



From left: Hunter H2O Project Manager Anne-Marie Turnbull with members of the Project Reference Group, Dr Pascal Scherrer (Southern Cross University facilitator), Glen Jones, Simon Fitzpatrick, Project Manager Rob Siebert, Hunter H2O Engineer Matthew Bloomfield and Michael McDonald.

## Consultant kicks off salt water protection investigation

**Specialist water consultant Hunter H2O has been engaged to assess options to protect the Tweed District Water Supply from salt water contamination.**

In May last year, Council formed a Project Reference Group to assist it to find a solution to the salt water contamination issue. The group identified a range of options, which the consultant will now assess. Those options include both engineering and non-engineering solutions to the problem.

The Bray Park Weir Tidal Protection Project Reference Group comprises a wide range of community interests including landowners, dairy farmers, canegrowers, businesses that use water as a critical input, ratepayers, recreational fishers and two elected councillors. Throughout, all PRG members have stated that they also speak for the environment.

Last week the consultants met with members of the Project

Reference Group to clarify the 10 options identified by the group as likely short-term fixes warranting further investigation.

The consultants have been invited to propose up to three further options for investigation based on their extensive knowledge and expertise.

Hunter H2O will investigate all the options against a set of criteria, which include maintaining the Tweed's high water quality and security of supply as well as numerous environmental, social and legal considerations.

At the conclusion of its investigations in about four months, Hunter H2O will report back to the Project Reference Group providing them with all the information they need to identify a preferred option to recommend to Council for adoption.

For more information on this project, visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/BrayParkWeir](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/BrayParkWeir)

## Switching lights at TRAC a dollar dazzler

**A switch to more energy-efficient lighting is set to make a big dent in energy usage at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) Murwillumbah, thanks to an Australian Government grant.**

The \$27,708 grant is through the Australian Government's Community Sport Infrastructure Grants Program, which supports minor capital works projects that will improve local community sport infrastructure.



Ready to make the switch to energy savings at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre Murwillumbah is Operations Coordinator Aquatic Facilities, Joanna Hogg.

Council's Director Community and Natural Resources Tracey Stinson said more than 20 existing metal halogen lamps lighting the indoor section of TRAC will be replaced with LED lamps, saving an estimated 50 to 60 per cent in energy.

"The existing halogen lights were no longer an off-the-shelf item, so were becoming costly to build in terms of component parts and labour when they needed replacement," Ms Stinson said.

"Our electrical team is working with a local contractor to design an LED array which is both energy efficient and best meets the facility's operational requirements," she said.

"Thanks to this grant through the Australian Government, we're working towards a 50 per cent drop in energy use, saving around 27 megawatts a year – that's the equivalent of 4.5 × four-person households' electricity use for the year.

"Using 27MWh less electricity from the grid will also avoid the equivalent of approximately 22,000kg in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions into the atmosphere," she said.

Council is contributing \$3000 in in-kind support for the lighting upgrade, which is scheduled to be completed by August.

Work will be staged to minimise disruption to pool users.

This project is in addition to 32 energy efficiency and renewable energy projects due to be rolled out by Council over the next seven years to help Council achieve its Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) targets of generating one quarter of its own electricity within four years (by 2022) and half its own electricity within seven years (by 2025).

For more information on what Council is doing to reduce energy consumption from its operations, visit [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainableOperations](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainableOperations)

## In brief ...

### Public invited to see proposed design

**The building housing the Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW at Point Danger on the border is being demolished and replaced with an architecturally-designed operations room and offices for this emergency services provider.**

New public toilets will be part of the \$2.14 million rebuild, jointly funded by City of Gold Coast and Tweed Shire Council (via a grant from the NSW Government's NSW Restart program).

A public meeting will be held at the South Sea Islander Room at the Tweed Shire Council Administrative Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads, on Tuesday 5 March from 5.30 – 7pm to discuss the proposed design and get the community's feedback.

All are welcome to attend to speak with the architect and staff from both councils about the proposed works.

