

New Tweed Shire Mayor and Deputy elected

The Tweed has its first all-female leadership team, following last Thursday's vote at an Extraordinary Meeting for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Katie Milne is the new Mayor of Tweed until September 2018.

Following recent changes to the *Local Government Act*, Cr Milne will remain as Mayor for two years, rather than the previous 12-month period. Another Mayoral vote will be held in September 2018.

This is Councillor Milne's second term as Mayor, after holding the position from September 2015 to September 2016. She was first elected to Tweed Shire Council in 2008.

The Deputy Mayor is Councillor Chris Cherry, who will be in the position until September 2017, a one-year term. Council resolved that the term of the Deputy Mayor would be one year and so Cr Cherry will be Deputy Mayor until September 2017.

This is Councillor Cherry's first term as a Councillor.

In the Tweed, the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor is decided by a vote among the Councillors, rather than by a popular vote by residents, as is the case in some local government areas.

The Tweed is represented by seven Councillors, who cover the whole Shire, as the Tweed does not have a ward system.

If you would like to contact a Councillor, please visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors, where there is a list of the Councillors names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Council meeting and Planning Committee meetings are open to the public, except for confidential items.

For a list of Council meeting dates and locations, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings and click on 'meeting dates'. The agendas and minutes of past meeting and the agendas of upcoming meetings are also available here.



New Tweed Shire Mayor, Councillor Katie Milne (left) and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Cherry (right).

Verbal and physical aggression not tolerated

General Manager Troy Green is urging the community to show basic respect to Tweed Shire Council staff after a number of recent incidents of aggression towards Council staff and contractors.

Over the past three years, there has been a marked increase in incidents of verbal and physical aggression. What were once viewed as isolated events have become a common occurrence for some Council workers.

Most staff involved in verbal aggression don't report incidents because it is not viewed as something that can be controlled.

Mr Green believes these incidents are caused by a minority in the community and that, generally, Council staff have positive experiences with the public.



Council's General Manager has asked members of the community not to abuse staff and contractors – they are simply trying to do their job.

"It's very unfortunate that the positive relationships our staff are building are being overshadowed by incidents of aggression," he said.

"Council staff are not 'fair game' for abuse or aggression. Everyone has the right to work in an environment free from aggressive behaviour.

"Recently a number of incidents have resulted in physical altercations or near misses and we are concerned for the welfare of Council staff."

A recent example is an incident of alleged aggression involving a contracted traffic controller on a regional worksite, which has been referred to police. Council workers at Kennedy Drive also experienced severe threats and abuse.

Council also has received reports of vehicles ignoring the directions of traffic controllers and potentially risking the safety of workers and other road users.

"Our staff members have a job to do, often in difficult conditions, and we do not tolerate aggression towards them at any time – verbal or physical," Mr Green said.

"Council understands and appreciates that roadwork delays can be frustrating, but that does not give motorists the right to abuse someone who is on a worksite doing their job and trying to keep people safe.

"Our staff are part of the Tweed community, whether they're working the weighbridge, Council rangers, or our front-counter staff. In the vast majority of cases, they have positive experiences with the public; it's those occasions where people think Council staff are 'fair game' that have to stop.

"We have systems in place to report incidents of aggression and we will not hesitate to refer matters to the police.

"I would like to thank the majority of motorists for their patience and consideration at sites of important Council infrastructure work, such as Kennedy Drive and Kingscliff Bridge."

\$9 million Kennedy Drive upgrade now complete

Motorists are enjoying the smooth new Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads West.

While the road has been completed, work is continuing at the layby at Pioneer Park.

The benefits delivered in the \$9 million upgrade of Kennedy Drive from the Cobaki Creek bridge to the Pacific Motorway includes:

- An additional traffic lane, achieving two lanes in each direction from about 300m east of the bridge to the Pacific Motorway on-ramp
- New kerb, gutter, footpaths and maximum-width driveways for the length of Kennedy Drive
- Bigger stormwater drains and additional pits to let surface water get away quickly
- Extra contingency in the water reticulation system, with the duplication of the main line on both sides of Kennedy Drive and the removal of cross service connections from beneath the roadway.

The majority of the feedback from motorists, residents and businesses through the final Stage 3 of the upgrade was positive:

“... as a resident of Tweed Heads West for 43 years this current road repair/rebuild has been the best managed and most efficient of all the many during that time. Well done to the managers and team.”

