



Council's Director Community and Natural Resources Tracey Stinson gets behind the wheel to learn about green bin contamination. Above right, an example of the contents of a contaminated green bin.

Do the right bin – it's costing us all

Council's Director Community and Natural Resources, Tracey Stinson had first-hand experience of picking up bins when she took a trip in a green waste collection truck with Council's waste contractor, Solo.

"It was a great experience and really interesting to see how far technology has come," Ms Stinson said.

"All the trucks have cameras on both sides and up above so they can take photos of the contents of the bin as it is lifted into the truck.

"And the driver – Steve – was very skilled at manoeuvring that big truck in some very tight spaces and turning circles. He also knew which bins were more likely to be contaminated and could jump out and check before picking it up," she said.

If it is contaminated – the wrong items are put in the bin – a sticker is put on the bin to warn the resident and it is pushed back from the kerb.

"This is obviously time consuming and costly. Unfortunately many people are still putting the wrong items in their green bin, which is increasing waste management costs for Council and ratepayers.

"When we introduced the green bins over 12 months ago, Tweed had one of the lowest contamination rates in the country at less than one per cent. We are now back up over four per cent contamination and that unfortunately means that sometimes whole truck loads have to be re-sorted manually before being sent away for processing into compost," Ms Stinson said.

"This is a very expensive process and will result in increased waste charges for the community.

"It's worth us all doing our bit to make sure no plastic goes into our green bins – if in doubt, put it in the red bin.

"Like you, Council is committed to protecting and enhancing our environment for current and future generations, and to ensure we are giving rate payers value for money through the services we provide," she said.

If you are unsure of what goes in which bin, the waste team at Council can help. For some bin changing tips contact (02) 6670 2694 or email waste@tweed.nsw.gov.au

In brief ...

Plan ahead for roadworks

No one likes to be delayed by roadworks but chances are most motorists will be caught out from time to time across some of the 1200km of roads in the Tweed.

So, if it's critical that you get to your destination in time to catch a flight or attend that appointment, the best advice is to leave early so you are not delayed by unexpected roadworks.

Council advertises roadworks in a number of ways, depending on where the road is and how much traffic it carries. There is on-site signage, direct letter drops to residents, updated information on Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/RoadWorks and whole-of-region information at northernrivers.myroadinfo.com.au

But, from this week Council is extending its roadworks advice to your favourite device. To get a heads-up on any roadworks on our major arterial roads, 'like' or 'follow' Tweed Shire Council on Facebook.

In brief ...

Delays for Terranora upgrade

There will be roadworks on Terranora Road between Fraser Drive and Sunnycrest Drive for the next seven to eight weeks.

Work hours are 7am to 5pm and the traffic is down to one lane through the construction zone.

Council knows there is no practical detour for most people, however, please avoid the area during these times if possible.

Nightworks aren't practical because residential houses are close by. Council crews are monitoring delays and will do all they can to reduce disruption.

Similar rehabilitation works are starting on Thursday on Tweed Coast Road at Pottsville between the bowls club and the school. This section will be down to one lane between 9am and 2pm. Please plan your trip to accommodate any likely delays.

Waste fees and charges to increase

The waste industry is undergoing significant change and has been subject to major shocks in the international market for recyclables over the past 12 months.

The NSW State levy continues to increase and the Queensland Government is also introducing a new waste levy in the next financial year.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Councils must recover all costs associated with waste management services.

Unfortunately this is going to mean our waste fees and charges as part of Council rates will need to increase in 2019–2020.

You'll have a chance to comment on the draft new charges in a few weeks when the draft Fees and Charges for 2019/20 go on exhibition on 22 April.

Keep reading the Tweed Link and we'll let you know when the new draft fees are available so you can have your say.



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What is your vision for the future of Fingal Head?

Council is preparing a Locality Plan for Fingal Head and invites residents to join Council at a Community Conversation to share your vision for the future of Fingal Head.

By adding your voice to the conversation you will help to influence decision making about your local area and contribute to the development of the Fingal Head Locality Plan.

A substantial amount of community feedback was collected during the Fingal Head Building Height Review (2016–2018). This is a great base for Council and the community to start the Locality Planning process as it provides a solid foundation to build on.

This community consultation aims to ask the community to identify and describe what you see as the specific elements that contribute to the character of Fingal Head. With this detail, Council will work together

with the community to create a shared community vision for the future of Fingal Head.

Whether you have given feedback before or are new to the process, now is your opportunity to have your say.

