

TWEED REGIONAL MUSEUM

Annual Program 2026





Tweed Regional Museum acknowledges the Ngandowal and Minyungbal speaking people of the Bundjalung Country, in particular the Goodjinburra, Tul gi gin and Moorung Moobah clans, as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters on which the Museum sits. We recognise continuing connection to Country and pay our respect to elders past and present, and all those who share their stories and collaborate with us in our projects and spaces. The Museum is committed to truth telling and to listening deeply to Story, knowledge and culture. We pay our respect to the continuing and evolving culture of all First Nations people.

Uncle Franc Krasna at his Six Seasons activation at the Street Party
Photo: Dave Kan

WELCOME

There's truly something for everyone at Tweed Regional Museum in 2026.

We're gearing up for a vibrant year filled with standout exhibitions, events, programs, and learning experiences—and we can't wait to share them with you. This annual program kicks off with a landmark exhibition: *The Wiiyaan*.

This powerful exhibition invites visitors into the story of the Three Brothers, Ancestors of the Tweed Bundjalung, whose journeys shaped the languages and lore of this region. Curated by community and brought to life with animation specialists Ludo Studio, *The Wiiyaan* blends digital brilliance with cultural knowledge to honour Elders and spark storytelling for generations to come.

From there, *Ritual* explores the traditions—ancient and everyday—that help us make sense of the world and stay connected. Featuring a mix of treasured collection pieces and contemporary works, it reimagines seasonal rhythms through themes of renewal, celebration, and community spirit.

Then *Birds* takes flight as a lively fusion of art, science, and playful discovery. With exquisite Gould illustrations, bold contemporary art, interactive family zones, and a peek into conservation and taxidermy practice, this exhibition reveals the Tweed's extraordinary birdlife and celebrates the people working hard to protect it.

Our 2026 program is also packed with opportunities to learn, play, and explore. Mini Museum Explorers returns every Friday during NSW school terms for ages 3+, offering dynamic weekly sessions filled with songs, stories, and hands-on activities that connect little learners with the world around them.

With support from Create NSW, the Museum on Wheels will hit the road once again—touring regional and remote

schools and historical societies with *Connected: From Signal to Stars*. This innovative project uses Collection objects, augmented reality, and digital technology to illuminate the history of communication and spark curiosity in classrooms across the region.

And of course, we're counting down to our biggest celebration of the year: the 2026 Street Party in September. It's a day where the entire precinct comes alive with live music, workshops, food trucks, family activities, a buzzing party bar, and surprises around every corner.

There are so many ways to support your Museum—whether through a donation, joining our Museum Ambassador team, or simply sharing your thoughts with us. We wouldn't be where we are without our incredible community.

We look forward to welcoming you throughout 2026 for a year of unique experiences in unexpected places.

The Tweed Regional Museum team



SUPPORT US

Tweed Regional Museum creates connections, inspires wonder and supports learning through a year-round program of innovative exhibitions, programs and educational experiences.



Make a donation to the Museum here!

Donations are always tax-deductible. You can also partner your business with us, leave a bequest or contribute significant cultural gifts to the Collection. Email us or visit us in person to discuss the many ways in which you can give.

Your support will enable us to continue to collect, preserve and share the Tweed's unique cultural and natural heritage for current and future generations to experience.



Photos: Sally Singh, Melting Wax Photography

THE WIIYAAN

three brothers, one story



The Wiiyaan, are an unbroken line of origin, the Ancestors of the Tweed Bundjalung.

The Three Brothers is a creation story that explains the origins of the Bundjalung Nation's different tribes and their dialects. It tells of three brothers who came across the sea in a canoe to settle in the region. In the southern dialect, their names are Mamoon, Birrung, and Yar-Birrain. In the northern dialect, they are known as Yarbiri, Marming, and Birin. After arriving with their families, they separated and headed north, west, and south, which led to their descendants forming distinct tribes and their languages evolving into different dialects. The story is a foundational part of Bundjalung culture and history, and its key locations marked by natural landmarks throughout the Northern Rivers.

Over the last several years the local Tweed Aboriginal community has created digital and material illustrations to ensure the perpetuation of the traditional stories of the Wiiyaan and other lore. They were given to Elders and Knowledge holders to be a catalyst for transfer to younger generations.

9 January - 18 July

Knowledge and story from Kyle Slabb
Curated by Bijang Slabb
Animation partners Ludo Studios



RITUAL



Ritual explores the ways we find meaning and connection through shared traditions.

The exhibition brings together Museum collection objects and new acquisitions that reflect local traditions and contemporary expressions of faith and community. It celebrates the ways in which the Tweed community continue to find meaning through shared experience.

Drawing inspiration from the Labours of the Months (the medieval depictions of seasonal life), *Ritual* reimagines ancient cycles through the lens of the Tweed region and explores the interplay through the themes of light and darkness, water and renewal, harvest and celebration.

28 July - 21 Nov





BIRDS

Step into a world where feathers, form, and imagination take flight.

Birds is a unique crossover exhibition celebrating the beauty and complexity of avian life through the lenses of art and science. Explore the exquisite 19th-century illustrations of John and Elizabeth Gould, whose work bridged natural history and artistry. Encounter contemporary artists reinterpreting the avian theme in bold, unexpected ways.

