

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.



Paint and decorate your own bird house to take home or meet the Wildlife Twins (inset) at Tweed Regional Museum, Murwillumbah these school holidays.

Meet our native animals at the Museum these holidays

Would you like to meet a reptile, a butterfly, or a dingo or make friends with the birds at your house? Perhaps you would rather get creative with colouring in?

This school holiday break is all about animals at the Tweed Regional Museum in Murwillumbah, with visitors able to talk to the animals thanks to a range of fantastic activities, including animal-themed shows, presentations and workshops.

The Museum is home to the award-winning *Land | Life | Culture* display which introduces visitors to the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Tweed, including our native animals.

Activities include:

- **Bird House Tuesday** (29 June and 6 July) – paint and decorate your own birdhouse to take home.
- **Butterfly Wings Wednesday** (30 June and 7 July) – enjoy a beautiful and informative presentation with Gold Coast Butterflies

with a butterfly goody bag to take home.

- **Feathered Friends Thursday** (1 July and 8 July) – make your own bird feeder to take home – and see who flies in for a visit.
- **Meet the Fauna Friday with the Wildlife Twins** (2 July and 9 July) – come along to meet the Wildlife Twins and their animal friends including reptiles, lizards or even a dingo.
- **Colour it Saturday** (3 July and 10 July).

All activities commence at 10:30 am except for Colour it Saturday which is anytime between 10 am and 4 pm.

All activities must be booked and paid in advance – except for Colour it Saturday when you can drop in anytime for some colouring in.

Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities. Visit museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au/talksandevents for more information and ticketing links.



One of the 26 bridges along the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

Green light for Tweed leg of Northern Rivers Rail Trail

The next step will be taken in the Tweed leg of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail after Councillors voted to award an \$11.8 million design and construction contract.

Councillors agreed at their meeting on 17 June 2021 to support the recommendation of Council officers to award the contract to a complying tender bid from Hazell Bros (Qld) Pty Ltd following a rigorous tendering process.

At its meeting on 7 March 2019, Council approved 4 companies to bid for the design and construction of the Tweed Valley Rail Trail through an early tenderer involvement process.

Council worked with all shortlisted tenderers to evaluate each detailed design against the project design criteria, budget and value for money.

The tender period closed on 12 May 2021, with offers received from Abergeldie Constructions, BMD Urban Gold Coast, Hazell Bros (Qld) Pty Ltd and SEE Civil.

Following extensive consideration, Council officers nominated Hazell Bros (Qld) Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer. The design will now be



Last week we each used

197L a day

as at 21 June 2021

In brief ...

Ratepayer wins for going paperless

Savannah Ray from Kingscliff is the final winner of Council's eNotice competition for the 2021/21 financial year after her name was drawn from the bucket at last week's Council meeting.

Ms Ray is the lucky recipient of a \$1000 cash prize after entering Council's Go Paperless competition which encouraged residents to switch to receiving water and rates notices via email.

Ratepayers who opt in for electronic notices not only receive their rates and water notices up to 10 days earlier than via traditional mail, they also help save paper and reduce their carbon footprint.

More than 9,100 ratepayers have now subscribed to eNotices, an increase of 400 this quarter.

Ms Ray is the fourth winner in the competition, with one winner drawn per financial quarter. She will be invited to attend the next Council meeting for a formal presentation by the Mayor and Councillors.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/enoticeapplication to sign up for eNotices.



In brief ...

Register with Council's new e-Procurement portal

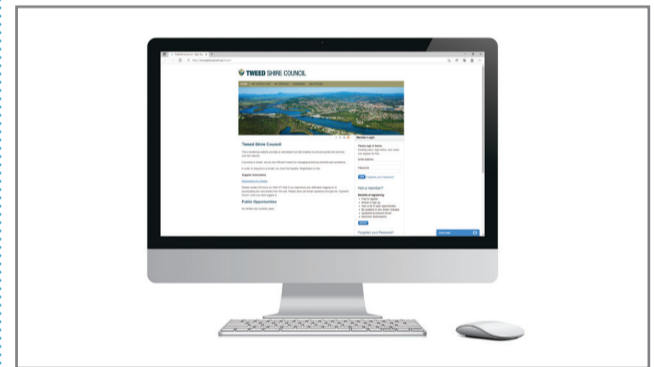
Council is implementing a new web-based tool that will provide a simple, more secure and efficient way to manage tender activities.

The new e-Procurement portal will allow contractors to conduct procurement activities online, such as submitting tender bids.

If your business is registered on our current tender portal, you're required to register as a member on the new e-Procurement portal to continue to receive tender notifications.

If you're interested in doing business with Council, we encourage you to register so you can start receiving tender notifications.

To register and for more information visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders



Register for the new e-Procurement portal via Council's website.

