

Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Tweed 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 custodians of these lands.



The 2021 Olive Cotton Award Highly Commended – Rusty Crawshaw, The Dengs 2021, Pigment print 100cm x 150cm.

Photographic portraiture award open

Entries are now open for the prestigious Olive Cotton Award for photographic portraiture, held biennially at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

Entries are welcomed from photographers resident in Australia, with both professional and emerging artists encouraged to submit new portraits.

Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said the prestigious acquisitive award is a much-loved part of the Gallery's exhibition program and ensures the quality and relevance of the Tweed Regional Gallery's collection of Australian portraits.

"This will be the second time an entrant can submit up to two works. We hope to see artworks that celebrate and challenge the notion of what a contemporary photographic portrait can be," Ms Muddiman said.

"The major award of \$20,000 is generously funded by the family of the late Olive Cotton, one of Australia's leading 20th Century photographers."

The Friends of Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre Inc. sponsor additional acquisitions through the Directors' Choice awards to the value of \$4,000. This year will see the People's Choice Award doubled to \$500.

The 2023 award judge is Dr Daniel Mudie Cunningham, an independent curator and critic renowned for his work with contemporary Australian artists and collections. He is also a practising artist whose work over three decades is the subject of a survey exhibition at Wollongong Art Gallery in mid-2023.

Previously, he was the Director of Programs and Senior Curator at Carriageworks from 2017-2022. He has held leadership and curatorial roles at Artbank and Hazelhurst Arts Centre, and teaching and research positions at Western Sydney University, where he completed a BA Honours (First Class) in Art History and Criticism in 1997 and a PhD in Cultural Studies in 2004.

Visitors to the exhibition can cast their own vote in the People's Choice Award for the duration of the exhibition. The exhibitor with the most votes will receive \$500, donated by the Friends of the Gallery.

Entries for the Olive Cotton Award close at 5 pm on Sunday 30 April. Finalists will be announced on 29 May and winners announced on 15 July. The finalists' exhibition will be on display from 14 July to 24 September 2023.

To enter and for further information, visit the Gallery website: gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/olive-cotton-award.

New director for Tweed Shire Council

Naomi Searle has been appointed to the key position of Director Sustainable Communities and Environment at Tweed Shire Council, following a competitive recruitment process conducted by an external agency.

Ms Searle brings more than 17 years' local government experience across two states. She is currently Director Community and Commercial Services at the City of Busselton in Western Australia.

The role is a key member of Council's Executive Leadership Team, working with General Manager Troy Green and three other directors.

She will lead many critical Council functions including parks and active communities, resource recovery, inclusive and creative communities, sustainability and environment, holiday parks and community care.

Ms Searle said she was excited by both the challenges and opportunities facing Tweed Shire Council.

"Having a passion for local government and regional communities, I'm looking forward to relocating my young family to one of the most magnificent regions in Australia," Ms Searle said.

"I'm looking forward to becoming one of the Tweed Shire Council team and contributing to the future of a sustainable community."

Ms Searle replaces long-serving and well-respected Council employee Stewart Brawley, who will be retiring after almost 33 years of service.

General Manager Troy Green welcomed Ms Searle's appointment. "I believe Naomi has the experience and leadership skills to

successfully deliver on the key priorities of this key role, including significant environmental outcomes," he said.

"I'd like to thank the current Director, Stewart Brawley, who will be farewelling Council to enjoy a well-earned retirement with his family at Pottsville. His vast experience, knowledge, calm approach and friendship will be greatly missed."

Ms Searle will start work with Council on 17 April 2023.



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Last week we each used

173L a day

as at 6 February 2023

Give blood in Murwillumbah

The Australian Red Cross Lifeblood mobile donor unit is visiting the rear carpark of Sunnyside Mall in Murwillumbah this week until Wednesday 15 February.

They are open for appointments each day.

If you want to make a real difference in someone's life by giving blood visit www.lifeblood.com.au

New phone number for calls

Did you know Council has a call-back feature to save you waiting on hold?

If you ring and all our Customer Service Officers are busy, you'll be given the option to select a call back rather than waiting. Your position in the queue is held and one of our team will call you on the number you provide.

The number that will show up when we call is **02 6675 1000**. This is different to the regular Council number as it is routed through the contact centre software we use. If you use our call back service regularly, you could save the number to your phone so you always know it's us.

We have several other ways of getting in touch, including live chat on the website, email and Facebook Messenger and you can always report a problem online at tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem

Apply for Rural Scholarship

Do you want to fast-track your professional goals?

Applications for the 2023 Future Women NSW Rural Scholarship Program are now open. Twenty-four scholarships valued at over \$6,000 each are available to women from regional, rural and remote NSW to develop their leadership skills.

To find out more and to apply, visit: futurewomen.com/rural-womens-scholarship

Applications close Thursday 16 February.

