

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.



There was a great turnout for the annual NAIDOC Week march through Tweed Heads last Friday, which was followed by a corroboree at Chris Cunningham Park. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme was 'Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future.' The march was part of a week-long program of activities organised by the Tweed NAIDOC Week Committee.

Five new outdoor fitness equipment sets

Great news! Council will be installing new outdoor fitness equipment in several parks across the Tweed Shire between November 2019 and April 2020.

You're invited to provide comment on the draft concept plans for the outdoor fitness equipment.

Council assessed potential sites for new outdoor fitness equipment



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and consulted the community during the development of the draft *Open Space Strategy 2019-2029*, in November and December last year.

Outdoor fitness equipment in our parks will help to encourage greater community participation in physical activity and improve community health and wellbeing. The outdoor fitness equipment will be suitable for all ages and anyone wishing to exercise and get fit for free.

Thanks to a \$300,000 grant received from the NSW Government, outdoor fitness equipment will be provided in five separate locations:

- Knox Park, Nullum Street, Murwillumbah
- Recreation Ground, Florence Street, Tweed Heads
- Banora Point Community Centre Park, Leisure Drive, Banora Point
- Arkinstall Park, Cunningham Street, Tweed Heads South
- Phillip St Reserve, Phillip Street, Pottsville.

Council will continue to seek funding for additional sites across the Tweed in future. To provide your comment on the concept plans, please visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/outdoor-exercise-equipment

Council will compile the community feedback and the final concept plans will be made available on www.yoursaytweed.com.au/parks

The time frame for the installation of the outdoor fitness equipment is November 2019 for Murwillumbah and April 2020 for Tweed Heads, Tweed Heads South, Banora Point and Pottsville.

Proudly funded by the NSW Government.

What's happening with the Clarrie Hall Dam project

Council recently finalised the scope of works to develop the Environmental Impact Statement for raising the Clarrie Hall Dam wall, which aims to secure the Tweed's water supply beyond 2026.

Council gave approval in December 2015 to begin the planning phase for raising the wall and acquiring the private property needed to do it.

What has been achieved so far?

- Completed concept design and all the investigative studies required to raise the wall.
- Eleven of the 16 properties needed have been secured and Council is continuing negotiations on the remaining five.
- Council has begun to fence the new dam property and enforce the requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to not allow any stock within the dam boundary.
- Council is well advanced in working with Telstra and Essential Energy on relocating their assets out of the inundation zone.

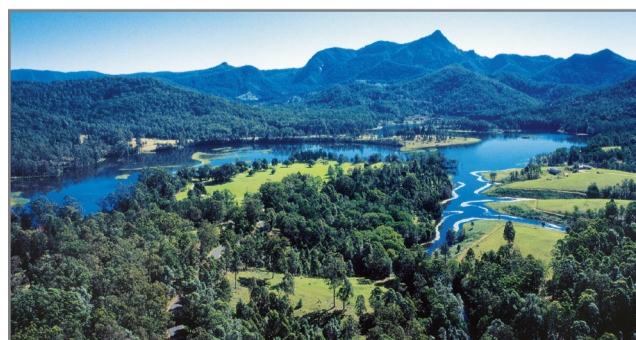
What's next?

- In August, Council will award the winning tenderer, which will mark the beginning of a 12 to 18-month-long journey to secure final Ministerial approval for this critical project to proceed.
- Council is about to begin geotechnical investigations to build a new bridge across Doon Doon Creek to replace the existing McCabe's Bridge because it will be under three and a half metres

of water when the raised dam fills.

- Plans are in place to measure and monitor the effectiveness of Council's efforts to revegetate the land it has purchased and restore it to native mixed eucalypt open forest.
- Council is exploring the feasibility of hydro power generation at the dam and looking into what is required to achieve carbon neutral construction.
- Council is considering drafting a new dam management plan as part of the project and well ahead of construction starting in 2023.

To keep up to date with the project, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/RaisingClarrieHall



Project planning to raise the Clarrie Hall Dam wall is underway.

In brief ...

How are your rates calculated?

