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Tweed Citizen of the Year!!!

TWEED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - MIC JULIEN

Tyalgum's own Mic Julien has been named Tweed Shire Council's 2024 Citizen of the Year, recognized for his outstanding contributions to the village and its people. The award was presented at Council's Australia Day ceremony at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Friday 24th January, a fitting acknowledgment of Mic's tireless dedication to making Tyalgum a better, safer, and more connected place to live.

Mic has been a familiar face in Tyalgum for over 11 years, always ready to lend his time and expertise to causes that matter. Whether as Chairperson of the Tyalgum Recreation Reserve, where he's overseen improvements to the land and, or in his role with the Tyalgum District Community Association, securing grants for essential infrastructure like the new radio repeater station, Mic has consistently put the community first.

Following the New Year's Day floods in 2024, Mic took on the leadership of Tyalgum's Community Resilience Group, strengthening the village's preparedness for future emergencies. His commitment to improving disaster readiness has helped ensure the community is better equipped to face potential challenges.

Locals will also know Mic from his long-standing service with the Rural Fire Service, his past presidency of the TDCOA, and his many volunteer efforts behind the scenes to ensure Tyalgum continues to thrive.

This award is not just recognition of Mic's hard work but a celebration of his community spirit and the impact he has had on Tyalgum. Those who know him best understand the heart and soul he puts into every project, always striving to make the village safer, stronger, and more united.

Congratulations, Mic —
Tyalgum couldn't be prouder!



Tyalgum Scratchers Recognized on Australia Day

The Tyalgum Scratchers, the village's hardworking volunteer gardeners, were honored with the **Tweed Shire Council's Volunteer Group of the Year Award** at this year's Australia Day celebrations.

Since 2014, the Scratchers have quietly gone about their work, transforming the Coolman Street gardens into areas of enjoyment for locals and visitors alike. Their dedication has made a lasting difference to the village, beautifying the town and helping to foster community pride and connection.

With 12 members, the Scratchers meet monthly to tend to the gardens, using plants they've grown themselves and resources from their own gardens. Local support has been key to their success, with contributions from businesses, residents, and the Tweed Shire Council. Flutterbies Cottage Café has also long supported the group by providing free coffees after their gardening sessions, a gesture that the Scratchers deeply appreciate.

This recognition is a testament to the group's quiet perseverance and the positive impact they've had on Tyalgum. Congratulations to the Scratchers on this well-deserved honor!



"Shepherd's Purse Theatre Company Honoured with Prestigious NSW Government Community Service Award".

Shepherd's Purse Theatre Company in Tyalgum has been awarded the prestigious NSW Government Community Service Award in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the Tweed Shire.

The NSW Government Community Service Award recognises individuals in NSW who have helped to improve the quality of life of members of their community.

The recipient must be held in high regard in the community with strong ethical and community values. Only community work of a high calibre is considered for the award. SPTC has earned this honor for their sustained efforts to foster unity, resilience, and cultural pride through immersive Shakespearean productions that engage and uplift the community.

Tweed Mayor Chris Cherry praised their profound impact on the region -

"Shepherds Purse is an extraordinarily talented group who are inclusive and invite participation from a wide range of people across the Shire. Not only do the productions unite the community, they also provide an incredible entertainment experience unmatched across the Shire and draw in tourists and theatre lovers alike, bringing great economic benefit to the region."

Since 2015, Shepherd's Purse has captivated audiences with their innovative dinner theatre experiences, transforming local spaces like Flutterbies Cottage Café into enchanting open-air stages. Their commitment to involving local residents in every aspect of theatre—from set design to music—has created a strong sense of community ownership and pride.

One of the company's most notable achievements was securing the NSW premiere of Shakespeare in Love in 2023, a milestone that brought national attention to their work. Their resilience and creativity, particularly in the aftermath of the devastating floods that isolated Tyalgum, have made them a beacon of hope and inspiration.

Reflecting on the broader significance of their work, Mayor Cherry added, "I strongly believe their productions provide a community service, not only for the joy, entertainment, and cultural knowledge they share, but for the networks and connections they bring within the community. It is widely recognized that community connection builds resilience in times of disaster, and what Shepherd's Purse Theatre Company brings to the Tweed is a service we all benefit from."

The award was presented by NSW State Member Janelle Saffin on Saturday 7th December at Flutterbies Cafe, who commended the company for their unwavering dedication to enriching the community through the arts.

In a landmark achievement, it is believed that Shepherd's Purse Theatre Company is the first theatre company in New South Wales to be awarded the NSW Government Community Service Award. This recognition underscores the vital role of the arts in fostering community resilience, cultural pride, and social cohesion, placing Shepherds Purse alongside other distinguished recipients whose contributions have significantly enhanced the quality of life in their communities.



Congratulations!



