

Answering a range of inquiries

THE life of a Tweed Shire Council ranger is a busy one with each working day taking them the length and breadth of the Shire.

Working under the Regulatory Services Coordinator, Paul Brouwer, the rangers traverse the Shire on a daily basis answering residents' concerns, inquiries and complaints related to the Regulatory Services portfolio.

These matters can range from dumped rubbish and abandoned vehicles to litter complaints, including cigarettes butts being thrown out of vehicles, overgrown land, car parking duties, straying livestock and domestic animals as well as 4WD licence compliance on beaches and illegal signage. With the fleet of vehicles now carrying illuminated signage, Mr Brouwer said residents would become more aware of the rangers' presence as they carried out their daily duties.

With daylight saving in operation, early morning and late afternoon patrols along coastal beaches and in general throughout the streets of the Shire are in full swing.

It seems like a huge portfolio for a relatively small staff to handle and Mr Brouwer agrees. "Although we have a staff of seven, rostering to have patrols seven days a week reduces the day to day staff to about four people," he said.

"It's an enjoyable job but it requires a lot of negotiation with people especially in relation to complaints. "It's quite tricky at times but the staff are trained in conflict



TWEED Shire Council's team of rangers, from left, Mark Lollback, Alan Swift, Greg James, Paul Brouwer, Scott McIntyre, Wayne Haayer and Garry Anderson

resolution skills to deal with and mediate between members of the public." Mr Brouwer said complaints about dogs placed the biggest strain on manpower. Last year in Tweed Shire, 568 animals were impounded. Of this number 252 were from Council seizures and the remainder were either surrendered by their owners (236) or dumped (80.) The Regulatory Services Unit also received approximately 20 calls a month about abandoned vehicles. Once the rangers make the initial investigation, which can be very time consuming, the majority of vehicles are moved.

Mr Brouwer said vehicles valued at more than \$500 were impounded for 28 days and if not collected were sold. Under \$500 value, the vehicles are disposed of

immediately. Straying cattle in rural areas also posed problems. There are sometimes horses, cattle and recently a rooster, who was given some overnight accommodation in the Council pound until a home was found for him.

A little more investigation is required to find the culprit who throws a cigarette butt from a vehicle.

"Basically, the owner of the vehicle receives the infringement notice. "It's then up to the owner to notify the Infringement Processing Bureau who the offending person was."

Mr Brouwer said parking duties had also placed a burden on their staff resources but the addition of another ranger in the near future would alleviate this shortage.

Reading help continues

COUNCIL has accepted a Department of Family and Community Services grant of \$4378 to buy a replacement cassette-copying machine for the Audio information Service. Council's Community Worker Aged and Disability Maggie Groff assists a volunteer co-ordinator to run the audio service which reads the Tweed Link and daily papers onto tapes each week. The tapes are supplied by the Royal Blind Society and the postage is donated by Australia Post. The tapes are distributed weekly to the blind and vision impaired in the Shire.

Check inside for Council's bi-annual clean up details

Land prices up; developer contributions down

A REVIEW of Section 64 and Section 94 contributions paid by developers between 1993/94 and 2002/03 has shown that although land prices have increased significantly in all areas of the Shire, the percentage of sale price attributable to developer contributions has decreased considerably.

A report shows that the percentage of average original land sale price attributable to developer contribution charges on the Tweed Coast dropped from 9.12 per cent in 1993/94 to 4.5 per cent in 2002/03.

Banora Point developments dropped from 10.35 per cent in 1993/94 to 5.88 per cent in 2002/03.

As an example, the report said average land sale prices have increased in the Bano-

ra Point area from \$68,000 in 1993 to \$170,000 - \$185,000 in 2003, representing an increase of about 165 %. Developer contributions per lot in the same area increased from an average of \$7145 to \$10,374 or 45 %.

Safe partying for kids

BOOKLETS containing information on post school survival tips, schoolies week and safe party tips have been distributed to high schools in the Tweed Shire.

Safe Party Tips is sponsored by Tweed Shire Council and the Twin Towns Police Citizen's Youth Club.

They are a great source of information for young people and their parents.

Further copies can be obtained from your local police station.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVALS

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended).

