

Time to have your say on flood issues

Flooding is a hot topic at the moment, and Council is seeking the views of our coastal communities on flood-related issues as part of the Coastal Creeks Floodplain Risk Management Study.

Community organisations within the study area (from South Kingscliff to Wooyung, inland to Burringbar - Mooball) are being encouraged to make a submission to Council, considering a range of flood related issues, including:

- Emergency response issues experienced in previous events, and how this could be improved.
- Previous flood damage experienced by in previous events, and how this could be minimised.
- The level of flood awareness, and how this could be improved.
- Flood modification options (structural options such as levees and drainage) that should be investigated.
- Current development controls and how they could be improved.
- Other property controls such as voluntary purchase or house raising that should be investigated.



Help Council address flooding issues by taking part in a flood survey.

- Environmental, social and economic implications of past or future floods.
- River bank treatments and riparian vegetation projects and their usefulness.
- The potential impacts of climate change because of increased sea levels and increased rainfall intensities, and how these impacts should be addressed.
- The implications of future development on the floodplain.

Individuals are also encouraged to participate in the consultation process by completing a survey

questionnaire.

The submissions and survey responses will be used to identify and assess options to mitigate flood risks and to help prepare a plan which details how flood-prone land within the study area will be managed.

The survey can be completed online through Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au (under 'What's New') or hard copies are available at Council offices at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads and local libraries.

The deadline for surveys and other submissions close on Friday 9 March 2012.

IN BRIEF

Natural disaster declared

The Tweed Shire has been declared a Natural Disaster Area following the Australia Day rain event, making available a range of government funding. Council estimates the damage to essential public assets in the Tweed at more than \$2.3 million. Residents seeking assistance for damage on private property should contact NSW Community Services on 1800 018444 or visit Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Cane toad muster

The Cane Toad Muster at Bray Park next Wednesday, 8 February, is a must for all ages. Come along to the muster to learn about the impact of cane toads and how to identify, safely catch and handle cane toads. Please meet at Chinaman Gardens Reserve at the corner of Kyogle Road and Riveroak Drive, Bray Park at 8pm. For information contact Sally Jacka on (02) 6670 2561 or sjacka@tweed.nsw.gov.au or Pamela Gray on (02) 6670 2778, email pgray@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Surf champs again

The 2012 Surf Life Saving NSW State Championships are set to be held again this year at Kingscliff Beach. The Juniors (2-4 March), Masters (8 March) and Open Championships (9-11 March) will all be held at Kingscliff despite the effects of erosion on sections of the beach. However, organisers are looking at the possibility of relocating the boat events to Fingal Head or Pottsville.

Community Catch-up

Tweed residents will have another opportunity to raise issues with the Tweed's elected members, when the next Councillors' Community Catch-up is staged at the Pottsville community markets on Sunday, 19 February. Several councillors will attend Council's Catch-up marquee from 9am to 1pm, enabling residents to drop in any time during this period to discuss any Council-related topic of their choice.

Razorback - walk and talk about Tweed landmark

Razorback Lookout has always been a special place to the people of the Tweed.

For those who would like to know more about this Tweed Heads landmark, the Tweed Byron Bush Futures project is holding a free Walk 'n' Talk at Razorback on Saturday 18 February from 10am to 11.30am.

Participants can learn more about the history of this iconic lookout and the current environment restoration works, hear about the Aboriginal heritage of the site, view historic photos and learn about the various uses of the site since European settlement.

Razorback Lookout is located on Razorback Road, off Charles Street.

For more information contact the Natural Resource Management Community Support Officer, Claire Masters on (02) 6670 2199 or csotweed@tweed.nsw.gov.au



A 1940 postcard of a crowd of school boys and men on Razorback looking down on Tweed Heads recreation grounds, with Flagstaff Hill and the mouth of the Tweed River in the background. Photo: Tweed River Regional Museum

Fine warning - dogs must be on leads when in public places

While most dog owners in the Tweed are respectful of our shared public spaces, Tweed Shire Council Rangers are receiving a number of complaints about dogs being exercised without leads.

Dog and cat owners have the right to have and enjoy the companionship of their pet. However, there must also be the recognition of the rights of others to enjoy a lifestyle without unreasonable interference from another person's pet.

