

# Tweed Link

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From left: Jaime Coetzee and Jazmine Cook were elected Deputy Chair and Chair of the Youth Council at its first meeting at Council's Tweed Heads Administration Office.

## Homelessness priority youth concern

The first meeting of the 2018 Tweed Shire Youth Council has been held with members outlining their concerns and goals for the year ahead.

The Youth Council, now in its third year, is an initiative of the Tweed Shire Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2013–2017.

It is made up of representatives from public and private high schools in Tweed Shire and meets every school term to express views on youth matters, while also providing opportunities for the development of communication, confidence and leadership skills.

Jazmine Cook, of Tweed River High School, was elected as Chair at the meeting and said she was looking forward to the experience.

"I decided to join the Youth Council to gain more knowledge and experience of how a council works and also to hopefully make a difference in our community," Jazmine said.

"I feel the group we have this year is very strong and I think we may be able to make a difference in youth homelessness and mental illness in the youth community."

Jaime Coetzee, of Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, was elected Deputy Chair and also spoke about her desire to have a positive impact.

"I am hoping to assist with the prevalent issue of homelessness in the Tweed," Jaime said.

"I am also excited to understand how the Tweed Shire Council operates and makes their decisions."

Council General Manager Troy Green was on hand to welcome

the group and asked each member directly what youth-oriented services they would like to see established or improved in the

Council Families and Youth Development Officer Sylvia Roylance said the group's answers, which ranged from transport to mental health and homeless services, showed them to be engaged members of the community.

"On first impression they are all very insightful as to what is going on in their community and definitely full of energy and confidence," Ms Roylance said.

"The Youth Council is a great way to expose young people to a formal meeting environment and gives a lot of insight into how local government works, potentially opening up career pathways they may not have been aware of.

"As we enter the third year of the program it is great to see the support these young people are receiving from their schools which are now starting to see the impact of the program as an extension of the leadership roles they encourage students to take on."

The 2018 Tweed Shire Youth Council is made up of: Jazmine Cook – Chair, Corey Cox and Matthew Lewis (Tweed River High School), Jaime Coetzee – Deputy Chair (Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School), Nava Bergman, Ethan Graham and Jasper Tiffen (Murwillumbah High School), Chloe Palin and Zoe Nethery (St Joseph's College), Hannah Carmody and Jessica Maloney (Wollumbin High School) and Jack Lee and Joshua Carpenter (Banora Point High School).

## Koalas need our help – become a Koala Watcher

Friends of the Koala is calling for Tweed locals to become Koala Watchers and is holding a free workshop to show them how to do it.

The workshop will be held in the Canvas and Kettle Room at the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre Murwillumbah on Saturday 17 March from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Koala Care Coordinator Susannah Keogh, who will be delivering the workshop, said Koala Watchers played an important role.

"Early reporting of koalas in need of care improves their ch of successful treatment, rehabilitation and release back into their natural habitat," Ms Keogh said.

The workshop will provide information on becoming a koala watcher, including recognising the signs of healthy, sick, injured and distressed koalas.

It will also focus on what you can do to help support a healthy koala population in your local community.

Council's Biodiversity Projects and Planning Officer Marama Hopkins said this was a workshop that would give people the skills to make a real difference.

"We're always asking Tweed residents to keep an eye out for koalas and to report them when they see them," Ms Hopkins said. "Unfortunately, injury and disease is always going to be an issue



for our koalas and it's sometimes hard to tell, but being able to identify when a koala needs help and getting that help early can mean the difference between life and death for that animal."

To register for the workshop or for more information contact Friends of the Koala on (02) 6621 4664, Maria Matthes on 0467 855 990 or maria@healinghistory.com.au. Refreshments will be provided. Koala Watch is a NSW Environmental Trust Project.

### In brief ...

#### **Reprieve for suppliers during April**

The upcoming Commonwealth Games will most likely make deliveries more difficult for some businesses in the Tweed.

In recognition of the likely traffic delays, Council has decided to take no compliance action against suppliers receiving deliveries of goods outside of their normal delivery hours for the period 1 April to 30 April 2018.

This decision was made at the 1 March Council meeting.

#### Have a chat with your neighbour

As mentioned last week, Council is getting behind Neighbour Day on Sunday 25 March and would love for you to get involved too.

Tweed residents can take part by spending time with one or more neighbours, with suggestions ranging from cups of tea to parties in front yards, or at a local park.

