

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.



An artist's impression of what parklets planned for the streets of Murwillumbah's CBD may look like.

Pop-up parklets to be unveiled in Murwillumbah

The installation of two temporary parklets will take place during October as part of an exciting short-term project in Murwillumbah.

The Tweed Green Parklet, Public Art and Activation project will also see pop-up seating (art seats) placed in several locations within Murwillumbah CBD, providing a unique public space while adding to the street amenity.

The temporary parklets (which are extensions from the footpath using one to two car spaces) will incorporate seating, plantings and interactive spaces to create a new buzz and enhance the street appeal.

Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson said each parklet would be designed as a unique public space, bringing pockets of greenery to the streets.

"The eight-week project aims to increase the amount of public space accessible to the community, enhance street vibrancy, pedestrian amenity, community safety and support the economic prosperity of local businesses resulting from the increased activity," Ms Stinson said.

"We'll build on lessons learned from cities in Australia and around the world who have trialled similar parklet and placemaking programs, while making sure we're always COVID-Safe."

In addition to the parklets, there will be the temporary installation

of cylinder-shaped art seats and planters, pockets of green and splashes of colour decorated by local artists to add vibrancy to central Murwillumbah.

The parklets expected to be in place by mid-October, will be located in front of the BGF Building in Queen Street and in front of M I Arts in Brisbane Street. The art seats will be located on the corner of Murwillumbah and Brisbane streets and near the pedestrian crossing in Murwillumbah Street, between the two parklets.

Council will design and construct the parklets, which will be removable and recyclable and can be relocated to other locations if required. During the trial period, the parklets will be locations for a number of different public events and activations.

The NSW Government is putting \$100,000 towards the project as part of its Streets as Shared Spaces initiative, with Council providing \$37,000.

An evaluation of the project will be conducted by the Northern NSW Local Health District to gauge the community benefits associated with improving public spaces, and assist in determining how activating initiatives such as this one can help improve streets to support healthier, safe and more vibrant communities.

Have your say on canal management in the Tweed

Ensuring the safety and navigability of the Tweed's canal systems is the focus of a draft Canal Management Policy which is on public exhibition from 23 September to 4 November 2020.

Tweed Shire Council manages nine canal estates – comprised of both navigable and non-navigable waterways – and the foreshores adjacent to several hundred residential allotments.

Within canals, facilities such as pontoons, boat ramps and beaches present maintenance considerations that affect both Council and residents. While being constructed waterways, canals also support environmental values, and are significantly affected by events such as floods.

The draft Canal Management Policy outlines Council's position on a number of matters relevant to canals, including maintenance of beaches, unapproved structures and use of vessels.

Importantly, the policy also describes Council's licensing of pontoons and the fees charged.

Council has now resolved to begin charging an annual licence fee for pontoons, commencing at the beginning of 2022. The annual pontoon licence fee will be used to fund the maintenance required in Council's canal estates.

The fee is a flat annual fee of \$255 per year for the pontoon license and \$196 for a pontoon license application or transfer, indexed to CPI.

The majority of the canal systems are more than 30 years old and located in an environment where deterioration can have a significant impact on their safety and functionality.

Currently Council budgets \$40,000 annually for canal works and this will need to increase in the future.

In recent years funding has been allocated to projects such as navigation dredging in Endless Summer and Seagulls canals, beach nourishment at Anchorage Islands and flood debris removal at Oxley Cove.



Tweed canal residents have been invited to make submissions on Council's draft Canal Management Policy.

Increasing the revenue available to maintain canals and public waterway facilities will improve the safety and durability of these assets.

The charging of an annual licence fee for private structures in Council-owned canals is consistent with NSW Government practice, where fees are charged for private structures in Crown waterways.

The NSW Government application fee is currently \$626, with an annual base fee of \$240, plus a rate of \$4.65 per square metre. A 30-square metre structure on a Crown waterway reserve would currently cost approximately \$380 per annum, plus GST.

Council resolved to apply an annual pontoon license fee in 2008, however while the fee was adopted, it has not been charged.

For more information and to make submissions on the draft policy, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/draft-canal-management-policy



Last week we each used

186L a day

as at 18 September 2020

In brief ...

TRAC Tweed Heads South to close for works

The Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) at Tweed Heads South is closing to the public for upgrade works.

The pool will be closed from Monday 28 September for three weeks and is due to reopen on Monday 19 October.

During this time customers and members can use the TRAC facilities at Kingscliff or Murwillumbah.

To comply with the current COVID-19 restrictions, everyone must pre-book their lane, class or activity prior to attending.

To book, visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Safer and easier lifting solution

Members of Tweed Shire Council's Fleet team were pleased to deliver a new crane truck for the Water & Wastewater Unit recently.

The truck was designed in consultation with operational staff to facilitate tooling and equipment for various planned, unplanned and corrective maintenance activities.

