A planting guide is now available to help Tweed residents enhance biodiversity through the design and species in their garden.

Council has released the booklet *My Local Native Garden: a planting guide to promote biodiversity in Tweed Shire* as part of the Tweed Byron Native Species Planting Guide project, funded by a NSW Environmental Trust Education Grant.

Based on a design by Brunswick Valley Landcare, the Tweed, Byron and Lismore councils have produced updated versions for their areas.

The guide has information on basic garden design, planning and planting, attracting wildlife to gardens and dealing with invasive species of flora and fauna.

“It divides Tweed Shire into broad geological landscapes to guide residents on plant selections that suit their respective areas,” Council’s Bushland Officer, John Turnbull, said.

“Short species lists identify commonly occurring species.”

More information and digital copies are available at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/NativePlants](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/NativePlants) including the Native Species Planting Guide database, which is in its final testing stage.

Booklets are available from Council’s offices in Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads for a gold coin donation. Proceeds will be used to reprint the booklets or purchase additional imagery for the database.

Crossing safely in Casuarina

Council workers have finished off the first of two sets of kerb extensions due to be installed on Casuarina Way, Casuarina, to improve pedestrian safety.

The kerb extensions make pedestrians more visible to motorists. They effectively reduce the exposure of pedestrians to the live traffic environment and encourage motorists to slow down on the approach as the road narrows.

The two sets of extensions are being constructed close to public and school bus stops and where pedestrians naturally walk to get to adjacent subdivisions. The sites were selected with help from the community.

“The kerb extensions will improve safety for pedestrians, particularly children accessing school buses,” Council’s Road Safety Officer Alana Brooks said. “But parents and carers are still encouraged to meet their primary-aged children on the same side of the road as the bus stops because kids are easily distracted and not good judges of speed and distance until they are at least 10 years old.”

Council chose to install kerb extensions rather than central island refuges because they do not require significant ‘no stopping’ zones and the loss of more car-parking spaces on the approaches. Also, the traffic volumes and width of Casuarina Way allow a pedestrian to cross in one movement.

For more safety tips, visit [www.safetytown.com.au](http://www.safetytown.com.au)

Council's Bushland Officer, John Turnbull, with a copy of the the booklet *My Local Native Garden: a planting guide to promote biodiversity in Tweed Shire*.

Councillor Reece Byrnes is the new Deputy Mayor

Councillor Reece Byrnes has been elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of the Tweed, following an Extraordinary Meeting last Thursday.

Councillor Byrnes stood unopposed. He replaces Councillor Chris Cherry. In 2016, Council resolved to appoint a Deputy Mayor and that the term would be on a 12-month basis, with the initial period concluding September 2017. Under the Local Government Act, the term of Mayor is for a term of two years. The next election in September 2018 will be for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Byrnes was elected to Council in October 2016. At 29, he is believed to be the youngest Deputy Mayor in Tweed Shire’s history. For more information, see [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/newsroom](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/newsroom) or [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors)

Tomewin Road closed at night for six weeks

Queensland’s Department of Transport and Main Roads has closed Tomewin Road at night for six weeks to undertake flood repairs.

Tomewin Road is a popular route from Queensland’s Currumbin Valley through to Murwillumbah and the Numinbah Valley.

During the March flood, a section of the road dropped half a metre and now requires major work to repair. The road is closed from 7.30pm to 6am Sunday to Thursday for six weeks. One lane only will be open during the day, from 6am to 7.30pm, under the management of stop / slow flagmen.

TODAY show filming live in Murwillumbah

Channel 9’s TODAY morning show will be filming live from the grounds of Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre in Murwillumbah on Friday (29 September).

Members of the public are welcome to be a part of the audience, from 5.30am to 9am. However, please be aware parking is limited and to be respectful of residents in the area.

The TODAY episode will showcase the Tweed, with assistance from Destination NSW, Destination Tweed and Tweed Shire Council.
Another beautiful way to say goodbye

Ash interment sites are available in the Rotunda Memorial Gardens at the peaceful Tweed Valley Cemetery at Eviron.

The beautiful Bromeliad Garden, Majestic Gardens and Birds Nest Garden provide an elegant and permanent memorial to a cherished life. Loved ones can visit and reflect, in the comfort of shade and seating.

