

Proud day for new and treasured Aussies

A diverse range of passionate and proud community achievers have been honoured at the 2016 Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards as part of the main celebration and citizenship ceremony at Twin Towns at Tweed Heads.

Fifty new Australian citizens were welcomed to the Tweed from 16 countries, while media identity and humanitarian Iain Finlay delivered the Tweed Australia Day Ambassador's address.

The awards honoured some of the many selfless achievers in the community, while more than 50 people from 16 different countries became new Australian citizens.

The Tweed's highest honour, Citizen of the Year, was awarded to Paralympic triathlete Bill Chaffey from Bilambil Heights. In 2016, a decade on from an accident that left him an incomplete paraplegic, he had the honour of representing Australia at the Rio Paralympics where he did the Tweed proud, finishing in fourth place.

Kingscliff Business Chamber President and Salt Surf Life Saving Club stalwart Mark Humphries, and long-serving Murwillumbah VIEW club president Shirley Kuhnell, shared the Volunteer of the Year honour.



Some of the Tweed's 2016 Australia Day Award recipients (clockwise from above left): Sam Smith and Bill Chaffey; Mark Humphries and Shirley Kuhnell, Kate Wilson and Matt Abood; new citizen Carolina Lavelle Davies and her son with Ambassador Iain Finlay; Bill Chaffey with his wife Vanessa and daughters Heidi and Amity. Photos courtesy of Tweed Daily News

There were also joint winners in the Sporting Achievement category with Kingscliff's Paralympic swimmer Kate Wilson and Olympic swimmer Matt Abood sharing the award.

Twelve-year-old Lindisfarne Anglican School student Sam Smith was named Young Achiever in Community Service for his efforts in raising almost \$8,000 for Tweed charity Kids In Need.

The Tweed Shire's Community Event of the Year award was shared between the Kingscliff Lions Club 2016 District convention, the Kids In Need Association Dragon Boat Day, and the Tumbulgum 150 year celebrations.

The 'Tweed Battle of the Bands' was named winner of the Arts and Cultural Achievement award.



Slow and steady to avoid being 'that driver'

There will be a lot of children on and near Tweed roadways this week – on foot, getting on and off buses, in and out of cars and on their bikes – as school for 2017 started on Monday.

Don't be the driver travelling too fast to avoid hitting the child who comes out of nowhere. While roads around schools have flashing lights and a 40kmh limit from 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm, many motorists fail to fully slow down in school zones to safeguard against that child stepping out or riding onto the road.

Speeding is a risk to children wherever it occurs and motorists are again urged to observe the speed limit at all times.

A recent survey found in the hour before and after school about 65 per cent of motorists on Casuarina Way choose to travel at speeds above the 50kmh limit.

"This is a great concern because it's a busy road and children are crossing

Two cars of equal weight and braking ability are travelling along the same road. Car 1, travelling at 60kmh, is overtaking Car 2, travelling at 50kmh. A child on a bike comes out of a driveway 29 metres away, just as the cars are side by side. Both drivers take 1.2 seconds to apply their full brakes. Car 2 stops without hitting the child. Car 1 hits the child while still travelling at 44kmh.

the road all the way along Casuarina Way to access school buses," Council Road Safety Officer Alana Brooks said.

"Slow down on Casuarina Way and you will have more time to react and will stop in a shorter distance to avoid being the driver that hits the child coming out of nowhere."

Children's library activities start at South Tweed

Richmond Tweed Regional Library's (RTRL) children's activities will begin at the Community Centre in Tweed Heads South next week.

The Community Centre, located next to the Tweed Heads South aquatic centre, will host Storytime on Monday 6 February from 10am and Baby Bounce on Friday 10 February at 10am.

The Community Centre is a temporary home for RTRL children's activities during the Tweed Heads Library upgrade, which began this month and is expected to take six to eight months to complete.