“...the way all the upgrade was carried out was amazing.

Congratulations to all.”

“The ‘lollipop’ men controlling the traffic during this ‘upheaval’ did a great job ... can’t have been easy!!!!”

“... I must add I’m impressed with the courtesy most motorists are



showing to fellow motorists during this period. It’s a refreshing change from the normal driving habits on many of our roads. Well done.”

This week, independent of Council, contractors will be working on the southern footpath of Kennedy Drive, between the Caltex Service Station at Barrett Street and 100m east of Gray Street doing directional boring works for the National Broadband Network (NBN) installation. Works will be within the footpath only and traffic controllers will be escorting pedestrians around the site. There will be minimal disruptions to traffic.

What’s on at your local library

Murwillumbah Library – Friday 2 December 1pm – Railway Hotels of Australia – join Scott Whitaker for an informative and entertaining talk to celebrate the release of his new book: *Railway hotels of Australia – volume two – New South Wales*. Bookings essential to (02) 6670 2427.

Kingscliff Library – Thursday 8 December 3.30pm – join Steve Bellamy who will speak on his charity *The Pencil Tree: making a difference for school children in Nepal and India*. Bookings essential to (02) 6674 1607.

Natural history book launched

A Tweed Coast natural history book, compiled by many of the region’s cultural and natural heritage authorities, is now available for sale at the Murwillumbah Visitors Information Centre.

The Fragile Edge, compiled by a number of specialists in culture, flora, fauna, geology and climate – including a number of Tweed Shire Council officers who volunteered their time and expertise – was officially launched in Bogangar last weekend.



Who is your
Tweed community hero?

Nominations are open for
Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards

- Arts and Culture • Citizen of the Year •
- Community Event of the Year •
- Sporting Achievement • Volunteer of the Year •
- Young Achiever in Community Service •

2016 Australia Day Awards
Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay to nominate
Nominations close 1 December

Local mail service origins revealed at Kynnumboon

History enthusiasts have toured the site of the Tweed’s first post office, to celebrate International Archaeology Day.

Bev Fairley, a direct descendent of Tweed settlers Joshua and Gertrude Bray, led a walking tour of their historic property Kynnumboon, near



Murwillumbah, the site of the first post office in the Tweed.

The tour, on Saturday 15 October, coincided with the start of the Museum’s display *Sorted! 150 years of Tweed Mail*, which explores the evolution of postal services throughout Tweed Shire. It examines several themes, including the beginning of postal services in the Tweed.

“Sorted! reveals snippets of the history of postal services through select objects relating to town and village post offices across the shire, from the Museum and private collections,” Tweed Regional Museum’s Acting Director, Kate Gahan, said.

“Other display gems include photographs of the present day Murwillumbah Post Office when newly completed in 1955.

“Strikingly modern in appearance, the first images of the new post office show it contrasted significantly with the town’s federation and inter-war era shops and facades,” she said.

Ms Gahan said the new post office building represented the first significant upgrade of postal services in the town for many decades.

Sorted! is on display at the Museum until early February 2017. For more information, visit museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 6670 2493.

Recognition for planners

The community and Council's shared vision for the sustainability and future growth of the Tweed's unique rural villages has been honoured with one of the state's most prestigious planning awards.

Tweed Shire Council's *Rural Villages Strategy* won the 'Best Planning Ideas – Small Project' category at the Planning Institute of Australia's (PIA) NSW Awards for Planning Excellence.

The award recognises outstanding planning concepts for a project at local or neighbourhood level.

The commendation from the PIA judges highlighted the community participation focus of the *Rural Villages Strategy*, which 'established a genuine partnership between Council and the villages, characterised by its success in developing new connections and a sense of ownership between previously disparate communities'.

The honour was accepted by Council's Unit Coordinator, Strategic Planning and Urban Design, Iain Lonsdale and Strategic Planner Matt Zenkteler at the state awards dinner in Sydney.

The *Rural Villages Strategy* identifies and explores issues and opportunities for villages, while taking into account the principles of sustainable planning, council and state government priorities and the opinions and desires expressed by the Tweed community.