Unfortunately, it is not necessarily the pet that causes the problem, but the lack of owner responsibility. All dogs must be walked on a lead while in a public place.

Complaints are also being received about people not removing dog faeces while walking their dog in a public place. Stray dogs' faeces and the failure of owners to collect and properly dispose of their dog's faeces poses a potential health hazard to the community, as well as an environmental hazard.

"It is important to remember that public places (which include beaches) are a shared space and that there is room for everyone if the rules are respected,"

said Paul Brouwer, Regulatory Services Coordinator for Council.

"Sadly there are some people in the Tweed who just do not respect that a dog must be walked on a lead whenever it is in a public place, including beaches, and that dogs are also prohibited from some beaches," Mr Brouwer said.

"Council Rangers are authorised to issue infringement notices for non-compliance. This can be issued either on the spot or delivered through the postal system.

"It is easy to avoid a fine by ensuring your dog is walked on a leash at all times whenever you are in a public place.

"We are also lucky enough to have a number of beautiful beaches that are available as off-leash areas in the Tweed Shire," he said.

These are located at:

- South Fingal / Kingscliff Beach - from a point two km north of the beach access point opposite the Kingscliff Police Station to a point 0.5km south of the beach access point at the Fingal Head Quarry.
- South Kingscliff Beach - for two km south of the Council access near Cudgen Creek.
- South Cabarita Beach - 200m south of Norries Headland to a point one kilometre north of Cudgera Creek.
- South Pottsville Beach - 200m south of the board and chain walk to 200m north of Black Rocks.

The other off-leash exercise areas within the Tweed are located at:

- The treed area within Arkinstall Park, Tweed Heads South.
- Ducat Park—Ducat Street, Tweed Heads.
- The unnamed reserve on the corner of Darlington Drive and Amaroo Drive, Banora Point.
- The unnamed reserve at the bottom of Bushland Drive, Banora Point.
- The reserve on the corner of Naponyah Road and Bilambil Road, Terranora.
- The riverbank reserve at the end of Old Ferry Road, Oxley Cove.
- Corowa Park - Corner of Chinderah Road and Terrace Street, Chinderah.
- Turnock Park - Corner of Chinderah Road and Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah.
- Boyds Family Park, Tweed Heads West.
- The public park in Frangella Drive, Murwillumbah.
- The public park between numbers 73 and 89 River Street, Murwillumbah.

Wet-weather delay for Kennedy Drive

Wet weather has delayed work on the \$3.5 million Kennedy Drive upgrade.

While Council's day labour crews are on schedule, contractors due to construct the new bitumen pavement have been delayed about three weeks due to a backlog of other commitments.

The installation of water main on the northern side and new kerb and guttering works is complete, and the footpath and driveways will be completed by the end of this week. Once the pavement has been laid by contractors, Council staff will begin similar construction of underground infrastructure (a new water main to service the local community) and new road pavement on the south side. All works on the southern side should be completed within 10 weeks, weather permitting.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2011/2012 DONATIONS - SECOND ROUND

Applications for financial assistance under Council's Donations Policy are invited from non-profit community groups, organisations and individuals who are interested in working towards the enhancement and well-being of Tweed's residents. There are limited funds available, therefore only one application per community group/individual will be considered.

Applications are to be completed on the standard forms available on Council's website - www.tweed.nsw.gov.au under 'Do Business', 'Application Forms', 'Applications - donations'. For more information call Barbara Allen (02) 6670 2735. Applications close on 28 February 2012 and will be considered at Council's meeting on 20 March 2012.

The Festivals funding policy has been changed to one funding round per year. See Council's website for details. Application form available in March due in on 1 May 2012.



ADOPT A POUND PET



Age: 18 months
Breed: American Staffy
Gender: Female
Temperament: "Sunny" is a bright young dog who loves companionship. She is responding well to training and needs an owner who is willing to continue her development. Come on down and meet her, you won't be disappointed. If you want to adopt a pet, call the Tweed Shire Council Pound on (02) 6676 6060 10am-4pm seven days week or visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au All pets are desexed and vaccinated.

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South Tweed (07) 5524 1749

Or email: tracbubbles@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Bringing back our butterflies

The recovery of Richmond Bird Wing butterflies has taken a step forward in the Tweed, with assistance from training provider EnviTE's 'Tweed Shire Bush Preservation' National Green Jobs Corps Project team.



