

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.

The information in the issue of the Tweed Link was correct at the time of going to print and is provided in good faith. For the most up-to-date information on Council services during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus
For information on COVID-19, visit NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au or healthdirect www.healthdirect.gov.au
For information on NSW government restrictions, go to preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19



The Fun Activities for Banora Seniors (FABS) program has been suspended at Banora Point Community Centre, which has now closed.

Seniors programs off, centres closed

Last Friday, the Fun Activities for Banora Seniors (FABS) was suspended for at least two weeks and another grant-funded seniors program postponed, as a precautionary step in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency.

The decision to suspend the FABS program will be reviewed on a week-by-week basis but is likely to be extended.

Since then, a decision has been made to close the following community centres: Banora Point, Tweed Heads South, Kingscliff Community Hall, Tweed Heads auditorium and the South Sea Islander Room. The Murwillumbah Auditorium and Canvas & Kettle are already closed due to construction works.

The programs funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) for seniors have been postponed. Participants in any program which had started

have been advised and other planned programs will not proceed at this stage.

The programs include: Shop Don't Drop, Stand Together, MisterChef, Dementia Music Therapy, Art and Dementia Friends, Stretch Your Mind, Mature and Determined and Cultural Connection – Tweed Regional Museum.

Many participants in the FABS and CHSP program are in the vulnerable age bracket. Suspending these programs is a precautionary measure aimed at protecting FABS participants, visitors, staff and volunteers.

The health and safety of the FABS and CHSP program participants was of the utmost concern and top priority and Council is proactively taking measures to protect its customers and staff.

For more information call Council on (02) 6670 2400 or visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Have your say at a time and place that suits you

New precautionary measures now mean that many face-to-face community engagements and consultations are cancelled. However, this does not mean that you cannot still have your say and add your voice to Council decision making.

There are a range of ways that you can still engage with Council on projects seeking community input.

Your Say Tweed – www.yoursaytweed.com.au

Visit Council's online engagement portal, Your Say Tweed, to browse Council projects currently seeking community feedback and input. You will find all related project documents, frequently asked questions and contact details for Council officers responsible for the project. There are

a range of online tools to enable you to make a submission or complete a survey to ensure your voice is heard.

Subscribe to the Tweed Link and Council e-newsletters

You can receive email alerts to stay up to date with Council projects and news. Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/Subscribe

Follow Tweed Shire Council on social media

Connect on Council's Facebook and Instagram to get all the latest information to be alerted to upcoming online consultations.

Finally, Councillors are your elected representatives and can be contacted by the public at any time. For contact details, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Councillors

Council gallery, museum and library facilities close

As a precaution to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), Council closed its cultural facilities to the public on Tuesday 17 March. This included libraries, gallery and museum facilities.

The facilities will be closed for two weeks initially, with the closure reviewed on a week-by-week basis after that. All associated events and public programs during this period have been cancelled or postponed.

The closures affect:

- Richmond-Tweed Regional Library branches at Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah
- Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre and Gallery DownTown in Murwillumbah
- Tweed Regional Museum at Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Uki.

Council's Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson said Council had a duty of care to its cultural facility patrons and the community.

"We made this decision because we have a relatively high proportion

of our population over the age of 60 and many of these residents who are more likely to be vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 use our facilities as patrons and volunteers," Ms Stinson said.

"There are 6000 visits to our library branches a week and 600 per day visit the Tweed Heads library alone.

"Add to that the 2500 people who visit the Tweed Regional Gallery weekly and you have a large group of people coming together – many of whom are in the vulnerable age bracket.

She stressed that no staff members at any of the affected facilities had been diagnosed with COVID-19.

"Closing these facilities are a precautionary measure aimed at protecting staff and slowing the spread of the virus within the community," she said.

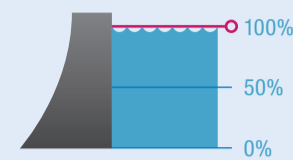
Staff will continue to work at the facilities during the closures on behind-the-scenes projects.

All library patrons are also advised that there will be a waiver on any library books due for return during the closedown period.



Last week we each used
160L a day
as at 20 March 2020

Clarrie Hall Dam level



100%
as at 18 March 2020

For the latest level, see www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/WaterandWastewater

Swimming facilities closed

Council's Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres (TRAC) closed to the public from Friday 20 March.

The closure is for at least two weeks but given the escalating situation with coronavirus (COVID-19), the centres are likely to be closed for a longer period. The situation will be reassessed on a week-by-week basis.

The closure affects the TRAC facilities at Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and Tweed Heads South.

The café at TRAC Murwillumbah will remain open to the public for now for takeaways only but this will be under review.

The closure is a precautionary measure, in line with the proactive approach Council is taking to protect staff and the community from unnecessary risks in the face of COVID-19.

Council has earlier closed cultural facilities because of the high proportion of older people living in the Tweed who attend the Tweed's libraries, galleries and museums.