To find out more about the strategy please visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au

Flick the festive switch

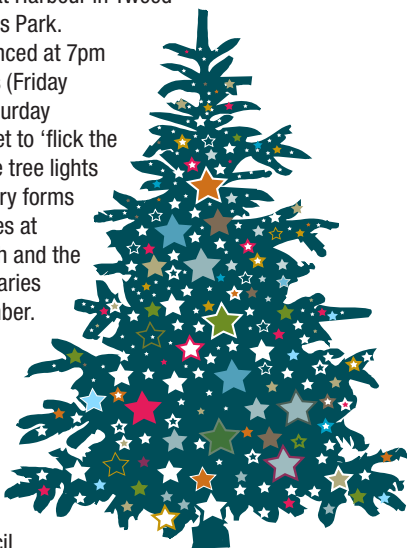
Tweed children have the chance to spark some festive spirit as part of Council's Christmas Tree Lighting Competition.

The competition, for children under the age of 12, is held in conjunction with the installation of two decorated and LED-lit Christmas trees that will be on display at Jack Evans Boat Harbour in Tweed Heads and at the Kingscliff Lions Park.

A lucky winner will be announced at 7pm at each location – Tweed Heads (Friday 2 December) and Kingscliff (Saturday 3 December), where they will get to 'flick the switch' and officially turn on the tree lights between 8.15pm – 8.40pm. Entry forms are available from Council offices at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah and the Tweed Heads and Kingscliff libraries up until 4pm on Friday 2 December.

Entry forms can also be completed on the night and be dropped in the barrels at the main stage areas between 5pm–7pm.

Entries are only open to residents of the Tweed Shire. For more information call Council on (02) 6670 2400.



NEW FEES AND CHARGES – CANVAS & KETTLE

At its meeting on 27 October 2016, Council resolved to advertise the following proposed hire charges for the Canvas & Kettle Meeting room at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre in Murwillumbah for a period of 28 days from the publication of this notice.

Canvas & Kettle	Community rate	Commercial rate
(a) Hourly	\$25	\$50
(b) Half day or evening (4hrs)	\$60	\$120
(c) Full day (8 hrs)	\$120	\$240
with Council use exempt from the fee		

Please email your submission to TSC@tweed.nsw.gov.au or write to: The General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, Po Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484.

COMBINED RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AND SECTION 96 MODIFICATION APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Combined re-advertisement of Section 96 Amendment DA03/0445.03 – amend Development Consent DA03/0445 for use of an existing stock and domestic water bore for the purpose of a rural industry comprising the harvesting and bottling of mineral water at Lot 1 DP 735658; No. 477 Urliup Road BILAMBIL and DA15/0664 – upgrading works and vegetation removal on and adjoining Urliup Road in association with DA03/0445 at Urliup Road URLIUP.

Council has received amended information in relation to the below applications and therefore is re-advertising for a period of fourteen (14) days from Wednesday 23 November 2016 to Wednesday 7 December 2016.

All amended documentation may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
L Karlos	Urliup Road URLIUP	upgrading works on Urliup Road associated with DA03/0445 (Note amended plans received 9/11/16)	DA15/0664
L Karlos	Lot 1 DP 735658; No. 477 Urliup Road BILAMBIL	amendment to Development Consent DA03/0445 for use of an existing stock and domestic water bore for the purpose of a rural industry comprising the harvesting and bottling of mineral water	DA03/0445.03

Proposed Modification to DA03/0445.03

- Enable delivery vehicles up to 19m in length to visit the site

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Modification Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified.

In accordance with Clause 117 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000, there is no right of appeal under Section 98 of the Act by an objector.

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.

Disclosure forms are available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation. Further information is available on the Department of Planning's website www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended).

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPROVED

CDC16/0169 – Pool house, in-ground swimming pool and gazebo
Lot 32 DP 812816, No. 38 Ti Tree Avenue, BOGANGAR

CDC16/0197 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 322 DP 1170179, No. 91 Riveroak Drive, Murwillumbah

DA16/0716 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 1 DP 1221844, No. 15A Monomeeth Avenue, Bilambil Heights

DA16/0720 – Dwelling with attached double garage
Lot 3 DP 1039608, No. 122 Malabar Avenue, Smiths Creek

DA16/0726 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, carport and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 177 DP 246982, No. 31 Gibson Street, Kingscliff

DA16/0740 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 2 DP 1217302, No. 215 Sleepy Hollow Road, Sleepy Hollow

DA16/0741 – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high fence in front building setback
Lot 230 DP 1047460, No. 6 Iluka Court, Pottsville

DA16/0761 – Carport within front building line
Lot 13 DP 240227, No. 14 Poplar Avenue, Bogangar

DA16/0773 – Roofed rear verandah
Lot 15 DP 409468, No. 6 McPhail Avenue, Kingscliff

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 www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking.