### Gold Coast Airport says 'hello Tweed'

**The Tweed Tourism Co. is partnering with Gold Coast Airport to look at new ways to remind airline passengers of all the beautiful reasons to come to the Tweed and say hello.**

The two signed a memorandum of understanding last week to create further opportunities for cross-border collaboration.

More than 420 flights land at the airport every week, bringing visitors from New Zealand, Asia and other parts of Australia.

The partnership connects the Tweed region to the Gold Coast International Airport through cooperative marketing campaigns, shared digital content and stakeholder engagement.

## Have your say on koalas

**The Independent Planning Commission of NSW (IPCN) plans to hold a public meeting to hear the community's views on proposed changes to the Kings Forest Residential Subdivision Koala Plan of Management.**

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 March at 10am at Mantra on Salt Beach, Kingscliff.

The meeting will be open to the public to observe the proceedings, however, if you would like to speak you must register with the IPCN before 5pm on Wednesday 6 March.

To book in to speak or for more information visit [www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects)



Koala habitats are on the agenda with changes proposed to the Kings Forest plan of management.

## Lighting upgrade to start

**Essential Energy contractors are due to start work in the next few weeks to upgrade the streetlights in Salt and Casuarina to energy efficient LED lights and save ratepayers about \$32,000 a year in energy costs and \$8000 a year in network charges.**

The original decorative streetlights installed by the developer are non-standard and nearing the end of their lives. Essential Energy has advised it does not carry spare parts nor are those parts readily or commercially available.

"We've been working towards this upgrade for some years now as the existing lights are inefficient and, over the years, we have had numerous complaints from residents about light spillage onto their properties," Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said. "The new LED lights will appear brighter but will be more directed to the road and footpath."

Council will save on its energy bill because the current bulbs use 125 watts and the replacement light emitting diodes (LEDs) will use 17 watts.

The new lights will be installed on a bracket customised to fit the old pole and there will be minimal disturbance to traffic and residents.

An information flyer will be distributed to all residents in the area in the next few weeks.





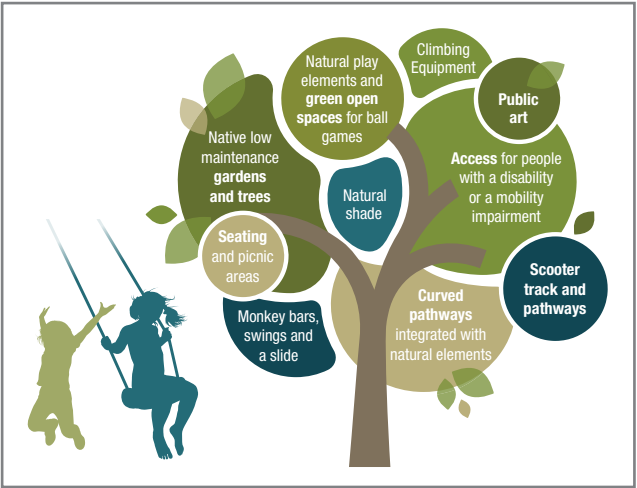
A young local tells us what she'd like to do in the new Eunga Street Park.

# Eunga Street Park transformation coming soon

Eunga Street Park at Tweed Heads South will soon be transformed with a new playground, thanks to a grant from the Department of Family and Community Services. It is just one of the parks to benefit from grants to improve open space and recreation in the Tweed.

Works on the Eunga Street Park will start in April and be complete by late May 2019. Council partnered with Eunga Street residents and local service providers in 2018 to design a recreational space that local residents would be proud of and would want to use. Thanks to this collaborative community-led approach, the resulting design aims to transform the park into a more functional, attractive and accessible

open space which can be enjoyed by young and old. Council's Manager Recreation Services Stewart Brawley said it was important to Council that the local community was involved in the early stages of design. "Their feedback has meant that we are able to breathe new life into an underutilised park and deliver a park that will truly meet their needs," Mr Brawley said. The improvements include the addition of modern interactive play equipment, a scooter track and open space to kick a ball. There is also seating and picnic tables in natural shade and a pathway to allow easy access through the park. To learn more and view the final concept plans visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/parks](http://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/parks)



Community ideas submitted for the Eunga Street Park upgrade.