Free twilight movie at Tweed

What are you doing this Friday night? Don't forget to drop into the FREE Twilight Movies on The Tweed to watch Red Dog - True Blue.

The pop-up screen will be set up in the large, grassed area beside the new inclusive playground, Goorimahbah Place of Stories at Tweed Heads.

This film is the prequel to the 2011 film Red Dog, and details the early days of Red Dog, the Pilbara Wanderer.

Visit the Twilight Markets beforehand for delicious street food. Movie starts at sundown - approximately 8 pm.

Pop-up coffee van Little Nova is also set up at Jack Evans Boat Harbour for the rest of the month. The van is trading 5 days a week, Wednesdays to Sundays from 6.30 am - 2.30 pm.

Tell Council what you think about the park activation at yoursaytweed.com.au/lovejackevans. This project is funded by the NSW State Government as a part of the Places to Love initiative.



Come along to Jack Evans Boatharbour on Friday night to see Red Dog – True Blue.



Places to love

Jack Evans Boat Harbour

Tweed Shire Council has received funding to trial a pop-up cinema in Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

FREE *Twilight Movies on the Tweed*

Red Dog - True Blue, rated PG

The movie will be screened on **Friday 10 February**, starting at sundown (approximately 8 pm).

The pop-up screen will be set up in the large, grassed area beside the exciting new inclusive playground, Goorimahbah – Place of Stories at Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

Bring a bean bag, blanket or chair. Travel by public transport, walk, ride, skate or scooter.

If the event is cancelled due to bad weather we will update our Facebook page – facebook.com/tweedshirecouncil

Tell us what you think on

yoursaytweed.com.au/lovejackevans

This pop-up event is supported by the NSW State Government as a part of the Places to Love initiative and will inform and guide the future use of the space.



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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

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DA22/0452 - Two lot subdivision

Lot 10 DP 559683, No. 5A Peter Street, **Banora Point**

DA22/0343 - Two storey dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 47DP 1264557, No. 7 Habitat Drive, **Casuarina**

DA22/0466 - In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m boundary block wall

Lot 31 DP 1198266, No. 3 Pavilion Court, **Casuarina**

DA22/0655 - In-ground swimming pool

Lot 155 DP 1201995, No. 4 Callistemon Avenue, **Casuarina**

DA22/0451 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 9 DP 876097, No. 5 Maria Court, **Condong**

DA22/0773 - Dwelling with attached garage and carport

Lot 6 Section 14DP 758571, No. 3 Surf Street, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0363 - Shed

Lot 1 DP 560888, No. 57 North Arm Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA22/0624 - In-ground swimming pool

Lot 2 SP 78678, Unit 2/No. 6 Sugar Glider Drive, **Pottsville**

DA22/0667 - In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1108 DP 1115395, No. 45 Lennox Circuit, **Pottsville**

DA22/0686 - In-ground swimming pool

Lot 11 DP 847357, No. 38 Summer Hill Close, **Stokers Siding**

DA22/0688 - Detached dwelling addition

Lot 2 DP 30987, No. 10 Parkes Lane, **Terranora**

DA22/0625 - Patio roof

Lot 5 SP 36135, TULIP GATE, Unit 24/No. 5 Island Drive, **Tweed Heads**

DA22/0727 - Inground swimming pool

Lot 58 DP 245048, No. 36 Meridian Way, **Tweed Heads**

DA22/0253 - Patio within the front building line

Lot 1 SP 16707, Unit 1/No. 29 Inlet Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

DA22/0521 - Covered patio

Lot 222 DP 217494, No. 4 Lakes Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

DA22/0838 - In-ground swimming pool

Lot 43 DP 238224, No. 42 Blue Waters Crescent, **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 datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Current vacancies

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WATER WEEK 5



Check when your water meter is read at

tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Burial or cremation? Options, costs and what to consider

At some time, many of us will face the decision of burial versus cremation, whether we are making our own plans for the future or finding ourselves in an unexpected situation.

This Friday 10 February as part of Seniors Week, Tweed Shire Council cemetery business co-ordinator Gregory Puch will guide you through the differences during an open forum.

To be held at the Tweed Valley Cemetery Chapel at Eviron, the forum can help you explore how you would like to be remembered and how to remember your loved ones.

Bookings are essential – go to toburyornot.eventbrite.com.au.

If you can't attend in person, watch online. At the time of the event, access the livestream through tinyurl.com/2thxuwv7.



You're invited to a free forum at the Tweed Valley Cemetery to find out more about burial and cremation.

Strict rules for political signage for NSW election

As the NSW State Government election nears, candidates and their supporters are reminded they must comply with State and Council regulations when erecting political signage.

Ahead of the ballot on Saturday 25 March 2023, Council is reminding candidates of the strict rules governing the erection and display of political signage, which is now permitted to be displayed up to 8 weeks ahead of the polling date.

Council officers will undertake a program of compliance and monitoring to ensure all posters and signage containing electoral material comply with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 Division 2, Subdivision 13 - Election signs.