Bring family and friends together in scenic Eviron gardens and chapel for the service, interment and wake, for a special way to remember a treasured life.

Find out how by phoning (02) 6670 2435 or visiting www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/cemeteries

Motorcyclist First Aid Course

Transport NSW’s Local Government Road Safety Program is sponsoring a course to teach motorbike riders what they need to do to help fellow riders who have crashed while they wait for emergency services to arrive.

Tweed roads are very popular with motorbike riders but what makes them attractive – steep inclines and declines with lots of bends through scenic hinterland – is also the environment more likely to bring a rider unstuck.

“Our road safety program is offering this first aid course at almost half price because it values the fact that motorbike riders love the beauty of the Tweed Shire and wants them to have the skills needed to manage a crash scene, preserve life and promote recovery until emergency services arrive if another rider comes down,” Council Road Safety Officer Alana Brooks said.

“Immediate first aid is critical and can have a significant impact on the severity of injuries,” said Ms Brooks. “This program aims to reduce the likelihood of deaths and injuries from road trauma in local communities.”

The course has been written for motorcyclists by motorcyclists. Course components include:

- roadside crash scene management
- emergency helmet removal
- moving a casualty in danger
- first aid traumatic injury treatment skills, and
- crash prevention strategies for riders.

“It teaches riders the right skills and will give them confidence to provide immediate and critical first aid to a rider who’s come down,” Ms Brooks said.

“It will also provide them with the skills to manage a crash site, preventing further potential injuries or crashes before emergency services arrive.”

The course will be held on Saturday 21 October at the Banora Point Community Centre on the corner of Woodlands and Leisure drives, Banora Point, from 10.45am to 3.45pm with an hour’s break for lunch.

The cost to riders is $45 (normal cost $85).

For more information and to book visit www.firstaidformotorcyclists.com.au or telephone 0427 464 266.

Great crowd at the Home Expo

Sustainable living came home to roost for many residents, when more than 1000 people attended the Living for the Future Home Expo last Saturday.

This year’s event, held at the seagulls club in Tweed Heads West, continued a rise in attendances each year and equipped most visitors with clear goals on how they could make their households more energy and cost efficient.

The top prize in the 2017 Sustainable House Day Design Awards was claimed by Ballina and Brisbane-based firm Aardvarc. Its winning design in the Professional Category focused on recycling Murwillumbah’s industrial materials, in line with the competitions to use locally-sourced materials for a sustainable house.

See www.sustainablehousedaynq.org for all the category prize winners and Council’s YouTube page for clips from this year’s workshop presenters.
Old school ties at centenary

There was added nostalgia for Joan Sands and her family when past and present students gathered to celebrate St Joseph’s Primary School’s 100th birthday.

Her late mother, Clare Mills, was a student at the Tweed Heads-based school when it opened in 1917 and almost all her descendants had attended the school – spanning five generations.

Joan’s grandchildren Elliot and Lucy Green were among the approximately 350 current St Joseph’s students who filled the historic chapel at Tweed Valley Cemetery in Eviron on 15 September, for a special liturgy service to mark the centenary.

The venue brought back many memories for Joan and her daughters, who remember the building when it served as classrooms, and later as a library, at the school’s Tweed Heads grounds.

The building was the school’s original building when it was launched in 1917, so it was a logical choice to host the service, with students dressing in period costumes and enjoying traditional games at the cemetery’s nearby grounds.

Joan’s daughter Alissa Green said it was wonderful the building had been preserved and refurbished, saving a valuable part of the school’s history.

This building was moved from the school during a major refurbishment in 2010.

Heidi Green, Alissa Green, Cheryl McDermott (back), Elliot Green, Kim van Rossum, Lucy Green and Joan Sands.

New home for Historical Society

More than 50 members of the Tweed Heads Historical Society celebrated moving into their new Research Rooms and office with a high tea in Pioneer Park last week.

As part of the refurbishment of the Tweed Regional Museum branch at Tweed Heads, the Society now has a dedicated space in which their members can meet and work.

“Council’s provision of this space represents a new lease of life for the Society and our activities,” President Ross Johnson said. “It offers an environment and the facilities to enable us to continue our research, and to share our love of the history of the Shire with the public. We are also delighted that the original Tweed Heads Court House has been refurbished as part of the project.”

The Court House building is one of the last remaining public buildings of its era in Tweed Heads and has a long and distinguished history.