Tweed Shire Council rates notices for 2019/2020 will start being delivered to mail boxes around the Tweed this week.

While no-one likes a bill, it may be helpful to understand more about how your rates are calculated and where your money goes. Check out the videos and infographics at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MyRatesNotice to learn more.

While you're on the website, sign up to go paperless and receive your rates and water notices by email rather than in the mail. Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GoPaperless to make the switch.

If you're having trouble paying your rates, you can make a payment arrangement through www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Rates/Paying

Grants for sustainable agriculture

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available as part of Council's Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program. The grants are to assist farmers to adopt better land management practices.

Sustainable Agriculture Program Leader, Eli Szandala, said the program provides funding for farmers to implement on-ground works and other activities to address environmental issues on their land.

"We are looking to support projects that protect important biodiversity on farms, reduce nutrient runoff into local waterways and support farmers to improve the health of their soils and pastures," he said.

Applications open on Monday 22 July 2019 and close at 4pm on Monday 16 September 2019.

Farmers who are interested in working on projects that have a direct and positive impact on the environment and the way they farm are encouraged to apply. Download the application form and grant guidelines at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture



A new fenced-off, off-leash dog park in Murwillumbah is one of the options you can vote for if you live in the Lismore electorate.

Vote for community projects

You can help decide which community projects get delivered in your electorate by voting in the My Community Project initiative.

Cast your vote now for Tweed Shire Council sponsored projects so Council can deliver new open spaces and park facilities for our communities to be healthier, safer and more inclusive.

The projects that receive the most support will receive funding, with up to \$260,000 available across each of the Tweed and Lismore electorates.

You can only vote for projects in your electorate. You can select between three and five projects in order of priority.

If you live in the *Tweed electorate*, there's one Council-sponsored project to vote for:

- **New Kids Outdoor Gym and Park for Everyone**, Tweed Heads, valued at \$74,998.

If you live in the *Lismore electorate*, there are two projects:

- **Tyalgum Village; New Toilets Provide Better Access For All**, valued at \$143,000.
- **New Fenced Off-Leash Dog Friendly Park** in Murwillumbah, valued at \$100,000.

The projects were selected based on community feedback received through consultation on the draft *Open Space Strategy*.

In both electorates, you can also vote on projects submitted and sponsored by other community groups and organisations. Visit mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au to browse projects.

To vote, you must live in NSW, be 16 years or older and log on or create a MyServiceNSW account at mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/how-to-vote where you will be asked to provide your Medicare number.

Voting closes on 15 August 2019. My Community Project is made possible by the NSW Generations Fund.

That smell's not the sewer, it's mangrove seeds

What's that awful smell? If you live in the north of the Shire, it's not a sewage spill. It's the odour of decomposing mangrove fruit.

Council has received numerous calls from residents around Terranora Inlet (particularly the Cobaki Broadwater Village), The Anchorage and Oxley Cove reporting suspected sewer leaks causing a persistent foul odour in residential areas.



The fruit of the grey mangrove is causing a stink as it rots.

The source of the smell is fruit dropped by mangroves, which produces hydrogen sulphide gas when decomposing – the same 'rotten egg' gas which is given off by sewage.

Inspections of sewage pump stations and sewer mains have found the sewerage system to be operating normally and with no ammonia present (which would be a tell-tale sign of the presence of sewage in waterways).

Council's Waterways Program Leader Tom Alletson said the common species of mangrove on the Tweed, the grey mangrove (*Avicennia marina*) began fruiting prolifically four to five weeks ago.

"Grey mangroves drop fruit at this time of year and there are masses of grey mangrove fruits stranded within the 25-hectare wetland to the east of places such as Cobaki Broadwater Village and other sections of the estuary," Mr Alletson said.

"The factors which cause the odours to become so strong at certain times are not clear, but would be related to tide, rainfall, the amount of fruit dropped in the season, frequency of tidal flushing and wind strength and direction.

"This is a natural process so Council is not able to control this issue or address any of the factors that lead to the odour problems," he said.