There are 193 sewer pump stations across the Tweed – with more than a quarter having pumps weighing greater than 500kg. The crane has a lift capacity of 700kg at seven metres.



Supervisor Mechanical Kerry John (right), Leading Hand Mechanical Shane Johnston (left) and Pump Fitter Rod Abbey with the new Unic URW 374 series crane truck.

Councillor Chris Cherry elected Mayor of Tweed

Councillor Chris Cherry has been elected as Mayor of Tweed for the next 12 months until local government elections are held in September 2021.

At an Extraordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2020, Councillor Cherry was elected by her fellow councillors.

Councillor Reece Byrnes was elected unopposed to the role of Deputy Mayor and will also hold the position until council elections are held next year.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Katie Milne, did not nominate for the position but continues in her role as councillor. She held the position of Mayor for the past five years.

Councillor Cherry has previously served as Deputy Mayor in 2016/17, 2018/19 and most recently in 2019/20. Councillor Byrnes served as Deputy Mayor in 2017/18.

Visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings to view the meeting minutes, including voting.

In the Tweed, the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor is decided by a vote among Councillors, rather than by a popular vote by residents, as is the case in some local government areas.

The Tweed is represented by seven Councillors, who cover the whole Shire, as the Tweed does not have a ward system.

If you would like to contact a Councillor, please visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors to view a list of the Councillors' names, phone numbers and email addresses.



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Environmental Impact Statement for dam raising reaches milestone

The preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam has met another milestone with completion of the cultural heritage excavations.

Consultant Eco Logical Australia Pty Ltd (ELA) worked with the project's Registered Aboriginal Parties over nine weeks to complete the excavations of 19 potential archaeological deposits.

Soil from the excavations was sieved to isolate and collect Aboriginal artefacts. General searches of the areas around the dig sites were also completed.

The findings from the excavations will help in the development of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the project.



Cultural heritage excavations took place as part of the preparation work for the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam.

Public notice – road usage

Tweed Valley Triathletes will be conducting events each Saturday from 6 to 8am commencing 26 September 2020 and concluding 20 March 2021 using roads in and around Murwillumbah. The roads used will be Tumbulgum, Racecourse, Cane and Queensland roads, Murwillumbah, Wharf, Reynolds, Charles, George, York and Martin streets. Contact Chris Goudkamp on 0408 669 174 for further 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

DA20/0465 – In-ground swimming pool and use of flyover patio roof Lot 14 DP 848987, No. 12 Kinross Close, **Banora Point**

DA20/0502 – Two roofed patios Lot 195 DP 261796, No. 54 Bosun Boulevard, **Banora Point**

DA20/0199 – Detached secondary dwelling (over garage) Lot 169 DP 1058012, No. 8 Cottonwood Lane, **Casuarina**

DA20/0079 – Attached dual occupancy and two swimming pools Lot 3 DP 1251576, No. 54 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0538 – Two storey dwelling with attached double garage Lot 195 DP 1232786, No. 48A Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0182 – Attached dual occupancy over two stages Lot 2 DP 818099, No. 29 Norths Lane, **Nunderi**

DA20/0405 – Prefabricated dwelling (relocatable) and shed Lot 9 DP 1059139, No. 71 Pumpenbil Road, **Pumpenbil**

DA19/0081 – 73 storage sites for commercial use and one 12 metre storage container used only by the owners and fire rated wall for the 12 metre container

Lot 10 DP 1160635, No. 40 Honeyeater Circuit, **South Murwillumbah**

DA20/0001 – Two lot Stratum Subdivision and two stage Strata Subdivision comprising total of 154 lots plus common property

Lot 2 DP 1253411, No. 9 Enid Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0333 – Pontoon

Lot 43 DP 260022, Lot 35 DP 260432, No. 6 Diamond Place, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0375 – 1.8 m high front fence

Lot 297 DP 246199, No. 69 The Quarterdeck, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0440 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 17 DP 240408, No. 4 Holden Street, **Tweed Heads South**

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 datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

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The 19 sites are part of a range of archaeological sites that would be inundated or partially inundated when the dam wall is raised 8.5 metres to double the dam's footprint and treble its capacity.

The EIS is expected to be completed by February 2021 and will go on exhibition for public comment around March 2021. Then, ELA will meet with the community to help explain the document for those who want to make submissions. At this stage, due to COVID-19, it is not known what format these meetings will take.

Anyone interested in making a submission on the EIS should register to 'Stay Informed' at www.yoursaytweed.com.au/raisingclarriehall. This will enable Council to email you directly when the EIS goes on public exhibition and when the meetings are scheduled.

Council has received funding under the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program to undertake the EIS to raise the dam.

Right: Consultant Eco Logical Australia Pty Ltd worked with the project's Registered Aboriginal Parties to complete the excavations of 19 potential archaeological deposits.



Apply for Australia Day community event funding

Tweed Shire Council is offering financial support to not-for-profit organisations and community groups interested in hosting Australia Day events in the Tweed.

