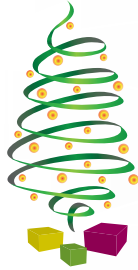


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## Tweed Shire Council officially 'Fit for the Future'

**Tweed Shire Council has received advice from the Minister for Local Government that it is officially 'Fit for the Future', after meeting the key NSW Government benchmarks, following a re-assessment process.**

'Fit for the Future' is the NSW Government's process for modernising local government to ensure all councils across the State have the capacity to provide the services and infrastructure their communities need into the future.

Council met several of the benchmarks in the original assessment in June last year and was considered by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to have the scale and capacity of a 'Fit for the Future' Council.

However, there were a number of financial benchmarks Council did not meet in the original assessment, including the important criteria of 'Operating Performance Ratio'. This has now been met through the latest financial statements which include updated re-valuation data on Council's assets which has had positive impact on Council's bottom line.

"This announcement is really good news for the Tweed as it has been independently assessed that we are in a financially sustainable position. Council's ongoing job is to now maintain this position through careful long-

term financial planning," Council's General Manager, Troy Green said.

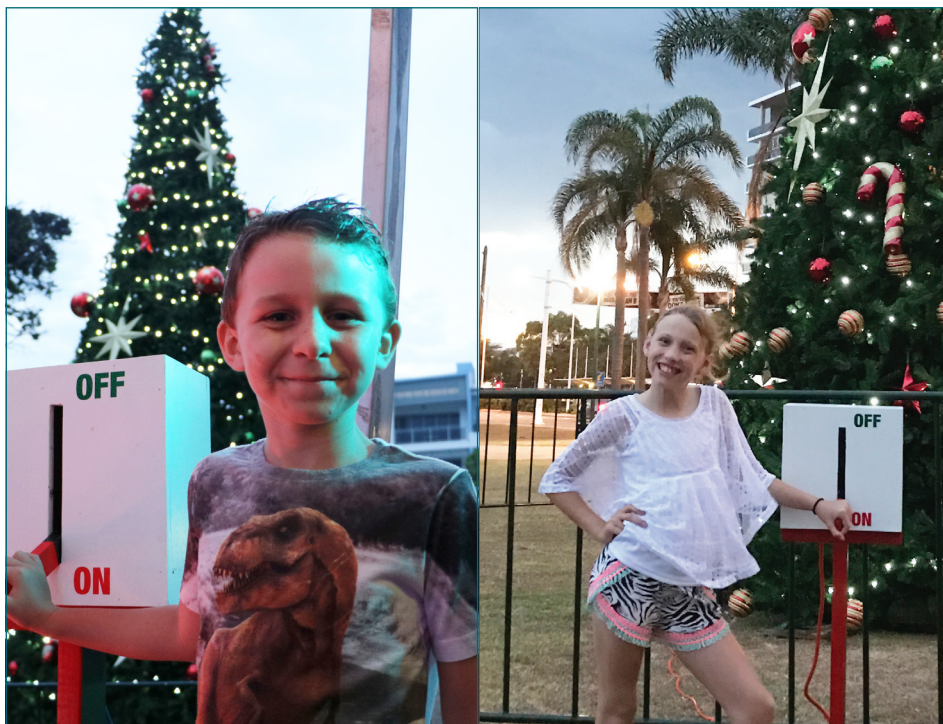
"The *Tweed the Future is Ours* project is part of this long-term planning. We're currently assessing almost 2000 responses to a recent major survey which asked residents to rate our services in importance, tell us how satisfied they are with the delivery of the services and what they think the priorities should be for the future.

"Members of Council's staff-based Community Engagement Network have been out and about at community events over the past year, talking to hundreds of people about Council's 52 services," he said.

"This information is vital to the formulation of the draft *Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027* (Council's blueprint for delivery on the community's vision) which will go out on exhibition for public comment in the New Year.

"Though this next round of engagement, members of the community will once again get to tell us their vision for the future and what the priorities should be for Council for the next 10 years," he said.

The Minister's full assessment is available at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/FitForTheFuture](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/FitForTheFuture)



Two lucky Tweed kids got to flick the festive switch last week as winners of the Christmas Tree Lights Competitions at Kingscliff and Tweed Heads. Cooper Vane (left) flicked the switch amidst the storms at the Kingscliff Christmas tree lighting, while Terri-Anne Ashburn had the honours at Tweed Heads.

