

TWEED Tweed Link

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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 launch of the Rous River Canoe Trail attracted a big crowd. Why not discover the trail yourself?

Rous River Canoe Trail launch a success

More than 40 people came together for a guided tour of the Rous **River Canoe Trail on Saturday 31 August.**

Council's Project Officer - Waterways Matthew Bloor said the weather and conditions were perfect for a nice day on the water. "It was great to see such a large flotilla of kayaks exploring the

beautiful Rous River estuary," Mr Bloor said. "Paddlers learned about the history of early European settlement at Tumbulgum, projects undertaken by Council and the local community to improve the health of the estuarine environment."

The eight-kilometre return route takes in sheltered mangrove-lined



The design concept for Knox Park at the corner of Wollumbin and Brisbane streets.

Free dog training sessions for residents of the Tweed

Council is offering two free dog training sessions open to residents of the Tweed on Sunday 22 September and 6 October. The sessions will help dog owners better understand the impacts

their dogs pose to wildlife on beaches, and will address individual behaviour problems in the interest of public safety on beaches. Sessions will be held over two weeks in Kingscliff (venue details

will be provided on booking) with a maximum of 15 dogs and people per session. ·····

Farmers and land managers are invited to a day with weed

options for some of the Tweed's most problematic weeds. The Worst Weeds of the Tweed event is the first in a series of eight

by the NSW Environmental Trust.

Bookings are essential and can be made at worstweedsworkshop.eventbrite.com.au

workshops and field days being delivered by Council and Tweed Landcare Inc. as part of the Small Farms Big Changes project, funded

The first workshop will be held at Tvalgum Hall on Thursday

19 September 2019 from 9am and includes a visit to a nearby farm.

For further information about the Small Farms Big Changes project

or to get involved visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SmallFarmsBigChanges

and pasture specialists to explore prevention and management

secluded bays with views to Wollumbin/Mt Warning, and starts and finishes at Tumbulgum.

You can find more detail, the canoe trail brochure and map at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/CanoeTrails The canoe trail was the last action to be

completed as part of the Rous River Riparian restoration project.

The three-year project was funded by Council and the NSW Government through its **Environmental Trust**

Upgrade to Knox Park

Work to upgrade a section of Knox Park in Murwillumbah begin this month.

The project will see older areas of the park upgraded and aims to encourage greater usage and address safety concerns. The \$850,000 project includes:

- upgraded pathways to improve accessibility
- new lighting to improve safety
- new gardens and landscaping
- · naturally-shaded outdoor dining areas
- a new bus stop
- a new outdoor stage area with power

• a new park entry at Brisbane and Wollumbin Street. The project is scheduled to be completed in February next year.

It is funded by the Building Better Regions Fund and the Restart NSW Fund.

Please note, each dog must attend two sessions, so you must be available on both dates.

- Bookings are essential by midday on Friday 13 September. To book online go to:
 - dogtrainingclassa.eventbrite.com.au (class A 9.30am, 22 September and 6 October)
 - dogtrainingclassb.eventbrite.com.au (class B 11am, 22 September and 6 October).



The workshop will feature demonstrations of weed control on farms using drones.

In brief ...

Tweed park scores funding

A new kids' outdoor gym and park in Tweed Heads is one of 248 projects which will receive funding from the My Community Project program.

The \$106,408 grant will see Jack Chard Park, Tweed Heads revitalised to include a kids' outdoor gym, landscaping, seating and pathways over the next 12 months. Council would like to thank the community for supporting the program by voting for local projects.

My Community Project has been made possible by the NSW Generations Fund.



Koala Community Fun Day

Team Koala Inc. is holding a free Koala Community Fun Day on 22 September 2019 from 10am to 5pm at the Pottsville Beach **Community Hall.**

The event will include a visit from Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary -Wildlife on Wheels, koala spotting tours, koala mask making, koala rescue and awareness talks, calendar competition, face painting and more.

