

Excitement building for Museum's Land | Life | Culture exhibition

Interactive display will highlight Tweed's natural and cultural heritage

Land | Life | Culture is a major new interactive permanent display being developed by the Tweed Regional Museum Murwillumbah.

Scheduled to open in January 2020, the display will introduce visitors to the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Tweed.

This project is the largest undertaken by the Museum since the multi-million dollar redevelopment of the site was completed in 2014.

Tweed Regional Museum Director Judy Kean said the display was made possible through Restart NSW funding and through generous private donations.

This financial support, and the expert knowledge contributing to the project was acknowledged at an event at the Museum this morning.

"We're drawing on the expertise of key Council staff to tell the story of the Tweed's biodiversity," Ms Kean said.

"This knowledge - and that of local Aboriginal people, who are sharing their stories of places around the Tweed - is a crucial part of the project."

"The Tweed's natural coastline, wetlands and forests, lush pastoral and farm land, the entire basin of the Tweed River, and mountainous regions are located within one of the largest natural erosion calderas in the world, shaped by dynamic forces over millions of years.

"Indigenous cultural knowledge of this landscape, bequeathed through oral tradition from generation to generation, embodies and preserves the relationship to the land.

"Landscape, and the cultural knowledge embedded in it is dynamic, and continues to respond to change and that's the story we're telling," she said.

Land | Life | Culture will provide visitors with a comprehensive introduction to landscape formation; how it has shaped life in the valley, and continues to do so.

"But most of all we want visitors to take that information out into the valley, with a greater appreciation of where they're living or visiting, and why it's special," Ms Kean said.

The exhibition will feature interactive hands-on components alongside case study specimens.

The Museum will close to the public from Monday 25 November 2019 to accommodate building works and installation of Land | Life | Culture and other major changes to the Museum's permanent displays. Tweed Regional Museum Murwillumbah will reopen in mid-January 2020.

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