As part of these regulations, election signs must be no more than 0.8 square metres in area. This excludes banner signs that contain a continuous row of standard-sized signs.

No signs are allowed to be displayed on Council's road reserves,

either free-standing pole signs or those affixed to trees or street furniture. Signage is also not allowed to be displayed on a trailer parked on a road or road-related areas.

All unauthorised signs will be removed by Council officers.

Election signs can be affixed to private telegraph poles, however the owner needs to be certain the pole is not owned by an electricity provider as legal action has occurred elsewhere in NSW. All signage connected to power poles will be reported to Essential Energy for their attention and action.

Signs can be attached to the walls of houses or commercial buildings, as long as they adhere to size limitations in State regulations and are not attached to heritage or draft heritage items.

Any signs that do not comply with the above rules may be removed by Council officers and will attract a Council fee for retrieval. Any signs remaining one week after the election (1 April 2023) will also be removed.



Flood recovery update – 8 February 2023

Tyalgum Road

The ongoing challenges of restoring the Tweed's biggest and most complex road slip on Tyalgum Road dominated discussions at the second round table meeting between the Tyalgum community, Tweed Shire Council representatives, NSW Government representatives and the Tweed Tourism Company at Tyalgum on Tuesday, 31 January 2023.

Council's Manager Infrastructure Delivery, Tim Mackney provided a detailed briefing on the current situation regarding the Tyalgum Road slip.

Mr Mackney said the slip remained a priority for Council which was currently in discussion with 3 contractors regarding restoration of the site.

He said the December Council meeting had cleared the way to enable negotiations between Council engineers and contractors to come up with the best design/construction and price option.

Mr Mackney pointed out the Tyalgum reconstruction work could cost in the 10s of millions of dollars as compared to the cost of the Scenic Drive restoration which was around \$3 million and the Reserve Creek Road slip repair which was nearly \$6 million.

"We are looking at the different design proposals from each contractor and also the pricing," Mr Mackney said.

"We are aware that there is a price cost ceiling which, if exceeded, will spark a review by Transport for NSW and that could add another 2 months to the process.

"We would like to stay under the cost ceiling. We are continuing our negotiations and are working toward April to finalise technical and commercial discussions and select the preferred contractor.

"Part of our negotiations is for the successful contractor to include plans for a temporary single lane access across the site which we envisage might be in place by October or November."

Mr Mackney also said the 2 slip sites on Limpinwood Road were included in a tender package which was currently under review and, assuming no complications, would be ready to go to a Council meeting in March.

With all the planned works for the Tyalgum area, Mr Mackney said it was important that the approach adopted was appropriate for each site, and met funding and long-term maintenance needs – so that future ratepayers are not left with increased costs.

Limpinwood Road

The 2 slip sites on Limpinwood Road are included in a tender package which was currently under review and, assuming no complications, should be ready to go to a Council planning meeting in early March.

This includes the slips near Boxsell Road and Charbray Place.

Once designs are complete, Council will select the most suitable contractor to carry out the work.

Transport for NSW has confirmed in principle funding approval to cover the cost of repairs.

Patching works have been completed.

Murwillumbah Community Centre

Flood refurbishment continues at the Murwillumbah Community Centre with external high-pressure cleaning now completed.

With the focus on building in a more resilient manner, stakeholder meetings have been held on site to discuss a range of issues, from the use of stainless steel for the kitchen benches to the colour of epoxy non-slip floor colours and the positioning of the reception area.

Works which have been undertaken on site to date include the existing soft fall being removed and the fence replaced ready for new soft fall installation next week, sewer lines being cleared, floor preparation for a new coating, internal electrical points and data points being raised to 1.5m ahead of new wall sheeting and original plumbing fixtures and fittings accessed and a list of the required additional plumbing items needed compiled.

Commercial glazers have measured up all the door openings and will start manufacturing the aluminium and glass doors to replace the old timber doors.

The 3 air-conditioning condenser units have been degassed and lifting of the mechanical pipework and electrical has commenced. New condenser units have arrived ahead of installation.

Long lead time materials and services have been ordered and scheduled to minimise the risk of time extensions.

An inspection has been carried out on site to ensure all fire system wiring is in place prior to wall sheeting which is expected to start next week and is estimated to take 3-4 weeks.

For more, see tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update.

Flood recovery sessions

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) will be offering face-to-face sessions in Murwillumbah this coming Thursday 9 February.

You can meet with the team between 12 pm and 2 pm at their pop-up marquee in the park in front of the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre, 10-14 Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah.

NRRC officers will be on hand to answer any questions about their programs in the Tweed - Resilient Land and Home Programs. No appointments are necessary.

For more info about their programs, visit

nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/northern-rivers-reconstruction-corporation

They're also planning to hold future pop-up sessions in Pottsville and Tumbulgum on Tuesday 14 March. More information will be shared when it comes to hand.



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