Planning your event has been made easy with everything you need at the Neighbour Day website www.neighbourday.org including posters, invitations, connection cards, selfie signs and a how to guide.

The first 20 Tweed residents to register their Neighbour Day activity on Council's Facebook event and complete the quick survey (or by calling (02) 6670 2567) will receive \$50 vouchers to spend at local businesses to use to cover costs of your activity.



Librarian's Assistant Anita Lincoln gives David Bowen a few tips

## **Full book of library events**

Tweed Heads Library is back in full swing hosting its regular programming as well as specialised talks and activities. There's also plenty to do at Murwillumbah and Kingscliff libraries.

#### **Tech Savvy Seniors**

A program that aims to improve opportunities for lifelong learning by bridging the digital divide. Topics include using smart phones, ancestry research, using the Richmond Tweed Regional Library app and how to borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines.

All dates include sessions at 10.30–11.30am and 2.30–3.30pm. Friday 16 March – Kingscliff Library

Tuesday 20 March - Murwillumbah Library

Monday 26 March – Tweed Heads Library

Friday 6 April – Kingscliff Library

Tuesday 10 April – Murwillumbah Library **Ancestry research** 

Did you know you can also book one-on-one sessions to learn how to research your family history through Ancestry.com.au. To book a session, please call your nearest branch – Tweed Heads (07) 5569 3150, Murwillumbah (02) 6670 2427 or Kingscliff (02) 6674 1607.

#### Storytime and Baby Bounce

Storytime is on Wednesdays in all three branches at 11am. Baby Bounce is on at 10am on Mondays in Kingscliff library,

Tuesdays in Tweed Heads Library and Fridays in Murwillumbah library. Everyone welcome.

#### **Harmony Day**

During March, we are celebrating Harmony day, featuring a map of the world. We invite our members to celebrate the wonderful diversity of the community we live in by placing a sticker on our map to indicate where you were born.

#### **Funds and investment options**

Thursday 15 March at Kingscliff Library 3.30pm. Please call Kingscliff to book on (02) 6674 1607.

#### **More information**

For more information on our regular library programs and activities in each of our branches, please visit our Richmond Tweed Regional Library website or pick up a brochure when you are next in the library.

## **GPS** to track Tweed puss in boots

Cat owners are invited to participate in a study to find out exactly how far our feline friends wander from home.

Tweed Shire Council has partnered with the University of South Australia as part of a nationwide Cat Tracker study, using GPS units to map out exactly where cats roam.

Council Project Officer Jude Mason, who is coordinating the Love Cats Love Wildlife project, said the Cat Tracker study would provide valuable information and probably surprise people.

"Cat owners want to know more about their cats," Ms Mason said.

"They don't know where their cats go and it's a missing bit of information when owners are making decisions about the care of their cats.

"Similar studies have shown that even otherwise docile house cats can range over a very wide area and some owners might be in for quite a shock.

"Places in the study are limited but you can make a contribution just by completing the cat tracking survey on their website."

More than 600 Tweed residents took the time to complete the recent Love Cats Love Wildlife survey, providing insight into cat activity in our community.

The survey is part of a project being undertaken collaboratively by Tweed Shire Council and the NSW Environmental Trust and the results will help shape this project and future animal welfare education programs for the community.

"Key findings of the survey show that there is a general awareness across the community that cats do have a negative impact on wildlife and that by keeping cats at home – either indoors in a safe cat enclosure or in a cat escape-proof yard – wildlife is protected," Ms Mason said.

"Cat safety was high on the list of benefits of cats kept at home and many residents have made their own 'catios' or cat patios to keep them safe."

One of those is Tweed resident Jan Lobban who has enclosed her veranda as a cat run for her much loved companions Bruno and Madeleine.

"We made the decision after one cat was attacked by a feral cat and bitten by a snake," Ms Lobban said.

For more information about the Cat Tracker project and to volunteer your cat to be part of the survey visit: www.discoverycircle.org.au



Much loved companions Bruno and Madeleine soak up the morning sun on owner Jan Lobban's 'catio'.

## State give the OK to buying flood risk houses

The State Government has approved new and expanded Voluntary House Purchase (VHP) schemes following the March 2017 flood. The schemes will focus on the worst affected residential areas of South Murwillumbah, Bray Park, Burringbar, Mooball and Crabbes Creek.

