

Stories of the Tweed Valley

Food from the Sea



Boyd's Shed

The Boyd family built their shed from timber and iron in 1907 at Boyds Bay as a headquarters and a place to store the equipment used in their work, such as their nets and fish boxes. It was also the place where the men finished their day's work, planned for the next day and had a drink before going home. It became a popular social centre at night and on Sunday mornings, and was a place where all sorts of people were welcomed to swap stories and have a drink. Even after the Boyd's last catch at Dodd's Point in 1969 the boatshed remained a social centre for many years where meetings, dances and family reunions were held. The boatshed was conserved and moved to Pioneer Park in West Tweed Heads in 1996.



The once booming fishing industry in the Tweed began to dwindle around the middle of the 20th century as fish stocks were eventually depleted by factors such as overfishing, marine pollution, coastal development and the drainage of wetlands where many fish and shellfish spawn (deposit their eggs). Today fishing crews in the region find it harder and harder to make a living and the focus has shifted from wild fisheries to aquaculture, or fish farming.

- The amount of fish and shellfish in the Tweed has dropped dramatically in the last few decades because of four factors. What are they?

Tweed River Regional Museum

Established in 2004, with the uniting of the three local Historical Societies, Tweed River Regional Museum is one museum in three special locations, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Uki. Spanning the Shire from the coast to the mountains, the branches of Tweed River Regional Museum are a unique journey into the history, people and places of majestic Tweed Valley.

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