All are welcome to Community Conversations on Tuesday, 14 May from 2–4pm and at 6–8pm at Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club. RSVP at tweedshire.eventbrite.com.au or call (02) 6670 2400.

A Community Conversation with the Aboriginal community will be held on Wednesday, 1 May from 6–8pm at the surf club. RSVP at tweedshire.eventbrite.com.au or call (02) 6670 2400.

If you can't make it to one of the Community Conversations, have your say online at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/future-fingalhead. The consultation closes 5pm on Friday 24 May.

Avoid the sun trap and do your solar research

While many Tweed householders are considering installing solar to save money and help the environment, it's important to do your homework.

Council's Sustainability Program Leader Debbie Firestone, encourages anyone interested in solar to check out Council's Solar Buyers Guide to ask all the right questions when getting quotes from suppliers.

She also warned buyers to be wise in the face of tricky sales tactics.

"Members of the community have reported some solar companies making false claims about being contracted to Tweed Shire Council to promote solar. This is completely untrue," Ms Firestone said.

"We're also aware of sales people putting pressure on customers to sign up to solar deals on the spot."



Council recommends you:

- Use suppliers with a long track record of expertise in solar
- Check the installer is accredited with the Clean Energy Council
- Use the websites listed in the Solar Buyers Guide to check you're getting good quality equipment, especially inverters.

"Take your time understanding what's on offer and how it will benefit you. These decisions have a big price tag, and can be really worthwhile in the long run as long as you've got good local support from your supplier to iron out any faults," she said.

"Our community should be proud that over 35 per cent of local Tweed households have solar, the highest in the Northern Rivers.

"Solar is a smart way to switch to clean electricity and reduce greenhouse gas pollution, and for many the price is right.

"We're supporting the community to minimise their negative environmental impacts and adapt to climate change," she said.

Check out the Solar Buyer's Guide www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy

Saving energy and money

Participants at the 2019 Smart Energy workshop during Seniors Week pledged nearly 50 energy saving actions that will avoid over 52,000 kg of greenhouse gas emissions from grid electricity and save over \$15,500 in electricity costs.

Simple no or low cost solutions popular with participants included:

- fixing draughts and using draught stoppers
- shading and coating windows to reduce heating and heat loss
- turning off appliances in standby mode
- air drying clothes
- washing clothes in cold water

Many workshop attendees were keen to make the most of the NSW Government's Energy Saver program offers, such as discounts to replace old fridges and tvs with energy efficient options and replacement of halogen lights with energy-efficient LEDs. Find out more at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/energy



Council is carrying out a restoration project on the 'Treasures of the Tweed' art mural on the levee wall along Commercial Road in Murwillumbah until 10 May, thanks to a NSW Government grant. The restoration work will commence at the north end of Commercial Road and move south towards Hartigan Street. The mural features the Tweed's biodiversity from the mountains to the sea. A protective coating will also be applied to preserve and protect this unique piece of public art.



Rotary's Anni Brownjohn presents a wheelchair for the hydrotherapy pool in Murwillumbah to Council's General Manager Troy Green and TRAC's Jo Hogg.

What's your vision for the future of Fingal Head?

Join us at a **Community Conversation** to discuss your visions for the future of Fingal Head. Your contribution will help Council to reflect the community's visions, ideas and priorities as it develops the Fingal Head Locality Plan.

Now is your opportunity to have your say. Let's get it right together!



Community Conversations

Aboriginal community	Location
When Wednesday, 1 May 6–8pm All welcome When Tuesday, 14 May 2–4pm and 6–8pm	Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club, 1 Marine Parade, Fingal Head RSVP Bookings essential tweedshire.eventbrite.com.au or call (02) 6670 2400.

Can't make it to a **Community Conversation**?
 For more information and to have your say online visit
www.yoursaytweed.com.au/future-fingalhead
 Consultation closes 5pm on Friday 24 May, 2019



WATER WEEK 2 Check when your water meter is read at
www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

Wheeling out support

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) at Murwillumbah has two new purpose-built wheelchairs for use in the hydrotherapy pool.

One was purchased by Council and the other was a gift to the community from the Rotary Club of Murwillumbah Central.

Costing \$2000 each, the chairs are made from hard PVC and toughened aquatic mesh designed to stand chlorine and regular immersion in water. They can also take up to 150kg in weight.

Operations Coordinator Aquatic Facilities, Jo Hogg, said the wheelchairs were essential for getting people with mobility issues in and out of the hydrotherapy pool.

"These chairs ensure the benefits of hydrotherapy are able to be enjoyed by as many people as possible," Ms Hogg said.