The event, which is supported by Council, is a fun-filled way to educate the community about how to protect Tweed Coast koalas. Visit Team Koala Tweed at www.facebook.com/teamkoalatweed

Short term holiday letting survey

What do you think about short term holiday letting (STHL) in the Tweed?

- A new survey on STHL is being conducted by researchers from Southern Cross University (SCU).
- A team of researchers led by Dr Tania von der Heidt of the School
- of Business and Tourism is investigating residents' views of STHL including Airbnb – across 12 local government areas on the north
- coast, including the Tweed.
- The SCU project is in partnership with Destination North Coast and has the support of Tweed Shire Council.
- The research findings will be shared with Tweed Shire Council and the Tweed community.
- The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete and responses are anonymous.
- Complete the survey via http://bit.ly/STHLTweed. The survey closes on 29 September 2019.



Tracey Stinson with Executive Officer of St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, Michael Timbrell.

Sleeping rough for charity

Can you imagine what it's like to sleep outside in the cold, or in your car? It is a reality that more than 440 people in the Tweed experience every day.

As part of the Fred's Place Community Sleepout, Council's Director Sustainable Communities and Environment Tracey Stinson joined 37 people from across the Tweed to raise funds and awareness for Fred's Place in Tweed Heads.

The sleepout raised almost \$14,000 so far, with Ms Stinson's fundraising efforts contributing over \$1,000. You can still donate at www.communitysleepout.org.au/fredsplace-tweedheads

Ms Stinson took the opportunity to sleep in her car this year (as so many of our homeless in Tweed are doing every night) and empathised with those doing it tough.

"It was a pretty awful experience. I didn't really get any sleep at all and it made me realise how challenging it must be for people sleeping rough.

"One of the most shocking statistics we heard on the night was that 1 in 20 Australian returned services veterans will end up homeless.

"Please spare a thought for those in our community who have fallen on hard times and are struggling just to survive - they need all the support and compassion we can give," Ms Stinson said.

Tweed Shire Council is committed to this significant social issue impacting our local community and was one of the first local governments in NSW to adopt a Homelessness Policy in 2015. Read about Council's policy at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Homelessness

It's time to start saving water

Due to the prolonged dry spell, Council will continue to release water from Clarrie Hall Dam to supplement flows in the Tweed River.

The quantity of water released keeps the river in a healthy state and allows Council to draw adequate raw water from the river at the Bray

Park Weir for treatment and distribution to water customers. It is expected the release will be around 40 ML a day.

"Here in the Tweed we are fortunate that Clarrie Hall Dam is 98 per cent full but we need to remember that without significant rain we could be introducing water restrictions before Christmas," Manager Water and Wastewater Anthony Burnham said.

"All around us we are seeing towns crippled by drought and in danger of actually running out of water, with Guyra and Stanthorpe topping the list. Just across the border, water authorities this week warned of falling dam levels and the fact they are facing water restrictions by early next year.

"Now is the time to save water where you can."

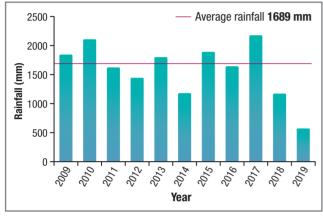
Tweed residents are currently consuming 191 litres of water per person per day against a target of 160 litres a day.

"We know we can do better than that because in 2013 we achieved 179 litres a day under our Target 180 litre campaign."

Council continues to offer a rebate up to \$100 towards the cost of installing water efficient showerheads and tapware, which can reduce water consumption by as much as 60 per cent.

Businesses also can seek help from Council on reducing their water usage by getting a free water audit from Water Efficiency Engineer Elizabeth Seidl.

For more information on the rebate and to book a water audit, contact Council on (02) $6670\ 2400.$



Total annual rainfall, Murwillumbah 2009–2019.

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Cabarita Beach/Bogangar Residents Association will meet at 7pm, Monday 9 September at the Cabarita Sports and Bowls Club, Cabarita Beach. All welcome.