## Kingscliff to host Blues

**The Tweed will host the 2017 State of Origin training camp for the NSW VB Blues Rugby League team at the Cudgen Leagues Club at Kingscliff.**

The camp will establish for one week before games one and three of the series, which will be held on 31 May and 12 July 2017 at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.

NSW Rugby League Chairman Dr George Peponis OAM and NSW VB Blues Coach Laurie Daley attended a launch at Mantra on Salt Beach at Kingscliff on Friday. They believe the Tweed is the perfect location for the camp, offering the ideal preparation for Origin with its proximity to Brisbane and a supportive community.

Daley said he believed the move to the Tweed would result in better preparation for the two Brisbane Origin matches, with less training time lost in travel.

"The Tweed has a strong rugby league history and it will be great to have the support of the local community as we prepare for the series," Daley said.

A number of community and business events are being planned to involve the local community.

For full details visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Newsroom/1922](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Newsroom/1922)

## New Year's Eve activities

Tweed Shire Council is proud to be hosting a family fireworks display at 9pm (NSW time) at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads on New Year's Eve. Twin Towns will also be having its usual midnight display.



## Tweed's 12 tips of Christmas

- 1 Support local retailers for your gifts this year
- 2 Support local farmers and enjoy the freshest Tweed produce on Christmas day
- 3 Save money and avoid food waste by planning meals, sticking to a list, using leftovers and only opening food when needed
- 4 Keep your home storm-safe, including clearing guttering ready for heavy rain
- 5 Give your pets a safe and happy Christmas by making sure they're microchipped and kept inside at night
- 6 Keep your backyard mozzie-free by emptying standing water and keeping your rainwater tank free from mozzies
- 7 Protect our local wildlife by driving safely at dawn and dusk and notifying Tweed Wildlife Carers if you see an injured animal
- 8 Keep cool in your home this Christmas by keeping windows shaded and making the most of your home's natural ventilation when afternoon temperatures cool
- 9 Use water storing crystals in your pot plants to save water while you're away on holidays.
- 10 Avoid fatigue during holiday drives, and stay out of floodwater
- 11 Visit Tweed's local pools and parks to stay cool and active during the festive period
- 12 Enjoy the festivities and plan ahead to not drink and drive. Designate a driver to stay sober, book a cab, stay at your mate's place or catch a courtesy bus.

## Support for animals and the homeless

The Tweed Shire Mayoral Christmas/New Year Appeal is on again this year, supporting Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers and homeless support organisation You Have a Friend.

The collection is open now and will extend until the end of January.

Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers is seeking towels (old or new), pillow cases, hot water bottles, old beanies and puppy training pads.

You Have a Friend has requested donations of tinned goods and toiletries.

Items can be dropped off to Council offices in Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah or Brett Street, Tweed Heads.

Anyone wishing to make monetary donations is asked to contact the agencies directly:

**Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers** – [www.tvwc.org.au/donate.php](http://www.tvwc.org.au/donate.php) or call (02) 6672 4789. **You Have a Friend** – [www.youhaveafriend.com.au/sponsorship](http://www.youhaveafriend.com.au/sponsorship) or call (07) 5524 2008.

## Hold my hand – Blue Dinosaur speaks to parents

**Hold my hand. That's one of the key messages for parents holidaying in the Tweed this coming festive season.**

Tweed Shire Council has partnered with the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation to promote road safety for young families holidaying on the Tweed Coast, particularly at Kingscliff and Hastings Point where 'Holiday Time: Slow Down, Kids Around' signs have been erected.

The foundation was set up by Michelle and David McLaughlin, whose young son Tom was killed on the roadside while on holiday at the Central Coast in January 2014.

While child road safety is always paramount in the Tweed, it's ironic that kids are at more risk on our roads when they are holidaying.

"It is sobering to understand that holiday time is particularly dangerous for children as they can be over excited, plus are in unfamiliar environments," Council Road Safety Officer Alana Brooks said.

"Little Blue Dinosaur reminds both motorists and parents that extra care needs to be taken of children around roads when they are on holiday."

The Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation stresses that adults should hold the hand of a child while crossing the road until they are 10 years of age.

"I want to stress to the community, parents and carers that we must hold our children's hands when on or near roadways until the age of 10, and closely supervise children until at least 12 because they can't always identify safe places to cross the road and act inconsistently in the traffic environment," said Mrs McLaughlin.

