



Pottsville residents are encouraged to take part in a short survey about the future of recreational facilities in the Tweed coastal village. (Photo credit: The mouth of Mooball Creek at Pottsville, courtesy Sally Hinton.)

Have your say on Pottsville recreation

Input from the Pottsville community is being sought to help develop a new Open Space Masterplan for 6 key areas in the popular Tweed coastal village.

Residents are being asked to participate in a short 5-minute survey to help develop a plan that will guide the improvement of public open spaces and recreation opportunities in Pottsville.

The 6 key areas that are the focus of the survey are Pottsville Environment Centre, Pottsville Memorial Oval, Anzac Park, Phillip Street Reserve, Ambrose Brown Park and Hardy Park North.

Council's manager parks and active communities Murray Smith said Pottsville was a beautiful coastal town that was well-loved by the local community and enjoyed by the larger Tweed community and holiday visitors each year.

"Pottsville already has some great facilities but it's time to take a look at the key spaces we have, see what is working well and think about what we can improve," Mr Smith said.

"We want to hear from a wide range of the Pottsville community

so we can rethink how we use the 6 key open spaces and plan some recreational facility upgrades that will benefit the whole community including the youth. We want to hear from as many local residents as possible, including local businesses.

"The project is at the very early stages of the planning process, so this is the best time to put your ideas forward."

Some ideas that have already been proposed by local representatives include a pump track, a skate park or elements of a pump track and a skate park that would work alongside each other.

This is in addition to a nature play area, tennis courts, walking tracks and other features that connect with the uniqueness of the area.

"This is your chance to have your say and provide input into the future direction of Pottsville's central open spaces and to help us get it right," Mr Smith said.

To get involved, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/pottsville where you can find more information and complete the survey. The survey closes on 24 August 2022.

Happiness Hour at Starting Block Café during August

Coffee lovers rejoice! 'Happiness Hour' has kicked off at the Starting Block Café every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Pop in during those times throughout August to get a medium or large coffee for just \$4.

The café is located at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) complex at Murwillumbah (next door to the Murwillumbah Administration Office).

The café has also relaunched the HuskeeSwap program. Purchase a small or medium HuskeeCup for \$12 which includes a coffee with your initial purchase. Then, HuskeeSwap users will receive a 50 cent

discount per cup each time they use the drop zone and exchange their HuskeeCup.

The HuskeeCup is made primarily from recycled husks of beans, a by-product of coffee processing that would otherwise be discarded by growers. Thanks to a clever design, these husks come together to form a cup which is more chip-resistant than ceramic, and more heat-retentive than glass. Find out more at huskee.co

This is one of the ways Council is working hard on its 'less to landfill' initiative as part of its Towards Zero Waste commitment.

View the menu at trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/starting-block-cafe



There are many cemetery options to consider, including memorial trees to remember a family or individual.

'Get dead set' on end-of-life, death and dying

Dying to Know Day on 8 August promotes death literacy and positivity for individuals, communities, healthcare workers and associated afterlife businesses.

The [Groundswell Project Australia](https://groundswellproject.com.au) is calling on Australians of all ages and stages of life to prioritise compassionate conversations around the reality of death and dying.

The campaign encourages Australians to tell next of kin whether they want to be cremated, buried, have their ashes interred or scattered and how they want to be memorialised, as well as sharing their wishes regarding their celebration of life.

Council manages 11 cemeteries in the Tweed but actively operates 3 sites including, Tweed Lawn Cemetery, Murwillumbah Lawn Cemetery and the Tweed Valley Cemetery which includes the Tweed Valley Crematorium and Memorial Gardens.

Manager parks and active communities Murray Smith said dedicated cemetery staff can help provide reservation information to assist with questions that may come up when planning for the future.

TARGET 160 Last week we each used
153L a day
as at 1 August 2022



Waste tip

Less to Landfill

Recycle right – soft plastics

Keep soft plastics out of your recycling bin and keep it clean.

#RecycleRight
Keep it simple. Keep it clean. Keep it coming 'round.

You can drop-off soft plastics at your local **REDcycle** collection point. Otherwise place **all** soft plastic waste in your red landfill bin or try avoiding soft plastic packaging all together.

In brief ...

Murwillumbah car park reopens

The top level of the Murwillumbah multi storey car park has now fully reopened, after some of the car spaces were closed to allow for repairs to be carried out.

Paid parking has resumed for the middle level from this week. This means that coupons will once again be required to be displayed when parking on the middle level.

Parking coupons are available for purchase from Council offices or the Starting Block Café at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre, starting from \$2 a day.

Have your say on dam release policy

Join Council for a community information session to learn more about the Draft Clarrie Hall Dam Water Release Policy.

The event will be held on Wednesday 10 August from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Murwillumbah Services Club. Registrations are essential.