LOCATION & DA NUMBER	TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
Lot 158 DP 261796, No. 12 Bosun Boulevard, BANORA POINT DA03/1379	Pontoon & boat ramp	Approved
Lot 272 DP 755685, Carool Road, CAROOL DA03/0818	Erection of a toilet block in a school	Approved
Lot 1 DP 253165, Lot 4 Section 8DP 759012, Lot 5 Section 8DP 759012, Lot 6 Section 8DP 759012, Lot 7 Section 8DP 759012, No. 35-41 Coolman Street, TYALGUM DA03/0838	Alteration & additions to existing hotel	Approved
Lot 12 Section 4DP 31209, Lot 9 Section 4DP 31209, Lot 10 Section 4DP 31209, Lot 11 Section 4DP 31209, No. 23-25 Cypress Crescent, CABARITA BEACH DA03/1183	Renovation and additions to motel units	Approved
Lot 1 DP 517503, Lot 2 DP 517503, Lot 1 DP 781510, Heffron Street, TWEED HEADS SOUTH DA03/0793	Additions to Tweed River High School	Approved
Lot 100 DP 1000139, Kennedy Drive, TWEED HEADS WEST DA03/1243	Enhancement of current use as RTA depot by removal of sheds new amenities and truck garage (store)	Approved
ROAD 4210, Peninsula Street, HASTINGS POINT 0689/2000DA	Storage & launching facility for Tweed Coast Sea Rescue Squad	Approved
Lot 1 SP 17973, Lot 2 SP 17973, Unit 1/No. 4 Poinciana Avenue, BOGANGAR DA03/1184	Additions to duplex incorporating a building line variation	Approved
Lot 11 DP 408224, No. 22 Quigan Street, KINGSCLIFF DA03/1252	Detached dual occupancy	Approved
Lot 1 DP 386454, Railway Street, MURWILLUMBAH DA03/1264	Landscape supply and hire operation and demolition of existing shed	Approved
Lot C DP 9527, No. 8 Recreation Street, TWEED HEADS DA03/0757	Demolition & erection of multi-dwelling housing comprising of 4 x 3 bedroom units	Approved
Lot 2 DP 559525, Wharf Street, TWEED HEADS DA03/1329	Annual community expos calendar x 3 events	Approved
RIV Tweed, TWEED RIVER Unknown Locality DA03/1142	Tourist run by speedboat up Tweed River	Approved
Lot 2 DP 1006776, Tweed Coast Road, POTTSVILLE DA03/1423	Erection of a sign	Approved
Lot 2 Section 6DP 29748, Lot 3 Section 6DP 29748, No. 57-59 Tweed Coast Road, BOGANGAR DA03/0917	Multi dwelling housing comprising 8 units	Approved

The above development applications are available for public inspection free of charge at the Development Services Division, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, during ordinary office hours. In addition to the above applications, since the last issue of the Tweed Link a further 3 development approvals have been issued for applications that would have only required Building Approval prior to 1 July, 1998.

Celebrating ability

CELEBRATIONS For International Day of People with a Disability are an integral part of the Tweed Shire City of the Arts two-day Disability Arts Forum to be held at Tweed Civic Centre December 3-4. The festivities are part of a global celebration held on December 3 to celebrate and promote the abilities of people with a disability.

Response to Council's invitations to the Forum has been overwhelming, and the event is fully booked. Sponsorship from Council, NSW Ministry for the Arts, Tweed Clubs CDSE Funding, Tweed Valley Respite Service, Tweed River Valley Fellowship, Tweed Community Options and BAM Promotions has allowed for an exciting and varied program of drama, dance, speech, art, discussion and more. Council, Quality Resort Twin Towns and KDM Scrap-booking have generously donated prizes.

The forum is being organised by a special committee comprising Council staff, members from Tweed Shire Disability Access Committee, and staff from Kingscliff TAFE, Centrelink, Accessible Arts, Tweed Valley Respite Service and Tweed River Valley Fellowship. Council's Cultural Officer and Project Manager for the Tweed Shire City of the Arts, Lesley Buckley, said the forum would help guide staff to make decisions on the forthcoming two-year City of the Arts Disability Arts Project.

Tweed River Festival events

THE 2003 Tweed River Festival winds up this weekend with the Kids In Need Dragon Boat races on Jack Evans Boatharbour, Tweed Heads on Sunday, from 8am and the Tweed River Swim Classic in Murwillumbah, from 7.30am at the wharf near the Tweed River Regional Art Gallery. Watch celebrity races, some of the nations top paddlers and many amateurs make a splash at the dragon boat races. For information on the KIN day, phone 0403 368 012 and the swim classic (02) 6670 2750.

NOTIFICATION OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. DA03/1633

A development application has been lodged by South Kingscliff Developments Pty Ltd seeking development consent for upgrading of existing Cudgen Creek Bridge at ROAD 989, Casuarina Way, Casuarina. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes "Integrated Development" pursuant to Section 91(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. The following approvals are required in this regard:-

Approval Authority	Provision	Approval
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources	Part 3A Rivers and Foreshore Improvement Act	Excavation within 40 metres of the bank of Cudgen Creek

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be inspected at Council's Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Civic Centres.