The main aim of the scheme is to permanently remove at-risk people from high flood hazard areas (areas with high flood depths and velocities) by buying their houses. The properties are then back-zoned for more flood compatible uses, such as parkland or farming.

"Voluntary House Purchase was a recommendation of Council's Floodplain Risk Management Studies completed in 2014 and 2015 as there are no feasible alternatives to protect these areas from flood risk, such as levees or improved evacuation access," Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said.

"Our studies also considered including other flood-prone villages, such as Condong and Tumbulgum, in a VHP scheme but they were not recommended for the initial schemes."

Prior to the flood, Council had one VHP scheme operating along the Tweed River in parts of River Street, South Murwillumbah, with four houses still eligible for purchase. Properties purchased have been turned into open space for the community.

Council is currently reviewing its flood data with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to identify and prioritise those people and their homes most at risk in major floods.

"We cannot purchase every flood-affected house in the

eligible areas so we will target those houses where we can get the most benefit in terms of improving safety and minimising losses during floods.

"We also need to be mindful of an area's potential, if freed up, to allow for safer flood flows or what other use it could serve in improving our flood management."

The VHP scheme will take many years to roll out.

"It is very early days but once we have identified the individual homes we want to buy, we will speak directly with the homeowners to see if they are interested in selling. If they choose not to, we will move to the next house on our priority list."

Under VHP schemes, the price paid for a home (compensation) is determined by an independent valuer with OEH paying two-thirds of the price and Council picking up the remainder.

While there is no application process for homeowners, anyone who wishes to express an interest in participating in the VHP scheme can email their property and contact details to <a href="mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au">tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au</a> or write to PO Box 816 Murwillumbah NSW 2484.

OEH also approved new Voluntary House Raising (VHR) schemes for these same areas, focusing on lower hazard properties where reducing personal losses is the priority. More information will be provided regarding VHR schemes as they develop.

Further information on how these schemes work can be found on Council's website at <a href="https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/VHPVHR">www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/VHPVHR</a> and OEH's websites.

## **Last chance at MOAC**

Time is running out to view 'Duxford Street Interiors' at the Margaret Olley Art Centre at Tweed Regional Gallery in Murwillumbah. The exhibition finishes on Sunday 18 March.

The interiors of Olley's Victorian terrace and the adjoining Hat Factory were subject matter for her paintings for over four decades.

She allowed a select few artist friends to also work in 48 Duxford Street – Justin O'Brien, Cressida Campbell and Nicholas Harding. This exhibition brings together Duxford Street interiors by each of these artists, alongside Olley's own.

From 21 March until 29 March there will be no exhibition in the Margaret Olley Art Centre – however visitors can still enjoy the extraordinary re-creation of Margaret Olley's home studio.

Meanwhile, 'A Painter's House' opens in the Margaret Olley Art Centre on Friday 30 March and will be on display until 7 October.

The Tweed Regional Gallery has invited four contemporary painters to explore objects and things within Olley's home studio re-creation. Spending time in the Gallery's Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio, each artist has responded to the re-creation from the perspective of their own practice.

Responses will be exhibited alongside paintings by Margaret Olley. The exhibition also includes loans from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the University of Queensland Art Museum and private collections, as well as works from the Tweed Regional Gallery collection.

To complement this exhibition the Gallery will present an engaging program of activities and events. Keep reading the tweed Link for details or visit <a href="http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au">http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au</a>



Join together with your community and bring a blanket to enjoy some company, share and reflect as our community acknowledges that we are 'one year on' with recovery still in progress.

3pm – 6pm Thursday 29 March Knox Park (near the rotunda), Murwillumbah

## Search for next of kin

After exhausting all other avenues, Council is endeavouring to contact family members of the following deceased persons regarding a sensitive matter.