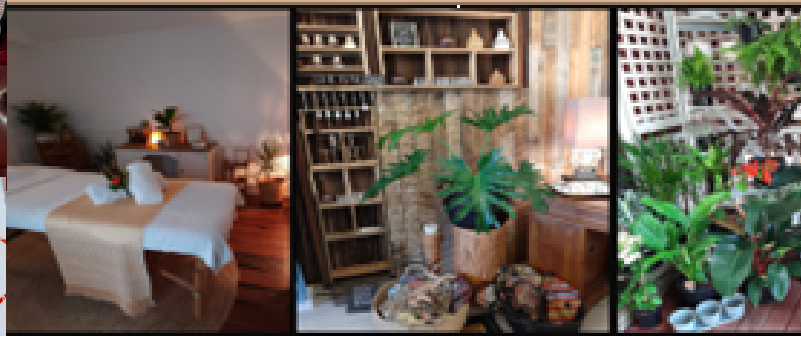
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TDCA New President's Message.....

I would like to wish the Tyalgum Community a happy New Year and wish you all well! Following John Kavanagh's resignation as President, I have as Vice President, taken over the position until the next Annual General Meeting when all positions will be declared vacant in August. I personally wish to thank John for his great energy and enthusiasm as past President. He has overseen some complex and difficult issues with aplomb, good humour and patience. I wish him a lighter work load and more fun times in 2025 and will be delighted to see him at any meeting he may be able to attend.

The year started with a flourish - Australia Day. I'm writing this before the event for the newsletter deadline, but being a positive soul I know it will have gone well and that the community award recipients very much deserve their recognition!

The TDCA is very appreciative of the support and sponsorship of Tweed Shire Council and would like to thank the Deputy Mayor, Meredith Dennis who was able to be present on the day to help with the awards.

I wish to thank the many people who have stepped up to help make this day happen, it was wonderful, and a great help to me personally. I particularly wish to acknowledge the contribution of Solar Chapel who has worked tirelessly for several years now behind the scenes to make our Australia Day celebrations the success they are. So thank you, Solar, it's been a pleasure to work alongside you.

Next up is Anzac Day and the TDCA is hoping to bring this to you this year with the help of ex service folk volunteering their assistance. You will realise that any organisation is only as strong as its members and their various skills. With John and Bec being overseas in April this year and unable to run the event as they usually do, I feel we are in need of those with service and event management skills to bring ANZAC Day to you in the best possible way.

The TDCA welcomes new members and meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm upstairs in the Hall. You will be most welcome to come along and find out more about us!

Best wishes to you all!!

Fenola Horlin/ Honorary President/Tyalgum District Community Association

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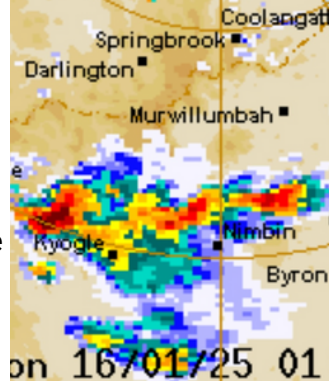
Tyalgum Recreation Reserve & Campground News

Mic Julien, President, Tyalgum Recreation Reserve

Xmas and New Year were busy periods at the camping ground even though the rain caused some cancellations. Our caretakers are doing a terrific job and we continue to get very positive feedback. The new drainage in the south-eastern corner has permitted camping in that area for most of the holidays.

We are now in the process of linking our four rainwater tanks to the amenities block, providing access to over 90,000 L of water. That water will be piped to the showers, toilets and basin after it has been filtered. This will reduce our dependency on Tyalgum village water and reduce our water costs. The kitchen remains on village water at present. The fence along Tyalgum Road and Coodgie Street (bridge to bridge) was completed just before Xmas. Thanks to Kaleb Talery for a great job. It's a big improvement to the entrance to Tyalgum. We are looking forward to a great 2025 in Tyalgum. Mic Julien, President

Tyalgum RFS Brigade News



Recent activity: - The wet weather has continued and there have been no fire incidents since our last report. This has made for a relaxing Christmas but training will soon recommence and maintenance is always happening. Here comes another one! A thunderstorm approaches Tyalgum from the south-west on 16 January. The gauge at Bartrim's Bridge recorded 22mm in a very short time, with some small hail. At Kingscliff a house fire caused by an electrical fault was controlled promptly and the house was saved.

Fire outlook and advice: - The thunderstorms have been relentless and, if anything, are increasing in their intensity. There have been no cyclones yet, but that season is approaching. Given our saturated landscape we should be considering the possibility of flood rather than fire. Do you have a flood emergency plan? Long-time residents will have this down pat but newcomers should take the time to consider what preparations they might make. If your property is at risk of flooding then special preparations like moving goods, vehicles and livestock to safer locations will be necessary. Exactly what to move and to where is probably the first step of your plan. Evacuation will be the next. Where will you go and what will you take? Decide when you should leave and don't leave it until you can't get out.

Those of us above a possible flood probably just need to have adequate supplies for a few days and stay put until roads are passable. However, bear in mind that there has been an increase in "flash flooding" and "surface water flooding". Flash flooding occurs after torrential rain when water from above flows "cross country" and affects the area below. Surface water flooding happens when the normal drainage system is overwhelmed and water backs up. Over 20% of properties in our federal electorate of Richmond will be uninsurable by 2030 due to flood or fire risk, according to a recent report. In Los Angeles thousands of homeowners had their insurance policies cancelled before the devastating fires and many could not find affordable new cover before disaster struck.