Storytime and Baby Bounce are free weekly activities bringing young children, their parents, grandparents and carers together. Storytime is a chance for pre-school aged children to sing songs, listen to story and do craft activities in a group, while Baby Bounce allows babies to enjoy singing, rhymes, music and books with their parents or grandparents.

During each session, a selection of picture books from the library's children's collection will also be available to browse at the Community Centre. In addition, a small selection from the Junior Fiction collection is available in the temporary library now open at the Tweed Heads auditorium building.

All categories of the Children and Youth Collection are available from the Richmond Tweed Mobile Library, which will stop in Wharf Street next to the library site every second Monday from 10am to 3.30pm. The next visit will be 6 February.

The mobile library visits are among several measures put in place to provide continued services during the Tweed Library expansion.

The Kingscliff and Murwillumbah libraries are providing full services throughout this period and were particularly busy while the Tweed Library was relocating to its temporary site.

"Between 3 January and 16 January, staff at Kingscliff and Murwillumbah filled 45 boxes with 852 items for return to Tweed Heads," the library upgrade's Program Manager, Fiona Dunbar, said.

"Another 5302 items were returned to the after-hours chutes that have been installed at the temporary Tweed Heads library site.

"We thank the Tweed Heads community for its patience and ongoing patronage of library services during the upgrade. More than 400 people visited the mobile library during its first day at Tweed Heads and there has been a steady stream of visitors to the temporary library, as well as the temporary computer café established at the adjoining Tweed Shire Council Administration Office."

For further information about the library upgrade and library services, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Library or the Richmond Tweed Regional Library website, www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au



An artist impression of the new Budd Point toilet block.

New toilets for Budd Park

Budd Park's ageing toilet block is being replaced by more accessible facilities, with work scheduled to begin next week.

The new two-stall toilet block will be attached to the Murwillumbah Visitor Information Centre, and the existing Budd Park public toilets will be removed, to provide better connectivity and vision across the park and down to the river.

Tweed-based firm Desire Contractors has been engaged for the \$131,000 project, which is expected to take 16 weeks to complete. The existing facility will remain open and available to park users during the project.

A full list of Council-provided public toilets, their locations and open hours, is available at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PublicToilets

Ruling saves school site at Seabreeze

The NSW Land and Environment Court has dismissed an appeal by a developer seeking approval for a 65-lot residential sub-division at Seabreeze Estate at Pottsville, which is earmarked for a future school site.

Newland Developers Pty Ltd lodged a development application with Council on 3 June 2015 seeking to subdivide land known as Lot 1147 DP 115395 into 65 lots over two stages. Council refused the application and the developers subsequently appealed the decision.

Last Tuesday's judgement found Council's decision to maintain the site for a future school was appropriate.

In her judgement, Commissioner Morris said: "...it was common ground that a school will be required in Pottsville."

"The council's long-term strategic planning has and continues to address that need through its DCP by identifying that land. Planning for the orderly and economic use of the land does not always mean that thresholds that trigger the need for a particular land use always coincide with the completion of surrounding development. There may be a delay in finalising the delivery of the full range of infrastructure required by a community for a variety of reasons.

"That should not prevent the delivery of those facilities that have been planned for and which are demonstrated to be necessary over time. This is a particularly important element of strategic planning and ensuring delivery of all necessary infrastructure over time," Commissioner Morris said.

Water safety awareness brings wave of enrolments

Another spike in bookings for swimming lessons at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre has been attributed to a growing awareness among parents about the need for children to have water safety skills.

A new term of swimming lessons begins this week, with a 25 per cent increase in booking numbers compared to last year's enrolments.

"Our enrolments have consistently risen each year, as more and more people become aware of the great need for children to have water safety skills from a very young age," TRAC Aquatic Programs Supervisor Jeff Collier said.

"However, there has been a particularly sharp rise this year, by about 140 participants, and

this probably has a lot to do with an increase in drownings this summer. Increased media attention in these drownings has also left people acutely aware of the need for children to have swimming skills and water safety awareness.