Inspection may be undertaken during ordinary office hours for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 26 November 2003 to Wednesday 10 December 2003.

Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. Also, in accordance with Council Policy, on request, the substance of any submission will be disclosed to the applicant, however, the author's name will not be disclosed without that person's prior approval. Accordingly, any submission should indicate if approval is given to disclose the author's name to the applicant.

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

Water meters read from this week

THE bi-annual water meter readings started this week and are expected to continue between the hours of 7am-5pm Monday to Friday until December 12.

Contractors Adtec Pty Ltd have been hired for the project for a two-year period with an option to extend up to a maximum of five years subject to performance. The readers will be dressed in a blue polo neck shirt with the Adtec Pty Ltd printed in white and an identification tag. A card titled Your Water Meter Has been Read will be left in your letter box following the meter reading. Please note, however, that in the case of strata titled and duplex developments, only one such card will be left.

Council will continue to read larger consumers (monthly), all bulk water meters and carry out specific special reads. Contact Council on (02) 6670 2408 if you require any further information.

WORKS PROGRAM JOB COMMENCEMENTS

Weather permitting, the following construction jobs will be commenced in the next 3 weeks:

1. Fraser Drive and Parkes Lane, Terranora.

SEWER EXTENSION. At Intersection of Parkes Lane and Terranora Road.

Approximate duration: 4 weeks
Estimated cost: \$34,000
Funding: Headworks Charges

Council apologises for any inconvenience or minor delays that may occur during the works.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ordinary and Confidential meetings of Tweed Shire Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah on Wednesday, 3rd December and Wednesday, 17th December, 2003 at 3.30pm. Community Access and Reserves Trust will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 10 from 4pm.

FUTURES MEETING

Hastings Point Progress Association meeting on Tuesday November 18 was meant to be attended by the Acting Director of Development Services Douglas Jardine. Mr Jardine apologises for his absence. Arrangements are being made for him to attend another meeting to discuss Tweed Futures.

NOTIFICATION OF EXHIBITION OF AMENDMENT TO SECTION 94 CONTRIBUTION PLAN NO.15 – TWEED SHIRE COMMUNITY FACILITIES

In accordance with Clause 28(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000 notice is hereby given of the exhibition of draft amended Section 94 Contribution Plan No.15 – Tweed Shire Community Facilities.

This Contribution Plan has been amended by adding the following to the Plan:

- Tweed Coast Sports and Community Facility (Stingrays) at Cabarita
 - upgrade the toilets and showers: \$50,000
 - Skate facility located adjacent to the Stingrays facility: \$80,000
 - Sealing of access road and car parking area at Stingrays: \$90,000
- TOTAL \$220,000

The contribution rate will remain at \$584 per lot for single residential development

The draft Plan may be inspected at the Development Services Division, Civic Centre Murwillumbah, or the Civic Centre, Tweed Heads during ordinary office hours from Wednesday 26 November 2003 to 31 December 2003. During this period submissions about the draft amendment may be made to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah.

POSITIONS VACANT CASUAL LABOURING SHORTLIST 2004

FROM \$17.10 PER HOUR

Council seeks to interview suitably skilled people for its Casual Labouring Shortlist. The work includes labouring with the construction, maintenance, parks and gardens, and water and sewer areas. Cleaning work and survey work is also available.

Successful candidates will be added to the Casual Shortlist and be offered work as it becomes available. There is no guarantee of work implied by inclusion on the Shortlist.

Places on the Shortlist are only available to people who can adequately demonstrate availability for casual work.

Applicants must **obtain and complete the Application Form which is available from the Human Resources Section on (02) 6670 2495 or email: hru@tweed.nsw.gov.au or on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au**

Applications close 4pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2003.

Tweed Shire Council supports Equal Employment Opportunity and has a smoke free workplace policy.

HOLIDAY PARKS FINANCE OFFICER

(FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT UNTIL 28 JANUARY 2005)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals for the full-time, fixed term position of Holiday Parks Finance Officer with Council's Business Undertakings Unit.

The position accurately and expeditiously carries out the financial duties associated with the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks.

The position will be required to work out of any of Council's administrative offices, Depots or any other location within the Shire as directed by the supervisor.

Selection Criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- Demonstrated understanding of basic accounting concepts and principles.
- Demonstrated competence in processing accounts payable and maintenance of records systems.
- Demonstrated competence in the use of computerised accounting systems and preparation of reconciled statements.
- Well developed oral communication skills, including single issue conflict resolution.