Casuarina/Seaside/Salt Residents Association meet on Wednesday, 11 September at 7pm in the Legends Room, Surf Australia building, next to the Recreation Club, Casuarina.

Vacancies

Water Treatment Plant Operator

For more information and to apply:

- Contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495
- All positions close at 12 noon (NSW time)
- Late applications not permitted.

Requests for offer

RF02019134 Panel of Providers for Natural Vegetation Regeneration/Restoration Services

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm 18 September 2019

RF02019136 Provision of Ground Maintenance Services at Water & Wastewater Facilities

Offers close: Wednesday 4pm 2 October 2019

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for Offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at <u>www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders</u>. 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.

WATER WEEK 11 Check when your water meter is read at

For further information please contact Contracts Administration on (02) 6670 2606.

1300 292 872 or (02) 6670 2400

	Pottsville	roadworks	reminder
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Council will be doing roadworks in South Pottsville seven days a

week for the next month, starting on Monday 16 September. Crews and contractors will be rostered seven days a week from 7am to 5pm across multiple worksites.

The major works will be on Overall Drive and while Council will try to maximise detour opportunities, motorists should plan for delays.

Council has packed this program of roadworks to get as much done as possible in the month and would like to thank the community in advance for your patience in scheduling these long-awaited works.

Don't create a stink over bill

If you think your sewer is blocked, call Council at any hour of the day before you call a plumber to avoid a stink over a plumber's bill. Council is putting residents on notice that it will not automatically

honour a plumber's bill for unblocking a Council sewer if the plumber has been engaged privately without Council's authorisation. "It is very time consuming to deal with requests to pay bills we have not authorised nor have any information about," Senior Engineer Peter

Haywood said. "To avoid this potential conflict, please call us first if you think the sewer is blocked. We have in-house plumbers and technicians who can attend immediately to check the inspection shaft and confirm whether the blockage is upstream or downstream of the shaft.

"Anything upstream between a property inspection shaft and the toilet is the property owners. Anything downstream between the shaft and our wastewater treatment plant is ours."

A quick rule of thumb guide is if the shaft:

- contains wastewater or water it's probably Council's problem and Council will fix it
- is clear it's probably the owner's problem and the owner will need to hire a plumber at their own expense
- contains tree roots it may be a shared problem and the cost to fix it also will be shared.

However, there is also a grey area where inspection shafts have been poorly installed or modified and the cost to fix these blockages depends on the cause of the blockage.

Council can be contacted on (02) 6670 2400 in office hours or 1800 818 326 after hours.

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

DA19/0452 - Retaining wall Lot 11 DP 702437, No. 30 Peter Street, Banora Point DA19/0485 - Carport addition to existing dwelling Lot 29 DP 881261, No. 15 Ballymore Court, Banora Point DA19/0502 - Shed Lot 1 DP 792256, No. 824 Terranora Road, Bungalora DA19/0520 - Two storey dwelling with attached garage Lot 23 DP 1252272, No. 16 Murraya Way, Cudgen DA19/0543 – Demolition of existing dwelling Lot 1 DP 547207, No. 2 Lagoon Road, Fingal Head DA19/0480 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a shed Lot 1 DP 317639, No. 14 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point DA19/0352 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 33 DP 704246, No. 10 Peate Court, Kingscliff DA19/0412 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including deck and out of ground pool Lot 229 DP 252131, No. 32 Dinsey Street, Kingscliff DA19/0461 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 624 DP 1077500, No. 40 Lomandra Avenue, Pottsville DA19/0475 - Garage extension Lot 13 NPP 285240, Unit 13/No. 6 Mariners Drive East, Tweed Heads DA19/0398 - Secondary dwelling Lot 239 DP 867487, No. 3 Lake Tahoe Drive, Bilambil Heights DA19/0223 - Secondary dwelling (with tree removal) Lot 8 DP 247427, No. 121 Tweed Coast Road, Bogangar DA19/0084 - Three attached dual occupancies (constructed in 3 stages, comprising an attached dual occupancy per stage) Lot 5 DP 25301, Lot 6 DP 25301, Lot 7 DP 25301, No. 19 Sutherland Street, Kingscliff DA19/0465 - Conversion of lower level to a storeroom, installation of a bathroom in storeroom and continued use of the front deck Lot 1 SP 36374, Unit 1/No. 16 Alva Street, Tweed Heads **DA19/0495** – $1 \times \text{roof sign and } 1 \times \text{pole sign}$ Lot 51 DP 1196622, No. 139 Wharf Street, Tweed Heads DA19/0251 - Use of alterations and proposed alterations to lot 1 of existing dual occupancy Lot 1 SP 41499, Unit 1/No. 30 Wyuna Road, 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

