



Be aware that it's breeding season for the endangered Bush Stone-curlew, with signage and fencing going up around bird locations to remind people to keep their distance. Image: David Charley

Endangered Bush Stone-curlew breeding season begins

The Tweed is one of the few places in NSW to see an annual increase in the breeding population of the endangered Bush Stone-curlew.

Council's monitoring program, with help from community volunteers, has been tracking the bird's numbers in the Tweed since 2012.

The latest figures show a growing population and have provided a sense of optimism about their future on the Tweed, with an increase from just one known breeding pair in 2012 to approximately 50 breeding pairs in 2020.

Sightings were recorded at 39 locations on Council managed land across the Tweed during the 2019-2020 breeding season.

Bush Stone-curlews are most at risk during their breeding season, from late winter until spring, including from vehicle strikes, habitat disturbance and loss, disturbance of nest sites by people and domestic

dogs and cats (causing birds to abandon their eggs or chicks) and predation by foxes, dogs and cats.

Temporary fencing and signage will be installed across the Tweed Coast to provide a safe space for the birds and Council would like to remind everyone to please keep their distance.

To bring attention to the plight of Bush Stone-curlews this Local Government Week (2-8 August), you can watch a short video to learn more about the quirky birds and report all sightings at tweed.nsw.gov.au/bush-stone-curlews

If you see an injured Bush Stone-curlew please call Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers on their 24-hour hotline 02 6672 4789.

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Building drought-resilient farms in the Tweed

As many farmers would be aware, for every period of regular rainfall, there's a period of intense drought.

Climate projections suggest Tweed's farmers will need to adapt to warmer temperatures and less reliable rainfall in the future, threatening the productivity and viability of local farms.

Drought is part of the Australian landscape and our experiences from 2019 are a stark reminder that drought can impact anywhere in the country, including the Tweed.

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Over the next 12 months, the project will support graziers to prepare for drought through holistic farm planning and on-ground programs to enhance the management of soils, waterways and biodiversity.

Through this project, farmers can gain training in holistic grazing management and farm planning leading to the development of drought preparedness plans. They will also receive support to start

TARGET 160
Last week we each used **176L a day**
as at 2 August 2021



Waste tip



Pet waste(ing) space?

Use a 'pet poo composter' that sits under the surface of the ground in your yard.

DIY or purchase at a local hardware store. Alternatively, only place pet waste in the red lid bin – this keeps the quality of the green bin compost high.



DO IT YOURSELF

Local Government Week activities on hold

Local Government Week is on this week, designed to showcase the work councils do in their local communities across NSW.

Tweed Shire Council provides 52 services to the community, spanning far more than the expected rates, roads and rubbish.

Unfortunately, current COVID-19 restrictions have forced Council to postpone or cancel most of the activities planned for this week, including our activation at Tweed City on Wednesday 4 August.

However, the Council meeting will still go ahead at 5:30 pm in the Harvard Room at Tweed Heads Administration Office on Thursday 5 August. Bookings are essential to attend in person, or follow from home on the livestream at tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings.

Council is also looking for your feedback on some interesting projects during #lgweek21, including our new Public Toilet Strategy, 2 new dog parks, the new Organics Processing Facility, Coral Street Park and the Tweed Recycling and Landfill Centre Master Plan. Find out more at yoursaytweed.com.au



Avoid 'bill shock' and check your water meter

Water is a precious commodity and you pay for every drop you use. To avoid any surprises at bill time you should check your water meter regularly.

Some people can see their bills jump from about \$100 per quarter to more than \$5,000 because of serious water leaks.

If you do not check your water meter regularly, then the first time you may know you have a leak is when you get a hefty water bill.

The most common cause for higher water bills is leaks. Other culprits include hoses or taps left on, which can use up to 20 litres of water per minute – almost 30,000 litres per day. Even a small leak can waste 2,000 to 10,000 litres in one day.

How can I check for water leaks?

- Turn off all taps before going to bed, including garden irrigation and your washing machine and dishwasher.
- Check your water meter before you go to bed and note the reading.

- Don't use water overnight.
- Check the meter again in the morning to compare the reading. If it is higher than before the test, you may have a leak.

How bad is the leak?