"It's great to be able to replace our former chairs, which had reached the end of their life, as it's such a tough environment.

"We're grateful to Rotary for providing this support to the community," she said.

To find out more about the hydrotherapy pool and what's on at TRAC, visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Vacancies

Cemeteries Business Manager (Contract)

Internal Auditor

Plumber Tradesperson

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.

Proposed naming of road

In pursuance of section 162(1) of the *Roads Act, 1993* as amended, Council proposes to name the private roads which run off Cadell Road within Lot 5 DP 262759 as follows:

Pademelon Lane and Bowerbird Glade

A period of thirty days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written objection of the proposed naming. Any objections should state clearly the reason for such objections. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

Request for offer

RF02019032: Panel for Professional Services

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm 1 May 2019

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 provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The lowest or any offer is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify.

For further information please contact Contracts Administration (02) 6670 2606.

In brief ...

Become a Council preferred supplier

Council is establishing a Professional Service Panel and is seeking local businesses who would like to register as preferred service providers for Council work.

Businesses can nominate for and be appointed to one or more panel categories. Council is seeking up to three providers for each area of expertise.

The range of 37 services being sought is broad and includes town planning, photography, lighting design, heritage consulting, solar design and installation and property valuations, just to mention a few.

For the full list of services and information on how to apply, see www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders/current and apply before Friday, 26 April 2019.

Celebrating young musos

As part of NSW Youth Week activities, Council is hosting a Youth Music Forum on Thursday 18 April at the Regent Cinema in Murwillumbah from 5–8pm.

The event includes panel discussions with local musicians Matt Turner and Emmagen Rain, facilitated by Andrew Tuttle (Team Leader – National Engagement, APRA AMCOS).

Panel two focuses on music education and research and includes Madeleine Spinos (SAE Byron Bay), Dr Matt Hill (Southern Cross University) and Prof. Andy Bennett (Griffith University).

Emily Holler (Mojo Bullet) will provide the key note presentation and of course there will be some live music. Registration is free through www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=484190&

There is also a Saturday Sessions event coming up at Kingscliff's Rowan Robinson Park featuring a showcase of local young musicians on Saturday 20 April from 3.30–6pm.

NSW Youth Week runs from 10–18 April organised by young people, for young people, in communities across the state.

Development Application determinations

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended).

Application details

Approved

DA18/0635 – Demolition of existing structures, new extended dining and alfresco dining areas, new covered kids area, modified bowling green, new waste room, relocation of proposed pop up café and alterations to car parking arrangement
 Lot 468 DP 755701, Lot 2 DP 1122062, No. 131 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0661 – Change of use and fit-out of portion of managers residence to take away food and drink premises
 Lot 100 DP 1117102, No. 61 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

DA18/0898 – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling, secondary dwelling, swimming pool and 1.8m high front fence
 Lot A DP 360241, No. 4 Beach Street, **Kingscliff**

DA18/1054 – Signage (one pylon sign and five building signs)
 Lot 1 DP 780382, Lot 1 DP 1099981, Lot 2 DP 1083091, No. 125–127 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0060 – Change of use to indoor recreation facility (training studio)
 Lot 2 SP 10328, Unit 2/No. 7 Machinery Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0065 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
 Lot 31 DP 29974, No. 16 Walter Crescent, **Banora Point**

CDC19/0018 – Complying Development Certificate for a cafe fitout
 Lot 817 DP 31041, No. 71 Simpson Drive, **Bilambil Heights**

DA19/0121 – Two storey dwelling attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
 Lot 12 DP 1191156, No. 13 Daybreak Boulevard, **Casuarina**

DA19/0147 – Roofed deck
 Lot 56 DP 237400, No. 22 Vulcan Street, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0152 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
 Lot 3 DP 1246954, No. 84 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0129 – Shed
 Lot 203 DP 1195219, No. 41 Riverbend Way, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0182 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including double carport, swimming pool, deck extension and cabana
 Lot 6 DP 1047760, No. 11 Winchelsea Way, **Terranora**

DA19/0049 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
 Lot 19 Section 3 DP 1223, Lot 20 Section 3DP 1223, No. 34–38 Riverside Drive, **Tumbulgum**

DA18/1049 – Shed
 Lot 462 DP 30961, No. 29 Riviera Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

DA19/0114 – Use of existing outbuilding as a detached studio
 Lot 2 DP 584090, No. 393 Urluip Road, **Urluip**

The above development determinations are available for public inspection free of charge at 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

Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands.

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