## Gateways to the Tweed

**Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from artists to bring community ideas to life in the form of gateway public artworks for Murwillumbah and Kingscliff.**

Through a series of public engagement events this year, and the 'Love Letters to your Town' initiative, community members put forward hundreds of ideas for themes they wanted to see represented in art.

Now it's the turn of the creatives. Expressions of Interest open on 15 December 2016. Interested artists are asked to submit designs that respond to themes in an artistic brief, developed from the community consultation.

The project is open to artists, arts collectives or public art design teams throughout Australia.

The proposed sites for the installation of public art are the Tweed Valley Way and Alma Street roundabout at Murwillumbah and Kingscliff's freeway underpass on Wommin Bay Road.

The key themes from the community that came through for Kingscliff focused on representing coastal life and heritage while Murwillumbah's ideas were about a vibrant art town and creative people. There were also strong environmental and indigenous heritage themes put forward for both locations.

The full EOI documents and details on the submission process are available at [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/town-centre-public-artworks](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/town-centre-public-artworks). Submissions close at 4pm (NSW) 25 January 2017.



## Council's Christmas opening hours

**Tweed Shire Council will temporarily close the majority of its operations and depots over the Christmas and New Year period, however most cultural and recreational facilities will maintain regular opening hours.**

Council's offices in Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah will be closed from 3pm on Friday 23 December 2016 to 8.30am on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Tweed Shire Council will maintain a skeleton crew for essential services such as roads, water and sewer, and on-call staff including the weighbridge at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre and the Tweed Laboratory.

Customers will be directed to Council's After Hours service during this period or can call it directly on 1800 818 326 (**Council services emergencies only**).

Kingscliff and Hastings Point are very popular with young families and motorists are urged to slow down on the Tweed Coast as more pedestrians and vehicles will be on the roads during the holiday period.

So please take on board the Little Blue Dinosaur's message and hold your child's hand when crossing the road.



**Kerri, Noah, Chris and Violet Kimball of Pottsville promote the 'Hold my hand' message at Hastings Point.**

## If Tumbulgum Hall could only talk

**Tumbulgum Hall will be transformed into an other-worldly place for two performances of an Opera Queensland and Arts Northern Rivers production on 16 and 17 December at 7.30pm.**

An all-local cast has been announced for the production, *Tumbulgum and the Countdown to Midnight at the First Supper between Now and Forever*, which is being staged as part of the *If These Halls Could Talk* project.

Tickets are selling quickly, with Friday night already sold out and only a limited number of seats still available for the Saturday night show.

Tickets can be booked at [ifthesehallscouldtalk.com.au/program/countdown-midnight](http://ifthesehallscouldtalk.com.au/program/countdown-midnight) or by phoning (02) 6628 8120.

Tweed Shire Council is a member of Arts Northern Rivers, which has collaborated with Opera Queensland to create *If These Halls Could Talk* through funding from the Arts NSW Regional Partnership.

## New financial assistance available

**A new round of financial assistance for Tweed community groups and organisations, through Council's Community Sponsorship Policy, is now open for applications.**

A total of \$46,503 is available this round to help groups offering events and services that enhance quality of life and community in the Tweed.

The Policy acknowledges the importance of the work done by many not-for-profit community groups and organisations to enhance the identity, character and environment of the Tweed Shire and the health, well-being and connectedness of the people who live here.

Applications close 3 February 2017. To access the Community Sponsorship application form, or for more information, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GrantsAndFunding](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GrantsAndFunding)

## Tyalgum to celebrate Christmas early

**Tyalgum has more reasons to celebrate this Christmas, with projects at two public areas on schedule for completion this month.**

A \$200,000 upgrade of Tyalgum Trust Public Reserve, in the heart of the village, and construction of a new lookout at the former waste transfer station are both on track for completion before Christmas, despite recent wet weather. Two shelters and a playground have been installed at the reserve and pathways linking its facilities have been constructed. The remaining work includes construction of the skate park and a rebound wall that will feature a soccer goal, cricket wicket and tennis net painted onto the wall.

Line marking for the hard-surface play area, incorporating the half-court basketball court, will be done in the new year. Work at the lookout is being completed at the same time and includes construction of a shelter and furniture.

Work at the two Tyalgum sites has been funded by a reallocation of operating funds from the transfer station, which was closed due to lack of patronage, with complementary funding from the Federal Stronger Communities Program (\$20,000) and an additional \$50,000 provided by Council through funding for the Tweed Youth Strategy and Action Plan.

