on 31 May 2021 and the \$1000 prize will be drawn on 17 June 2021. The winner's name will be published in the Tweed Link.



### In brief ...

#### Anzac Day closures and changes

On Anzac Day, Sunday 25 April, the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre will be open from 1pm to 5pm. The Gallery by Bacaro café will also be open from 1pm to 5pm.

The Tweed Regional Museum branches in Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads will not be open on Sunday and all three Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres will also be closed.

## Have your say on Towards Zero Waste Strategy

With a vision to the future, Council is seeking public comment on its *Towards Zero Waste Strategy* and action plan, which is currently on exhibition.

The strategy sets out ways which Council can reach objectives of its *Towards Zero Waste Policy* which was adopted in August 2020.

It also aligns with Council's *Climate Change Policy* target of 'Net Zero Waste by 2030' through innovation of resource management, promoting circular economy principles and greatly reducing waste to landfill.

Council has set a target of a zero waste future by 2040 which will deliver benefits to future generations by reducing carbon emissions from waste and in doing so, protect the Tweed's natural environment and minimize impact on climate change.

Council invites you to provide any feedback you may have on the Draft Strategy which is on exhibition until Wednesday 28 April 2021. Have your say at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/zerowaste](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/zerowaste)



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## New water rates notice shows average daily water use

To assist you with your daily water use targets, the newly-designed water notice includes a bar chart of the average daily water use by quarter for your property.

Residents need to divide this figure by the number of people living at the property to get the average daily water use per person.

Water consumption is currently 178L per person per day, six buckets of water per person over the target of 160L per person per day.

To save water in and around your home:

- regularly check all taps and pipes for leaks
- wash your car using a bucket instead of a running hose
- take shorter showers
- choose plants in and around your home that don't require a lot of water.

Other updates to the water notice include the property identifier and the amount due, now both located on the right side of the notice. For an easy online payment option visit [eproperty.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://eproperty.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

# Have your say on the Tweed Valley flood study



Tweed Shire Council has started work to update and expand the Tweed Valley flood study to help prepare for and manage future flooding.

The study will help define flooding behaviour under current and future climate conditions and become the basis of flood planning in the Tweed.

Share your personal experiences and knowledge to help us better understand community concerns and understanding of past flood events.

Visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/flood-study](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/flood-study) to complete the survey by Sunday 16 May 2021. You can also collect a paper version of the survey at Council's customer service counters at the Murwillumbah or Tweed Heads Administration Offices.



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## Wood smoke isn't good smoke



Smoke pollution can aggravate heart and lung problems. It can also cause breathing difficulties, respiratory illnesses and decreased lung function in children.

### Chimneys

- Check your chimney.
- Don't burn rubbish, painted or treated wood.
- Tap your wood with a coin to check if it's dry.
- Make sure your fire has enough air.
- Don't let your fire smoulder overnight.
- Have a professional check and clean your flue once a year.

### Fire pits

- Use solid fuel such as dry wood, charcoal or heat beads.
- Burning of waste materials is prohibited.
- Have a 2m clear zone around the fire pit.
- Don't set up a fire pit under a tree canopy.
- Check wind conditions and don't use a fire pit on windy days.
- The fire pit must be a safe distance from combustible surfaces, houses, sheds and vehicles.



For more information visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/airpollution](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/airpollution) or [epa.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke](http://epa.nsw.gov.au/woodsmoke)





Joanna Braithwaite, *Crowning Glory – Portrait of Susi Muddiman OAM 2019*. Oil on linen, 198 x 175cm, Tweed Regional Gallery collection. Pending – donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Joanna Braithwaite, 2020. © the artist.

### Expression of interest – clean fill

Council is calling for expressions of interest from landowners willing to accept clean fill from its construction projects.

Council would deliver the fill free of charge to the property if the trip is shorter than that to a Council disposal facility. If the trip is longer, the property owner would be charged a gap fee based on mileage.

Properties suited to accepting fill must be able to be accessed by a tandem truck. In wet weather, fill can only be delivered to properties with all-weather access.

If Council accepts a property as suitable, it will add the property to a database and contact the applicant when clean fill becomes available from a nearby worksite.

For more information or to lodge an expression of interest, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/disposaloffill](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/disposaloffill)

### Current vacancies

View current vacancies at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers)  
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**WATER WEEK 2** Check when your water meter is read at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading)

## Don't miss *Director's Choice* for Gallery highlights

Gallery DownTown in Murwillumbah is presenting a new exhibition of works drawn entirely from the Tweed Regional Gallery collection.

The exhibition, *Director's Choice*, has been curated by Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM.

"When considering this exhibition, I enjoyed reflecting on the history and growth of the collection. I selected some personal favourites; some works that we hadn't had the opportunity to exhibit in recent years and works that reflect the diversity of artists and art forms across our four collecting profiles," Ms Muddiman said.

The Gallery's objective is to develop and preserve a collection of regional and national significance with a focus on four collection areas: Australian portraits; artworks of regional relevance; Australian artists' prints and the life and work of Margaret Olley.

The exhibition continues until 13 June 2021.

Gallery DownTown is open Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm and Saturday 10am – 2pm. Housed within the creative hub of Murwillumbah's vibrant MI Arts Precinct located on the corner of Brisbane Street and Proudfoot Lane, Murwillumbah, it is the annexe of Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre.

## Council receives recognition for climate change efforts

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) has recognised Tweed Shire Council for its efforts to address climate change.

The Covenant awarded Council all its climate change mitigation badges as well as its climate change adaptation goal and plan badges, recognising the council's efforts to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change on its community.

With more than 10,500 cities from 120 countries, representing nearly one billion people, GCoM is the largest global network of local councils taking action on climate change.

Council has joined a group of 40 councils in Oceania who are

actively demonstrating local government climate leadership through their participation in GCoM.

The badges recognise that Council has met the global standards outlined in the Common Reporting Framework.

Council is proud of this landmark achievement, making it one of only seven councils in Australia to have been awarded all mitigation badges for the Global Covenant of Mayors.

To find out more about Council's climate change action plan, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/climatechange](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/climatechange)



### Request for offer

RF02021030 Printing Rates, Water and Sundry Debtor Notices

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 28 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.

### Proposed naming of roads in subdivision

In pursuance of section 162(1) of the *Roads Act 1993* as amended, Council proposes to name the roads dedicated in a plan of subdivision (DA07/0589) in Tweed Heads South in the Shire of Tweed as shown below:

Constellation Way Sunny Court  
Observatory Place Tucana Close

A period of fifteen working days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written objection to the proposed naming. Any objections should state clearly the reasons for such objections. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484.

### 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

DA20/0626 – Alterations and additions to an existing bus depot and the relocation of an existing dwelling on-site

Lot 3 DP 584999, No. 888 Smiths Creek Road, **Stokers Siding**

DA21/0080 – Carport within the front building line with additional driveway access

Lot 360 DP 832321, No. 3 Cedar Ridge, **Banora Point**

DA21/0047 – Rear verandah extension

Lot 9 DP 235614, No. 18 Oconnor Drive, **Bray Park**

DA21/0028 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 2 DP 628210, No. 719 Tyalgum Road, **Eungella**

DA20/0903 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool

Lot 3 Section 1 DP 7309, No. 6 Olga Street, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0741 – Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 5 DP 1081491, No. 343 Brooks Road, **Kynnumboon**

DA21/0110 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 47 DP 812023, No. 50 Kiata Parade, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0101 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 116 DP 701433, No. 15 Limosa Road, **Tweed Heads West**

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)

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