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TWEED TOURISM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

On the following pages we have listed the major events happening in the Tweed region of northern NSW from February to November 2008. We would appreciate it if you could include these in your events guide where possible.

If you would like a more detailed release about any of the events or photos to accompany the listings, please contact our public relations consultant, Karen Ransome, as per the contact details below.

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THE MAIN EVENTS

<u>Quicksilver Pro Show</u>	MARCH
<u>Harmony Day</u>	MARCH
<u>Twin Towns Fireworks Challenge</u>	APRIL
<u>Malfunction</u>	APRIL
<u>Wintersun Festival</u>	JUNE
<u>Tweed Valley Banana Festival</u>	AUGUST
<u>Tyalgum Festival of Classical Music</u>	SEPTEMBER
<u>Speed on Tweed</u>	SEPTEMBER
<u>Tweed River Festival</u>	OCTOBER
<u>New Year's Eve Fireworks</u>	DECEMBER

MARCH 2008

Quiksilver Pro Show

Duranbah Beach, Tweed Heads

March 1

A new music event bringing you a day of laid back surf tunes at one of Australia's most consistent surf breaks. Ride straight out of the waves and into one of the biggest beach parties ever seen on the Tweed/Gold Coast!

Contact: 1300 762 545

Website: www.theproshow.com.au

Whole Woman Festival

Mantra, Salt Village

March 10-12

Whole Woman brings the feminine spirit into focus by communicating a culture of care for self, others and the earth. The festival offers a variety of seminars, workshops and events that celebrate women's knowledge, diversity and contributions to the world.

Contact: 02 6674 5155

Website: www.wholewoman.com.au

Harmony Day

Knox Park, Murwillumbah, Tweed Valley

March 16

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's multiculturalism and the vibrant cultural diversity in our Shire. The free activities include a food fair and entertainment by dancers and performers from different cultures of the world.

Contact: (02) 6672 3003

APRIL 2008

Twin Towns Fireworks Challenge

Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Wharf St, Tweed Heads

April 10, 17, 24; May 1

Australia's leading pyrotechnic companies present a 20-minute display of colourful fireworks, music synchronisation, choreography and special effects to dazzle the audience and judges in their quest for fireworks supremacy.

Contact: Twin Towns Services Club on 07-5536 2277

Malfunxion Surf Festival 2008

Kingscliff Beach

April 22-27

One of Australia's longest running Long Board events, Malfunxion has relocated to Kingscliff on the beautiful Tweed Coast. The four day program will combine the action of our surfing greats with a line-up of entertainment.

Contact: Sean McKeown 0414 569 20

Website: www.malfunxion.com.au

MAY 2008

Tweed Cycling Races

Murwillumbah & surrounding villages

May 1-4

It may not be the alpine slopes of the French countryside but the Tweed Valley still presents plenty of challenges for cyclists on this gruelling three-day event.

Contact: 07-3390 1477

JUNE 2008

Wintersun Rock 'n' Roll Festival

Tweed Heads & Coolangatta

May 31 – June 9

There'll be dancin' in the streets of Coolangatta when Wintersun brings the good old days of rock 'n' roll back to life. Wintersun celebrates its 21st Anniversary as the biggest rock and roll nostalgia festival in Australia. Put on those dancing shoes and join in the entertainment in the parks, streets and clubs with music, cars and fun from the 50's and 60's.

Contact: Barry McNamara 07-5536 9509

Website: www.wintersun.org.au

World Environment Day

Knox Park, Murwillumbah, Tweed Valley

June 1

A day to celebrate and educate about the local and global environment. Fun activities, stalls and workshops for all the family from 11am to 3pm.

Contact: Caldera Environment Centre 02-6672 1121

Greenback Tailor Fishing Competition

Tweed Coast

June 8-9

Held every year on the Queens Birthday weekend, attracting fishos from across the region to a hot competition for all ages. Weigh in at 9am Sunday morning.