Last days of exhibition helping to fill the void

The theme for this year's NAIDOC week (4 to 11 July) is 'Heal Country! – Country that is more than a place and inherent to our identity. Country that we speak about like a person, sustaining our lives in every aspect – spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally'.

Residents and visitors to the Tweed are invited to view the exhibition *Void* at Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre before it closes to the public on Sunday 4 July. The exhibition features the work of contemporary Aboriginal artistic practitioners articulating the unknown as space, time and landscape.

Writer Bruce Pascoe says in his introductory essay to the exhibition: "These images and objects are not to be glanced at, one more on the

demand on our crowded attention, they are to be looked at, considered, absorbed. They are of country, our shared country. We share this country now. All of us. It is too late to pretend that the past theft of land can be completely reversed, we are all in it together now".

Void brings together contemporary Aboriginal artistic practice from across the country. Curated by Emily McDaniel, the exhibition features existing works across the mediums of drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, video and photography by artists including Pepai Jangala Carroll, Jonathan Jones, Mabel Juli, John Mawurndjul AM, Hayley Millar-Baker, Mick Namarari Tjapaltjarri, Mr R Peters, Doreen Reid Nakamarra, Andy Snelgar, Dr. Thancoupie Gloria Fletcher AO, Freddie Timms, James Tylor, Jennifer Wurrkidj, and Josephine Wurrkidj.



Void, installation view, Tweed Regional Gallery, 2021.

Motorists urged to slow down after two koalas hit

Motorists are advised to take extra caution through new koala zones marked on Terranora Road, following several sightings and two accidents involving the much-loved marsupials in recent weeks.

Signage and road markings have been in place for less than 3 weeks but unfortunately there has already been a number of incidents, with 2 female koalas hit in separate accidents. Both koalas were carrying joeys in their pouch at the time.

One mother sadly did not survive the accident, while the other received severe life-threatening injuries. The surviving mum and 2 joeys are being cared for by staff at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital.

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Senior Veterinarian Dr Michael Pyne urged motorists to take care.

"With shorter daylight hours, it is important motorists are aware that koalas are on the move and sharing our roads as we come into the breeding season," he said.

"If you are involved in an accident with a koala, it's critical you call Currumbin Wildlife Hospital immediately or a 24-hour wildlife rescue group such as Friends of the Koala and Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers."

Council's Senior Program Leader Biodiversity Scott Hetherington said the koala zone was installed on Terranora Road in response to an

increasing number of sightings over the past 2 years.

In the past 18 months on this stretch of Terranora Road, residents have reported 16 koalas either been killed, injured or seen crossing the road.

"It is a tragedy to record these terrible incidents with not just one but 2 mother koalas with joeys hit," he said.

"Koalas can appear out of nowhere and sometimes we can't avoid wildlife on the road but if we all slow down, particularly in a koala zone, their chances will be so much higher.

"It's everyone's responsibility to take care on the road, not just for the koalas that live in this area but for our children, neighbours, visitors and fellow residents. It is our responsibility to make sure our children can still see koalas in the wild."

Motorists who happen to hit a koala or other wildlife on the road are urged to take time to stop, check on the animal and call for help if needed. Friends of the Koala and Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers are on call 24 hours a day for rescues.

Contact Friends of the Koala on 02 6622 1233, Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers on 02 6672 4789 and Currumbin Wildlife Hospital between 8 am and 5 pm on 07 5534 0813.

Report all koala sightings at tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas



Koala joey Heath is being well cared for by staff at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital. Photo courtesy Sam Senti



New cigarette butt bins have been installed at Jack Evans Boat Harbour at Tweed Heads to help reduce butt litter.

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

DA21/0276 – Patio roof

Lot 347 DP 1073160, No. 10 Westwood Street, **Banora Point**

DA21/0247 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 36 DP 1266201, No. 86 McAllisters Road, **Bilambil Heights**

CDC21/0056 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 95 DP 261914, No. 22 Poinciana Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA21/0246 – In-ground swimming pool, carport and 1.8 m front fence

Lot 137 DP 836305, No. 25 Tallowood Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA21/0207 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 71 DP 1264557, No. 32 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

DA21/0321 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 17 DP 1264557, No. 19 Blue Horizon Drive, **Casuarina**

DA21/0257 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 251 DP 1075207, No. 5 Tallows Avenue, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0941 – Dual occupancy (attached)

Lot 6 DP 1262504, No. 53A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0258 – Patio

Lot 2 SP 42246, Unit 2/No. 5 Andrew Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA20/1042 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 4 DP 260422, No. 23 Palmers Road, **Terragon**

DA21/0249 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

including verandah

Lot 38 DP 31369, No. 1 The Quarterdeck, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0015 – Change of use of tenancy to a gymnasium (recreation facility indoor) including minor internal building works

Lot 1 DP 866236, No. 16–32 Wharf Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0855 – Alterations and additions to existing educational facility (new preschool and kindergarten buildings, demolition of existing demountable, additional parking), increase in enrolment, staff and tree removal

Lot 1 DP 615053, Lot 1 DP 840975, No. 36–52 Sunshine Avenue, **Tweed Heads South**

Approved – deferred commencement

DA20/0018 – Change of use from shed to secondary dwelling

Lot 21 DP 1092500, No. 10 Nassau Avenue, **Terranora**

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

WATER WEEK 11 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/meterreading

Council helping work towards a butt free Tweed

Reducing the volume of cigarette butts polluting our environment is the aim of a new project being rolled out across the Tweed by environmental group Positive Change for Marine Life (PCML).

