

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.



Murwillumbah Cycles' barrista Kerryn Fuller and store manager Dan Smith look forward to welcoming Why Leave Town cardholders.

Why Leave Town – support local businesses

As NSW continues on the roadmap to easing COVID-19 restrictions, the Tweed community is being urged to play a part in helping local businesses through what remains challenging times.

The Why Leave Town campaign aims to keep money spent at participating Tweed businesses in the local economy, especially after what has been a tough period with lockdowns and restrictions.

Supported by Council, the Murwillumbah District Business Chamber and The Tweed Tourism Co., the campaign was launched in Murwillumbah in July as a pilot program and has generated strong interest from businesses and residents.

Since its launch, the Why Leave Town campaign has seen more than 50 businesses and services sign up and more than 100 cards loaded up by locals with almost \$8,000 – ready to be injected into the local economy.

“There was great initial support from the community in loading up the cards and with businesses opening up again, now is the time to use your Why Leave Town cards and keep your money local,” The Foundry Murwillumbah co-owner Deborah Catt said.

“Lockdowns are being lifted and restrictions are being eased but for

many local businesses and services, the cost of having doors shut or trading limited during COVID-19 has been devastating.

“At least through Why Leave Town, local businesses know there is money ready to be spent and I encourage anyone who has loaded up their card to go out and help our locals get back on their feet.”

It is predicted that for every \$100 spent locally, there is a local impact of \$180.

Ms Catt said leading up to the summer holiday and Christmas period, there had never been a better time to get a Why Leave Town card and load it up at one of the 2 sites in town – The Foundry Murwillumbah and Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) at Murwillumbah.

Originally established in Narrabri in regional NSW in 2007, the Why Leave Town program has been recognised for its contribution to helping communities become more economically resilient and has been named a winner in the Resilient Australia Awards 2021 by Resilience NSW. The promotion is now through to the national finals.

Visit whyleavetown.com/programs/murwillumbah to find out more about Why Leave Town and which businesses and outlets in Murwillumbah are taking part.



This great photo of the little family was captured by passionate local John Vandy.

Welcome to the world, Pied Oystercatcher chick

Hastings Point has a new resident – and it's too cute for words! One little Pied Oystercatcher chick hatched earlier this month (2 October) and Council and the community are working together to protect the chick and its parents.

The chick is still very young and vulnerable and won't be able to fly for a number of weeks. It is very reliant on its parents to be fed and protected during this time.

Pied Oystercatchers are listed as endangered under the *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. As they live and nest on the beach, they suffer from a high degree of disturbance which is why it's important to protect them.

The birds can lay 2 to 3 eggs between August and January however sadly, not all of them survive.

Program Leader – Pest Management Wildlife Protection Pamela Gray



Last week we each used

172L a day

as at 18 October 2021

Waste tip



Metal rocks!

Swap out your disintegrated plastic pegs for forever lasting metal ones.

With Christmas around the corner, it is also the perfect gift for those that have (almost) everything!



Elusive Albert's Lyrebird caught on camera

In a follow up to a recent story about the rare Albert's Lyrebird, one of the elusive birds was captured on a monitoring camera last month at Mount Nullum (pictured below).

This photo depicts one of the habitat restoration areas and shows a resident Albert's Lyrebird surrounded by dead lantana frames with native regeneration in the background.

Council's Project Officer – Wildlife Protection Emily Clarke was thrilled with the latest findings and evidence that the restoration work is paying off.

“It's so exciting to see first-hand, our native wildlife moving back into these areas that have been cleared of invasive weed species and are showing great natural regeneration,” Ms Clarke said.

The Albert's Lyrebird has one of the smallest distributional ranges of any bird in Australia, occurring only in suitable forest habitat within a restricted range in north-eastern NSW and the far south-eastern Qld Border Rangers. Together with project partners Birdlife Northern Rivers and Tweed Landcare and alongside Land for Wildlife members and private landholders, the project aims to secure populations of Albert's lyrebird on Council and private land at Mount Nullum and Numinbah.

Find out more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/alberts-lyrebird. You can record your Lyrebird observations all year round at inaturalist.org/projects/listening-for-lyrebirds-project-page, so keep listening out for them.



Tim's trek from the Top End back home to the Tweed

As the saying goes, you can take the man out of the Tweed but you can't take the Tweed out of the man.

This is definitely the case for Council's new Community Development Officer – Aboriginal, Tim Appo.

Born and bred on the Tweed, Tim went to school here before gaining an apprenticeship as a carpenter, learning the building trade.

When the global financial crisis struck, Tim headed to the Top End for work securing a job with the East Arnhem Regional Council as a Maintenance Manager on Elcho Island, off the coast of Arnhem Land – know to its traditional owners as Galiwin'ku.