A number of Birdwing butterfly food vines (*Parastolochia praevenosa*) were planted recently adjacent to the Bruce Chick Park interpretive display at Stotts Island. These vines were a gift from the Richmond Birdwing Conservation Network following a community workshop run in August this year, which was sponsored by the NSW Environmental Trust and the Tweed Byron Bush Futures Project.

Bush Futures Project manager John Turnbull said additional vines will be planted in the near future by the Green Corps team and Council staff to ensure that there is enough leaf mass to feed the voracious caterpillars of the Birdwing butterfly.

As an added measure of protection, bollarding has been installed by Council to help to repair the site and prevent further damage by vehicles. These works have also been funded by the Bush Futures Project.

TWEED SHIRE COASTAL CREEKS FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY - FLOOR LEVEL SURVEY

Council has received a NSW Government grant to undertake a floor level survey of 3400 flood-liaible residential and commercial properties in the coastal creeks catchments from Kingscliff to Wooyung and inland to Burringbar and Mooball. The data from this survey will be used in the current Floodplain Risk Management Study, for modelling of flood impacts, emergency management and damage estimates.

The survey will be conducted by Council staff and contractors, using equipment where line of sight measurements are taken from the road. In cases where a view of the floor level of a building is not possible from the road, residents may be requested to allow surveyors to measure within a property.

The work began late November 2011 and should be completed by the end of this month.

Residents with any questions or concerns are welcome to contact Council's Registered Surveyor Col Lutton on (02) 6670 2482 or Planning and Infrastructure Engineer Danny Rose on (02) 6670 2476.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following development applications have been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking or inspected, together with any documents accompanying the development applications, at the Council's Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centres during ordinary office hours or if the application is located in the Kingscliff, Cudgen or Casuarina area the application will also be available for inspection at the Kingscliff Library during library hours for a period of fourteen (14) days (excluding public holidays) from Wednesday 8 February to 22 February 2012.

APPLICATION DETAILS

DA12/0033 - Refurbishment of Sails Restaurant within Tweed Heads Bowls Club including enclosing an existing deck for an additional 142m² of internal floor space

Lot 12 DP 803451, Lot 61 DP 237806, Lot 1 DP 549328, Lot 2 DP 549328, Lot 64 DP 237806, No. 58-64 Wharf Street; No. 22-38 Florence Street, Tweed Heads

Rubicon Design & Construct Pty Ltd

DA11/0586 - Revised advertising signage in association with existing caravan park

Lot 1 DP 1014298, No. 1-3 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point

Ladehai Pty Ltd

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.

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.

Disclosure forms are available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/disclosure. Further information is available on the Department of Planning's website www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations

\$25

MICROCHIPPING

MICROCHIPPING DAY

Saturday 25 February 2012

Bookings Essential

Microchip your cat or dog for only \$25

Venue: Tweed Heads Community Centre carpark, opposite South Tweed Sports Club, off Heffron Street from 8am (Daylight Saving Time). Microchipping services will be provided by appointment only. Please phone (02) 6670 2400 to make an appointment. Cash/cheque only.

An initiative of Tweed Shire Council to encourage responsible pet ownership.

LIFETIME REGISTRATION COSTS

- \$150 for Non Desexed Dog or Cat
- \$40 for Desexed Dog or Cat
- \$150 Non Desexed Dog or Cat (pens. rate)
- \$15 for Desexed Dog or Cat (pens. rate)

(Proof of Pension Card and Desexing is required for discounted rates)

Residents are advised that:

- Cats born after July 1999 and all dogs should be microchipped from three months of age or from the change of ownership (whichever comes first).
- All pets must be lifetime registered from six months of age.

POSITIONS VACANT

POUND ATTENDANT

Reference Number: 12-014

Salary: \$629.13 - \$713.57 per week

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT OFFICER - WATERWAYS (Fixed Term)

Reference Number: 12-015

Salary: \$1,105.71 to \$1,309.75 per week

The closing date for these positions is 12 noon NSW daylight saving time on Friday 17 February 2012.