"Classes start for children as young as six months and there is great value in teaching fundamental skills to kids while they are very young. They learn very quickly and an early introduction sets them on the right track for life, to be competent and comfortable in and around water."

However, he said it was never too late to learn to swim or to improve water safety skills.

"Children of all ages need to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to be safe around

swimming pools, rivers and lakes or at the beach," he said.

"And it's not just children. We have a spectrum of ages participating in swimming lessons, including people in their 80s, who have decided it's time to improve their skills for safety or as an effective, low-impact way to be fit and healthy."

TRAC Swim Schools are licensed with Austswim, which sets a national benchmark for the quality of teacher accreditation and education resources.

TRAC provides lessons at its Murwillumbah, Tweed South and Kingscliff pools. For more information, visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 6670 2750.

Growing momentum for Strategic Plan engagement



Sue Beckinsale chats to Council's Sandra Freeman about 'Living and Loving the Tweed', Council's Draft Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027, at the Murwillumbah Farmer's Market last week. To learn more about the plan, come and talk to Council's Community Engagement Network at the following venues: 2 February – Casuarina Shopping Village from 9am to 3pm; 5 February – Pottsville Beach Markets from 7am to 1pm; 9 February – Murwillumbah's Sunnyside Mall from 9am to 4pm; and 11 February – Kingscliff Markets from 7am to 1pm. Council representatives will also be attending upcoming resident and ratepayer meetings at Kingscliff and Banora Point, as well as meetings of the Kingscliff Rotary Club and Kingscliff and District Chamber of Commerce.

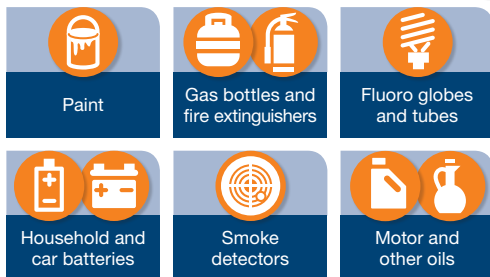
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REQUEST FOR OFFER

RF02016207 Tweed Heads Administration Office Rectification Works – Stage 1 External

Offers close: Wednesday 4.00pm (DST) 22 February 2017.

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. Hard copy documentation is available and costs will be in accordance with Council's advertised photocopying fees.

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 Chris Gray (02) 6670 2583.

ROAD WRAP

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

One-lane flows: Blackspot programme to realign curve Clothiers Creek Road, Clothiers Creek, between the Pacific Motorway and Wallum Court.

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 Tyalgum Road, near Tyalgum. Stormwater and road upgrade Chinderah Road, between Naru and Terrace streets, Chinderah. Footpath construction Pioneer Parade, Banora Point. Fraser Drive cycleway construction, Dry Dock Road to Harrier Street, stop/slow on concrete delivery. Water main replacement, Burringbar Road between Broadway and Burringbar Public School. Footpath replacement, Francis Street, Tweed Heads between Wharf Street and Beryl Street; footpath construction Pioneer Parade, Banora Point, stop/slow on concrete delivery. Culvert replacement, Booka Road, Upper Crystal Creek. Culvert reconstruction Palmvale Road, Palmvale. Shoulder closure for telecom installations in road reserve Ducat Street, Tweed Heads.

VACANCIES

Senior Human Resources Officer – Employee Relations

For more information and to apply:

- Visit Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers
- Contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495
- All positions close at 12 noon (NSW time)
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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

CDC12/0020.01 – Amendment to Complying Development Certificate CDC12/0020 for a garage

Lot 338 DP 755740, No. 21 Queen Street, Fingal Head

DA16/0787 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a double garage

Lot 10 DP 235189, No. 43 Sutherland Street, Kingscliff

DA16/0839 – Above-ground swimming pool, retaining wall and deck extension

Lot 22 DP 804521, No. 16 Federation Drive, Terranora

DA16/0895 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 2 DP 1166166, No. 377 Nobbys Creek Road, Nobbys Creek

