

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.



Visit Council's stall at World Environment Day this coming Sunday, 17 July from 10 am to 3 pm.

World Environment Day festival this weekend

The postponed World Environment Day Festival is going ahead this weekend on Sunday 17 July from 10 am to 3 pm at Knox Park, Murwillumbah.

The festival promotes sustainability and protection of the natural environment with live music and performances, environmental speakers, demonstrations, information stalls and food.

Council's Environment and Sustainability, Resource Recovery and Water and Wastewater Teams will be at the event showcasing a range of programs and services with lots of giveaways.

With the cost of living going up, pick up some free things to help the hip pocket. Council staff will be giving away kitchen caddies, compostable liners, a bag of compost, shower timers and *Native Species Planting Guides*. Bring the kids to decorate a reusable shopping bags to take home and go into the draw to win prizes.

There will also be an opportunity to contribute to a new Conservation Strategy for the Tweed or learn how to help protect Glossy Black-Cockatoos, Bush Stone-curlews and the rare Albert's Lyrebird.

Tweed residents can also save money with Council's residential water saving rebate and get up to a \$100 back when eligible water efficient showers and tapware are installed.

Visit Council's stall and share any actions you're taking at your place to save money on your power bills, and win one of 5 home energy assessments. These assessments will see an expert visit your home

and provide tips on how it can be made cosier for less cost.

Council's biodiversity team will be available to discuss how landowners can apply for funding to help look after native habitat on their land, how to control weeds, and how to encourage native fauna to your backyard. Also find out the native species to plant to make your backyard habitat resilient to climate change.

There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the Northern Rivers Feral Deer Alert program and how to report feral deer sightings, join the Land for Wildlife or Backyard Habitat for Wildlife programs, and spin the Water Wheel – answer a water efficiency question and pick up your free shower timer.

Find out simple tips to reduce waste – check in about how you can recycle right, compost better and maximise food recycling through your green bin.

Come and enjoy the free family-friendly, COVID-safe event. It's a 'waste-wise' event so BYO bottle and mug.

Visit the Caldera Environment Centre's website or Facebook page for the full program and Festival information.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/environment to find out how Council looks after the Tweed environment or tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling for recycling tips or tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-savings-restrictions for water saving tips.

This event is sponsored by Tweed Shire Council.



Your flood recovery update – 13 July 2022

Traffic lights and road closures

Battery thieves from mobile traffic control lights around the Tweed are placing motorists' lives at risk.

Council has had to divert resources to restore the batteries, retrieve traffic light units which have been pushed off roads and clean graffiti, which is at times vulgar in nature.

The units are there to provide safe traffic passage and any action to move or disable the lights places lives in jeopardy.

Similarly road signs advising of closures are placed for a reason – to protect the safety of road users.

When Council officers have to deal with issues regarding traffic control lights or road signage being repaired or reinstated, it takes them away from other duties involved in flood recovery. There is also the additional cost of repairing or replacing them.

Having to respond to matters not directly involved in road repair and restoration simply delays the process.

Please do not remove or road signage or interfering with traffic control systems – it is a serious offence and police may be notified and hefty fines could be incurred.

Scenic Drive

Australian Marine and Civil (AMC), the contractor responsible for the Scenic Drive repair works, has confirmed with Council the pedestrian access through the site will generally remain open during the reconstruction works. However there may be periods where access is restricted due to hazardous or very noisy work.

These restrictions will be kept to a minimum and timed to cause the least disruption to the community. Early notice will be given regarding these restricted times.

Possession of the site was given to AMC on 11 July 2022. It is

expected they will establish on-site within 2 weeks with repair works to follow.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works for more information on these and other repairs.

Major landslips update

Council is progressing repairs on 7 major landslips concurrently in an effort to complete works as soon as possible:

- Kyogle Road – first and second slip west of Byangum Bridge
- Limpinwood Road – near Boxsell Road and near Charbray Place
- Mount Warning Road – north of first causeway
- Reserve Creek Road – 10 km north of Cudgera Creek Road
- Tyalgum Road – 12 km west of Kyogle Road.

The work is being accelerated by undertaking geotechnical investigations concurrently with the engagement of suitable contractors through and expression of interest (EOI) process.

Updates on the geotechnical investigations and EOI process are:

Kyogle Road: There are several landslips along Kyogle Road. Council has given urgent priority to 2 major landslips located 500 m and 1.4 km west of Byangum Bridge.

Draft Stage 2 geotechnical report for both sites were received last Friday 8 July 2022. Council Engineers are currently reviewing the draft report prior to finalisation.