“The Society is extremely grateful for the significant and ongoing support of Tweed Shire Council and through the Tweed Regional Museum, Council’s continued commitment to preserving and sharing the rich history of the Shire.”

Mr Johnson said. “We look forward to many more productive years of working together here at the Tweed Regional Museum Tweed Heads to share our love of history with Tweed residents and visitors.”

Stage 1 of the refurbishment of the Tweed Regional Museum Tweed Heads will open to the public from 1 October, Sunday - Wednesday 10am - 4pm.
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
Refused
DA17/0084 - Seniors living (33 aged care residential rooms and 36 independent living units)
Lot 3 NPP 271020, Lot 4 NPP 271020, Lot 1 NPP 271020, No. 128 Leisure Drive Banora Point

Approved
DA17/0531 - 2 lot strata subdivision
Lot 445 DP 1144944, No. 19-23 Shearer Court Terranora
CDC17/0115 - In-ground concrete swimming pool
Lot 103 DP 834929, No. 2 Galway Court Banora Point
DA17/0560 - In-ground swimming pool
Lot 1 DP 1182679, No. 441 Casuarina Way Casuarina
DA17/0553 - Two storey dwelling with attached double garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 101 DP 1173923, No. 14 Platinum Place Murwillumbah

REQUEST FOR OFFER

RFO2017130 Supply and Install Roadside Safety Barrier System (Guardrail and End Terminals) at Tumbulgum Road Murwillumbah
Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 4 October 2017.
RFO2017132 Pre Employment Medical Services
RFO2017136 Supply of Tyres and Tyre Services

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm (DST) 18 October 2017.
Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.
Request For Offer documentation is available at no charge from Council’s website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders. Hard copy documentation is available and costs will be in accordance with Council’s advertised photocopying fees.
All Offers will be opened at closing time and will be considered by Council in accordance with the Planning and Regulation Division, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, during ordinary office hours OR viewed on Council’s DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking.

ROAD WRAP

CLOSED ROADS:
Murwillumbah: drainage upgrade Nullum Street, between Condong to Hartigan streets; Roadworks Tumbulgum Road, between Sunnyside Lane and Old Ferry Road.

EXPECT SHORT DELAYS:
Banora Point: sewer main construction Fraser Drive, from Botanical Circuit to Amaroo Drive. Cycleway construction Fraser Drive.
Burringbar and Upper Burringbar: resealing Dixons, Baria, Ophir Glen and Snake Gully roads.
Chinderah: resealing Walsh Street.
Cudgera Creek: stormwater culvert construction, Spring Valley Road.
Duranbah: roadworks Duranbah Road, between Loders Road and Andersons Road.
Kiewitale: resealing Palmvale and Christies roads.
Mooball: resealing Kielys and Pottsville roads.
Mt Burrell: road patching Kyogle Road.
Palmvale: culvert reconstruction Palmvale Road.
South Murwillumbah: temporary traffic lights flood damage Tweed Valley Way (Blacks Drain). Revetment works Tweed Valley Way.
Tumbulgum: drainage, kerb and gutter and road construction, Gray Street.

Tweed Heads: stormwater drainage, kerb and gutter and new pavement Hillcrest Avenue, between James Road and Ridgeway Street.
Terranora: Sub-division works may cause delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts.

ON EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION OF DRAFT COMMERCIAL RECREATION ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC OPEN SPACE POLICY

At the Council meeting held 17 August 2017, Council resolved to place the following draft policy on public exhibition from 26 September 2017 to 23 October 2017 with submissions being accepted up to 6 November 2017.
Draft Commercial Recreation Activities on Public Open Space Policy was developed to address emerging conflicts with the increasing use of Council open space areas for commercial activities.
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.
Submissions can be made in writing to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or by email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au by the abovementioned dates.

VACANCIES

Project Manager - Contracts
For more information and to apply:
• Visit Council’s website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers
• Contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495
• All positions close at 12 noon (NSW time)
• Late applications not permitted.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Pottsville Beach Community Hall AGM will be held 1.30pm Tuesday 10 October 2017 at the Pottsville Beach Community Hall.

Chinderah Residents Association meets every second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting 3 October at 7pm at Cudgen Leagues Club.

Pottsville Beach Markets – Always the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Next market 1 October.

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