Director Sustainability and Communities Tracey Stinson said while the numbers at the swimming facilities are not as high and not likely to be in as close proximity to each other, Council felt it was time to take this precautionary step to protect those attending and staff.

"It was also in our minds that a lot of older and more vulnerable people use the hydrotherapy pool at Murwillumbah so it made sense to close rather than wait," Ms Stinson said.

Learn to swim patrons will be offered credits or refunds if they prefer. Please email us at trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au to arrange this rather than attending in person.

All existing memberships will be suspended for the closure period so patrons are not disadvantaged.

There will be no permanent staff losses in association with this closure with all employees to be accommodated in performing maintenance and program development tasks at the aquatic centres or temporarily redeployed to support alternate Council functions. If staff are interested in taking leave, this will also be accommodated.

For more information visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au, call (02) 6670 2750 or follow TRAC on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/trac.tweed).

Advice for events and public gatherings

Advice is changing daily in regards to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on events and public gatherings across Australia. Here in Tweed we are also impacted, from weddings and conferences to community events and Council meetings. There is a lot for event organisers, business owners and the public to consider. Anzac Day events have been cancelled.

Council has cancelled or postponed a range of Council hosted events over the next month including community engagement activities, citizenship ceremonies, school or community group tours or any public event where Council has invited members of the public to attend. We will reconsider official advice as it is updated.

For events and public gatherings, at the time of printing, a *Public Health (COVID-19 Mass Gatherings) Order* is in place from 5pm Wednesday 18 March until midnight 16 June 2020. Current government advice includes:

- a ban on any public event or gathering of more than 500 people
- a ban on non-essential gatherings of 100 or more people indoors
- additional restrictions are in place for entertainment venues such as cafes, restaurants and pubs which may see further limitations for patrons of indoor venues depending on their size/floor space.

For more information see preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

A public event means a trade, cultural, social or sporting event that is open to the public (including when entry into the event requires the payment of a fee or other charge).

Stay up to date on the latest advice about events and public gatherings at the following websites:

- Australian Government – www.health.gov.au: 'Limits on organised gatherings' and 'Advice for organising public gatherings'
- NSW Health – www.health.nsw.gov.au: 'Event and gatherings'

Resources (printable and digital) for events

Australian Government

www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-campaign-resources

NSW Health

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus-resources (PDF)

Development Proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 25 March 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020.

The proposal is not designated development and the Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Mr AM Johnson	Lot 4 DP 245715; No. 13 Hastings Road BOGANGAR	change of use of dwelling to dual use as dwelling and tourist and visitor accommodation	DA20/0114

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified. 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.

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

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

CDC20/0022 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 12 DP 245712, No. 3 Cooley Street, **Bogangar**

DA20/0075 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 203 DP 1202098, No. 5 Central Park Lane, **Casuarina**

DA20/0084 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 43 DP 32011, No. 29 Terrace Street, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0094 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1157 DP 1146723, No. 86 Lennox Circuit, **Pottsville**

DA20/0099 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 3 DP 847438, No. 98 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

DA20/0073 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls

Lot 115 DP 1233026, No. 14 Feathertop Street, **Terranora**

DA20/0090 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 31 Section 3 DP 1223, No. 31 Bawden Street, **Tumbulgum**

DA20/0086 – Deck

Lot 91 DP 237806, No. 3 Ivory Crescent, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0050 – Patio roof cover

Lot 2 DP 825752, Unit 2/No. 102 Dry Dock Road, **Tweed Heads South**

DA19/0880 – Use of and completion of partially built music studio

Lot 80 DP 807666, No. 126 Bonnydoon Road, **Uki**

DA19/0355 – Mixed use development comprising serviced apartments and café

Lot 1 DP 842350, Lot 0 ROAD 2188, No. 25 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**

DA19/0551 – Change of use of existing decommissioned buildings to farm stay accommodation and rural workers dwelling

Lot 5 DP 634124, No. 229 South Pumpenbil Road, **Pumpenbil**

DA19/0761 – Pontoon

Lot A DP 385701, Sth M'Bah, No. 129 River Street, **South Murwillumbah**

Refused

DA19/0836 – Dual occupancy (attached)

Lot 11 DP 1024121, Round Mountain Road, **Reserve Creek**

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

Current vacancies

View current vacancies at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Careers

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at

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WATER WEEK 13 Check when your water meter is read at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

healthdirect

How to avoid infection or spreading the virus



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth



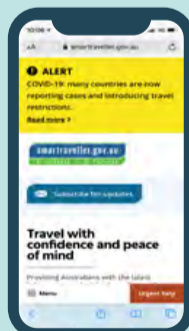
Cover your mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing



Use only disposable tissues, and dispose of them immediately after use



Avoid close contact with anyone showing respiratory symptoms



Monitor travel advice on Smartraveller smartraveller.gov.au



Stay at home when you are sick

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