The next stage of an upgrade of Murwillumbah's Budd Park is also progressing towards completion for Christmas. The project, jointly funded by Roads and Maritime Services under the Boating Now Program and Council, included repairing the existing recreational boating pontoon and relocating it to a more prominent location in the park.

Its new site is linked by a more accessible path and a new gangway.

## Tumbulgum Road new year closure

**Council will close Tumbulgum Road, between Sunnyside Lane and Old Ferry Road, Murwillumbah, for roadworks early in the New Year.**

The road will be stabilised and upgraded to improve safety for pedestrians and vehicles travelling along that narrow section of Tumbulgum Road, bordered by a steep embankment on the north and the Tweed River on the south.

Pedestrians will be diverted around the worksite via Old Ferry Road and Queen Street. Motorists will be encouraged to travel an alternate route via Reynolds Road to keep the steep and narrow Old Ferry Road as free of vehicles as possible to ensure pedestrian safety.

To complete the upgrade, the new wider roadway will be resurfaced and bordered on the riverside with a 600mm concrete wall to act as a guardrail.

The upgrade is expected to be completed at the end of April 2017.

## 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

**DA16/0331** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and conversion of garage to living room

Lot 3 SP 60865, Unit 3/No. 130 Hastings Road, Bogangar

**DA16/0576** – Alterations and additions comprising of a new upper level external access for a new deck and roof extension

Lot 1 SP 79903, Unit 1/No. 126 Hastings Road, Bogangar

**DA16/0699** – Roof porch addition at Unit 2

Lot 2 SP 18172, Unit 2/No. 115 Sunset Boulevard, Tweed Heads West

**CDC16/0205** – Refurbishment of Tweed Heads Bowls Club bistro

Lot 12 DP 803451, No. 22-38 Florence Street, Tweed Heads

**CDC16/0210** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 419 DP 1210785, No. 83 Coral Fern Circuit, Murwillumbah

**DA16/0775** – Block and timber fence

Lot 11 DP 576205, No. 24 Moss Street, Kingscliff

**DA16/0786** – Pool-house addition

Lot 22 DP 1067532, No. 147 Mount Warning Road, Mount Warning

**DA16/0788** – Carport and entranceway within the front building setback

Lot 26 DP 236820, No. 11 Summit Drive, Banora Point

**DA16/0806** – Dwelling with attached garage, earthworks and retaining walls

Lot 7 DP 259282, No. 14 Caloola Drive, Tweed Heads

**DA16/0810** – Attached garage

Lot 57 DP 1158855, No. 14 Rosewood Avenue, Bogangar

**DA16/0825** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 63 DP 1182600, No. 55 Laceflower Parade, Casuarina

**DA16/0846** – Dwelling with attached garage, in-ground swimming pool and 1.2m – 1.8m high front fence

Lot 37 DP 1066506, No. 2 Shipstern Street, Kingscliff

**DA16/0853** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 11 DP 836271, No. 7 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 [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking).

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kingscliff Lions Beachside Markets** – no market 24 December. Special twilight market Tuesday 20 December 3–7pm. For enquiries and bookings phone 0406 724 323.

**Tyalgum District Community Association** will meet on Wednesday 21 December at 7.15pm at the Tyalgum Village Community Hall.

## VACANCIES

### Community Development Officer – Cultural Planning

For more information and to apply:

- Visit Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers)
- Contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495
- All positions close at 12 noon (NSW time)
- Late applications not permitted.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Tweed Valley Way–Stotts Creek Disruption** – Tuesday 20 December 2016, 8.30am to 2.30pm NSW. The northbound lane of Tweed Valley Way will be closed to facilitate floodgate replacement and maintenance works on the McLeod Creek floodgate system located between Cudgen Road and Bruce Chick Park. Traffic control will alternate northbound and southbound traffic to one lane during this period.

## COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2016

The Meeting Agenda for Thursday 15 December 2016 are available on Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CouncilMeetings). The meeting will be held in the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 4pm with Community Access.

