



Council Labourer Graham Spencer helps Tumbulgum resident Maria van Vliet and her dog, Raffie, plant a replacement poinciana tree in the park along the riverbank.

Poinciana planting restores village feel

An avenue of poinciana trees will once again grace the banks of the Tweed River at Tumbulgum, following the planting of seven new specimens in Faith Mussing-Bandler Park along Riverside Drive.

Members of the Tumbulgum Community Association (TCA) joined Council staff in planting the seven trees last Wednesday.

The locations of the trees were chosen to replace lost trees, shade picnic tables and enhance the much-loved view over the river towards Wollumbin/Mt Warning for residents and visitors.

A number of existing mature poincianas were damaged in a storm

that hit the historic village in December last year.

TCA president Jenny Kidd said the Tumbulgum community was pleased Council had been understanding about the significance of the poincianas to the village, despite not being a native species.

"The community is delighted that poincianas will be planted to provide natural shade and restore the historic avenue of trees in keeping with the character of Tumbulgum," Ms Kidd said.

"We're also reassured Council has a plan of management for the trees in the park and will be removing some dead wood and keeping an eye on some other trees that may need to be removed in the future."

Learn more about your feline at Cool Cats 'Catch-up'

Do you own a cat and want to better understand its behaviour? Then, an upcoming free event is for you.

You'll find out ways to keep your cat happy, safe and healthy. Learn what makes your cat tick and how to keep wildlife safe.

Come along to have your cat problems solved at a free Cool Cats 'Catch-up' on Saturday 31 August from noon to 2.30pm at the Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre. Hear from guest speakers with more than 20 years' experience working with cats:

- Nerida Atkin – NSW Cat Protection Society's Feline Services Manager and vet nurse
- Sue Haworth – TAFE teacher in animal studies and practice manager from King Street Veterinary Hospital, Murwillumbah
- Friends of the Pound staff

- feline lovers from the community who have switched their cats from outdoor to indoors.

The last Cool Cats 'Catch-up' was booked out so don't miss out. There will be cat supplies available on the day, as well as prize draws for your furry feline friends.

Apply to receive extra support and advice from the NSW Cat Protection Society through phone calls and home visits to help you transition your cat to a happy and safe stay-at-home kitty.

A light lunch will be provided. No cats on the day, please. Bookings are essential and can be made at coolcats.eventbrite.com.au

Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/LoveCatsLoveWildlife for more information about keeping cats. This project has been assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.



Second Hand Saturday's Wipe out Waste team gear up for another successful garage sale day on 28 September.

Registrations open for Second Hand Saturday

If a good spring clean is on your agenda this year, then put Saturday 28 September in your calendar and get ready for the North Coast's biggest day of garage sales – Second Hand Saturday.

Hosted by Council and North East Waste, registrations have just opened for the 2019 event, giving you plenty of time to decide what you no longer use and could turn into cash.

Coordinator of Second Hand Saturday Linda Tohver said there were more than 800 registrations last year.

"The popular community event has become a yearly prompt for many to start their annual de-clutter and reduce what is sent to landfill," Ms Tohver said.

"The event provides a great opportunity to bring the community together and put all those items no longer needed or used, back out on display to be used again by someone else. As they say – one person's trash is another's treasure."

This year will be the 11th Second Hand Saturday run since it began in 2005.

In brief ...

One-hour library closure

Kingscliff Library will be closed for one hour on Wednesday 28 August between 9 and 10am. Normal library services begin at 10am, including Storytime at 11am.

Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah libraries will be open at 9am as usual.

Sustainability Awards masterclass

Get your nominations in for the first ever Tweed Sustainability Awards.

As a special extra perk, nominees will be invited to attend a free one-day masterclass to support, inspire and strengthen the network of like-minded environmental champions in the Tweed.

A special guest facilitator will guide participants through activities to strengthen their environmental leadership skills and work together on building and enhancing new or existing environmental projects.

Nominate at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainabilityAwards



Early start to fire season

The Tweed, Byron and Ballina shires' Bush Fire Danger Period has started early this year and the NSW Rural Fire Service is urging residents to prepare now for what could be a long and protracted fire season.

