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Tweed Shire Council

Construction begins on Gateway Information Centre at Tweed Heads

Landmark project to boost tourism and mark the gateway to NSW

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Construction on the new Gateway Information Centre at Tweed Heads is set to begin as soon as the weather permits. The prominent site is on the corner of Wharf Street and Bay Street.

The project is a partnership between Tweed Shire Council, Tourism NSW and the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Tweed Tourism will operate the new centre when it is completed, scheduled for the end of September 2009.

Mayor of the Tweed Cr Joan van Lieshout said the state-of-the-art centre would showcase the many natural and built attractions of the Tweed and North Coast of NSW.

“Tourism is such an important economic driver for the whole of the North Coast and the Tweed is at the coalface when it comes to making a good impression,” Cr van Lieshout said.

“We understand that the market is seeking a point of difference and we offer that on the Tweed and will showcase it at the new Gateway Information Centre,” she said.

NSW Minister for Tourism Jodi McKay said Gateway centres, such as the one being built at Tweed Heads, support regular Visitor Information Centres by showcasing the tourist attractions of a whole region.

“The Gateway Information Centre at Tweed Heads will complement Visitor Information Centres at Murwillumbah and Kingscliff,” Ms McKay said.

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"It will encourage visitors not only to the Tweed's many attractions and activities, but to the whole NSW North Coast, bringing additional tourist dollars to support the regional economy," she said.

Tweed Tourism General Manager Phil Villiers said the Gateway Information Centre would establish an iconic gateway on the New South Wales/Queensland border and assist with the promotion of the Tweed.

"Tweed Tourism would like to thank all the funding partners for their commitment to tourism and will now give us a wonderful visitor information centre that will be one of the best in New South Wales," Mr Villiers said.

"It is a wonderful position as it is strategically located on the most significant intersection in the Tweed Heads CBD," he said.

The purpose-built \$650,000 Gateway Information Centre will include an information service area, an administration section, public toilets, a plaza and a grassed area linking to the Jack Evans Boat Harbour redevelopment. The building's display area offers a unique open-air design which integrates with the surrounding park at the rear and the Wharf Street frontage, reducing the need for mechanical air conditioning.

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