For more details, to register or complete the online survey visit yoursaytweed.com.au

Happy Local Government Week – come join us

There have been great attendances at free tours so far as part of Local Government Week (1-7 August), with more to come.

Residents enjoyed the National Tree Day planting at Dum Dum on Sunday, followed by a tour of the Kingscliff Wastewater Treatment Plant on Tuesday.

Many of Wednesday's events are booked out or nearly at capacity, including the tour of the Materials Recovery Centre at Chinderah and the Energy-Saving Homes session at Banora Point. At the time of going to print, there were places still available at the Pottsville energy session on Friday.

Get your geek on and join the Tweed Laboratory Tour at Tweed Heads South on Thursday.

There are also great exhibitions, tours and events at the Tweed Regional Gallery and Tweed Regional Museum. *ARTEXPRESS* is a 'don't miss' event at the Gallery, as is *Cure All* at the Museum.

See what's still on offer and make your booking at tweed.nsw.gov.au/local-government-week





What's happening in flood recovery – 3 August

Flood Recovery Centre

The Murwillumbah Recovery Centre will continue operating at the Canvas and Kettle venue at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 am to 4 pm throughout August.

Please be advised that normal parking arrangements have returned at the Murwillumbah multi-storey car park. This means when using the middle level, you will again be required to display the parking coupons. Cost is \$2 per day and the coupons are available for purchase from the nearby Starting Block Café at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre or from the Customer Service Desk at Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre. The top level is free.

Training Services NSW discontinued in the Centre at end of June but the Recovery Centre Manager and Council staff are happy to collect and forward on to Training Services NSW, any applications for the Vocational Education/Hardship Fund and the Apprentice Support Grant.

On Thursday 4 August, Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) is operating a mobile COVID-19 vaccination van out front of the Murwillumbah Recovery Centre in the bus parking bay. This service is available to any members of the public.

Cane field cane inspections

Drone technology is being used by Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) crews to help spot and clear leftover flood debris in cane fields across the Tweed.

Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery Steph Cooke said the drones, known as Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), are proving invaluable to the ongoing clean-up and recovery effort.

Debris, ranging from gas bottles to white goods, is being found in cane fields after the February and March floods posing a hazard to both burning off operations and harvesting. Some of the debris could also pose significant environmental hazards.

Teams of drone operators from FRNSW's Bushfire and Aviation Unit will be on the Tweed for several weeks to identify and map the location of dangerous debris, working in consultation with Tweed cane growers.

The work is part of a broad program across the Northern Rivers by Resilience NSW and the Environment Protection Authority.

Scenic Drive

Tweed Shire Council has awarded Australian Marine and Civil Pty Ltd (AMC) the contract to design and repair the Scenic Drive landslip and embankment restoration works.

A works set up on site has been established. Erosion and sedimentation controls have been installed and excavation works are commencing to remove loose slip material and begin to prepare the site for construction works.

The proposed construction process at the Scenic Drive slips will involve site establishment, excavation of slip areas, soil nailing, concrete shotcreting, foundation works, wall construction, backfill, drainage, road pavement, asphaltting, line marking and safety barrier works.

To allow construction vehicles to safely enter and exit the site, motorists are asked not to park within 5 metres of the concrete barriers or on the upslope side of the road.

AMC has confirmed 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 as little disruption to the community as possible. Early notice will be given to the community regarding these restricted times.

AMC has begun works on the final geotechnical design to stabilise the slip and then repair the roadway.

AMC has provided an indicative timeframe, which aims at having works completed by the end of March 2023.

As the full design is completed, Council and the contractor will look to provide further updates and more accurate timeframes wherever possible.

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

Tyalgum Road

Test drilling on Tyalgum Road adjacent to the major landslip is completed.

The stage 2 geotechnical reports have been received by Council and are under review. The reports will be issued to tenderers for the design and construction of the repairs.

Limpinwood Road

The test borehole on Limpinwood Road is now complete. This includes the slips near Boxsell Road and Charbray Place.

The consultants are finalising their report which is due within the next 2 weeks.

The report will be included in tender documents for construction.

Zara Road and Limpinwood Road

Heavy asphalt patching has started from Tyalgum through to Bald Mountain Road.

Temporary repairs of bad potholing are underway and are expected to be completed this week. Further permanent repair works will be undertaken by contractors at a later date.

Numinbah Road

Council will be engaging contractors to rehabilitate failed sections

of Numinbah Road between Upper Crystal Creek and Chillingham at night from 5:30 pm to 5 am from Monday 8 to Thursday 11 August.

The permanent repairs will include the removal of failed pavement and replacement with asphalt. Due to the size of the equipment required for this work and the current delays during the day with current recovery works, Council will conduct these works at night to minimise the delays and disruptions to local commuters.