The Agenda for the meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting. The meeting is open to the public. It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Minutes of the meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

- 1 Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary and Council Meetings held Thursday 17 November 2016
- 2 Confirmation of the Extraordinary Meeting held Thursday 17 November 2016
- 3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Thursday 1 December 2016
- 4 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions
- 5 Mayoral Minute for November 2016
- 6 Receipt of Petitions

### REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### GENERAL MANAGER

- 7 Destination Tweed Quarterly Report – July to September 2016
- 8 Telecommunications Infrastructure on Council Land

#### PLANNING AND REGULATION

- 9 Development Application DA16/0355 for a 60 Lot Subdivision at Lot 1 DP 779976 No. 26 Tringa Street, Tweed Heads West
- 10 Development Application DA16/0300 for a Mixed Use Development Including Child Care Centre, Medical Centres, Office Premises, Retail Premises, Food and Drink Premises, Gymnasium and Associated Earthworks at Lots 171-172 DP 1208112 No. 478-480 Casuarina Way, Casuarina
- 11 Review of Determination of Development Application DA15/1064 for a Redevelopment of Waterslide Playground at Lot 1 DP 1014298 No. 1-3 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point
- 12 Development Application DA02/1983.17 for an Amendment to Development Consent DA02/1983 for the Use of Property for Filming and Producing a Television Program at Lot 77 DP 755715 Dungay Creek Road, Dungay; Part Lot 74 DP 755715 No. 366 Dungay Creek Road, Dungay

#### COMMUNITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- 13 RF02016090 Air-conditioning Systems Maintenance Services for Tweed Shire Council for a Period of Two Years
- 14 RF02016162 Ground Maintenance of Bilambil Sports Fields
- 15 Extension of Contract for the Management of Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre
- 16 Aquatic Hire Licenses

#### ENGINEERING

- 17 Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream
- 18 RF02016165 Supply of Bulk Fuels (Panel of Providers)
- 19 RF02016114 Kingscliff Foreshore Revitalisation Construction Works
- 20 RF02016139 Soil Nail Anchor Wall Tumbulgum Road Murwillumbah
- 21 Procurement of Bulk Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- 22 RF02016077 Supply Electricity for Small Sites from 1 January 2017
- 23 Proposed Crown Road Closure – Tumbulgum
- 24 Creation of Easement to Drain Sewage over Lot 5 in DP 1121923, Pottsville
- 25 Road Naming – Herbies Lane, Tweed Heads South
- 26 Classification of Land as Operational – 105 Fraser Drive, Banora Point

#### CORPORATE SERVICES

- 27 Draft Community Strategic Plan 2017/2027 'Living and Loving the Tweed'
- 28 RF02016169 Provision of Security Services
- 29 In Kind and Real Donations – July to September 2016
- 30 Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the Period 1 July to 30 September 2016
- 31 Monthly Investment and Section 94 Development Contribution Report for Period ending 30 November 2016

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 32 Street Trees under Power Lines
- 33 Banning the Provision of Alcohol for Councillors and Staff
- 34 Opening Murwillumbah to the River

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

- 35 Off Leash Dog Areas

#### CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

##### PLANNING AND REGULATION IN COMMITTEE

- C1 Vegetation Removal at Lot 23 DP 1211517 Barneys Point Road, Banora Point

##### COMMUNITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN COMMITTEE

- C2 Extension of Waste Transport and Disposal Contract with Veolia Environmental Services until 30 June 2017

##### ENGINEERING IN COMMITTEE

- C3 Clarrie Hall Dam – Land Acquisition – 683 Doon Doon Road, Doon Doon



Local Land Services  
North Coast

### Wild dog/fox 1080 baiting program

A 1080 wild dog and fox baiting program will commence in the Pottsville area on Monday 19 December 2016 and will be ongoing until Monday 27 February 2017. The program will involve properties along Cudgera Creek Road and Johansons Road. Please ensure all pets, particularly dogs, are kept restrained during this period.

If you are interested in becoming involved in future control programs or have any queries please contact Tony Heffernan, Senior Biosecurity Officer at the Lismore Office of North Coast Local Land Services, telephone 0412 769 193 or email [tony.t.heffernan@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tony.t.heffernan@lls.nsw.gov.au)

### ROAD WRAP

**Roads closed:** Wharf Street, Tweed Heads, at Twin Towns, night time closure tonight and tomorrow from 10pm-5am. Detour via Bay and Stuart streets. Sutherland Street/Casuarina Way, Kingscliff, at Cudgen Creek for bridge build.

**Temporary traffic lights:** Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts, Terranora.

**Stop/slow flagmen, expect delays:** 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. Road reconstruction on two sections of Tyalgum Road, Eungella. Stormwater and road upgrade Chinderah Road, between Naru and Terrace streets, Chinderah.



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

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

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