



Tweed Regional Museum's Shannon Rees and Kirsty Andrew check out the unique and unusual Goggomobils on display over the holiday period.

G-O-G-G-O: Check out the Goggomobils

Tweed Regional Museum in Murwillumbah has a jam-packed school holiday program, including a special display which will appeal to people of all ages.

The Museum has 2 special micro cars on display over the holidays – a Goggomobil Dart and a Goggomobil sedan.

These unique little vehicles belong to local collector, Howard Knox OAM, who has been restoring Goggomobils for more than 30 years.

The cars are regulars at the Cooly Rocks On festival and have been displayed across New South Wales and Queensland, including at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.

"It is always a great experience putting these Goggomobil cars on display and driving them in parades," Mr Knox said.

"However, the greatest joy I've had has been teaching my grandsons how to drive their Goggo around the yard. I had to wait until they were tall enough to reach the floor pedals."

To coincide with the display, the Museum will also be hosting some car-related kids' activities and the chance to win a prize.

The Museum has also extended its *Fight for the Right* exhibition through the holidays.

Museum Curator Erika Taylor said the exhibition includes the personal stories of locals involved in protests and campaigns and their quest to stand up for what they believe is right.

"Through historic objects, photographs and video, the exhibition provides visitors with an insight into how protests have shaped the

Tweed Shire," Ms Taylor said.

"From social justice campaigns of the 1960s, right through to current day issues, *Fight for the Right* reflects the passion shown by the community on a wide range of issues, including protection of the local environment."

A special object on display is a pair of gloves owned by Tweed-born civil rights activist Faith Bandler, who campaigned for Aboriginal rights in the 1967 Australian referendum. The gloves are on loan from the National Museum of Australia.

The Museum has created a full program of children's and young people's workshops throughout the holidays using themes from the *Fight for the Right* exhibition.

There will be workshops on tie dying, macramé rainbows, DIY seed bombs and more. Special ukulele workshops will teach kids how to play, with the workshop price including a ukulele to take home.

Public Programs and Audience Development Officer Shannon Rees was thrilled to be able offer a program of fun and engaging workshops for children and young people to enjoy.

"It's great to be able to welcome families and the community back into the Museum in a COVID-Safe way for these workshops and all the Museum has to offer," Ms Rees said.

The Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. Check the website for more details museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au

How you can Get Ready for summer – it's not too late

Aussie summers are iconic. They can also be tragic, as we've seen in the Queensland floods this week.

Each year, communities across NSW experience bushfires, home fires, floods, storms, heatwaves, power outages and other emergencies.

It's important to be aware of and prepared for seasonal hazards, whether you're at home, at work or away on holidays.

Get Ready for summer now in five simple steps:



- 1. Know your risk.** Think about the area you're in or the location of your holiday destination and the types of disasters that could affect you.
 - 2. Plan now for what you will do.** Sit down and talk with your family and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area or when you are away on holiday.
 - 3. Get your home ready.** Prepare your home by doing general home maintenance and checking your insurance coverage.
 - 4. Be aware.** Find out how to prepare, what to do if there is a disaster in your area or while you are away on holidays and connect with NSW emergency services or keep on top of news reports if travelling so you can stay informed.
 - 5. Look out for each other.** Share information with your family, friends, neighbours and those who may need assistance.
- Find out more on Council's Emergency Dashboard at emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au which provides Tweed residents with useful information and contacts in an emergency. Please note, Council is not the main authority in emergencies.

The Tweed Lab does not offer PCR tests

A number of people have contacted Council in recent days, wanting to know if the Tweed Laboratory Centre provides COVID-19 PCR testing services.

The centre does not.

For a list of providers of COVID-19 PCR tests in our local area, please visit nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/clinics

Throughout the pandemic, lab staff have worked hard to

keep our community safe by sending raw sewage samples to NSW Health for testing as part of the NSW COVID-19 sewage surveillance program.

Having opened in 1987, the Tweed Laboratory Centre is one of the most established laboratories in the South East Queensland and Northern Rivers region.

Head to tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-lab to find out more.



Last week we each used

168L a day

as at 10 January 2022

Waste tip



Want that 'new clothing feel' for longer?

Before washing items, turn inside out, do up buttons and zips, use 'delicates' bags, cold water and keep colours and blacks from fading by adding a cup of vinegar in wash (P.S. there is no smell!).



Field day demonstrates benefits of biodiversity on farms

Late last month, more than 30 graziers gathered for a field day about the benefits of biodiversity on farms.

Greg and Rhonda James shared 40 years of experience balancing cattle farming with biodiversity conservation on their 220ha property in the hinterland west of Pottsville.