- If you do this test and find your overnight water use is less than 20 litres, you may have a small leak and should repeat the test.
- If it is between 20 and 100 litres you should contact a plumber to investigate.
- If it is more than 100 litres, contact a plumber urgently and turn off the tap at the water meter to minimise further leaks.

In some cases the leak could be considered undetectable, for example if it's coming from underground with no evidence at the surface such as green grass. If this is the case and your bill is significantly higher than usual, you may be eligible for a reduction for an undetectable water leak.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-meter-leaks for more information.



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Collaborating to help stop the spread of COVID-19

Tweed Shire Council is playing its part in helping to combat the spread of COVID-19 by providing raw sewage samples to NSW Health for testing.

Council signed an agreement with NSW Health in July 2020 to participate in the surveillance project, with samples sent to Sydney Water's laboratories for testing.

Testing is undertaken weekly, but at times frequency is increased on the request of NSW Health in response to higher risk periods.

Results of the testing program are published in the 'Weekly Reports' by NSW Health at health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19

NSW Health may also issue media releases to ensure COVID-19 information is available to the community in a transparent and timely manner.

A comprehensive FAQ section on the NSW Health website can be found by searching 'Sewage Surveillance Program'.



Development application determinations

Notification of development application determinations for the purposes of Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended).

Application details

Approved

DA21/0292 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 481 DP 785160, No. 14 St Andrews Way, **Banora Point**

CDC21/0073 – Demolition of existing dwelling
Lot 423 DP 216388, No. 27 Tamarind Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA21/0254 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 214 DP 1075237, No. 438 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA21/0331 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 89 DP 1264557, No. 50 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

DA21/0333 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 22 DP 1264557, No. 9 Blue Horizon Drive, **Casuarina**

DA21/0370 – Swimming pool
Lot 3 DP 1030322, No. 600 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA21/0214 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 1 DP 777181, No. 59 Crabbes Creek Road, **Crabbes Creek**

DA20/0897 – Farmers market
Lot 6 DP 596699, Lot 12DP 1086837, Lot 4 DP 585719, Lot 5 DP 585719, Lot 11 DP 1086837, Duranbah Road, **Duranbah**

DA21/0308 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 205 DP 1232814, No. 14 Edgewater Lane, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0358 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 17 DP 30845, No. 9 McPhail Avenue, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0340 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 210 DP 1195219, No. 27 Oakbank Terrace, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0323 – Alterations and additions including pool, carport
Lot 60 DP 854533, No. 28 McKenzie Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA21/0325 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 1505 DP 1207462, No. 5 Bonville Street, **Pottsville**

DA21/0403 – In ground swimming pool
Lot 1437 DP 1129353, No. 16 Terrigal Street, **Pottsville**

DA21/0263 – Secondary dwelling
Lot 387 DP 1052082, No. 54 Macadamia Drive, **Pottsville**

DA21/0232 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 4 DP 854539, No. 16 Gladioli Avenue, **Terranora**

DA21/0422 – Carport
Lot 1 DP 781538, No. 15 Parkes Lane, **Terranora**

DA21/0061 – Signage
Lot 1 DP 1046045, No. 4–6 Greenway Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

CDC21/0074 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 127 DP 32024, No. 35 Lalina Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

The above development determinations are available for public inspection free of charge at the Planning and Regulation Division, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, during ordinary office hours or viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

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Fenced dog parks coming to the Tweed

Residents are being asked for their feedback on designs for the Tweed's first fenced off-leash dog parks.

Council is partnering with the local community to help finalise concept designs for the dog parks which will be located at John Baker Reserve on Darlington Drive, Banora Point and Bray Park Reserve at Bray Park.

The projects are funded by a \$250,000 Federal Government grant from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 2.

The draft concept plan for John Baker Reserve includes 2 separated play areas for large and small dogs with perimeter fencing, double gate entrances and holding areas. There will also be a range of dog agility equipment such as tunnels, bridges and balance beams – with other features including drinking fountains with dog bowls, free dog poo bags and bins, picnic tables, seating and shelter and tree planting for shade.

As part of these improvements, Amaroo Park in Banora Point will be upgraded to a family-friendly district park and playground and will cease to have an unfenced off-leash dog facility. Community engagement for the new district park will begin in 2022.