Nominate for Australia Day

Do you know someone from the community, your sporting club or school who is doing great things in the Tweed and deserves to be recognised?

Tweed's Australia Day award nominations are now open to recognise the achievements of people in our community.

You can nominate for any of the following six categories – Citizen of the Year, Young Achiever in Community Service, Arts and Cultural Achievement Award, Sporting Achievement, Community Event of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

So think of a friend, family member, school or local club that deserves to be recognised and make sure you nominate before Friday 18 October by visiting <u>www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay</u>

Heads up on roadworks

There are roadworks in Kingscliff that will cause disruptions this week.

On Tuesday Quigan Street, between McPhail Avenue and Boomerang Street, will be closed to all traffic from 10am to 2pm for asphalt works to be undertaken. Also try to avoid roadworks on Fraser Drive, from Vintage Lakes Drive roundabout north towards Dry Dock Road. These works are going to take another few weeks and could cause long delays. RMS is still working on Boyds Bay Bridge, Tweed Heads, so look out for changed traffic conditions there, with one northbound lane being closed from time to time.

For more information, see <u>www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/RoadWorks</u>

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Notification for registration of interest for Aboriginal stakeholders

NGH Pty Ltd (NGH) has been engaged by Tweed Shire Council to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to support an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) addressing the proposed sewer gravity main upgrade within Philp Parade road reserve, Tweed Heads South. Most of the pipeline is above ground, however, part of the sewer pipeline is below ground and subsequently requires ground disturbance to access. The subsurface excavation will comprise a 70m long and up to 1.8m excavation trench.

The purpose of the consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the proponent in the preparation of the ACHA and to be involved in the consultation as part of a possible lodgement of an AHIP application.

In order to fulfil the requirements set out in the OEH *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*, NGH is seeking interested Aboriginal parties who hold cultural knowledge of the assessment area to register their interest in the consultation process for the project and to assist in the determination of cultural significance of any Aboriginal objects subject to the application.

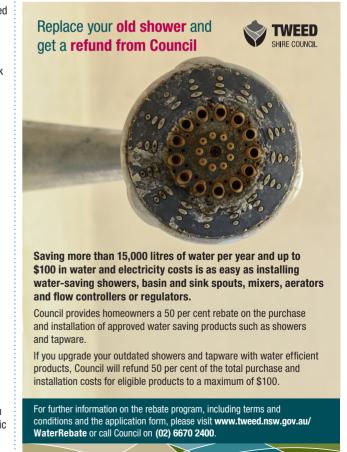
Registrations should be provided in writing to:

NGH Pty Ltd, Suite 4, Level 5, 87 Wickham Tce, Brisbane, QLD, 4000 Or via email to:

shoshanna.g@nghconsulting.com.au and chelsea.j@nghconsulting.com.au Closing date for registration is Monday 23 September 2019.

Those registering an interest will be contacted to discuss the project further. Those who do register are advised that their details will be provided to OEH and the Local Aboriginal Land Council, unless they specifically advise in writing that their details are not to be forwarded.

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