Documenting our heritage

Whether in need of a sea change or in search of work, people have flocked to the Tweed Shire particularly during the latter part of the 20th Century, helping shape and transform the area’s landscape and cultural diversity.

The Tweed River Regional Museum has been working to capture a snapshot of this diversity by interpreting people’s migration stories and building upon collections that represent the cultural diversity of the Shire.

Part of this work has included the Moving to the Tweed Migration Heritage, People and Demographic Change Project jointly funded by Council, Arts NSW and the NSW Migration Heritage Centre, a NSW State Government initiative.

During Stage One of this project, a book The Other Side of the World: International Migration to the Tweed 1940s to 1960s was produced and Tweed migrant stories were added to the NSW Migration Heritage Centre’s Belongings website.

This year, Stage Two has commenced which aims to draw from the history revealed in stage one.

The group working on Stage Two include heritage consultant Joanna Boileau, Senior Museum Curator Sally Watterson and a group of dedicated museum volunteers. Together they will produce a series of statements that will document and assess the significance of certain migration objects (such as personal belongings) in the Museum’s collection.

In particular, Stage Two will focus on collection objects from post war and earlier migrations relating to key distinctive industries such as banana growing and sugar cane farming.

Regional pool takes shape

The Tweed’s regional aquatic complex and multi-level carpark at Murwillumbah are taking shape. Residents may have noticed the increased activity to prepare for part of the pool hall’s concrete slab which was poured last week.

Council’s Contracts Engineer Ted Gibson said the pool hall had been the main focus lately and these works were crucial to the timing for the steel erection around the pool hall.

“Steel for the building is due to arrive this week,” Mr Gibson said.

“Once the steel framework and roof cover is installed work within the pool hall can proceed without significant delays caused by rain," he said.

While steelworks on the pool hall are taking place, work will also return to the car park where next on the agenda is the completion of concrete slabs for the top two levels and the attachment of coloured exterior panels.

The car park is expected to be complete by late June depending on weather and the provision of external utilities to the site.

Work is currently being carried out to remove tiles from the 50-metre pool and prepare the surface for lining with a resinous coating procedure called ‘Fibre-Tech system’.

Improved pipe work will also be installed to better handle the filtration system that is required to meet new government water quality regulations.

While wet weather has affected progress the Contractor Multi Span Australia is committing all available resources to complete the project within the contract time.
Walk to stay fit and healthy

The Murwillumbah walking group enjoy the regular opportunity to stay healthy and hear about the local history of the area.

In the midst of Seniors Week, a further six historical walks in and around Kingscliff were launched as part of the Tweed Shire Historical Walks Program.

SIX new Tweed Shire Historical Walks and their accompanying brochures were launched at Kingscliff earlier this week to encourage seniors and their families to take part in regular weekly walking.

The new walks include:
1. Walk or Cycle through Kingscliff's History
2. Kingscliff around Town Walk
3. Kingscliff Dreamtime Beach Walk
4. Cudgen Creek Estuary Walk
5. Salt Village Walk
6. Kingscliff Noble Lake Walk

Participants at the launch were able to kick-start their day with a brief introduction to the history of Kingscliff, followed by a one-hour guided Cudgen Estuary Walk and a free healthy breakfast.

The Tweed Shire Historical Walks Program is an initiative of North Coast Area Health Service in conjunction with Tweed Heads Historical Society and the National Heart Foundation.

Kingscliff Community Health Centre’s Community Health Promotion Officer Julia Gill said the program was first launched in Murwillumbah in August last year and then in Tweed Heads in December.

"Since this time, two regular groups at Murwillumbah walk every Wednesday and Saturday and one group walks every Saturday at Tweed Heads," Ms Gill said.

"There has been a lot of interest in the walks - people who have walked by themselves for many years are now able to link up with groups of people who share a similar interest and learn about the history of an area at the same time," she said.

In conjunction with Tweed Heads Historical Society a total of 18 historical walks and brochures have been developed through the program so far.

"The next step is to set up regular historical walks in villages such as Tyalgum, Uki, Tumbulgum and Pottsville," Ms Gill said.

Part of Tuesday’s launch also included a free Walking Leader’s Training Workshop at the Kingscliff Community Health Centre for those interested in becoming a walking leader for the Kingscliff or Tweed Heads walks.

The walks are free and open to all ages.

The Murwillumbah on the Move walks can be downloaded from Council’s website by visiting www.tweed.nsw.gov.au. Click on the ‘Community’ tab, then ‘Community Services’ and go to the Murwillumbah on the Move link.

For further information or to receive a hard copy brochure phone Kingscliff Community Health Centre’s Health Promotion Officers Liz Patterson (02) 6674 9515 or Julia Gill (02) 6674 9506.

Pontoon fees

A N annual fee of $200 for approved pontoons in Council Drainage Reserves has been included in the Draft 2008/2009 Fees and Charges.

This document will be considered by Council at its meeting on 22 April and then placed on public exhibition from Saturday, 26 April together with Council’s 2008-2011 Draft Management Plan and 2008-2009 Draft Budget and Revenue Policy.