Traffic is reduced to one lane and is being controlled by traffic lights at the slip immediately west of Byangum Bridge.

Other slips along Kyogle Road allow 2 way traffic to pass but heavily constrict traffic. Council asks motorists to proceed with caution.

Limpinwood Road: Test drilling at Limpinwood Road, adjacent to Charbray Place, was scheduled for Wednesday 6 July 2022.

Drilling commenced however the drill rig pump had a major mechanical issue and drilling the second borehole could not progress.

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Last week we each used

184L a day

as at 11 July 2022

In brief ...

Rates notices on their way

Council rates notices for 2022-23 will start being delivered to mail boxes around the Tweed this week.

This year, the NSW Government is making a payment towards the 2022-23 rates bill for ratepayers who have made a successful claim for eligible State Government flood programs through Service NSW or whose property has been assessed as damaged by the State Emergency Service (SES). Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/nsw-gov-rates-relief to find out more.

While no-one likes a bill, it may be helpful to understand how your rates are calculated and where your money goes. Check out the video at tweed.nsw.gov.au/rates-explained to learn more.

While you're on the website, sign up to go paperless and receive your rates and water notices by email rather than in the mail. Head to tweed.nsw.gov.au/go-paperless-enotices to make the switch.

To set up a payment plan or arrangement if you're having trouble paying your rates, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/payment-plan

Small number of Glossy Black-Cockatoos counted

A huge thanks to the citizen scientists who took part in this year's Great Glossy Count held in March this year.

More than 400 volunteers from 3 states (and one territory) contributed, including 18 dedicated 'Glossy spotters' from the Tweed.

Only 130 glossies were counted on the day in the eastern states. Considering the number of people who were participating and the area covered, this is a very small number.

Council's biodiversity projects and planning officer Marama Hopkins said Glossy sightings have been thin on the ground this year.

"We need the community's help to track them down and understand their movements," Ms Hopkins said.

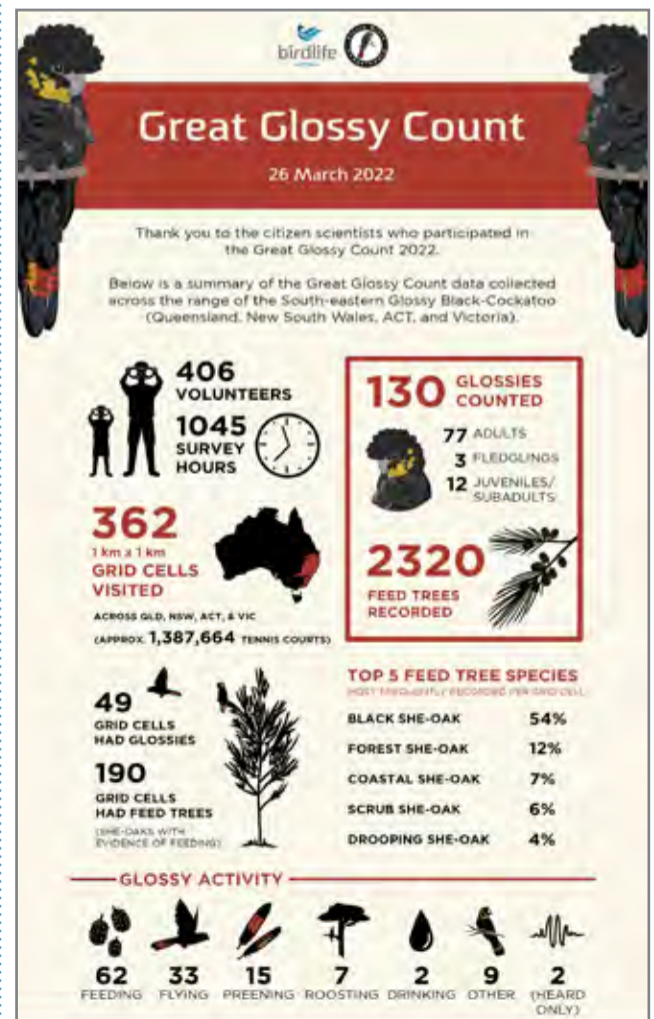
"Glossies are often mistaken for the more common Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo however, glossies are smaller and have red feathers in their tail."

"Their habitat in the northern rivers is still recovering from the fires, and we're working hard to help these special locals," she said.

Council is currently planting and restoring Glossy Black-Cockatoo habitat in Kingscliff as part of the Conserving Cockatoos and Curlews project. Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/conserving-cockatoos-curlews to find out more.

Visit birddata.birdlife.org.au/record-survey to report all sightings or get in touch with Council on 02 6670 2400 to share your observations.

