



Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres' Gavin Urquhart says the Tokyo Olympics have inspired the Tweed's up-and-coming swimming stars.

## Olympic success inspires young swimmers

**The wave of success enjoyed by the Australians in the pool at the Tokyo Olympics is having an impact on budding Tweed stars of the future.**

Head of coaching and programs at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres (TRAC) Gavin Urquhart said the Olympics had inspired many youngsters to hit the water and with news that the 2032 Olympics will be coming to Brisbane has provided juniors with added incentive.

"We have between 35 and 45 swimmers in our squads per day and during the Olympic pool events, we would tape the swims and watch the replays with the kids," Gavin said.

"There's no doubt that the achievements of the Australians has really served to inspire our local young swimmers."

Gavin, who has been coaching for about 10 years at Kingscliff, said the facility had enjoyed producing promising young swimmers at local, state and national age group levels.

"We have also recognised those swimmers who started out here at Kingscliff and gone on to become Olympians with our honour boards," he said.

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre are now taking enrolments for learn to swim classes across all 3 pools.

Operations Coordinator Aquatic facilities Joanna Hogg said now was an ideal time to register for the learn to swim classes as they usually filled quickly.

"Lessons are on now and term 4 will commence on Saturday 4 October, enrolling and paying your deposit will ensure your place," Ms Hogg said.

Learn to swim classes cater for children from 6 months of age.

To register contact TRAC Murwillumbah on 02 6670 2750; TRAC Kingscliff on 02 6671 2945 or TRAC Tweed Heads South on 07 5569 3120 or visit the website at [trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres remain open at Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and Tweed Heads, following COVID-Safe guidelines. Please do not attend any of our facilities if you have been in any of the 4 affected local government areas of Ballina, Byron, City of Lismore and Richmond Valley on or after Saturday 31 July.

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From left: Tweed Tourism Company Industry Liaison Officer Sally Scott, Murwillumbah Business Chamber President Nick Moran and Tweed Shire Council Senior Economic Development Officer Kym Kranen take to the streets for the launch of the Why Leave Town campaign.

## Card program keeps money in local shops to benefit economy

**A program aimed at encouraging locals to shop local and support local businesses has been launched by Council, the Murwillumbah Business Chamber and the Tweed Tourism Company.**

The free Why Leave Town gift card program is designed to keep money within the local community with the initial program on the Tweed being wheeled out in Murwillumbah.

Using an EFTPOS-based system, shoppers can purchase a card at a 'Load Up Store' where they can put money onto the card – anywhere between \$10 and \$1000.

This card can then be used to make purchases of goods or services at participating stores within Murwillumbah (following COVID-Safe practises). This means every time a card is purchased and loaded up, the money stays local.

The Why Leave Town cards can be purchased as gifts for family and friends, raffle or competitions, prizes or incentive rewards in the workplace or just for everyday use.

As an added incentive, shoppers in the program could win prizes at the end of the year.

Businesses would have access to generic monitoring to see just how



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## Our cockatoos need you

**Glossy Black-cockatoos are one of Australia's smallest and rarest cockatoos and the Tweed is fortunate to have a small population living in the valley.**

Once a year, volunteers come together to participate in the Glossy Black Conservancy's bird count and this year, the Birding Day will take place over 2 days on 11-12 September across South East Queensland and north eastern NSW.

Everyday people and experienced birders alike will take part over the 2 days to search out this secretive bird, identify feed trees, record signs of feeding, and to photograph and record bird behaviour.

Knowing where the cockatoos are means we can do a better job of protecting them and their habitat.

Volunteers wishing to take part are invited to register online at <http://bit.ly/GBCvolunteer>

You can also sign up to the Conservancy's newsletter to stay up to date with all the glossy news at <https://bit.ly/joinGBC>

An online workshop is being hosted by the Glossy Black Conservancy on Monday 16 August at 6-7 pm via Zoom.

Black-cockatoo researcher Dr Daniella Teixeira will assist participants to brush up on their skills on how to identify this charismatic cockatoo, feed trees, signs of feeding, how to record an observation and learn the difference from the more common Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo.

Register at [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/glossy-black-cockatoo-id-workshop-tickets-158811135381](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/glossy-black-cockatoo-id-workshop-tickets-158811135381)

The Zoom session will be recorded for anyone who can't make it on the night. For more information, check out the Gloss Black Conservancy at [www.facebook.com/GlossyBlackConservancy](http://www.facebook.com/GlossyBlackConservancy)



You can help the Glossy Black-cockatoo through the bird count next month.

## Soil science experts share their knowledge at workshops

**Soil science experts who are passionate about the land are coming to the Northern Rivers to share their knowledge through a series of workshops next month.**

The Soils Knowledge Network (SKN) is a group of experienced soil scientists who will be holding workshops in Tweed, Byron and Lismore with the local event on Tuesday 7 September (subject to COVID-19 restrictions at the time).

The Tweed workshop will provide information on soil nutrient testing and interpretation, understanding soil structure and erodibility as well as management techniques to improve soil health and productivity.

Tweed Shire Council's Sustainable Agriculture Program will provide an update on a series of trials being undertaken on five local vegetable growers' farms as part of a National Landcare Program Smart Farms Small Grants project.

North Coast Local Land Services are collaborating to host these workshops and numbers are strictly limited so book early.

Participants are urged to bring along a sample of their own soil and a recent soil test for the practical sessions.

To register go to <https://bit.ly/3y4Vlw8> or call 1300 795 299. The workshop location will be provided to participants prior to the date.



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## Meeting schedule confirmed

Councillors have adopted a meeting schedule to see them through the remainder of the term.

The new schedule, adopted at last Thursday's ordinary Council meeting, was developed following the recent postponing of the NSW Local Government election by 3 months, to 4 December 2021.

All meetings will go ahead as per usual practice – Planning Committee meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 pm and Council meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month from 5:30 pm, with the exception of the meeting on Thursday 28 October, which will deal with Council's annual financial statements.

The Public Forum will also proceed as normal, starting an hour earlier at 4:30 pm, offering residents an opportunity to address Councillors on matters included on the meeting agenda for the day. Attendance via audio-visual link can be arranged for anyone wishing to address the Public Forum who is unable to attend in person due to public health orders.

Ordinary Council meetings will be held on Thursdays 19 August, 16 September and 28 October, while Planning Committee meetings will be held on 2 September and 7 October. A combined Ordinary and Planning Committee meeting will be held on 4 November before the commencement of the caretaker period.

Manager Corporate Governance Stephanie Papadopoulou said Council was doing all it could to ensure decision making continues in the Shire while complying with COVID-Safe guidelines.

"To accommodate as many community members as possible while allowing for COVID-Safe distancing requirements, all meetings for the remainder of the term will be held in the Harvard Room at Tweed Heads Administration Office," she said.

"Anyone wanting to attend the meetings in person must book via our online booking system or watch the meetings from the comfort of your own home via the livestream service.

"If you are subject to public health orders please ensure you comply. If you are not able to leave home, we encourage you to access the meetings via the livestream at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings)."

In keeping with legislation, the current Mayor will remain in the role for the remainder of the term. The role of Deputy Mayor will be recontested at the Council meeting on 16 September when the one-year term of the incumbent ends.

Councillors elected in December 2021 will serve a reduced term of 2 years and 8 months, with subsequent election expected to remain on schedule. The next election will proceed as planned in September 2024.

For further information, visit the NSW Electoral Commission at [elections.nsw.gov.au](https://elections.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1300 135 736.

## Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

**Fingal Head Community Association** will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 18 August 2021, commencing 7 pm at the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club. To comply with COVID-19 restrictions, please RSVP to the Secretary on 0410 683 926 or email [fncamail@gmail.com](mailto:fncamail@gmail.com)

## Request for offer

**RF02021046 Waste Collection & Recyclables Processing Service**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon 15 September 2021

**RF02020138 Supply of Ready-Mixed Concrete**

**RF02020155 Solar System Cleaning Inspection and Maintenance Program**

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon 25 August 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](https://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.

## Tweed Enduro February 2022

**NXsports Community Foundation is seeking local community feedback regarding the Tweed Enduro event in Pottsville.**

Event organisers are currently reviewing the opportunity to expand the Tweed Enduro program across two days, focusing on growing women's participation and providing inclusion opportunities. The event would take place on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 February 2022.

Please send feedback to [tweedenduro@nxsports.org](mailto:tweedenduro@nxsports.org) or call 02 8507 0796.