At Bray Park, the new fenced off-leash dog park will be located at Bray Park Reserve at the corner of Tree Street and Kyogle Road. The draft concept plan for this park includes one fenced dog play area, internal pathways, drinking fountains with dog bowls, free dog poo bags and bins, picnic tables, seating and new signage.

Residents can visit yoursaytweed.com.au/dogparks to give their

feedback by Sunday 22 August 2021.

Manager Parks and Active Communities Stewart Brawley said the fenced off-leash dog parks will be functional, safe and enjoyable for dogs and their owners.

"Off-leash dog areas provide opportunities for dog owners to learn more about responsible pet ownership, socialise with their dogs and are a great place for owners to meet other people with common interests," he said.

"Fenced dog parks also provide a location where you can let your dog off-leash without the risk of it running off or chasing the Tweed's threatened and endangered wildlife.

"The projects were identified by the community as a key priority in Council's adopted *Open Space Strategy 2019–29* and we've used the feedback from this consultation to create these exciting draft concept plans. We also consulted 6 other councils to gain insights into site selection and layout, management and maintenance, supporting facilities and signage.

"We've listened to the community and now we're checking back with residents to make sure they're happy with the dog park designs. So please have your say by completing the survey."

Following the consultation, both off-leash dog parks are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

There are a number of other off-leash dog areas in the Tweed which can be found by visiting tweed.nsw.gov.au/where-can-i-walk-my-dog



Banora Point and Bray Park will be the locations for the Tweed's first fenced off-leash dog parks.

Planning Committee meeting agenda – Thursday 5 August 2021

The Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for Thursday 5 August 2021 is available on Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 5:30 pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Planning and Regulation

- 8.1 Development Application DA20/0466 for staged development comprising of multi dwelling housing (37 townhouses), 12 swimming pools, 33 lot community title subdivision, and associated works at Lot 169 DP 1075495 and Lot 930 DP 1079118 No. 4–8 Bells Boulevard, Kingscliff
- 8.2 Development Application DA20/0149 for a residential flat building comprising of six (6) units including demolition of existing structures at Lot 2 DP 370080 No. 142 Marine Parade, Kingscliff

- 8.3 Request to prepare a planning proposal to provide a dwelling entitlement at No. 51 Rock Road, Bungalora (Lot 2 DP 880732)
- 8.4 Planning Proposal PP21/0001 to remove the permissibility of Rural Land Sharing Communities through amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019
- 8.5 Application under Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, manufactured home estate (to build on site) at 30 Fraser Drive, Tweed Heads South
- 8.6 Variations to Development Standards

Council meeting agenda – Thursday 5 August 2021

The Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 5 August 2021 is available on Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

- 3.1 Adoption of Recommendations from Planning Committee meeting held Thursday 5 August 2021

Mayoral Minute

- 6.1 Mayoral Minute – Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Compliance Fees) Regulation 2021
- 6.2 Mayoral Minute – Short Term Rental Accommodation

Planning and Regulation

- 11.1 Proposal to Establish Alcohol Free Zones within Tweed Shire (2021 to 2025)

Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 12.1 Draft Amendments to Development Control Plan A16 – Preservation of Vegetation
- 12.2 RFO2021075 Provision of Surf Life Saving Services
- 12.3 Climate Change Work Program Update

Engineering

- 13.1 Private Application for Road Closure and Purchase – Old Lismore Road, Byangum (adjacent to Lot 95 DP755754 and Lot 1 DP1249458, 219 Old Lismore Road, Byangum)

Corporate Services

- 14.1 Meeting Dates to end of Term
- 14.2 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2021

Confidential items for consideration

General Manager in committee

- 19.1 Business Investment Policy Application – Kingscliff Bowls Club (DA18/0635)

Planning and Regulation in committee

- 20.1 Update regarding unauthorised earthworks and unauthorised vegetation clearing at Lot 2 DP 596914 No. 115 Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

At its meeting on 18 March 2021 Council resolved to resume public attendance for Public Forum in line with the meeting room's COVID-Safe plan and this Planning Committee Public Forum is for speaker on agenda items being considered and will be held at 4:30 pm prior to the meeting.

The agendas for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings.

It should be noted that confidential items are considered in a closed session, which excludes media and public.

Minutes of these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that these meetings are webcast and will be available on Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings