

*Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional custodians of these lands.*



An aerial image of Murwillumbah taken on Tuesday morning, showing widespread flooding, looking across the Tweed River to the South Murwillumbah industrial estate.

## Biggest clean-up to follow flood event

**It is official – the February 2022 flood was one of the biggest in the Tweed’s recorded history.**

Many areas recorded unprecedented river levels at the height of Monday’s event and the damage bill is likely to exceed even that of the devastating 2017 flood event.

The Tweed River at Murwillumbah peaked at 6.5m – 200mm higher than 2017 – and narrowly escaped more widespread flooding as the CBD levee only overtopped at a few locations and for a limited time.

Tumbulgum was one of the hardest hit localities in the Tweed, with the river peaking at 4.8m – 800mm higher than 2017.

This event was also more widespread than 2017, with inundation of houses and businesses along the coast at Bogangar, Tweed Heads South and Pottsville, among other locations.

Other areas which have flooded before have been hit harder this time, including Uki, Mooball, Burringbar and Crabbes Creek.

With so many roads still flooded and power and internet connection

patchy we are still not seeing the full impact of this event on the people and infrastructure of the Tweed.

Council’s focus is on the provision of safe drinking water for our community and re-establishing our wastewater network, supporting our community with waste and clean-up options and safely restoring access to our roads.

Council’s staff continue to support the Emergency Operations Centre and NSW SES needs who are keeping our community safe as they respond to this event.

The Tweed local government area has been included in the Federal and NSW Government’s Natural Disaster Declarations, which means residents, businesses and councils may be eligible for assistance.

Please stay up to date through the [Emergency Dashboard](#). You can see Council’s Facebook feed there which has the latest information as more comes to hand.

## Here’s what you need to know

- Many of our communities are still being impacted by the current weather event and major flooding. Stay out of these communities for now.
- Keep off the roads. **Don’t** drive through water, we don’t know what damage lays under the surface. Our crews are responding to high priority road hazards caused by this event, where they can access.
- Continue to restrict water use to essential **only** – food preparation, drinking and person hygiene use. Please don’t use the water supply for hosing/flood cleaning until out plants are producing water again.
- Residents of Uki and South Murwillumbah/Dunbible – please continue to boil your water.
- The Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre (tip) remains closed. Our waste contractor Solo Resource Recovery is trying to get trucks into the community to service bins, where they can access streets.
- Please place your bins on the kerb (if not going to get washed away) on your normal collection day. Leave on the kerb until it can be serviced. Make sure your lid is closed to keep rain out and waste in.
- Electricity contractors are working to get power restored to all impacted communities as a matter of urgency.
- **If you need help**, please contact the SES on 132 500 or call 000 if your situation is life threatening.
- New information is coming to hand rapidly. Stay up to date at the [Emergency Dashboard](#). If you’re not on social media, you can view Council’s Facebook feed and the feeds of emergency services on the dashboard. You don’t need a Facebook account for this.



[emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

The [Tweed Emergency Dashboard](#) connects you to local emergency information, centralising important messages from emergency services, Council, Bureau of Meteorology and many more.



Floodwater may look tempting to swim or play in but you don’t know what’s lurking in there.



Last week we each used

**175L a day**

as at 28 February 2022

## In brief ...

### Tweed Business Flood Impact Survey

As part of Council’s efforts to support the Tweed’s business community, Council will again advocate to State and Federal Governments for funding to support local businesses to get back on their feet.

Local businesses are encouraged to complete a survey to help Council understand the number of businesses affected and the extent of damage. Complete the [survey](#) by Friday 18 March.

### Council crews busy on essential repairs

When floodwaters clear, Council’s task of assessing damage to roads, bridges and other Council infrastructure will begin, following this week’s unprecedented and devastating flood.

What happened at Blacks Drain on Tweed Valley Way at South Murwillumbah is just one example of many across the Tweed.

As happened in the 2017 flood, the drain under the road was torn apart by the volume of water and the road collapsed. Water and sewer lines were broken, leaving local residents without services.

Crews worked all day on Tuesday and well into the dark in very challenging conditions to try to restore a water supply to the affected area in South Murwillumbah.

They are back out there today (Wednesday) focusing first on restoring water supply and then fixing the sewer main.

Water in this area should be boiled until further notice. Click on ‘view more news’ at [tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au)



Tweed Valley Way has collapsed at Blacks Drain at South Murwillumbah, damaging water and sewer connections and leaving nearby residents without water.

## Stay safe – floodwater isn’t a playground

Tweed Shire Council is urging residents to stay clear of floodwater. Council’s Manager Water and Wastewater Operations Brie Jowett said floodwater was hazardous and unpredictable, with many dangers hidden from sight.

“Floodwater and leftover debris may be contaminated with sewage, poisons, dead animals, petrol and garbage,” Ms Jowett said.

“The water is often deeper and flowing faster than it appears, with many hazards lying beneath the surface.

“Water can move suddenly through hidden drains and pipes.

“There might be snags that could trap you underwater.

“Floodwater simply isn’t safe to be in.”

Ms Jowett urged everyone in the Tweed to avoid all types of water activities such as swimming, canoeing and fishing until the waterways become safe.

She also reminded people to avoid driving through floodwaters.

“I am hearing reports that some of us are driving on flooded streets – it’s not acceptable at any time,” she said.

“Driving on flooded streets in built-up areas such as Kennedy Drive at Tweed Heads West causes wash onto the houses and businesses that line the streets, making the flooding impact worse for them.

“So far there have been no reports of fatalities in the Tweed from this extreme weather event and I am sure we all want to keep it that way.

“Please, never drive through, walk, ride, swim or play in floodwater.”





Tweed River and M1 at Chinderah. All images 1 March 2022.



Condong looking towards Tumbulgum.



Fingal Head, Wommin Lake with Tweed Heads in the background.



North Tumbulgum, Terranore Road bridge on right.



Tweed River and South Murwillumbah.



Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah.



Tygagah looking towards Murwillumbah.



Byrill Creek bridge.

## 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

- DA21/0961** – Continued use of patio roof and 1.8 m high front fence  
Lot 1 SP 43772, Unit 1/No. 38 Martinelli Avenue, **Banora Point**
- DA21/0863** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage, inground swimming pool and 1.5m high front fence  
Lot 70 DP 1264557, No. 26 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**
- DA21/1033** – Use of alterations and additions  
Lot 85 DP 1031933, No. 14 Kamala Crescent, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0888** – In-ground swimming pool and fence within the front setback  
Lot 32 DP 1252272, No. 11 Denman Drive, **Cudgen**
- DA21/0454** – Alterations and additions to existing rural workers dwelling  
Lot 3 DP 591553, No. 62 Reardons Road, **Cudgen**
- DA21/1034** – Demolition of existing dwelling  
Lot 28 DP 1079480, Pollards Road, **Dulguigan**
- DA21/1018** – Alterations and additions to dwelling with swimming pool  
Lot 12 DP 28015, No. 24 Quigan Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA22/0016** – Alterations and additions (first floor) to an existing dwelling  
Lot 29 DP 1180878, No. 306 Casuarina Way, **Kingscliff**

- DA21/0364** – Alterations and additions to detached dual occupancy includes partial demolition/conversion of existing garage to rumpus room/laundry/bathroom and proposed construction of a new double carport and alterations to the entry area façade  
Lot 1 SP 58685, Unit 1/No. 1 Shoal Place, **Kingscliff**
- DA20/1036** – Concept development application for dwelling and driveway including associated earthworks and vegetation removal and development of Stage 1 being construction of driveway access on unformed road reserve from Towners Road to the lot boundary of Lot 1 DP 601993 including earthworks, vegetation removal and construction of 3 culverts  
Lot 1 DP 601993, Lot 3 DP 1178597, ROAD 1321, No. 88 Round Mountain Road, **Round Mountain**
- DA20/0449** – Signage for manufactured home estate (2 real estate pole signs)  
Lot 11 DP 1254208, Lot 10 DP 1254208, No. 30 Fraser Drive, **Tweed Heads South**
- DA21/0869** – Demolition of existing and new deck and patio  
Lot 1 SP 32460, Unit 1/No. 9 Tattler Court, **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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

**Banora Point & District Residents Assoc. Inc.** will hold its AGM followed by a general meeting on Monday 7 March 2022 at the South Tweed Sports Club commencing at 6:30 pm. This change of date has been brought about by the current COVID-19 situation. Contact 0428 332 819 for further information.



# Help us keep our local roads safe

Responding to high priority road hazards caused by weather events

## Fast fact

During wet weather, Council prioritises community safety first. We address life-threatening risks first and target urgent maintenance on our busiest roads and areas where people are isolated.



To help us quickly get to those who need us most, please report your problem or issue correctly.



## Emergencies

For life-threatening situations call triple zero (000)



## Urgent hazards

Call us on 02 6670 2400 at any time



## Non-urgent hazards

Report your problem online at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem)



Please don't use social media to report problems.

## Check the road conditions

Plan your trip. To find out what's happening on our roads visit [livetraffic.com.au](http://livetraffic.com.au) or for planned works go to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks)

## Stay alert

Turn your headlights on, keep your eyes on the road and pay attention to vehicles around you.

## Look out for pedestrians and cyclists

They may be hard to see in the rain.

## Keep your distance

Allow for additional gap between you and the vehicle in front.