The project, supported by Council and NE Waste, will see specialised cigarette butt bins installed at selected public sites around Tweed Heads, coupled with an awareness campaign encouraging smokers to do the right thing.

PCML Northern NSW Campaigns Coordinator Dane Lee Marx said the campaign aimed to decrease cigarette butt waste by increasing binning rates by up to 60%.

"We will support better disposal of cigarette butt litter and reduce pollution at sites which have been shown to have high rates of that type of litter," he said.

"This can be achieved through the installation of specialised cigarette butt bins and butt 'voting booth' bins, in conjunction with

site clean-ups, educational signage and artwork and an education and public awareness campaign."

Eight key hotspot sites have been selected around Tweed Heads for the new butt bins, including at Jack Evans Boat Harbour and adjacent public areas, bus stops at Wharf Street and Tweed Mall, Dry Dock Road boat ramp, Boyds Bay and the Kennedy Drive boat ramp.

The project also aims to create cleaner, healthier public spaces, promote local Indigenous culture and reduce the flow of cigarette butt pollution into the environment, especially waterways.

PCML volunteers will monitor and empty the various sites and track disposal rates.

Funded by the NSW Environment Protection Authority, the project builds on the success of the Butt Free Byron campaign.

Visit pcfml.org.au/butt-free-tweed for more information on the project.

Council reduces special rate for Kings Forest estate

Council has reduced its proposed special rate for the future Kings Forest development following a revision of monitoring costs.

The special rate will ensure the ongoing maintenance and protection of environmental lands at the estate, in keeping with the wishes of the wider community.

Council unanimously agreed at its meeting on Thursday 3 June 2021 to accept a recommendation to reduce the special rate variation set for Kings Forest in its Draft Budget 2021/22.

The proposed special rate was initially planned to raise \$1.54 million per annum, with indexation applied each year by the agreed rate

pegging amount. Based on a 4,503 lot subdivision, this would equate to \$342 per lot, per year.

Following an independent review, it was found reporting only needed to be done every 2 years, not annually, reducing the cost of reporting.

The review further found the proposed works be done on Council land only and excluded land to be dedicated to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

As a result, Council has revised down the annual amount required for the special rate to undertake such maintenance to \$1,158,966. This equates to approximately \$257 per year, representing a 25% reduction.

Rural Land Strategy takes out national award

Tweed Shire Council's Rural Land Strategy has taken out the Hard Won Victory category at the 2021 Planning Institute of Australia National Awards for Planning Excellence, after winning the NSW state award in December last year.

The award recognises projects that have applied innovative solutions and used planning tools and techniques to address challenges, resulting in significant community benefits.

While the judging panel acknowledged the outcome of the project

may not have been the outcome some community members desired, they said the award commends Council on the extensive process undertaken to ensure all community perspectives were heard.

The judges also commended the balanced and extended approach taken by Tweed Shire Council to establish a strategy that is considerate of this range of attitudes and expectations.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/newforwardplanning to read the Rural Land Strategy.

Celebrate 21st with Sir Larry of Kingscliff Library

Library technician Larry Price recalls fondly the days when the Kingscliff Library was in a demountable building positioned sideways between the Kingscliff Community Hall and the local surf club.

Back then in 1983, Larry used to position a chair so he could keep an eye on the surf break and make a decision about whether to go out during a lunch break for a wave.

Five years later and the library was on the move to the Kingscliff Shopping Village where it remained from 1988 to 2000, located where the existing pool shop is now.

In 2000, the library turned over a new page, relocating to Lot 1 Turnock Street and on Monday 28 June this year, it is celebrating its 21st anniversary in that location.

In his 38 years working at the Richmond Tweed Regional Library in Kingscliff, he has enjoyed the camaraderie of the locals and taken delight in watching young children grow and bring their own children in.

To celebrate the occasion, the library is planning a gala morning of activities on Monday 28 June, starting at 10 am.

There will be a cake cutting at 10:30 am, appearances from Sir Larry of the Library, a public information table, historic displays, games and activities for the children including face painting, competitions and a

balloon artist.

There will also be a limited amount of free craft handout for children. For more information contact Kingscliff Library on 02 6674 1607.



Sir Larry of the Library will make a special appearance at Kingscliff Library to mark its 21st birthday on Monday 28 June.

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