Mr Alletson said mangroves are an extremely important part of the Tweed estuary which provide habitat for fish, crabs, prawns and numerous bird species as well as acting to stabilise the shorelines. They are also protected under a number of NSW Government laws.

"While it is acknowledged that the smell generated in these areas is offensive, in almost all cases it is entirely natural, temporary, and one of the few downsides of living in close proximity to our beautiful waterways," he said.

Anyone who still has concerns about sewer-like odours in their area can call Council on (02) 6670 2400.

Requests for offer

RF02019085 – Supply of Cleaning and Security Services Kingscliff Library and Kingscliff Community Hall

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm 31 July 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 on (02) 6670 2606.

Cycling event – Cycle for Life Bike Ride

Bike ride in Tweed Shire, Sunday 28 July 2019. The following roads will have cyclists riding under police supervision:

Bells Boulevard; Casuarina Way; Dianella Drive; Tweed Coast Rd; Tweed Coast Way; Rosewood Ave; Clothiers Creek Rd; Norths Lane; Eviron Rd; Duranbah Rd; Cudgen Rd; Round Mountain Rd; Sandalwood Drive; Cabarita Rd; Kauri Ave; Windsong Way; Cylinders Drive; Oasis Ave; Sailfish Way; Kanes Rd; Cudgera Creek Rd; Pottsville Rd; Tweed Valley Way; Stokers Rd; Kyogle Rd; Park Ave; North Arm Rd; Numinbah Rd; Queensland Rd; and Cane Rd.

Multiple rides, bike riders following normal road rules on all roads. Use caution.

For all traffic enquiries please contact Mary Campbell on 0421 612 186.

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

DA19/0392 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 14 DP 800344, No. 37 Cassidy Crescent, **Bogangar**

DA19/0061 – Alterations and additions to dwelling house

Lot 92 DP 1030322, No. 14 Hyndes Lane, **Casuarina**

DA19/0404 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls

Lot 4DP 1252437, No. 60A Rous River Way, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0401 – Roofed verandah and carport

Lot 28 DP 755696, Hoggs Road, **Tyalgum Creek**

DA18/0536 – Relocation, processing and stockpiling of material in

Precinct 12 and distribution of processed material for road construction within Cobaki Estate

Lot 1 DP 570076, Lot 2 DP 566529, Lot 1 DP 562222, Lot 1 DP 570077,

Lot 1 DP 823679, Lot 46 DP 755740, Lot 54 DP 755740, Lot 55 DP

755740, Lot 199 DP 755740, Lot 199 DP 755740, Lot 200 DP 755740,

Lot 201 DP 755740, Lot 202 DP 755740, Lot 205 DP 755740, Lot 206 DP

755740, Lot 209 DP 755740, Lot 228 DP 755740, Lot 305 DP 755740,

Piggabeen Road, **Cobaki Lakes**

DA19/0054 – Secondary dwelling, in-ground swimming pool and extension to existing shed

Lot 2 DP 616570, No. 7 Surf Street, **Kingscliff**

DA19/0100 – Boundary adjustment

Lot 6 DP 747537, Lot 3 DP 624713, No. 274 Mount Burrell Road,

Mount Burrell

DA19/0196 – Installation of private wharf

Lot 11 DP 1247944, RIV M'Bah, No. 23 Tumbulgum Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0201 – Awning over existing outdoor dining area

Lot 0 ROAD 5900, Wharf Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0373 – Two lot strata subdivision of existing dual occupancy

Lot 33 Section 34 DP 9506, No. 64 James Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA19/0377 – Signage for preschool (one pylon and one fence mounted)

Lot 1 DP 726871, No. 2-4 Byangum Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA18/0697 – Boundary adjustment

Lot 34 DP 1128192, Lot 1 DP 1210411, Lot 1 DP 1057594, No. 300

Lundberg Drive, **South Murwillumbah**

DA18/1030 – Demolition of existing structures and erection of dual

occupancy (detached)

Lot 311 DP 246199, No. 43 The Quarterdeck, **Tweed Heads**

DA18/0935 – Change of use from five (5) factory units to one (1)

occupancy for use as a warehouse

Lot 21 DP 246253, No. 44 Machinery Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0163 – Six signs on existing building

Lot 2145 DP 879149, No. 13-17 Corporation Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0282 – Pontoon

Lot 74 DP 238224, Lot 109 DP 238224, No. 55 Wyuna Road,

Tweed Heads West

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

Gain insights into Council

Local Government Week on the Tweed (29 July – 4 August) is packed full of activities.