Tim spent 2 years working on Elcho Island before securing permanent roles with the Department of Housing and Department of Infrastructure as a Project Manager in the remote town of Nhulunbuy (Gove), Northern Territory where he lived for a further 8 years.

Now back on the Tweed, Tim said he was looking forward to building respectful and strong collaborative relationships between Council and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

His role with Council is to create and manage projects, services and

groups building inclusive relationships with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

“There's a lot I believe I can bring to the Tweed from what I have learned in the Territory, especially when it comes to sharing indigenous knowledge,” he said.

“I have been impressed by the way Council promotes awareness of the local indigenous culture and I hope to be able to continue that.”

The father of 3 said he was blown away by the Tweed Regional Museum's *Land | Life | Culture* exhibition.

“I was surprised just how great that display is. Because it is so interactive it is a great way of gaining a better understanding of the Tweed's indigenous history,” he said.

A fifth generation local, Tim is looking forward to meeting and working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as a key contact between Council, service providers and government agencies.

To contact Tim Appo, call Council's Customer Service number 02 6670 2400 or email tappo@tweed.nsw.gov.au



Council Community Development Officer – Aboriginal, Tim Appo with the Aboriginal Seasonal Calendar which was produced as a collaboration between Tweed Regional Museum and Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Replace your **old shower** and get a **refund from Council**



Saving more than 15,000 litres of water per year and up to \$100 in water and electricity costs is as easy as installing water-saving showers, basin and sink spouts, mixers, aerators and flow controllers or regulators.

Council provides homeowners a 50 per cent rebate on the purchase and installation of approved water saving products such as showers and tapware.

If you upgrade your outdated showers and tapware with water efficient products, Council will refund 50 per cent of the total purchase and installation costs for eligible products to a maximum of \$100.

For further information on the rebate program, including terms and conditions and the application form, please visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/residential-water-rebates or call Council on 02 6670 2400.

Tweed Sustainability Awards 2021

Nominees for People's Choice

Vote for your favourite Tweed Sustainability Award nominee and help decide the 2021 People's Choice winner.



Regenerative Agriculture Award



R W Prichard Farm
Soil sustainability and management



Woodland Valley Farm
Regenerative agriculture, multi-species rotational grazing, and riparian and waterway regeneration



Matthew Prichard, Cudgen Road Farms Pty Ltd
Sustainable climate-friendly sweet potato production on the Cudgen plateau

Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Award



Green Heroes
Much-needed male marine turtle hatchlings protected on the Tweed



Tweed Landcare Inc.
Many hands working together for the Tweed environment

Tourism & Hospitality Award



Mavis' Kitchen
Zero kitchen waste and packaging, sustainable business and lowest food miles



Tweed Holiday Parks, Kingscliff Beach
Reduce the carbon footprint and global impacts of food waste

School Award



Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School
Student and organisation initiatives to be sustainability leaders

Not-for-profit Award



Agape Outreach Inc.
Repurposing food for the homeless and animals

Business Award



Southern Cross Credit Union
Committing to a healthier future for all in our community



Summerland Credit Union
Real sustainability built into everything we do defines our difference

Adult Award



Ari Ehrlich on behalf of the Caldera Environment Centre
Organising the annual Caldera World Environment Day Festival event

Vote online or cast your vote in person at Council's Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads customer service counters. Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-sustainability-awards to see the full list of nominees and to vote. Only one vote per person and voting ends at midnight on 31 October 2021. The award winners will be announced at a showcase event on Friday 12 November 2021 (subject to COVID-19 restrictions at the time).

Two library branches open

Library branches at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah have reopened for limited hours, after Tweed Shire Council agreed to fund the additional cost of administering the NSW Government's latest public health order.

Libraries across the Richmond Tweed Regional Library network adopted a Click and Collect service only following a decision by the executive council of the organisation.

The decision was made to comply with the NSW Government's roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions – www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/easing-covid-19-restrictions

However, Tweed Shire Council has agreed to partially reopen its 2 main library branches at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah, with security guards to be hired to ensure compliance with the public health order.

Under the plan, the Murwillumbah and Tweed libraries are open for full services on weekdays from 9 am to 12:30 pm until Friday 22 October, when the decision will be reviewed.

Click and Collect services remain available at these branches at all times during normal operating hours as well as at Kingscliff Library.

General Manager Troy Green said Council had agreed to fund the additional labour hire costs to ensure the safety of all patrons and staff.

Twin Towns Triathlon Club – road use

Twin Towns Triathlon Club intends conducting events (COVID-19 restrictions permitting) each Saturday morning from 5:30 to 7:30 am, concluding 5 March 2022 using roads in and around Banora Point. Roads used will include Leisure Drive, Fraser Drive, Botanical Circuit, Woodlands Drive and Darlington Drive. For further information please contact twintownstri@gmail.com

Expressions of interest

Project Reference Group

Expressions of interest are now open for a Project Reference Group that will provide expert technical and impartial information, advice and views to Council and guide the development of a Growth Management and Housing Strategy (GMHS) for the Tweed.