Salary: **Job Grade 4 Point 1 - \$637.93 per week to Job Grade 4 Point 4 - \$730.89 per week.**

The position incumbent will undergo a 3 months probationary period. A 9 day fortnight, 35 hour working week applies.

Applicants must obtain and address the full Selection Criteria which is available from the Human Resources Section on (02) 6670 2495 or email: hru@tweed.nsw.gov.au or on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Candidates should provide the names and telephone numbers of two referees who may be contacted in relation to the applicant. Written applications, addressing the full Selection Criteria and accompanied by resume should be received by 4pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2003 and addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

Human Resources Section

Tweed Shire Council

PO Box 816

MURWILLUMBAH NSW 2484

Email applications must be followed up with a telephone call to (02) 6670 2495 to confirm receipt.

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ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee of Tweed Shire meets 10am-noon on Friday, December 5 at the HACC Heffron Street, Tweed Hds South.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Tweed River at Barney's Point, south-western side of the Pacific Highway Bridge.

Country Energy will be replacing overhead power cables across the Tweed River on Thursday, 27th November, 2003.

This involves a vessel pulling cables across the Tweed River during daylight hours. Navigation will be restricted and this will be indicated by the channel-blocked signal consisting of the following shapes - a black ball, a black triangle apex up and a black ball in a vertical line one above another.

All mariners are to proceed with caution and a speed limit of 4 knots must be observed when within 100 metres of the crossing operations.

For further information contact Mr Phillip Green, Country Energy on 0427 201418 or Mr Bob Williamson, Waterways Authority on 0427 75 1858.

POSITIONS VACANT RANGER (PARKING OFFICER)

This permanent, full-time position monitors and regulates compliance in accordance with the Australian Road Rules 1999 and associated Regulations and prepares and presents evidence in Court as required.

The position is subject to the requirements of the Child and Young Person Protection legislation and all applicants will be required to complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration at the time of their application.

Selection Criteria includes, but is not limited to: NSW Drivers Licence Class C or equivalent; competence in legislative interpretation; demonstrated competence in issuing Penalty Infringement Notices; and demonstrated general knowledge of the Self Enforcing Infringement Notice System.

Salary: **\$637.93 pw to \$694.85 pw.**

Applicants must obtain and address the full Selection Criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration Form which are available from the Human Resources Section on (02) 6670 2495 or email: hru@tweed.nsw.gov.au or on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 4pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2003.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association meets 7.30pm Monday, December 1 at the Kingscliff Public School Library.

Banora Point Residents Association meets 7.30pm Monday, December 1 at the Tweed Heads Bowls Club.

Bilambil Heights Progress Association meets 7.30pm Tuesday, December 2 at the Bilambil Sports Complex.

Uki Village and District Residents Association meets 7pm Tuesday, December 2 at the Uki Hall.

Chinderah District Residents Association meets 7.30pm Tuesday, December 2 at the Cudgen Leagues Club.

Hastings Point Progress Association meets 7pm Tuesday, December 2 at the North Star Holiday Resort Conference Room.

Tumbulgum Community Association meets 7pm Tuesday, December 2 in the Tumbulgum Community Hall.

Fingal Head Community Association meets 4pm Saturday, December 6 at the Fingal Rovers Surf Club.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

Our after hours emergency number for all services is 1800 818 326

PUBLIC NOTICES

TWEED Landcare Inc. is holding a Project Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Workshop at Pottsville Environment Centre on Saturday, 29th November. A Project Planning, Monitoring and Recording Pro-forma Kit has been compiled to assist groups and landholders with their natural resource management projects. Everyone is welcome to attend. 10.30am Morning Tea; 11am-3pm Workshop. Lunch provided. Book on (02) 6672 5488.

EXHIBITION - TWEED FUTURES ISSUES PAPER

The Tweed has a unique social, economic and physical environment. Significant development pressures are being experienced throughout the Shire. Consequently the management of the Tweed is at a critical time. Council's current strategic framework is set out in the *Tweed 2000+ Strategic Plan*. Council has embarked on a major project to review and up-date its strategic plan for the Tweed.