If anyone knows of an appropriate representative, please ask them to call Shawn Durkin on (02) 6670 2751 or email sdurkin@tweed.nsw.gov.au

- Robert Jardine 13 August 2006
- Alysha Jardine 27 July 2000
- Robert James Crowson 13 May 2017
- Lewis Reupena Aperehama 16 December 2015
- Kevin Lynn 10 April 2016
- Justin Peter Crawford 1 June 2015
- Darren W McDonald 3 July 2010
- Darina Gayle Woods-Smith 14 November 2015

#### **Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings**

Tyalgum District Community Association – meets in the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Enquiries to fhorlin1@gmail.com

#### **Notification of Integrated Development Application**

#### **Development Application No. DA18/0133**

A development application has been lodged by Newland Developers Pty Ltd seeking development consent for 72 lot subdivision (Seabreeze Estate stages 18A and 18B) at Lot 1747 DP 1215252; Seabreeze Boulevard, Pottsville. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 91(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Section 100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997	General Approval	Rural Fire Service
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water</i>	Water use approval, water management	Department of Environment, Climate
Management Act 2000	work approval or	Change and Water
	activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	(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 14 March 2018 to Friday 13 April 2018.

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 Councils' website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PlanningInformation

#### **Requests for offer**

#### **RF02018020 Plant & Equipment Hire for Stotts Creek Landfill Operations**

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm 4 April 2018

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 Ashley Tewes on (02) 6670 2400.



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

#### **General notice**

#### No action on deliveries during the 2018 Commonwealth Games

At the Council Meeting on 1 March 2018, it was resolved that:

Tweed Shire Council to take no action against suppliers and businesses receiving deliveries of goods outside of their normal delivery hours for the period 1 April to 30 April 2018 due to the impact of the Commonwealth and Para Commonwealth Games.

#### **Development Application Determinations**

Notification of Development Application Determinations for the purposes of Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended)

**Application details** 

#### Refused

DA17/0498 - Shop top housing, serviced apartments, swimming pool and demolition of existing structures

Lot 1 DP 169524, No. 26 Marine Parade, Kingscliff

#### **Approved**

DA17/0347 - The installation of plant shelter and the production and processing of edible flowers in conjunction with an existing rural industry Lot 3 DP 1191598, No. 67 Howards Road, Burringbar

DA17/0897 – Staged two storey dwelling

Lot 6 NPP 286337, Unit 6/No. 34 McAllisters Road, Bilambil Heights

**DA18/0044** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 1102 DP 31968, No. 65 McAllisters Road, Bilambil Heights

**DA18/0070** – 1.8 m high front fence

Lot 32 DP 800344, No. 18 Ti Tree Avenue, Bogangar

**DA18/0087** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 330 DP 854383, No. 31 Watergum Place, Bogangar

DA18/0023 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and loft Lot 86 DP 1030322, No. 2 Eclipse Lane, Casuarina

DA17/0833 - Demolition of existing dwelling on Lot 3; removal of existing dwelling on Lot 5 and to be placed on Lot 3

Lot 3 DP 593887, Lot 5 DP 840977, No. 834 Pottsville Road, **Cudgera Creek** 

#### DA18/0078 - Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 1 DP 1062132, No. 243 Duranbah Road, Duranbah

DA17/0886 - Dwelling with attached garage and inground swimming pool Lot 272 DP 755740, No. 10 Letitia Road, Fingal Head

DA17/0828 - Three storey dwelling

Lot 4 DP 30498, No. 31 Sutherland Street, Kingscliff

DA18/0035 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 346 DP 1087716, No. 9 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff

DA18/0050 - In-ground swimming pool

Lot 30 DP 1214044, No. 17 Drift Court, Kingscliff

DA18/0094 - In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high side boundary fence

Lot 376 DP 1087716, No. 20 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff

**DA18/0100** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 44 DP 1214044, No. 1 Spoonbill Lane, Kingscliff

DA18/0093 - Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 412 DP 1199804, No. 118 Riveroak Drive, Murwillumbah

**DA18/0113** – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls Lot 463 DP 1218535, No. 32 Central Parade, Murwillumbah

DA18/0076 - Dwelling additions

Lot 3 DP 831046, No. 1089 Terranora Road, North Tumbulgum

DA17/0815 - Fly-over patio roof

Lot 3 SP 69893, Unit 3/No. 13 Peters Court, Pottsville

DA17/0912 - Staged shed and carport additions

Lot 170 DP 1034824, No. 40 Border Crescent, Pottsville

**DA18/0040** – Swimming pool

Lot 54DP 1236392, No. 51 Robin Circuit, Tweed Heads South

DA18/0058 - Dwelling with attached garage Lot 42DP 1236392, No. 20 Robin Circuit, Tweed Heads South

DA18/0067 - Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 52DP 1236392, No. 47 Robin Circuit, Tweed Heads South