DA16/0900 – Carport and deck addition to existing dwelling

Lot A DP 378114, No. 34 Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah

DA16/0913 – Two storey dwelling

Lot 27 Section 11DP 30043, No. 19A Hastings Road, Bogangar

DA16/0930 – Dwelling with attached garage, in-ground swimming pool and front fence

Lot 110 DP 1186602, No. 9 Laceflower Parade, Casuarina

DA16/0933 – Covered deck

Lot 5 DP 17747, No. 430 Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah

DA16/0935 – Dwelling, attached garage and in-ground pool

Lot 154 DP 1202149, No. 66 Nautilus Way, Kingscliff

DA16/0938 – Dwelling with attached garage, front fence and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 96 DP 1208915, No. 8 Suncatcher Lane, Casuarina

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tweed Byron Ballina Community Transport are seeking volunteer drivers in Tweed Heads and surrounding areas, using a fleet car or your own car. We are also looking for volunteer attendants for our regular shopping and social bus outings. Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed. Please call Janet on 1300 875 895.

Pottsville Beach Markets – Always the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Next market 5 February.

Tweed Theatre Company Inc. – Auditions for April production of 'BROADWAY BLOCKBUSTERS in Concert' directed by Tracey Kriz.
Singers, dancers and actors – Sunday 12 February, 2pm. Saint Monica's Church Hall, Golden Four Drive, Tugun. Enquiries: (07) 5536 2556

LAND CLASSIFICATION

Tweed Shire Council – Proposed Classification of Land

In pursuance of section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council proposes to classify Lot 4 in DP 605354 being 683 Doon Doon Road, Doon Doon as Operational Land.

A period of twenty eight 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.

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APPROVED

DA16/0584 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a carport within front building line

Lot 437 DP 31998, No. 176 Peninsula Drive, Bilambil Heights

DA16/0585 – Deck addition to existing dwelling

Lot 215 DP 806789, No. 9 Lovat Brae Court, Banora Point

DA16/0586 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 3 DP 807740, No. 19 Yarrabee Terrace, Stokers Siding

DA16/0587 – Deck addition

Lot 6 DP 262411, No. 28 Parkes Lane, Terranora

DA16/0590 – Carport within front building line

Lot 5 DP 878585, No. 8 Wommin Bay Road, Kingscliff

DA16/0591 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including spa, deck and one double carport within the front building line

Lot 11 DP 240227, No. 10 Poplar Avenue, Bogangar

DA16/0593 – Carport

Lot 46 DP 816363, No. 8 Cassia Crescent, Banora Point

DA16/0597 – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high front fence

Lot 126 DP 1201995, No. 28 Liriope Street, Casuarina

DA16/0603 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot C DP 366531, No. 6185 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar

DA16/0607 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within front building line

Lot 4 DP 28438, No. 105 Ducat Street, Tweed Heads

DA16/0609 – Carport

Lot 54 DP 245048, No. 40 Meridian Way, Tweed Heads

DA16/0611 – Detached dwelling additions

Lot 211 DP 1047460, No. 39 Urunga Drive, Pottsville

DA16/0612 – Additions to existing dwelling including ensuite

Lot 2 DP 818094, No. 663 Tyalgum Creek Road, Tyalgum Creek

DA16/0626 – Dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 405 DP 1048763, No. 61 Korora Parkway, Pottsville

DA16/0627 – Dwelling

Lot 127 DP 755724, No. 121 Boormans Road, Tyalgum

DA16/0628 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 8 DP 23687, No. 4 Rob Roy Crescent, Kingscliff

DA16/0629 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a carport

Lot 1 DP 777905, No. 543 Cudgen Road, Cudgen

DA16/0630 – Deck

Lot 904 DP 201135, No. 8 Marana Street, Bilambil Heights

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www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

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