

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.



Double vaccination is now required for patrons to enter some Council facilities, including the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC).

Roadmap means some changes to Council services

Stage 1 of the NSW Government's roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions began on Monday (11 October), requiring changes to some Council operations.

Under Stage 1 of the roadmap, which kicked in across NSW on Monday, all patrons attending some Council facilities, are now required to be fully vaccinated (or hold a medical exemption). This is in keeping with the latest NSW Health Public Health Order (PHO), which took effect on Monday.

The PHO has impacts for Council operations and business areas, including the imposition of density limits for events and venues, requirements to ensure face masks are worn, taking adequate precautions not to allow unvaccinated adults (more than 16 years of age) onto certain premises, work from home arrangements and directions for stay-at-home orders if a person becomes infected with COVID-19.

In keeping with these new requirements, Council has developed a comprehensive plan which required changes at some of Council's customer-facing facilities, including the requirement to be fully vaccinated to enter the following facilities:

- Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres (TRAC) at Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and South Tweed.
- Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre
- Tweed Regional Museum
- indoor venues at Council's cemeteries
- Banora Point and Tweed Heads South community centres and Kingscliff Hall

- markets that are Council approved on Council land
- Visitor Information Centres
- village community halls, places and spaces where they are used for certain activities including recreation facilities, weddings and funeral services.

Council's auditoria at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads hold an additional requirement to ensure a child under the age of 16 attending these facilities must only do so if accompanied by a fully-vaccinated adult household member.

Vaccination status is not required at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre (tip) which will continue to operate under COVID-Safe conditions for domestic and commercial operations. Tweed JUNKtion Tip Shop will remain closed.

Council meetings will be held in the Harvard Room at Tweed Heads Administration Office. Anyone wishing to attend in person must pre-book their seats due to capacity restrictions. Meetings will also be livestreamed. Details on how to book or join the livestream are available on Council's website.

Library branches at Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff are restricted to 'Click and Collect' services only (see separate story in this issue of the Tweed Link).

Essential services including water and kerbside waste collection services continue to operate as normal.

Keep up to date with closures and service impacts on Council's Emergency Dashboard at emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

It's time to tackle Tweed's mosquitoes together



Tweed Shire Council is encouraging residents to sign up to receive SMS text messages offering helpful advice on what they can do to protect themselves and the local community from mosquitoes.

After a successful pilot last summer, Council is partnering again with other local government areas in the Northern Rivers to roll out the SMS campaign next month.

Find out more and sign up at tacklingmosquitoestogether.com.au

People who sign up before Friday 22 October 2021 will be in the running to receive one of 4 farmers' market vouchers, worth \$50 each.

Left: Join in tackling mosquitoes together by signing up for an SMS campaign. Image: © 2010 Stephen L. Doggett



Last call for 2022 Australia Day nominations

Do you know a quiet achiever – an unsung hero or an ordinary person doing extraordinary things for the community?

If you do, time is running out to nominate them for a Tweed Shire Australia Day Award.

The awards, to be announced on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at the Murwillumbah Auditorium, recognise those in the community who give their time and effort to help make the Tweed a better place.

There are 6 categories:

- Citizen of the year
- Volunteer of the year (individual and group)
- Young achiever in community service

- Sporting achievement (individual and group)
- Arts and culture
- Community event of the year

Murwillumbah tennis coach, Gemma Eaton, was honoured with the Sporting Achievement Award in 2021, and is Council's Australia Day Ambassador for 2022.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day for information about past recipients.

Nominations for the Tweed Australia Day Awards must be received by 4:30 pm on Friday 15 October 2021.

To fill out the form online go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day



Last week we each used

186L a day

as at 11 October 2021

Click and Collect at your local library

All Richmond Tweed Regional Library branches will only provide 'Click and Collect' services from 11 October to 1 December.

This includes libraries at Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah. The decision is based on a balance between:

- meeting the requirements of the Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021 commencing 11 October 2021
- delivering quality services to library members and visitors
- staff safety and well-being concerns
- member Council views.

The 'Click and Collect' service allows library members to reserve and safely collect library items. It has operated successfully across the library network when required.

Library members can reserve items, book a collection time, mask up, check in and show their library card at the door to collect items.

You can reserve items on the library catalogue (accessible from the library website) or staff can select up to 20 items for you. Bookings are essential to access this free, contactless service.

Library branches are closed for all services other than 'Click and Collect' and the online library until 1 December.

For assistance visit rtl.nsw.gov.au or contact your local library branch. Contact details are on the back of your library card.



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Code of Meeting Practice

On exhibition from 13 October to 10 November 2021

You're invited to comment on the proposal to include livestreaming in the Code of Meeting Practice.

Have your say

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/codeofmeetingpractice to view the proposed amendments and provide your feedback before 4:30 pm on 10 November 2021.

For more information contact Manager Corporate Governance on 02 6670 2400 or email tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Council confidentiality policy: On request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality however, the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* may require confidential submissions to be released to an applicant.

Help us make decisions with you
Register at yoursaytweed.com.au



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TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

Apprenticeships available now. Recruiting for 2022.