ROAD WRAP

Alert: Wharf Street, Tweed Heads, at Twin Towns, contractors painting overhead pedestrian link bridge. Traffic to pass beneath overhead scaffolding. At times, stop/slow flagmen will be in place. Detour during full closures will be sign-posted.

Roads closed: Sutherland Street/Casuarina Way, Kingscliff, at Cudgen Creek for bridge build. Main Road, Fingal Heads, for road rehabilitation, detour via Queen Street, to 30 November.

Temporary traffic lights: Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts, Terranora. Stormwater and road upgrade Chinderah Road, between Naru and Terrance streets, Chinderah.

Stop/slow flagmen, expect delays: Cudgera Avenue, Pottsville, tree pruning 9.30–2.30pm near primary school, 28 November to 1 December. River revetment repairs Tweed Valley Way, between Bartletts Road and Riverside Drive, Tumbulgum. Limited delays roadworks associated with two sub developments on Fraser Drive, between Vintage Lakes Drive and Acacia Street, Tweed Heads South; also limited delays between Parkes Lane and Glen Ayr Drive, Banora Point. Culvert relining works Dry Dock Road, Tweed Heads South. Road rehabilitation Altair Street, Tweed Heads South. Road reconstruction on two sections of Tyalgum Road, Eungella. Water main installation on Tweed Valley Way, south of the intersection of Cane Road, Murwillumbah. Sub-division works Pearl and Kingscliff streets, Kingscliff. Kennedy Drive at Pioneer Park, Tweed Heads West.

Footpath works: NBN installations Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads West, between Barrett and Gray streets.

Cycling event: see *Rainbow Ride Cycle challenge* ad opposite.

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Council proposes to classify Lot 6 DP 261570 as Operational Land, known as 141 Lone Pine Road, Doon Doon.

A period of 28 days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written submission to the proposed classification. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

FRIENDS OF THE POUND

Attention all pet owners! Santa is coming for two fun-filled weekends.

Have your photo taken with Santa and your furry best friend! All proceeds go to Friends of the Pound Tweed. **Where:** Friends of the Pound, inside Petbarn, 41 Greenway Dr, South Tweed Heads. **When:** Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December, 10am–3pm. Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December, 10am–3pm. Enquiries 0439 766 243.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kingscliff Lions Beachside Markets. Always 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month – next market 26 November. For enquiries and bookings phone 0406 724 323.

Pottsville Community Association will meet on Tuesday 29 November at 7.15pm at the Pottsville Community Hall.

Tweed Unlimited Arts Christmas Fair. Weekend 26 and 27 November, 9am to 4pm. Pottery, paintings, weaving and fibre art. Devonshire tea/coffee. Pioneer Parade, Banora Point. Phone (07) 5524 6223

ROAD CLOSURES – TWEED FOODIE FEST

Wharf Street and Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah, will be closed to traffic between Commercial Road and Police Lane on Saturday 3 December 2016 from 4pm to 11pm. The alternative route is via Wollumbin Street. Please contact festival organiser Kerry Turner on 0401 871 096 or email kerry@tweedfoodiefest.com.au

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RAINBOW RIDE CYCLE CHALLENGE

Rainbow Ride Cycle challenge Sunday 27 November. The Rainbow Ride cycle challenge starts in Currumbin finishes in Byron Bay and goes through many Tweed Shire areas. This event is supporting the charity GECKO. Please be alert to cyclists on these area roads (Tomewin Rd – Numinbah Rd – Limpinwood Rd – Tyalgum Rd – Smith Creek Rd – Stokers Siding Rd – Tweed Valley Way, Mooball – Pottsville Rd – Tweed Coast Rd, Wooyung) between 7.30am and 1.30pm on Sunday 27 November. For more information visit www.summerofcycling.com



Readers who are unsure of when their meter is read can look up their water week at:

www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

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