## Slow down

The posted speed limit is the maximum speed under ideal conditions. It's safer to drive below the limit in wet conditions.

## If it's flooded, forget it!

Never drive through floodwaters. Floodwaters can hide dangerous debris and road damage. Modern cars can float in shallow water and their electronic systems are easily damaged if submerged. Most flood-related deaths are caused by people driving into floodwaters.

## Drive to the road conditions

Avoid unnecessary travel during heavy rain events, allow extra time and adjust your driving to the weather and road conditions.

## Did you know?

Permanent, large scale road repairs cannot be done in the rain. Dry conditions are needed to properly compact our pavement gravels and for bitumen surfaces to properly harden. We also need to make sure workers and road users are safe when we conduct roadworks.



To learn more about how we build, upgrade and maintain a safe and connected local road network, including how we prioritise road maintenance projects, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/roads](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/roads)

## Planning Committee Meeting agenda Thursday 3 March 2022

The Planning Committee Meeting agenda for Thursday 3 March 2022 is available on Council's website [tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings). The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 3 pm.

### Agenda

#### Reports for consideration

##### Planning and Regulation

- 8.1 Development Application DA20/0443 for alterations and additions to an existing shopping centre (Banora Shopping Village) including signage at Lot 1 DP 848125 No.59 Darlington Drive, Banora Point
- 8.2 Development Application DA20/0965.01 for amendment to Development Consent DA20/0965 for earthworks and associated drainage at Lot 21 DP 1082482 Tweed Coast Road Chinderah
- 8.3 Briefing Paper on Employment Zones Reform
- 8.4 Briefing on a New Approach to Rezoning in NSW Discussion Paper
- 8.5 Agritourism and Small-Scale Agriculture Development - Proposed 'Opt In' Clauses to Amend Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014
- 8.6 Tweed Shire Council Submission on the draft SEPP Design and Place Exhibition Documents

## Council Meeting agenda Thursday 3 March 2022

The Council Meeting agenda for Thursday 3 March 2022 is available on Council's website [tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-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

##### Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1 Adoption of Recommendations from Planning Committee meeting held Thursday 3 February 2022

##### Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 13.1 RF02021131 Anchorage Island Canal Estate Revetment Renewal

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 speakers on agenda items being considered and will be held at 2 pm prior to the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting and is available on Council's website.

It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Also, the 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 this meeting is webcast and will be available on Council's website following the meeting.

## Bitou bush control program

**Council contractors will be undertaking bitou bush control from 1 March 2022 along the foreshore and dunes at Maggies Beach between Norries Headland and Hastings Point; Letitia Beach, Fingal Head Beach and Dreamtime Beach between the Tweed River and Kingscliff.**

Council must control bitou bush in accordance with the *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015*, with the Tweed Coast located within the bitou bush biosecurity zone. All herbicide spraying will be undertaken in accordance with the *NSW Pesticides Act 1999* and Council's *Pesticide Notification Plan*. For more information visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/weeds](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/weeds) or contact Council on 02 6670 2400.

## Request for offer

**RF02022009 – Blackspot Guardrail Program Tweed Valley Way (Stokers)**

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDT) 16 March 2022

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts)

All offers will be opened at closing time and will be considered by Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. The lowest or any offer is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify.

For further information please contact Contracts Administration on 02 6670 2606.

## Current vacancies

View current vacancies at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies)

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

**WATER WEEK 9** Check when your water meter is read at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading-billing-schedule](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading-billing-schedule)

## Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Applications have been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 2 March to Wednesday 16 March 2022.

The proposals are not designated developments and Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
Ardill Payne & Partners	Part Lot 19 DP 255029; No. 12 Clothiers Creek Road, <b>Condong</b>	Additions to existing cogeneration plant for the purpose of a data centre, switch room, office and storage and transformers	DA22/0071
Casuarina JV Pty Ltd	Lot 59 DP 1264557; No. 5 Grand Parade, <b>Casuarina</b>	Residential flat building comprising of 47 units (NRPP)	DA21/0637
The Mavis Partnership Pty Ltd	Lot 3 DP 541945; No. 64 Mount Warning Road, <b>Mount Warning</b>	Alterations & additions to existing restaurant, signage and temporary use as a function centre	DA22/0092

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified. Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. It should also be noted that Council has adopted a policy whereby, on request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality by submitters in determining access to submission letters. However, the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* – GIPAA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

### Please note – requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donations

A disclosure is required to be made in a statement accompanying the relevant development or planning application by a person who makes the application. In addition, a person who makes a written submission either objecting to or supporting a relevant development or planning application must also make a disclosure if the person has made a reportable political donation.

Further information regarding Donations and Gift Disclosure are available on Council's website [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)

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