Previous grant recipients have held small community and sporting events including cricket, community breakfasts, tree planting and award ceremonies.

Groups can now apply for funding, ranging from \$300 to \$500, based on the expected number of attendees for their event.

Given the current COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings, the grant funding will be subject to the NSW Public Health Orders applicable at the time of the event.

Applications close at 4pm Friday 16 October. For more details and to apply, visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

To be eligible, events must be held on Australia Day (26 January 2021) and be a public event.



A community event supported by Australia Day event funding from Tweed Shire Council.

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 datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 23 September 2020 to Wednesday 7 October 2020.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Dzine Construction Group	Lot 1 DP 866375; No. 27–41 Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads ; Lot 2 DP 615054; No. 43–47 Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads	alterations and additions to an existing bus depot, including a new vehicle crossover	DA20/0640

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

Public notice – change of lease arrangements

Change of lease arrangements, Lot 268 DP 865924 – Anchorage Island Canal and Foreshore

Council advises that responsibility for Lot 268 DP 865924, the Anchorage Island Canal and foreshore, including associated facilities and vessel moorings, has been assumed by Tweed Shire Council.

Lot 268 DP 865924 is the area encompassed by the red line in the image opposite.

Please contact Council as soon as possible if you pay for moorings or pontoons in this area.

Maintenance of boardwalks, fixed jetties and some other facilities will be undertaken by Council.

For any enquiries regarding management, ongoing mooring agreements and maintenance issues, please call Council on 02 6670 2400 and ask to speak to staff from the Waterways Program.

Getting ready for Water Night

Young couple Paola Stelmach Kohl and Rob Wise took a Water Night test run and learned they would have to change how they use water if they were to survive on limited quantities.

Thinking ahead and thinking smart, they planned their night around the challenge to use just one 10-litre bucket of water between 5pm and 5am and had plenty of water left over.

First, they changed their meal plan. Instead of a cooked dinner with all the cleaning caused by the preparations and then the eating, they opted for a pizza cooked on the barbecue and eaten by the slice from the same plate with paper napkins to wipe their hands.

Then they opted not to shower before bed. At a bare minimum and using a water-efficient shower head, two showers would use at least twice their night's allowance. The only decision open to them if they were to meet the challenge was 'no showers'.

Paola and Rob believe they are water-conscious consumers anyway, but the Water Night test run did teach them that they would have to plan more and work harder if their water supply was limited.

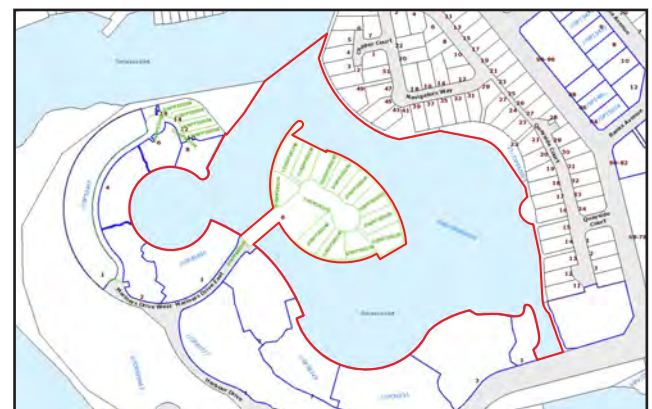
"We learned that we would have to change our habits, especially having showers," Paola said.

"We take our water so much for granted," Rob said. "We learnt that to not be wasteful with water you need to be aware that there are steps you can take to minimise your use."

Paola and Rob will be participating in the first national Water Night challenge to be held next month.

Water Night encourages all Australian households to use just one 10-litre bucket of water between 5pm to 5am on Thursday 22 October 2020. To join them, register online at www.waternight.com.au

WATER NIGHT



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18 September – 8 November 2020

Just Not Australian brings together 20 artists across generations and diverse cultural backgrounds to deal broadly with the origins and implications of contemporary Australian nationhood. Showcasing the common sensibilities of satire, larrikinism and resistance so as to present a broad exploration of race, place and belonging, *Just Not Australian* interrogates what it means to be Australian at this challenging point in time.

Artists include Abdul Abdullah, Hoda Afshar, Tony Albert, Cigdem Aydemir, Liam Benson, Eric Bridgeman, Jon Campbell, Karla Dickens, Fiona Foley, Gordon Hookey, Richard Lewer, Archie Moore, Vincent Namatjira, Nell, Joan Ross, Tony Schwensen, Raquel Ormella, Ryan Presley, and artistic duo Soda Jerk.

Just Not Australian was curated by Artspace and developed in partnership with Sydney Festival and Museums & Galleries of NSW. The exhibition is touring nationally with Museums & Galleries of NSW.



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Image: Hoda Afshar, *Dog's Breakfast*, 2011, archival inkjet print, 61 x 88.9 cm. Courtesy the artist.



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