At present Council does not charge an annual licence fee for pontoon structures built over Council Drainage Reserves, which include Crystal Waters Canal, Endless Summer Canal, West Tweed Canal, Seagulls Estate Canals (north and south) and Oxley Cove.

The introduction of the fee was proposed to increase Council’s ability to better manage canals and address equity issues between landholders with waterfront properties.

Currently those residences that adjoin natural waterways such as the Tweed River need to obtain a Crown Land Licence for occupation of that portion of land the jetty or pontoon occupies.

The Department of Lands currently charges this annual licence fee at a minimum of $423.50 or a value calculated for the average land value of the structure’s area.

The new fee is expected to generate over $25,000 each year which will be used to better manage waterways and foreshores under Council’s care and control.

TENDERS

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Tenders must be lodged as specified in the tender documentation. Tender documentation is available at no charge from Council’s web site 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) Regulations, 2005. The lowest or any tender is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Administrators or staff will disqualify.

For further information please contact Mr Sean Harvey (02) 6670 2606.

Mr Mike Rayner, General Manager
Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484
WORKS PROGRAM JOB COMMENCEMENTS

Weather permitting, the following construction jobs will commence in the next six weeks:

1. **Tyalgum Rd, Byangum**
   - Rural road reconstruction
   - Approximate duration: six weeks
   - Estimated cost: $321,000
   - Funding: Roads to Recovery

2. **Bilambil Rd, Bilambil and Terranora**
   - Road reconstruction
   - Approximate duration: eight weeks
   - Estimated cost: $462,000
   - Funding: Roads to Recovery

3. **Pottsville Beach Public School, Pottsville**
   - Car park construction
   - Approximate duration: three weeks
   - Estimated cost: $85,000
   - Funding: contribution

4. **Uki Schools, Uki**
   - Vehicle access and parking construction
   - Approximate duration: three weeks
   - Estimated cost: $62,000
   - Funding: contribution

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

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**Razorback watermain works**

As advised in the *Tweed Link* last month (Issue 553, 4 March), Work on the northern side of Boyds Bay Bridge will begin on Monday, 14 April and will involve lane closures from Kennedy Drive southbound onto Boyds Bay Bridge.

The alternative route for motorists travelling south from Kennedy Drive will be through Recreation Street, onto Brett Street then back on to Wharf Street via Boyd Street.

Signs have been erected advising motorists. Delays are expected for approximately two weeks.

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**Have your say on election day**

Did you know that if you have a property in the Tweed Shire but do not actually live here you have a right to vote in Local Government elections? Tweed Shire Council prepares and maintains a non-resident ratepayers’ roll for the statutory period associated with scheduled Local Government elections.

Inclusion on the non-resident ratepayer roll entitles a person to vote in the election. An application must still be made for a pre-poll or postal ballot to vote if not physically present in the Council area on election day. Information on how to enrol in the non-resident ratepayers’ roll will be published in the *Tweed Link* closer to enrolment dates.

The roll will be open on Friday, 6 June and close on Monday, 4 August.

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**POSITIONS VACANT**

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Applicants must obtain the vacancy information package, (AD/PD), including the Guidelines for Applicants for positions within Council which include the Full Selection Criteria. Vacancy Information packages are available from Council’s website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au and the Positions Vacant Noticeboard in the reception area of the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre, alternatively email Human Resources at hru@tweed.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 6670 2495.

Successful applicants will be subject to a three (3) month probationary period.

Tweed Shire Council supports Equal Employment Opportunity and has a smoke free workplace policy.
Tweed Shire Council will be holding a drum MUSTER on
remain the property of the chemical user. Unclean or partly filled containers will not be accepted and will
Containers" brochure available from chemical retail outlets).
Remember all drums must be correctly cleaned both inside and out (including caps and threads) and allowed to drain or air dry to ensure they contain no rinse water or dry chemical residual (in line with the "Agsafe Standard for Effective Rinsing of Farm Chemical Containers" brochure available from chemical retail outlets).

Tweed Shire Council will be holding a drum MUSTER collection:
At: Stotts Creek Landfill, Leddleys Creek Road, Eviron.
On: Friday 18 April 2008 between 9am and 3pm.

All farm chemical users within the region are encouraged to bring their empty, properly cleaned, non-returnable, steel and plastic farm chemical containers to the facility for inspection and collection.

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 26 development approvals have been issued for applications that would have only been subject to 17 days assessment under the current system.

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KINGSCLIFF LIONS BEACHSIDE MARKET
Always 2nd and 4th Saturday of month. Next market April 12.

TWEED LANDCARE MEETING
Tuesday, 15 April at 6.30pm, CWA Hall, Queen St Murwillumbah.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Chillingham Community meeting Saturday, 12 April at 3pm at Chillingham Community Centre.
Cabarita Beach Bogangar Residents Association meets Monday 14 April at 7pm at the Baptist Church Community Centre.
Mooball and District Moovers meet Tuesday, 15 April at 7pm at the Victory Hotel, Mooball.

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