Council is showcasing many of the ways local government is part of our community, with a diverse range of talks, tours and workshops.

Although most events are free, make sure you book quickly as places are limited. For more information on any of these events or to book, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/LGWK. If you don't have access to the internet, call (02) 6670 2400 to find out more.

Sunday 28 July

National Tree Day Planting, Rous River at Chillingham, 9am-1pm – more than 1,000 native trees and shrubs will be planted to restore riparian vegetation along the Rous River.

Monday 29 July

Water Wise with Elizabeth – do you have a high water bill? Find out what practical steps you can take to save water and money by booking a free, one-hour water audit at your home with our Water Wise Engineer Elizabeth Seidl. Bookings required.

Water Treatment Processes and Testing – visit Bray Park Water Treatment Plant for a behind-the-scenes tour and watch a demonstration of how water is treated and tested to ensure it is safe to drink. Bookings required.

Wastewater Testing Display – visit the Tweed Laboratory Centre and Banora Point Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and see a display of tests used to ensure waste water is being treated properly prior to discharge. Bookings required.

Tuesday 30 July

Succeed in the Tweed – E Commerce Options to Sell More Product – from developing your own full e-commerce site such as Shopify or setting up a shop on ETSY through to leveraging platforms such as Amazon and eBay, this event will help you discover new ways to market your products/services and grow sales. Cost \$25, bookings required.

Wednesday 31 July

Visit the Recycling Centre – visit the Materials Recovery Facility at Chinderah and see first-hand how Tweed's recycling is sorted. Bookings required. **SOLD OUT.**

NDIS and My Aged Care Information Session and Morning Tea – come along and share a cuppa and morning tea at the Tweed Community Centre to learn about the NDIS and My Aged Care and receive up-to-date advice and ask questions. RSVPs required for catering purposes.

Thursday 1 August

Behind the Scenes at the Tweed Regional Museum Storage Facility – ever wondered what's **not** on display at the Museum? Or where they keep all the 'stuff'? Join our Museum Curator on a free guided tour of Tweed Regional Museum's custom built, state-of-the-art Collection Store. Bookings required.

Tweed's Living Heritage – a free, two-hour public lecture to learn about three aspects of Tweed's Living Heritage – the Local Area Heritage Fund (a small grants program); Our Railway Heritage and the Northern Rivers Rail Trail; and, our Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. Bookings required.

Friday 2 August

Meet the Street (River Street) and kick start South Murwillumbah Flood Levee Repair – to kick off construction of the South Murwillumbah Flood Levee repairs, Council invites the residents of River Street to meet their neighbours and the wider South Murwillumbah community at this Meet the Street morning tea. RSVPs required for catering purposes.



Small changes have made for a big impact at popular Faulks Park at Kingscliff.

Small space, big result

A small section of parkland south of Faulks Park at Kingscliff has been transformed from a forgotten patch of open space to an attractive area to sit and enjoy the area near Cudgen Creek.

Council finished the \$122,000 makeover last week and the area now has clear and well defined pedestrian paths and crossing points at the intersection of Marine Parade and Moss Street and the unnamed road that leads to the boat ramp.

There's also a shiny new picnic shelter, drinking fountain with dog water bowl and car parking for three cars. The car spaces are on an unmarked sloped concrete apron that allows seamless pedestrian movements from car to picnic shelter without any kerb and gutter barrier to negotiate.

A new outdoor shower has been installed at the top of the boat ramp.

Food Donation Forum



for Agencies and Donors

Thursday 1 August, 10am - 3pm

Ballina Surf Lifesaving Club, Lighthouse Road East Ballina

- How to write your grant
- How to improve your access to food via technology
- An opportunity to network and learn from others

GUEST SPEAKERS

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