## Current vacancies

View current vacancies at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies)

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

**WATER WEEK 6** Check when your water meter is read at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading)

# Some Council facilities temporarily closed

Although the Tweed has not been included in the Northern Rivers stay-at-home orders, Council is temporarily closing some of its facilities to support the NSW Government's rules. This will help minimise non-essential movement and keep our residents and staff safe.

Until the lockdown is lifted, the following facilities and services are closed:

- Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre
- Tweed Regional Museum
- Tweed JUNKtion Tip Shop
- Visitor Information Centres
- Council events
- Council-approved community markets on Council-owned land,

including at Kingscliff, SALT Village, Pottsville, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads\*

- Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and Tweed Heads Libraries (click and collect loan services will remain, mobile print and scanning services available upon request).

Council's customer contact centres at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads will remain open with COVID-Safe measures in place.

Please do not attend any of Council's facilities if you have been in any of the 4 affected local government areas of Ballina, Byron, City of Lismore and Richmond Valley on or after Saturday 31 July.

Council staff are here to help. You can still contact us by phone, webchat, email or social media.

\* Murwillumbah Farmers' Market is not held on Council-owned land.



Soilco Operations Manager Michael Emery and Acting Project and Operations Officer Wes Knight at the new facility.

## From the green bin to garden compost

It's a 'green' light for a new, state-of-the-art facility at the Tweed Recycling and Landfill Centre at Stotts Creek that will process the Tweed residents' food and garden organic waste.

The \$7 million Tweed Organics Processing Facility will turn organic material, collected in green kerbside bins from across the Tweed, into useful compost.

Up to 25,000 tonnes of food and garden organics can be processed annually on site – with the compost soon to be made available to households, farmers and businesses as well as being used on Council-maintained parks and gardens.

The facility has been constructed on behalf of Council and will be operated by NSW organics recycling business Soilco for the next 10 years.

It is the largest of its type in the Northern Rivers and will function as an enclosed composting facility which will also be environmentally sustainable with features such as a 99KW solar power system.

Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson

said there would be further benefits to the environment as organic waste will be processed locally, instead of sending it to a facility in South East Queensland.

"By processing food and organics in the Tweed we'll also reduce our carbon footprint and logistics costs," Ms Stinson said.

"This is also about reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and educating residents to put all their food and garden organic waste into their weekly green bin collection – so it can be turned into high quality compost to benefit the local environment."

The project is supported by the NSW Environmental Trust as part of the NSW EPA's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the waste levy. The initiative provides funding support to councils and other organisations to build facilities to increase the amount of organic waste diverted from landfill in NSW.

For more information on the Tweed Organics Processing Facility, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-organics-processing-facility](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-organics-processing-facility)

## 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

**DA21/0334** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 556 DP 755740, No. 11 Oyster Point Road, **Banora Point**

**DA21/0305** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 40 DP 812816, No. 28 Sandalwood Drive, **Bogangar**

**DA21/0352** – Carport within front building line and covered walkway

Lot 21 DP 1052380, No. 3 Reef Water Circuit, **Bogangar**

**DA20/0678** – Two (2) lot strata subdivision

Lot 4 DP 246649, No. 113 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**

**DA21/0319** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 88 DP 1264557, No. 48 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

**DA21/0350** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 61 DP 1264557, No. 8 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

**DA20/0906** – Use of alterations and additions to existing dual occupancy (unit 1)

Lot 1 SP 74952, No. 49 Collins Lane, **Casuarina**

**DA21/0275** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 12 DP 631225, No. 1400 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**

**DA20/1005** – Conversion of existing detached family room with amenities to secondary dwelling

Lot 186 DP 1069887, No. 17 Point Break Circuit, **Kingscliff**

**DA21/0440** – Carport and shed

Lot 36 DP 35585, No. 16 Baker Street, **Murwillumbah**

**DA20/1026** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within the front building line

Lot 33 DP 263730, No. 42 Royal Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA21/0234** – Swimming pool

Lot 457 DP 1185703, No. 213 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA21/0357** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1 SP 88526, Unit 1/No. 6 Hassett Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA21/0425** – Alterations to existing dwelling including a covered deck, balcony and shed

Lot 1 DP 250210, No. 198 Stokers Road, **Stokers Siding**

**DA21/0393** – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls

Lot 408 DP 1252575, No. 21 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**

**DA21/0430** – Patio

Lot 21 DP 836271, No. 7 Merlot Court, **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 [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

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