The Far North Coast (Tweed, Byron and Ballina shires) began the fire season on Saturday 17 August 2019.

During the Bush Fire Danger Period, anyone wanting to light a fire will require a permit. A fire permit is free to obtain and can be organised by calling your local Fire Control Centre.

On days of 'Very High' fire danger or above, as well as 'Total Fire Bans', all fire permits are automatically suspended.

To check the fire danger ratings for your area visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or contact the Far North Coast Fire Control Centre on (02) 6671 5500.



Canoe trail launched

Council invites keen paddlers to the launch of the Rous River Canoe Trail at Tumbulgum on Saturday 31 August from 9am to 12.30pm.

Bring your own canoe or kayak and join a guided tour of the canoe trail along the lower Rous River, starting at the Tumbulgum boat ramp. The eight-kilometre return route takes two to three hours to paddle and takes in sheltered mangrove-lined secluded bays with views to Wollumbin/Mount Warning.

Council's Project Officer – Waterways Matthew Bloor said the canoe trail is the first of several canoe trails to be promoted in the Tweed.

"We are lucky to live and play in the Tweed and we want to encourage people to get out on the water and explore our beautiful and diverse waterways," Mr Bloor said.

"The lower Rous River is an ideal place to paddle with easy access from Tumbulgum. It takes in one of the largest and most diverse habitat areas in the Tweed River estuary," he said.

A brochure and map to promote the Rous River canoe trail and a new webpage with a downloadable version of the brochure will be available this week at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CanoeTrails

The canoe trail has been developed as part of the Rous River Riparian restoration project, a three-year project funded by Council and the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.

Drinks and morning tea will be provided. Places are limited and bookings essential at canoetrail.eventbrite.com.au

Have your say on proposal to ban new water bottling facilities

Council has endorsed draft planning proposal PP18/0004 to go on public exhibition. The draft planning proposal aims to prohibit new water bottling facilities in the rural areas of the Tweed.

The reasoning is that there is not enough data on groundwater resources to fully understand the environmental impacts of the industry. Council is taking a precautionary approach and prohibiting new water bottling facilities until there is better data available on which to make decisions.

The draft planning proposal on exhibition includes:

- a savings provision for development applications currently under assessment
- protection for existing lawful operators by recognising water bottling facility as an 'additional permitted use' on their land within Schedule 1 of the *Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014*

Vaccinate your bunny before virus released

Rabbit owners in the Tweed are being advised to make sure that their pet rabbits are vaccinated against calicivirus, ahead of a release of the virus that may occur over the coming months.

Calicivirus is present in the environment at all times and can affect pet rabbits, regardless of any planned release.

Rabbits are estimated to cause more than \$200 million in damage to Australian agriculture every year. This figure does not take into account the damage to infrastructure and the environment.

Council's Program Leader – Pest Management – Wildlife Protection Pamela Gray said less than one rabbit per hectare is enough to stop the growth of some native species and negatively affect biodiversity, leading to further loss of native plant and animal species.



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On exhibition

Proposal to Remove Clause 7.15 'Water Bottling Facilities in Zone RU2 Rural Landscape' from the Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2104 (Planning Proposal PP18/0004, Draft LEP Amendment No 28)

On exhibition from 20 August to 17 September 2019.

The intended outcome of the planning proposal is to **prohibit new water bottling facilities** in the RU2 Rural Landscape Zone, whilst recognising existing operations as permitted on the land where they are currently located. The planning proposal affects all land in the RU2 Rural Landscape Zone.

The planning proposal can be viewed at the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads administration offices or at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/waterbottling

Have your say

- Online at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/waterbottling
- Email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- By post to General Manager Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Submissions must be in writing and received by 4pm Tuesday, 17 September 2019.

For further information contact Council's Strategic Planning and Urban Design Unit on (02) 6670 2503.

The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has delegated Tweed Shire Council as the local plan-making authority for this planning proposal under cl.2.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

Vacancies

Engineer – Projects (Contract)

Senior Program Leader Environmental Health

Senior Program Leader Environmental Protection

Supervisor – Reticulation

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.