The day showed how important it is to protect and enhance native plants, animals and their habitat in order to maintain farm productivity. Some of the greatest benefits on the James' property have been shelter for livestock and the adequate supply of water, even during the 2019 drought.



Landowner Rhonda James discusses the benefits of biodiversity on farms with participants in a recent field day near Pottsville.

A well-vegetated farm also provides essential habitat for native flora and fauna that help control agricultural pests, cycles nutrients and reduces erosion, effectively preventing the establishment of weeds. For the James', it is simply a beautiful place to live and work.

Tweed Shire Council delivered the field day with funding from the NSW Environmental Trust.

Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture Eli Szandala said there were many ways to increase biodiversity and farm health including preventing livestock from accessing bushland areas, waterways and dams, protecting paddock trees and limiting the use of barbed wire to prevent wildlife entanglement.

A new project aimed at supporting beef and dairy producers to develop more drought resilient farms will commence in February 2022 with support from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

The project will include whole farm planning strategies for drought-proofing the farm and support to improve the water holding capacity of soils and landscapes, establishing biodiverse shelter belts to increase pasture production and livestock health, along with support to develop rotational grazing systems.

Graziers wishing to find out more about the project are encouraged to contact the Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture on 02 6670 2400 before the end of January.

Get the Tweed Link early by email

Be one of the first to see all the latest news from Tweed Shire Council each week.

Subscribers to the Tweed Link receive it by email each week on Wednesday mornings, in addition to it appearing in print in the Tweed Valley Weekly on Thursdays.

But that's not all – you can also subscribe to Council job alerts, media releases and a range of e-newsletters and Council facility program alerts.

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Thank you 2021 Tweed Youth Council

Safety on public transport and mental health support in schools were among the key issues addressed by the Tweed Youth Council in 2021.

The Youth Council, comprising 13 students from 7 schools meet formally 4 times during the year in the Murwillumbah or Tweed Heads council chambers to discuss matters of concern and interest for Tweed youth.

The matter of personal safety for youth on public transport was a priority issue of 2021 Youth Council.

Members were able to speak directly with the Manager for Road Safety at Transport for NSW, Penny Sutton, telling her of their personal experiences and specific examples brought to the Youth Council about concerns using public transport in the Tweed.

The Youth Council compiled a table of issues for Transport for NSW and sought their assistance in finding solutions and implementing changes where possible.

These issues were also raised with Surfside Buslines Gold Coast South Manager William Todd, who attended a Youth Council meeting to hear concerns and possible solutions.

Another major issue was mental health, particularly during the COVID-19 restrictions and the impact it was having on youth.

A focus was where youth could go to get help for mental health both within and outside the school environment.

There was concern that seeking help through school counsellors

raised stigma issues with students wanting to keep issues to themselves.

There was also a question about whether the title 'School Counsellor' is the most appropriate name given the stigma that can be attached to anyone seeking guidance.

Youth Councillors said this was adding to the problem, creating stress and greater awareness was needed to ensure that counselling procedures were kept as private as possible.

They suggested that mental health support should be introduced to Year 7 students, just starting out in secondary schools.

Tweed Shire Councillors supported the Youth Council plan to work with key stakeholders to address concerns relating to 'Young people feeling safe in their community' regarding the areas of public transport and youth mental health.

The group also met with Council's Recreation Planner, Jodie Hewett, to learn about the *Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan* co-design workshop opportunities for young people and how they could contribute to the development of the Plan.

Three Youth Council members participated in facilitator training and helped to co-facilitate the actual co-design workshops for young people.

The Plan involves looking at better access to facilities, design of facilities, events in parks and creating or expanding facilities such as skating parks, bushwalking trails and pathways.



The 2021 Tweed Youth Council in action earlier last year.

Thanks to the 2021 Youth Council:

- Montana Markland, Chair (Pacific Coast Christian School)
- Dawn Cosham, Tom Nguyen (St Joseph's College)
- Madison Bambach, Julia Wilder-Donvito (Wollumbin High School)
- Oska Proietto, Imogene Pain (Banora Point High School)
- Abby Pirota, Daniel Green (Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School)
- Logan Wright, Deputy Chair and Daniel Daley (Murwillumbah High School).
- Rykah Ross, Jorja Campbell (Tweed River High School).

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/youth-council to find out more about the Tweed Youth Council.

Meet your new Council representatives

Councillor Chris Cherry will be the Mayor of Tweed Shire until September 2023, following a Mayoral election at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday.

The Deputy Mayor is Councillor Reece Byrnes, who will be in the position until December 2022.