**DA18/0096** – In-ground swimming pool Lot 44DP 1236392, No. 24 Robin Circuit, Tweed Heads South

DA18/0129 – Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 6DP 1236392, No. 11 Lorikeet Drive, Tweed Heads South

DA18/0007 - Three storey dwelling with associated site works and retaining walls

Lot 6 DP 856739, No. 40 Myeerimba Parade, 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

#### **Road wrap**

#### Flood Road Repair Works schedule

Contractor		Week Starting
Brown Bros		12 March 2018
Locality	Road	Comments
Upper Crystal Creek	Booka	Expect short delays Locals only
Numinbah Road to Upper Crystal Creek	Upper Crystal Creek	Expect short delays Locals only
Crystal Creek	Crooks Valley	Expect short delays Locals only
Bilambil to Dulguigan Road	Urliup	Expect short delays Locals only
Contractor		Week Starting
Skeen Constructions		12 March 2018
Locality	Road	Comments
South Murwillumbah	Tweed Valley Way	Expect short delays Traffic conditions changed
Contractor		Week Starting
Hazell Bros	·	12 March 2018

South Murwillumban	rweed valley way	Traffic conditions changed
Contractor		Week Starting
Hazell Bros		12 March 2018
Locality	Road	Comments
Tweed Valley Way to Reserve Creek Road	Cudgera Creek	Expect short delays Locals only
Mistral Road to Tweed Valley Way	Stokers	Expect short delays Traffic conditions changed
Upper Burringbar	Upper Burringbar	Expect short delays Locals only
Palmvale	Palmvale	Expect short delays Locals only
Reserve Creek	Reserve Creek	Expect short delays Locals only
Byangum	Bakers	Expect short delays Locals only
Upper Burringbar	Jowetts	Expect short delays Locals only
Mooball	Kielys	Expect short delays Locals only
Upper Burringbar	Plumtree Pocket	Expect short delays

#### Bogangar **Roads closed**

Uki to Smiths Creek

Tumbulgum to

Murwillumbah

Condong to

Kingscliff - Night closure of Marine Parade, between Turnock and Seaview streets, Kingscliff, from 8pm Thursday 15 March for linemarking. Installation of wheel stops will occur during the day under the control of stop/slow flagmen.

Smiths Creek

Tweed Valley Way

Clothiers Creek

Locals only

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Traffic conditions changed

Tweed Heads – Coral Street, between Hill and Eden streets from 5am to midnight for the Drop Music Festival Saturday 17 March (traffic enquiries call Ken O'Brien 0434 955 586).

#### **Changed traffic conditions**

Tumbulgum Black Spot wire-rope median installation on Tweed Valley Way between the Riverside North and South exits to the village of Tumbulgum.

#### **Expect long delays**

Tweed Coast Road, between Cudgen Road and Plantation Road - heavy patching from Tuesday 13 March from 9am-2.30pm then cement stabilisation from 20 March (from 7am-4pm). Avoid area if possible. Booka Road, Upper Crystal Creek.

#### **Expect short delays**

Chinderah – minor stormwater drainage works Tweed Coast Road, opposite Chinderah Golf course.

Cudgen – stormwater repairs Tweed Coast Road, Cudgen; Sub-division works may cause delays on Crescent Street between Tweed Coast Road and Cudgen Road. There are two separate subdivisions with road works and trucks accessing the sites (reduced speed limits in place)

Cudgera Creek - water main construction Reserve Creek Road.

Kingscliff - footpath construction Beach Street.

Numinbah - temporary traffic lights installed at culvert construction Pat Smith Creek; grading Todds and Beentree roads.

South Murwillumbah - water main upgrade Reserve Creek Road, near Quarry Road. Road reconstruction Quarry Road (weekends only)

Terranora – water main and stormwater drainage construction and road reconstruction on Terranora Road. Sub-division works may cause delays on Henry Lawson Drive, between Coach Road and the Tennis Courts.

Tumbulgum - pavement works McAuleys Road.

Tweed Heads – roadworks Kirkwood Road, between Fraser Drive and Philp Parade. Rock revetment work boat ramp Keith Crompton Drive; Footpath construction Dry Dock Road.

**Uki** – earthworks, kerb and gutter and road reconstruction Kyogle Road, near Braeside Drive; and resealing, patching various locations Kyogle Road.



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