Another great way you can get involved is to visit wildbnb.com.au/glossies-northern-rivers and join the Glossy Squad.



Big honour for former council employee



Former Council employee Steve Birney AM, honoured for his service to industrial relations. He is pictured being delivered home to Burringbar on his last day before retirement.

Congratulations to former longstanding Tweed Shire Council staff member Stephen Birney AM of Burringbar, who received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Steve was awarded the honour for his significant service to industrial relations and the community, as the former president of the United Services Union and the national Australian Services Union.

His career at Tweed Shire Council spanned 40 years, including roles as labourer, plant operator and backhoe operator and finishing as signage and linemarking foreman.

In this role, Steve became a recognised expert on Council's road network and led significant innovations to improve community safety. These include orange and white community crossings, which Steve started in the Tweed in 1998 and have now been introduced in many locations across Australia.

Council was very supportive of his honorary union role and responsibilities and he had great support from successive general managers, including John Griffin, Mike Rayner and current general

manager, Troy Green.

From being encouraged to take up a union delegate role in the former Municipal Employees Union in 1984, Steve went on to show dedication and commitment to the union movement until he retired in 2019.

"The more I opened my mouth, the deeper I got myself in," he said.

"It was fantastic working with wonderful delegates from across NSW – terrific hardworking people from a variety of roles in local government who are driven by the common goal of looking after their members.

"I couldn't have done it without the support of my wife and family, who put up with my time away from home and of course the support from my employers.

"And the members of the union in the Tweed who started me on this journey and supported me over the years.

"I hope we made a difference," he said.

Steve's significant contribution lives on through the naming of the Stephen Birney Conference Centre at the United Services Union office in Sydney, which opened in 2012.

Flood recovery update

Works are rescheduled for both Limpinwood Road near Charbray Place and Tyalgum Road the week commencing 18 July 2022. Work is planned to be undertaken behind the existing barricades so impact on the community and traffic will be minor.

A draft Stage 2 geotechnical report for Limpinwood Road near Boxsell Road was received last Friday 8 July 2022. Council engineers are currently reviewing the draft report prior to finalisation.

A draft Stage 2 geotechnical report based on only one borehole for the slip near Charbray Place was also received. Council engineers are currently reviewing the draft report but will await results of the second borehole before finalising the report.

Works start on new play space

Construction of Tweed's new regional inclusive play space in Goorimahbah – Place of Stories located in Jack Evans Boat Harbour will begin from Monday 18 July 2022.

The exciting upgrade project is estimated to be completed by December 2022, weather permitting. Council will deliver a new play space that is designed to be more inclusive of everyone in the community.

The existing playground and some areas of the park will be closed to the public during construction however, the rest of Jack Evans Boat Harbour and its park facilities will remain open.

There are a number of other parks in the vicinity to visit while Council is building you a better and more enjoyable park, including Jack Chard Park and John Follent Park. The existing 'purple playground' will find a new home and will be relocated to another park in the Tweed.

Council received a design grant for \$30,000 from Variety, the Children's Charity NSW/ACT to create an inclusive park and playspace with the design completed by local Tweed landscape architect Plummer & Smith.

The playspace will be known as Variety Livvi's Place – Goorimahbah, Place of Stories and will form part of an Australia-wide network of Variety Livvi's Place Inclusive Play spaces.

The play space refurbishment will ensure everyone can play, regardless of their age, ability, culture or socio-economic background.

The park will be brought to life thanks to the NSW Government's \$600,000 commitment and Council's contribution of \$380,000 to the project.

Funding for Stage 1 was received through the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grant Program and its Everyone Can Play Grant Program.

The new play space is an outcome of community consultation from the *Jack Evans Boat Harbour Plan of Management* which was developed back in 2018 and the *Open Space Strategy 2019–2029*.

For the latest concept plans, detailed plans and community feedback on Stages 1 and 2 visit yoursaytweed.com.au/goorimahbah

Advanced notification of herbicide application

Application of herbicide for the control of Bindii in selected sports fields and parks will take place between Monday 18 July and Friday 26 August 2022.

Product: Casper

Please avoid areas while spraying is being carried out.

Current vacancies

View current vacancies at tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies

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WATER WEEK 2 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Reserve Creek Road

Test drilling on Reserve Creek Road has been delayed due to the above breakdown at the Limpinwood Road site. Work is expected to be carried out following the test drilling on Tyalgum and Limpinwood roads.

This work is expected to commence around 22 July 2022. This drilling will provide data to inform the Stage 2 geotechnical report, which will be issued to tenderers for design and construction of the repairs.

Beltana Drive

Beltana Drive loop road is now closed either side of the landslip.