The coming months are also the hottest of the year. Heatwaves are a very serious health risk. How will you keep people and animals safe, even if the power fails? If water is available a spray misting system may help.

Fire Permits are still required. The Fire Danger Period may be ended early, as happened last year, but this has not been made official. To obtain a Fire Permit ring 1300 632 174.

Call for Volunteers:- New members are always welcome. The Brigade meets at the shed at 6pm on the 1st Friday of every even-numbered month. Our training day is the following Sunday, whether there is a meeting or not.

Enquiries:- Trevor Mitchell - 0459 293 344 / Sean Hynes - 0437 820 020

The Tyalgum Social Club would like to thank all their existing members for your continued support throughout the year.

We thought it would be great to let the community know about the social club and what do.

Our social club meets every Friday night at the Tyalgum Hotel and we are the ones who run the raffles. There is a schooner draw every 15 minutes for members who are at the hotel between 6pm & 8pm, we have a multi draw raffle that has meat trays, chicken trays, breakfast trays, bistro vouchers and bottle shop voucher as the prizes as well as the badge draw (which if not won goes up by \$50 each week) and the money wheel. If you would like to help with selling raffle tickets on Friday nights let us know, all help is appreciated.

All the money raised from our social club is used to put back into the community, for example just before Christmas we donated \$500 to the Hall Committee to assist with their garden project, \$1000 for a young local Mum who is on a breast cancer journey, \$500 to another local who has been dealing with some significant health problems.

We also hold 2 major events each year which are Christmas in July and our Christmas Party in December. We would also like to start doing two other activities during the year with the Social Club and would love to hear some ideas from our members. If you have any ideas just let Donna, Sharon or Nath know.

Becoming a member is easy, it cost \$25 and you can join on Friday nights when you see us at the Hotel. Your membership includes invitations to our social events, discounts on drinks and meals at the hotel during our events, Friday night roast dinner at the Tyalgum Hotel for \$20 for social club members, a free schooner with your initial membership and a \$25 birthday voucher donated by the Tyalgum Hotel. Memberships are renewed every 12 months based on your sign up date.

For all existing members we will be going through the process of membership renewals so look out for your email or text to make sure you are still a current member.

President – Sharon Salkeld

Secretary – Donna Bartrim

Treasurer – Nathalie Hay

Committee meeting are held second Monday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Nov at 6pm at the Tyalgum Hotel. All members are welcome.

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Secretary - Salsa Junior - admin@tyalgum.org.au

TYALGUM COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION

Meets - first Tuesday in March, June, Sept & Dec. 6.30pm - Tyalgum Hall

Secretary - tyalgumcommunityhall1908@gmail.com
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TYALGUM RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Meets - 1st Friday of the month
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Fire Captain - David Brock 0413 113 171

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Secretary - John Kavanagh
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Last year we also made consistent representation to Council regarding road access to the village, particularly in relation to The Crack as well as holding a public meeting relating to Council's proposals regarding housing and the affect of these on our village. This meeting was followed by a formal submission to Council outlining your concerns. We also were active in the protests to NBN regarding their poor and unreliable service in the district. We still have problems but we did try and residents were given the opportunity to speak with NBN representatives. In summary the TDCA is the community's spokesperson. Visit www.tyalgum.org.au for more information.

Additionally, the TDCA brings four important events to the year, starting with Australia Day and progressing to Anzac and Remembrance Days and finally Christmas Carols. All these events are organised and run by members. We work hard but need your support, many hands make light work.

We produce (thank you Editor Rebecca McGuren) six free bimonthly newsletters. These are available by email, register on line at the tyalgum.org address above. The free hard copy newsletters are also distributed by the lovely postie, Donna Bartrim, outside the village and hard copies are available at the Pub, General Store, Post Office and Flutterbies. The TDCA gratefully acknowledge the Tyalgum Recreation Reserve for their sponsorship of the newsletter.

The current TDCA executive is Fenola Horlin, President; Nathalie Hay, Vice President; Salsa Junior, Secretary and Annette Baglin, Treasurer. Emails can be addressed to admin@tyalgum.org.au. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome so please come along and check us out. We are here to support you and our community.

Stall Holders Wanted



Stall holders wanted for craft market Are you a passionate maker, creator or artisan? The Fun Activities for Banora Seniors (FABS) Committee is looking for stallholders to join them at the upcoming FABS Art and Craft Market at Banora Point Community Centre on Saturday 15 March 2025, 9 am – 2 pm. Whether you specialise in pottery, jewellery making, textiles, artwork, woodcraft, or homemade treats, the FABS team would love to hear from you. Stalls are free of charge and stallholders of all ages are encouraged to join. To apply for a stall, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/fabs or email your details and stall idea to communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au. Council supports The Fun Activities for Banora Seniors (FABS) Program which offers a range of recreational activities such as social, hobby and gentle exercise groups for seniors. For more information about holding a stall or FABS, contact Council's Community Care Team on 07 5569 3110 or via the email above.



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