Discover the fascinating craft of taxidermy, from delicate preservation techniques to the live beetle tank that reveals nature's own cleaning crew. For younger visitors, Mrs Gould's Playroom offers hands-on activities that spark curiosity and creativity. Interactive installations invite you to engage with birds beyond the frame — touch, listen, and imagine.

This exhibition also shines a spotlight on the Tweed Shire's own birdlife and the vital conservation efforts underway to protect these species and their habitats. Learn how local initiatives are working to ensure that the songs and colors of our native birds continue to thrive for generations to come.

Summer 2026

LAND LIFE CULTURE

Our permanent exhibition Land | Life | Culture tells the story of our part of the world from 360 million years ago to today.

The exhibition features important Indigenous cultural knowledge associated with key locations around the Tweed contributed by members of the local Aboriginal community as well as information on Tweed's biodiversity. There's something for everyone to discover, whether it be crystals, thunder eggs, volcanoes or snails!

The exhibition is drawn from the wider Museum Collection, which includes over 150,000 images and 15,000 objects. You can explore Land | Life | Culture, or the rest of our Collection online anytime by following the QR code below.



Photos: Melting Wax Photography, Bec Taylor



Follow the QR code to see
what's on and to book.



PROGRAMS

MINI MUSEUM EXPLORERS

Ages 3+
10-10.30am every Friday during NSW school term time.

Join us for a playful morning for little ones to explore the Museum through song, stories and soft play. This is a free program. Bookings are not required.

EVENT SERIES

Experience the Museum after dark in our Up Late series. Throughout the year, stay up late and join us for a curated program of special activities, workshops, food trucks, live music and more. Each one is unique and highlights a different part of the exhibition. Keep up to date via our socials to see when our next Up Late is scheduled.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

There's always extra fun to be had at the Museum during school holidays. Every Tuesday and Thursday join us for a new adventure designed to spark imagination and creativity. Workshops are just \$5 per child.

MUSEUM ON WHEELS

Our Museum on Wheels (or, MoW) enables the community to have better access to the Museum's exciting programs, popping up all over the Tweed and beyond. Expect to see us in unexpected places with workshops, exhibitions and activities, so keep a lookout!

Want the MoW at your next event, festival, market or special location? Get in touch! Hiring the MoW makes a difference with all funds going to Museum programs. When you choose the MoW, you'll be directly supporting culture in the Tweed.

WORKSHOPS AND TOURS

Delve behind the scenes, hear insights into some of the stories behind the displayed objects and meet exhibition artists with our workshops and tours, scheduled throughout the year. Curator-led tours are also available for groups of up to 15 people during 10am - 4pm Tuesday to Friday. Bookings are by request only and subject to availability.



STREET PARTY

The Tweed's biggest party of the year is back!

The 2026 Tweed Regional Museum Street Party is set to transform the Museum precinct into a vibrant hub of music, creativity, food and fun. Queensland Road will be packed with workshops, exhibitions and performances, local food trucks, party bar and a huge live music stage for you to enjoy with family and friends. Best of all, it's free!

Save the date for the 5th of September and make sure you're subscribed to our socials for updates.

Would you or your business like to be involved? Send us an email at trm@tweed.nsw.gov.au to express your interest.

This event is proudly funded by the NSW Government under the Open Streets Program led by Transport for NSW. Homunculus Theatre Co. at the 2025 Street Party
Photo: Dave Kan

Saturday 5 Sept 2026

LEARN

We welcome groups of all ages and learning levels for enriching learning experiences at both our Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Learning Site.

Tweed Regional Museum offers a range of exciting education programs and group bookings. Facilitated or self-guided visits are available for school excursions to the Museum, as well as our Boyds' Shed experience at Tweed Heads.

We also welcome home schoolers, special interest and community groups.

Visit our website for more information on how to plan your Museum experience.



PROFESSIONAL INCUBATOR PROGRAM

A dynamic mentoring initiative designed to support students and emerging professionals.

The Professional Incubator Program provides guidance across various stages of their development, from high school to early-career individuals interested in pursuing careers in the museum and heritage sectors.

Participants in the program will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning, guided by experienced museum staff and curators. The program offers practical experience in key areas such as curatorial practices, collections management, exhibition design, public engagement, and museum administration.





YOUR MUSEUM

AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are a vital part of Museum life. They support daily operations and work closely with staff to deliver a range of exciting programs, share history and undertake special interest projects. If you love connecting with people and would like to support the Museum, send us an email or visit the website for more information.

SOCIALS

To stay up to date with Museum news, events and opportunities, follow us on Instagram and Facebook or visit our website.
[@TweedRegionalMuseum](https://www.tweedregionalmuseum.com.au)

FEEDBACK

Get in contact! Do you have a potential donation to the Collection, a research query or some feedback from your visit? Email us at trm@tweed.nsw.gov.au

VENUE

Would you like to host your next event at the Museum? Get in touch! We have spaces in Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads or anywhere with the Museum on Wheels which are sure to make your next event one to remember.

SHOP

Museum shops are the best kind of shops! Take home a slice of Museum goodness from our selection of products inspired by our exhibitions, collection and local makers. By shopping with us you are supporting local and are always sure to find something special.



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