Council has advised bus companies of this and arrangements have been made for school buses.

Mt Warning Road

A temporary side track is in place to allow traffic past the landslip.

Draft Stage 2 geotechnical report for Mt Warning Road was received last Friday 8 July 2022. Council Engineers are currently reviewing the draft report prior to finalisation.

Update on expression of interest – major landslips

The EOI is being used to engage contractors to undertake the design and construction phase of repairs. This is progressing in parallel with the above geotechnical investigations.

The EOI closed Friday 1 July 2022 with considerable interest shown by a very busy market – 15 submissions were received.

It has taken longer to evaluate the EOI submissions than expected, so Council is slightly behind schedule. It is hoped we can complete the evaluation and progress with the next stage.

The next stage of the tender process is for the selected contractors from the EOI to submit rates and provide estimated costs to take the 7 major slips to the Concept Design Stage.

Blacks Drain Crossing

This section of Tweed Valley Way is both a roadway and a hydraulic structure. It also provides a crossing for water, sewer, power and telecommunications.

It will require various investigations, consultations with local stakeholders, environmental assessment and approvals, engineering

design and planning approvals.

A specialist contractor will then be engaged to carry out the works. Given the site's complexity and other pressing priorities across the Tweed, the permanent works may take at least 2 years to complete.

Flood repairs on-ground progress

Council crews have been busy undertaking a range of works, outlined below.

Ninety-five road and bridge repair jobs have been completed along Kyogle Road to date. This included vegetation removal throughout Byangum, Dum Dum, Uki, Terragon and Mount Burrell areas.

Stormwater infrastructure repair was completed near Boulder Close in Byangum where several roads were repaired and silt and debris removed.

Dum Dum had blocked culverts cleared as did Uki with various road repairs. Kungur had pavement scour repaired on the bridge before Doon Doon as did Terragon with sunken pavement repair and blocked culverts cleared also.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works for more information on these and other repairs.

National Parks flood recovery webpage

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has established a webpage to keep the community informed of flood recovery progress in North Coast National Parks.

Visit environment.nsw.gov.au/north-coast-flood-recovery for information and images of the impacts of the floods.

State infrastructure grants available

Local organisations in Tweed are encouraged to apply for funding to support local community projects thanks to the NSW Government's Clubgrants program.

Clubgrants allow local community groups to build or upgrade community facilities with the first round of funding for 2022/23 now open and applications accepted until 18 July 2022.

Flood affected communities will be prioritised in funding decisions for this round, in line with priorities for disaster affected communities.

To find out more information or to apply, please visit nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants-infrastructure

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

DA22/0297 – Carport

Lot 17 DP 702437, No. 8 Terranora Road, **Banora Point**

DA21/0388 – 2 lot subdivision, new fence and demolition of alfresco area and deck

Lot 9796 DP 1121827, No. 36–38 Kamala Crescent, **Casuarina**

DA22/0264 – Alterations and additions including in-ground swimming pool, pergola and decks

Lot 21 DP 1198266, No. 39 Dianella Drive, **Casuarina**

DA22/0159 – Shed

Lot 52 DP 1266524, No. 98 Hopkins Creek Road, **Hopkins Creek**

DA21/0785 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a new deck and front portico

Lot 97 DP 260286, No. 21 Ocean Street, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0215 – Partially out-of-ground swimming pool

Lot 7 Section 1 DP 7309, No. 14 Olga Street, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0575 – Use of existing shed that was converted illegally to a dwelling, without consent, and proposed raising of said dwelling, including alterations and additions

Lot A DP 102388, No. 5 Kirby Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0910 – Shed on existing pad

Lot 1 DP 1074375, No. 548 Piggabeen Road, **Piggabeen**

DA21/0773 – Dwelling, secondary dwelling, and swimming pool

Lot 573 DP 1076975, No. 29 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

DA22/0298 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 1 DP 806371, No. 498 Rowlands Creek Road, **Rowlands Creek**

DA22/0106 – Shed

Lot 287 DP 853944, No. 45 Federation Drive, **Terranora**

DA22/0273 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 218 DP 1237760, No. 25 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA22/0307 – The conversion of two relocatable dwellings to a single dwelling and carport

Lot 1 DP 1266773, No. 85 Mahers Lane, **Terranora**

DA21/0770 – Secondary dwelling

Lot 1 DP 358657, No. 28 Margaret Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA22/0178 – Pontoon

Lot 273 DP 253915, Lot 504 DP 251298, No. 18 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0670 – Secondary dwelling

Lot 4 DP 26074, No. 1 Sullivan Street, **Tweed Heads South**

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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