Applicants must obtain the vacancy information package and selection criteria, available from Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au, customer service office at Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre Reception area or by calling (02) 6670 2495. Successful applicants will be subject to a three-month probationary period. Casual positions at Council are managed by JHA Recruitment, for further information please call 1300 800 301 or visit www.jharecruitment.com.au

TENDERS

EC2012-018 Supply of One (1) 24,000Kg Heavy Commercial 6x4 Truck Chassis and Build and Supply of One (1) 12 Cubic Metre Aluminium Tipping Body.

EC2012-026 Manufacture, Supply and Delivery of DN 450 mm Dia. Pressure Pipe and Fittings

EC2012-028 Supply of Revetment Rock for Kingscliff Foreshore protection.

Tenders close: **Wednesday 4pm (DST) 29 February 2012.**

EQ2012-023 Provision of Overhead Crane Service Agreement.

Tenders close: **Wednesday 4pm (DST) 7 March 2012.**

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

Tenders must be lodged as specified in the tender documentation.

Tender documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders

All tenders 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 tender is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify. For further information please contact Sean Harvey (02) 6670 2606.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cabarita Beach /Bogangar Residents' Association meets at 7pm on Monday 13 February in the Cabarita Bowls Restaurant. New members welcome.

Piggabeen-Cobaki Progress Association meets on Tuesday 14 February at 7.30pm at the Piggabeen Hall.

POTTSVILLE HOCKEY CLUB SIGN ON

Sign on Dates 2012 season are Saturday 11 and 18 February from 3-5pm at Seabreeze hockey fields. Past and Present players all welcome. Season commences Saturday 31 March. Further Information phone (02) 6676 3709.

SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE 19 FEBRUARY 2012

Tweed Parks Kingscliff Triathlon

6am-1pm Roads Closed: Marine Parade, Moss Street, Sutherland Street, Wommin Bay Road, Chinderah Bay Drive (Jenners Cnr to dead end). Contact 0731 246 099 or www.qsmsports.com

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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

DA11/0485 - Dwelling additions and attached granny flat
Lot 29 DP 826084, No. 46 The Grove, Nunderi

DA11/0624 - Dwelling
Lot 419 DP 1159521, No. 20 Hassett Drive, Pottsville

DA11/0632 - Demolition of garage and carport and dwelling additions
Lot 9 DP 565751, No. 30 Terranora Road, Banora Point

DA11/0581 - Carport and patio
Lot 343 DP 860725, No. 13 Eliza Fraser Court, Terranora

DA11/0616 - Addition to existing two storey dwelling of bedroom and verandah
Lot 7 DP 565198, Tree Street, Bray Park

DA11/0621 - Carport
Lot 41 DP 841394, No. 12 Tralee Drive, Banora Point

The above development applications are available for public inspection free of charge at the Planning and Regulation Division, Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre, during ordinary office hours.

KINGSCLIFF LIONS BEACHSIDE MARKETS

Always the second and fourth Saturday of the month - next market 11 February.

ROADS ACT, 1993 SECTION 122

Tweed Shire Council hereby gives notice that at a meeting held on 24 January 2012 Council, as roads authority, resolved that it will exercise its authority, pursuant to section 122 of the Roads Act, 1993, to temporarily regulate the traffic on Kellehers Road, Pottsville by the means of a gated structure.
Mike Rayner, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council.

PROCUREMENT POLICY VERSION 1.4

Council at its meeting of 13 December 2011 resolved in accordance with Section 160 of the Local Government Act 1993, to place on public exhibition the revised Procurement Policy Version 1.4. This policy has undergone a major review and is placed on public exhibition to enable any public submissions to be made.

Submissions on the draft policy will be received up until Wednesday 29 February 2012.

The draft policy can be viewed on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au or alternatively by attending either the Murwillumbah or Tweed Heads Offices. Further information on the draft policy can be obtained from Council's Manager Corporate Governance Neil Baldwin on (02) 6670 2421. Submissions can be made in writing to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, P.O. Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or by email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au by the due date.

NAMING OF PUBLIC PARK

Council invites comments for the naming of the public park located under the fig tree, opposite Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre as:

'Wharf Park'

Submissions or comments regarding the proposed naming are requested to be lodged no later than 4.30 pm on 6 March 2012 to the General Manager Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

CALDERA FARMERS MARKET MURWILLUMBAH

Every Wednesday 7am-11am. All-weather shopping at the Murwillumbah Showground. *Know your farmer, know your food.*