The appointments follow the NSW Electoral Commission declaring the results of the 4 December local government election on 21 December, with 4 returning representatives and 3 new Councillors elected.

Candidates elected to Council by sequence of election were (*new to Council):

- James Owen
- Chris Cherry
- Meredith Dennis*
- Rhiannon Brinsmead*
- Warren Polglase
- Nola Firth*
- Reece Byrnes

The election was finalised later than in previous years after the NSW Electoral Commission extended the return period for postal votes under its COVID-Safe plan.

A total of 53,400 ballots were counted in the Tweed, representing an 80.41% turnout, with an informal vote of 6.33% recorded.

The new Councillors will serve a reduced term of 2 years and

8 months as a result of the 2020 election being rescheduled. The next local government election will be in September 2024.



Left: The Mayor of Tweed, Cr Chris Cherry and (right) the Deputy Mayor of Tweed, Cr Reece Byrnes.

Reduced hours at the Tweed Regional Gallery

Tweed Regional Gallery hours will be temporarily reduced from Wednesday this week, to manage Gallery resources and keep the community safe while there are a growing number of active cases of COVID-19 within our region.

Here are the new arrangements:

- Opening hours: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm (Wednesday to Sunday)
- Daily guided tours: 11:30 am to 11:50 am (maximum of 4 attendees per tour)
- Café – Gallery by Bacaro: 8:30 am to 3 pm

Face masks must be worn inside the Gallery, QR check-in on arrival and the 2 square metre rule applies. Please stay 1.5 metres apart and stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Thank you for continuing to support the Gallery as we all navigate these difficult times. For more information visit gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Request for offer

RF02021123 Design and Supply Casuarina Footbridge

RF02021148 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plants – Concrete Pumping & Drilling

RF02021149 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plants – Concrete Cutting

RF02021150 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plants – Floating Excavator & Weed Harvester

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDT) 26 January 2022

RF02021090 North Tumbulgum Reservoir Access Structure

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDT) 9 February 2022

RF02021108 Lead Design Consultant; New Transfer Station at Tweed Recycling & Landfill Centre (TRLC)

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDT) 23 February 2022

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts

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.

Current vacancies

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WATER WEEK 2 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading-billing-schedule

Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Draft Dam Safety Management Policy

On exhibition from 17 November 2021 to 3 February 2022

You're invited to comment on Tweed Shire Council's Draft Dam Safety Management Policy. Dam safety in NSW is now regulated under the new *Dam Safety Act 2015* and the *Dam Safety Regulation 2019*.

Council has prepared a new Dam Safety Management Policy to address the regulation.

Have your say

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/damsafetymanagementpolicy to review the draft policy and provide your comments.



Dwelling entitlement for 51 Rock Road, Bungalora

On Exhibition from 12 January to 9 February 2022

You're invited to comment on the proposal to amend the *Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014* (Tweed LEP 2014) in order to secure dwelling entitlement for the property at 51 Rock Road, Bungalora (Lot 2 DP880732).

This Planning Proposal is referred to as PP21/0002 and applies to Tweed Shire.

Have your say

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au to view the proposal and make a submission by 9 February 2022.

Council confidentiality policy: On request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality however, the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* may require confidential submissions to be released to an applicant.

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Keep your eye to the ground for Parthenium weed



Parthenium weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*) has been on the move from central, to southern Queensland and is now on our doorstep. This weed poses serious threat to our local agricultural industries and human health. Here in the Far North Coast we have one known actively managed infestation at Palmvale. We are appealing to all residents to be on the lookout for others.



Parthenium is an agricultural weed spread via harvesting machinery, vehicles, and through hay, grain feed and compost. This Priority weed threatens human and livestock health, causing respiratory problems and severe dermatitis. It also causes kidney damage in livestock. Parthenium reduces crop yields, is a host for crop viruses and outcompetes degraded pastures.

Parthenium is most easily identifiable by its pale green leaves – lower leaves are 5–20cm long and deeply divided, upper leaves are smaller and less divided. Soft, fine hairs cover the foliage. Flowers are 4–6mm in diameter, are white and star-shaped with five distinct points.

It can take just four weeks for parthenium weed to progress from germination to seed bearing, and each plant can produce up to 15,000 seeds per year. We need your eyes on the job to help us locate and eradicate parthenium weed from our region!



Parthenium weed is **prohibited matter**. Please do not attempt to treat or dispose of this weed yourself. If you see this plant, call Rous County Council immediately on 02 66 233 800 and we will lead an initial response for the treatment and disposal of the plant to stop it from spreading.



For more information, scan the QR code to view the full weed profile on NSW DPI's WeedWise website.

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