Programmed, in partnership with Tweed Shire Council, has opportunities for apprenticeships commencing January 2022 in Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Cabarita and Chinderah locations.

Kick start your career in the following trades:

- Electrical Apprenticeship
- Engineering Mechanical Fitter Apprenticeship
- Parks and Gardens Apprenticeships
- Engineering Fabrication/Welder Apprenticeship

Be rewarded with:

- Paid full-time wages
- 4 weeks annual leave per year
- Certificate III level qualification training
- PPE and uniform supplied
- Tools all provided on the job

Applications close 25th October 2021 at 2.00pm AEST.

To find out more, or to apply go to info.programmed.com.au/tweedshirecouncil or call 1300 440 784



Caring for water and Country poster competition

Council is calling all schools and students to get involved in this year's National Water Week by creating a poster representing the theme 'Caring for water and Country'.

Council's Manager Water and Wastewater – Business and Assets Anthony Burnham said this year's poster competition was a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal culture, water and our local environment.

"National Water Week celebrates the vital role that water plays in our lives and reminds us it's everyone's responsibility to protect our water environments and resources," Mr Burnham said.

"This year's National Water Week theme is 'Caring for water and

Country'. It's an opportunity for us to expand our understanding of, learn from and appreciate First Nations Australians' knowledge in protecting and sustaining our water and lands for more than 65,000 years.

"I encourage organisations, businesses, schools and communities to take part by creating, organising and promoting National Water Week events activities and educational resources."

The winning student in each category will be awarded a prize pack to the value of \$150. There's also a prize for each winning student's school – a prize pack to the value of \$350. Entries close 11 November.

For details about National Water Week and the poster competition visit awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/About_AWA/National_Water_Week.aspx

Request for offer

RF02021086 – Panel of Providers – Protective Coatings for Water and Wastewater Metal and Concrete Structures and associated infrastructure

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEST) 3 November 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 tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts

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 tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe



WATER WEEK 2 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

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

DA21/0615 – Use of existing carport
Lot 1 DP 771373, No. 8 Moorabinda Place, **Bilambil Heights**

DA21/0611 – Carport within the front building line
Lot 11 DP 25348, No. 33 Park Avenue, **Bray Park**

DA21/0516 – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high front fence
Lot 172 DP 1058012, No. 1 Eclipse Lane, **Casuarina**

DA21/0557 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 13 DP 838976, No. 17 Barlee Drive, **Fernvale**

DA21/0580 – In ground swimming pool
Lot 11 DP 1236703, No. 8 Lagoon Road, **Fingal Head**

DA21/0068 – Secondary dwelling (detached)
Lot 17 DP 25777, No. 25 Creek Street, **Hastings Point**

DA21/0522 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 541 DP 1198327, No. 9 Bronte Place, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0627 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including pool, spa, carport and pergola
Lot 151 DP 1202149, No. 53 Seaside Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0502 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 317 DP 1170179, No. 15 Central Parade, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0769 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport and shed
Lot 1 DP 709162, No. 141 North Arm Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0581 – Patio roof
Lot 2 SP 78096, Unit 2/No. 39 Border Crescent, **Pottsville**

DA21/0612 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 695 DP 1078611, No. 88 Sugar Glider Drive, **Pottsville**

DA21/0546 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 405 DP 1252575, No. 15 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA21/0587 – Swimming pool (partially above ground)
Lot 463 DP 1144944, No. 10 Australia Drive, **Terranora**

DA21/0605 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 443 DP 1270825, No. 48 Market Parade, **Terranora**

DA21/0574 – Inground swimming pool
Lot 12 Section 16 DP 28266, No. 74 Hillcrest Avenue, **Tweed Heads South**

DA21/0382 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 103 DP 701433, No. 22 Limosa Road, **Tweed Heads West**

DA21/0270 – Conversion of existing shed to secondary dwelling
Lot 41 DP 869853, No. 3 Paula Court, **Pottsville**

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

Leaf cactus: aka Satan plant

Originally introduced into Australia for its attractive flowers and unique fruit, Leaf Cactus now sits on the Australian Environmental Alert List. Here in the Far North Coast, there are six known locations of Leaf cactus which are being actively managed by Rous County Council.

Leaf cactus or 'Satan plant' is a vine that grows in dense clumps and has long thin spikes which sprout in clusters along branches making control of the weed difficult.

Once established, the plant seeks out the trunk of a nearby tree and will gradually climb up to form dense thickets in the branches and canopy.



This weed is a threat to eucalypt communities in subtropical northern Australia.

Leaf cactus can reproduce vegetatively via leaf or branch droppings and by seed dispersal where it may be carried vast distances by birds.

With only six known locations of this weed in our region, Leaf cactus is currently listed as a regional priority for eradication.

Biosecurity is everyone's duty and with community assistance we can be rid of this weed in our region once and for all.

If you suspect you have seen this weed, please report your sighting immediately to Rous County Council on 02 6623 3800.



For more information scan the QR code which will direct you to a full description of the plant via the Weedwise app.



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