## Vacancies

### Fleet Assets and Systems Administration Officer

- For more information and to apply:
- Visit Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://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.

## Proposed classification of land

In pursuance of section 34 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council proposes to classify Lots 2, 3 and 4 in DP1243701 at Lone Pine Road, Doon Doon as Operational Land.

A period of twenty eight days from the date of this notice is allowed for any person to lodge a written submission to the proposed classification. General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484.

**Check when your water meter is read at**  
[www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MeterReading)

## 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

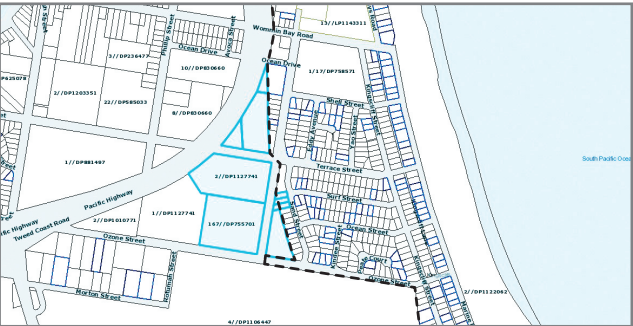
- DA18/0872** – Detached dual occupancy  
Lot 617 DP 1243648, No. 4 Sorrel Court, **Murwillumbah**
- DA18/1016** – Dwelling alterations and additions and garage  
Lot 35 DP 246952, No. 1 Dolphin Place, **Banora Point**
- DA18/0888** – Shed  
Lot 4 DP 251479, No. 1428 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**
- DA18/1029** – Bathroom addition to existing garage/workshop  
Lot 2 DP 21207, No. 16 Fingal Road, **Fingal Head**
- CDC19/0001** – Carport  
Lot 483 DP 1069888, No. 8 Forresters Court, **Kingscliff**
- DA18/1008** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 1 DP 186320, No. 25 Tumbulgum Road, **Murwillumbah**
- DA19/0014** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 187 DP 1159994, No. 55 Riverbend Way, **Murwillumbah**
- DA18/1013** – Shed and attached studio  
Lot 2 DP 749577, No. 75 Seven Oaks Road, **Nunderi**
- DA18/0987** – Dwelling  
Lot 6 NPP 286750, No. 10 Black Myrtle Court, **Terranora**
- DA19/0019** – Dwelling with attached garage  
Lot 105 DP 1233026, No. 9 Feathertop Street, **Terranora**
- DA19/0009** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 81 DP 246488, No. 22 Meridian Way, **Tweed Heads**

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](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking)

## Proposed boundary alteration

### Proposed boundary alteration between Chinderah and Kingscliff

Council has received an application for the alteration of the locality boundary between Chinderah and Kingscliff. There are nine (9) properties affected by the proposed realignment of the locality boundary. Each of these properties are accessed from roads which are perceived to be or are within the suburb of Kingscliff. Each affected property owner has been notified of the proposal. The diagram below highlights the affected properties and shows the current boundary between Kingscliff and Chinderah as a broken line.



The locality boundary line between Kingscliff and Chinderah is proposed to be changed as per the below diagram.



This locality boundary alteration is considered only a minor amendment as it affects less than ten (10) parcels of land. If approved at the Council meeting an application will be submitted to the Geographical Names Board requesting that they consider the proposal.

If the proposal is considered appropriate by the Geographical Names Board then an advertisement will be placed in the Tweed Link calling for written submissions or objections from the public. If they receive any objections each will be considered on its individual merits and then a decision made. Council and the public will be notified immediately upon the resolution of the Geographical Names Board and a notice will be placed in both the Tweed Link and the Government Gazette.

A report will be prepared and submitted to the next available Council meeting for consideration. Please provide any written submissions relating to the proposal to Council within 28 days from the date of this notice – each submission will be included in the report to Council and attached to any application made to the Geographical Names Board.

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.

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