Contact: Cabarita Surf Club (02) 6672 2509

Festival of Performing Arts

Murwillumbah Civic Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah

June 13 – July 7

Over 5,000 young people participate in competitions in Speech & Drama, Music and Dance at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre. Known locally as the friendly festival, this is a wonderful opportunity to see the new talent performing.

Contact: Arthur Holmes 02-6672 1563

Tweed Prestige Bowls Competition

Tweed Heads Bowls Club, Florence St, Tweed Heads

June 29 - July 2

A major sporting event open to all affiliated bowlers. Register early to reserve your place in the open mixed singles, or just come along to watch the competition unfold.

Contact: Tweed Heads Bowls Club 07-5536 3800

Website: www.thbc.com.au

JULY 2008

Tyalgum Diggers Sports Day & Rodeo

Tyalgum Showgrounds, Tweed Valley

July 26

The village of Tyalgum comes alive for this annual event showcasing the Tweed Valley's rich heritage and reviving the fun and excitement of a traditional village celebration.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, the local horse riding competitions and rodeo are always the favourite events.

Contact: 02-6679 3675

AUGUST 2008

Golden Nugget & Australian Indoor Bowls Competitions

Tweed Heads Bowls Club

August 4-22

National bowls competitions attracting the country's best bowlers. Excellent spectator areas to enjoy the competitions from the sidelines.

Contact: Tweed Heads Bowls Club 07-5536 3800

Website: www.thbc.com.au

Tweed Valley Banana Festival

Murwillumbah, Tweed Valley

August 22-31

One of the major annual events in the Tweed Valley, the annual Banana Festival features art and craft exhibitions, fashion parades, banana display and lots of social events. On the main parade day (August 30) over 150 floats representing community groups, local businesses, religious groups and the Festival Queen candidates travels through the streets of Murwillumbah to the showgrounds where a carnival continues on into the night.

Contact: 02-6672 3682

SEPTEMBER 2008

Tyalgum Festival of Classical Music

Tyalgum Hall, Tweed Valley

September 5-7

The extraordinary acoustics of the Tyalgum village hall attracts some of Australia's leading classical artists who perform each year at this three-day series of instrumental and vocal concerts. Lovers of fine music should make every effort to experience this unique event. On Sunday 7 September an informal outdoor concert will be held in the showgrounds in the afternoon - great for a family picnic under the trees.

Contact: Alex Wilkinson 02-6679 2244

Website: www.tyalgumfestival.com.au

Speed on Tweed

Murwillumbah, Tweed Valley

September 19-21

This nostalgic car competition recreates the magical grand prix of the 1940s with veteran and vintage race cars competing in a timed sprint on a 1.4km Hot Mix circuit through the streets of Murwillumbah. Tickets are available to view the classic racing around the circuit and at the Murwillumbah showgrounds. Free street entertainment on the Friday and Saturday evenings will bring the town streets to life.

Contact: 02-6672 1796

Website: www.speedontweed.com

OCTOBER 2008

Tweed River Festival

Throughout Tweed Shire

October 10-18

Celebrating the life-force of the Tweed River in northern NSW, this festival combines education with a range of competitions, displays, boating events, walks and, on the final Saturday evening, a spectacular lantern parade at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads

Contact: Jane Lofthouse, Tweed Shire Council 02-6670 2743

Tweed River Agricultural Show

Murwillumbah Showgrounds, Tweed Valley

A traditional country show at its best in the magnificent setting at the Murwillumbah Showgrounds. Jam packed with a variety of entertainment, arena events, trade exhibits, heritage displays, live music, sideshow alley and fireworks.

Oct 31-Nov 1

Contact: 0427 725 507

NOVEMBER 2008

Melbourne Cup Day

Murwillumbah Racecourse, Tweed Valley

If you can't make it to Flemington this year, Murwillumbah Racecourse hosts one of the biggest Melbourne Cup Day events in country NSW.

November 4

Contact: 02-6672 2671

DECEMBER 2008

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Twin Towns – Salt Central Park – Casuarina

Celebrate the New Year with fireworks displays at 9pm and midnight

December 31