WATER WEEK 8 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

- a new four-part threshold test for any new development applications on existing water bottling facility sites.

The NSW Chief Scientist is due to release its final review into the impact of the water bottling industry in the Northern Rivers soon. Council will take the findings of that review and the submissions received during this exhibition period into consideration when finalising this planning proposal.

The draft planning proposal is on public exhibition from 20 August to 17 September 2019. It can be viewed at the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads administration offices or at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/waterbottling. Submissions must be in writing and be received by 4pm Tuesday, 17 September 2019.

To find out more on how to have your say, go to the project page at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/waterbottling

"One of the measures that will be used in the Tweed to control rabbits is a release of RHDV1 K5, a calicivirus strain. Calicivirus was successful in reducing numbers of wild rabbits on the Tweed Coast in late 2017," she said.

"The new strain of calicivirus was first released nationally as a biological control in February 2017 and may be released in the Tweed in September.

"Council strongly urges residents with pet rabbits to make sure their vaccinations are up to date to reduce the chances of their rabbit catching the virus."

Visit Council's newsroom www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/newsroom/2603 or www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/rabbits for more information.

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Chillingham Community Association AGM – Saturday 7 September, 10.30am at Chillingham Community Centre. Call 0418 795 949 for information.

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

DA18/1035 – Use of existing structure as a secondary dwelling
Lot 2 DP 595004, No. 10 Sexton Hill Drive, **Banora Point**

DA19/0260 – Dual occupancy (detached)
Lot 3 Section 1 DP 3090, No. 15 Broadway, **Burringbar**

DA19/0105 – Use of existing building for storage and alterations and additions to the primary dwelling including a carport
Lot 424 DP 755701, No. 1 Anne Street, **Pottsville**

DA19/0149 – Change of use to restaurant and takeaway and associated fit out and signage (shop 2 & 3)
Lot 1 DP 25236, Lot 2 DP 25236, No. 100 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA19/0127 – Two lot boundary adjustment
Lot 28 DP 755696, Lot 45 DP 755696, Hogg's Road, **Tyalgum Creek**

DA19/0420 – Above ground swimming pool
Lot 6 DP 1030979, No. 16 Kildare Drive, **Banora Point**

DA19/0474 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 102 DP 1028034, No. 12 The Parapet, **Banora Point**

DA19/0442 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining wall
Lot 86 DP 1031933, No. 16 Kamala Crescent, **Casuarina**

DA19/0456 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 61 DP 1027531, No. 1 Harper Court, **Casuarina**

Father's Day Memorial Service

Friday, 30 August 2019 at 11am

Tweed Valley Cemetery, 813–871 Eviron Road, Eviron

A combined memorial service by the Murwillumbah Churches Together and Tweed Valley Cemeteries

A Shared moment for fathers to remember or to remember a cherished father, family member or friend.

Light refreshments provided.

For details visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Cemeteries or phone (02) 6670 2435

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Notification of Integrated Development application

Development Application no. DA19/0515

A development application has been lodged by New South Wales Sugar Milling Cooperative Ltd and Manildra Stockfeeds (Manufacturing) Pty Ltd in Partnership as Manildra Harwood Sugars seeking development consent for production of botanical drinking water up to 26,520KL per year which will be transported to Gold Coast/Brisbane region for bottling at Lot 1 DP 653248 & Lot 2 DP 118552 & Part Lot 1 DP 1058392 & Part Lot 2 DP 1058392; No. 123 McLeod Street, **Condong**. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW Office of Water)

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking

The documents will be available for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 21 August 2019 to Friday 20 September 2019.

Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. It should also be noted that Council has adopted a policy whereby, on request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality by submitters in determining access to submission letters. However, the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* – GIPAA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

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

Please note – Requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donations

A disclosure is required to be made in a statement accompanying the relevant development or planning application by a person who makes the application. In addition, a person who makes a written submission either objecting to or supporting a relevant development or planning application must also make a disclosure if the person has made a reportable political donation.

Further information regarding Donations and Gift Disclosure are available on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation

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