Tweed Futures will set out a blueprint for the management of the Tweed over the next 10 years or so by

- o Balancing competing interests to take a big picture look at the Tweed
- o Identifying the kind of place you want the Tweed to be in 10/15 years
- o Setting in place the necessary mechanisms to create those places

To assist you the **Tweed Futures Issues Paper** is on exhibition for public comment from 25 November 2003 to 30 January 2004. It provides for your information and comment:

- o Details of life in the Tweed
- o Strategic challenges for the Tweed community
- o Discussion on desired outcomes for the Shire

Your comments are sought on the challenges Tweed Futures must address. **Tell us what you think are the issues for you**

- o **What's important to you**
- o **What do you agree with in the Issues Paper?**
- o **Has the Issues Paper missed anything?**
- o **Is there anything wrong in the Issues Paper?**

Please read - digest - consider the issues Paper. Council staff are available to answer your questions or assist you to make your comments: phone, email, mail, public meetings. The following public meetings will be held at the commencement of the exhibition. Facilitated workshops will be held at the end of January 2004 - details to be made available later.

Monday, 1 December	Tweed Heads Auditorium	7 pm DST
Tuesday, 2 December	Pottsville School Hall	7pm DST
Wednesday, 3 December	Kingscliff Amenities Hall	7 pm DST
Tuesday, 9 December	Uki Hall	7 pm DST
Wednesday, 10 December	Burringbar Hall	7 pm DST
Thursday, 11 December	Salvation Hall, Banora Pt	5 pm DST
Monday, 15 December	Murwillumbah Auditorium	7 pm DST
Tuesday, 16 December	Canvas & Kettle	Noon DST

Copies of the Tweed Futures Issues Paper may be viewed at the Civic Centres at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads, Kingscliff Library and on the Tweed Futures Web Page. Copies can be purchased from Council offices at a cost of \$5.

Please send your written responses; by mail: General Manager, Attention Tweed Futures, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah

By email: future@tweed.nsw.gov.au

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PROPOSED CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2003

The zones are:

Monday 24.11.2003 to Friday 28.11.2003	Zone: 1	Including all services within these boundaries. From Tumbulgum to and including Mooball, through to Crabbes Creek on Tweed Valley Way to and including Warwick Park Road on Pottsville, Mooball Road. Including all of Murwillumbah and Burringbah Village including Howards Road, Blackeneys Road and all Halls Road From Tweed Valley Way through to Uki and Tyalgum, up to Tomewin and through to North Tumbulgum Bridge.
Monday 01.12.2003 to Friday 05.12.2003	Zone: 2	Including all services within these boundaries. From the Boyds Bay Bridge to and including Fingal. Including, South Tweed, Banora Point, Oxley Cove and Terranora Village Including Terranora Road through to North Tumbulgum Bridge.
Monday 08.12.2003 to Friday 12.12.2003	Zone: 3	Including all services within these boundaries. From the NSW and Qld Border to Boyds Bay Bridge. Including Tweed Heads, Tweed Heads West and Bilambil Heights From the Tweed River across to Carool and through to but not including Terranora Road.
Monday 15.12.2003 to Friday 19.12.2003	Zone: 4	Including all services within these boundaries. Chinderah along the Coast to Pottsville and Wooyung to Tweed Valley Way. From the Coast Road along Pottsville Mooball Road to Warwick Park Road.



TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
HOUSEHOLD CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Please ensure all material to be collected is placed out on the Monday of your Zone collection week.

The HOUSEHOLD CLEANUP CAMPAIGN is available to residents who receive a garbage collection service in the areas listed. Residents will be able to dispose of EXCESS HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH and at the same time participate in a concentrated effort to improve their immediate environment.

Council's cleanup campaign collects A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH such as furniture, floor coverings, stoves, refrigerators (with doors removed), but

EXCLUDES:

SHRUBS, GRASS, TREE CUTTINGS

BUILDERS RUBBLE, EARTH & STONE

ASBESTOS eg: old roofing material etc

PAINT

OIL

CAR PARTS eg: engine, gearbox, panels, tyres etc

GAS BOTTLES

HOUSEHOLD RENOVATIONS eg: kitchens, bathrooms etc

FARM CLEANUPS eg: machinery parts etc

ALL FENCING MATERIALS

Maximum length of material to be 1.8 metres, (6ft)

Loose materials must be placed in bags, boxes or bundled (tied).

Maximum amount to be placed out 1 cubic metre only, ie (1 level 6x4 box trailer)

All items must be capable of being picked up by two (2) people.

ITEMS FOR REMOVAL MUST BE PLACED ON THE FOOTPATH IN A NEAT AND TIDY MANNER, CLEAR OFFENCES, LETTERBOXES AND ANY OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS.

The cleanup is for excess HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH ONLY and must not be used for vacant allotment clearing, commercial / trade waste or general farm cleanups.

RUBBISH NOT COMPLYING WITH THE ABOVE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

**Reminder: Please ensure the material to be collected is placed out by 6.00am on the Monday of your zone collection week.*