The GMHS aims to consider economic, social and environmental matters to create a balanced, contemporary policy to guide future housing and employment opportunities throughout the Shire.

Selection criteria

- Relevant qualifications or experience in government, housing or employment sectors and/or other demonstrated ability to contribute to the project.
- Able to represent the diverse issues and aspects of housing and employment.
- Can take a holistic approach to strategic planning and make contributions that will help develop a strategic policy and implementation framework that is based on evidence.
- Are a recognised representative of a community relevant to the project, relevant government agency, institution or industry sector.
- Have a direct and recognised interest in the future of housing and employment opportunities in the Tweed.

Expressions of interest close 4 pm, 10 November 2021.

To learn more and express your interest in getting involved, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/growth-management

Clean fill

Council is calling for expressions of interest from landowners willing to accept clean fill from its construction projects.

Council would deliver the fill free of charge to the property if the trip is shorter than that to a Council disposal facility. If the trip is longer, the property owner would be charged a gap fee based on mileage.

Properties suited to accepting fill must be able to be accessed by a tandem truck. In wet weather, fill can only be delivered to properties with all-weather access.

If Council accepts a property as suitable, it will add the property to a database and contact the applicant when clean fill becomes available from a nearby worksite.

For more information or to lodge an expression of interest, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/disposal-of-fill

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Cabarita Beach & Bogangar Residents Association meet Monday 25 October 2021 at the Caba Bowlo, starting at 7pm.

Chillingham Community Association will hold its AGM at 2 pm on Saturday 6 November 2021 at the Chillingham Community Centre. Contact chillinghamcommunitycentre@gmail.com or call the Secretary on 02 6679 1571

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

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CATS? We want to hear from you!

RSPCA NSW in conjunction with Tweed Shire Council, is looking for ways to improve how we keep our pet cats and wildlife safe in our community.

You're invited to complete a short online survey: redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=3MR4LAEYPR

Or scan the QR code:



Thank you in anticipation

For further information contact Dr Gemma Ma:
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This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Sydney [Project Number 2021/473]



This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.



Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 20 October to Wednesday 3 November 2021.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants	Lot 2 DP 1119629 & Lot 2 DP 1236156; No. 160 Richards Deviation, Dunbible	Rural landsharing community	DA21/0807

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

Notification of integrated development applications

Development Application no. DA21/0812

A development application has been lodged by Mecone seeking development consent for concept application for an agricultural food hub comprising of 19 industrial sheds, associated earth works and internal site roads Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) at Lot 403 DP 1001046; No. 1023 Cudgera Creek Road and Lot 401 DP 1001046; No. 931 Cudgera Creek Road, **Cudgera Creek**. The NRPP is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	Natural Resources Access Regulator

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 20 October 2021 to Wednesday 17 November 2021.

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.

Any submission objecting to the proposed development must state the ground upon which such objection is made.

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.

Further information regarding Donations and Gift Disclosure are available on Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications

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

DA21/0644 – Carport addition to existing dwelling
Lot 69 DP 1030322, No. 36 Eclipse Lane, **Casuarina**

DA21/0640 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including pool and carport within the front building line
Lot 41 DP 839006, No. 11 Monarch Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0539 – Part demolition and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 30 Section 5 DP 20361, No. 17 Harwood Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0678 – Deck addition to existing dwelling
Lot 1 DP 25030, No. 70 Byangum Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0723 – Carport
Lot 558 DP 1076975, No. 2 Echidna Street, **Pottsville**

DA21/0556 – Alterations and additions to residential development (enclosure of balcony)
Lot 32 SP 20856, Unit 32/No. 53 Bay Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0651 – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including a secondary dwelling
Lot 16 Section 13 DP 28390, No. 35 Seaview Street, **Tweed Heads South**

DA21/0152 – Change of use to respite day care centre (suites 1–3) and business identification sign
Lot 1 SP 60561, SP 60561, Unit 1–8/No. 8 Corporation Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

DA21/0610 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 25 DP 1006260, No. 5 Stradbroke Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0634 – Five lot community title subdivision
Lot 10 DP 1084319, No. 1 Wollemi Place, **Tweed Heads West**

DA21/0649 – In-ground swimming pool and deck
Lot 127 DP 30960, No. 3 Jacaranda Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

DA21/0684 – Carport and front fence within the front building line
Lot 45 DP 264646, No. 23 Plover Place, **Tweed Heads West**

DA21/0774 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 8 DP 862572, No. 81 Tyalgum Ridge Road, **Tyalgum**

DA21/0662 – Dwelling and use of unauthorised structure as a home office
Lot 9 DP 858964, No. 395 Upper Burringbar Road, **Upper Burringbar**

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

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