Motorists should expect 5 to 10 minute delays and there will be restricted access to property or driveways within the work zone during work hours. Please seek help from the traffic flagmen if you need access.

Updates will be provided at tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks-closures

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.

The draft stage 2 geotechnical report for both sites has been reviewed by Council and comments provided back to the consultants.

The consultants now need to finalise survey work and final reports are expected within the next 2 weeks.

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. We ask motorists to proceed with caution.

Reserve Creek Road

Test drilling on Reserve Creek Road is now complete.

This drilling will provide data to inform stage 2 geotechnical reports which have been received and are under review. These will be included in the tender documents for construction.

The reports will be issued to tenderers to help them determine the repair method for this site.

Beltana Drive

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

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

Mount Warning Road

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

Council engineers have provided comments on the draft stage 2 geotechnical reports. The final reports have been received and are under review and will be included in tender documents for construction.

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DO YOU HAVE NOTIFIABLE PRIORITY WEEDS ON YOUR PROPERTY? Rous County Council can help!

Did you know that Rous County Council assists landholders every year with management of priority weeds? We may be able to assist you with your infestations too!

A priority weed is defined by its status listing in the Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan. Rous can assist landowners in the Far North Coast NSW region with weed identification.

Depending on the circumstance, we may also be able to assist with management of weeds that fall under 'Prevention' and 'Eradication' headings.

Rous targets these weeds directly, as we know we have the best chance at stopping these new weeds from becoming widespread. Prevention is always better than a cure!

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF THE WEEDS ON YOUR LAND ARE A PRIORITY?

Download or contact us for your free copy of the 'Priority Weeds Far North Coast NSW' weed ID booklet, and familiarise yourself with our local weed threats.

If you notice something locally that looks unfamiliar and would like some help with identification, fill out the 'Report a Weed' form on our website or give us a call on 02 6623 3800.

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Dr Victor Pires received funding to trial the integration of native vegetation into his farming system using syntropic farming methods.

Grants for farming projects

Tweed farmers keen to improve their farm's health and tackle climate change are encouraged to put projects forward for the latest round of Council's Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program.

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available for eligible activities that trial or lead to the adoption of improved farming practices with applications accepted until 30 August.

The small grants program has been running since 2018 and Council recently committed to another 3 years of the program which will see it run until 2025.

Over the past 4 years, Council has supported a number of quality projects initiated by local producers who have improved farming practices and reduced their impact on the land.

Council's program leader – sustainable agriculture Eli Szandala said it was great news to see this valuable program continuing for another 3 years in the Tweed.

"We know that good farming practice is essential for maintaining the viability of our family farms and protecting our unique biodiversity in the Tweed. The future of farming is also critical right now for food security and affordability," Mr Szandala said.

Previous grant recipients have initiated projects such as rotational grazing systems and multi-species pasture cropping to regenerate grazing land. Other projects have involved excluding cattle from creeks and the use of biological controls in vegetable production to reduce the reliance on chemicals.

"We are particularly interested in supporting projects that have lasting environmental benefits and to help farmers better prepare for the ever-increasing climate disruptions," Mr Szandala said.

A recipient of a previous grant, Dr Victor Pires is a horticultural producer and syntropic farmer from Uki who used the funding to regenerate a lantana-infested area into a productive food forest.

Dr Pires was able to integrate native tree species into his farming for production and biodiversity benefits which was extremely successful.

"The grant helped me trial a new way of farming. I was able to implement syntropic farming practices to regenerate weedy areas to grow food and native vegetation with minimal to no herbicide. It required relatively low inputs other than some hard work," Dr Pires said.

The Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program is one way Council is working with the community to minimise our impact on the environment, protect and improve the health of our land, waterways and native wildlife and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

To view the grant guidelines and case studies of previous grant recipients, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming or contact the program leader – sustainable agriculture on 02 6670 2400 for further information.

Request for offer

RF02022077 Tweed Regional Museum Refurbishment – Joinery and Minor Works Package

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 17 August 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

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.

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Fingal Head Community Association will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 10 August 2022, commencing 7 pm at Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club.

Current vacancies

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

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

WATER WEEK 4 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Flood recovery update

Flood repairs on-ground progress

Council has logged more than 2600 individual damage sites. The damages vary from minor pavement damage to major landslips.

The damages have been categorised into 2 main groups:

1. Works that can be repaired without any significant design which include pavement repairs, table drain scour, vegetation removal, silt and debris removal, culvert and causeway repairs.
2. This work is scheduled to be completed by January 2023. Council has already completed over half of this work. The other category includes major repair works which are unlikely to be completed this year due to the complexity of

the repair which often requires geotechnical investigation and analysis, design work, development of tender documents and tendering before physical works commence on site. Council has commenced one major contract on Scenic Drive with 7 major landslips at the design phase. We are also working on strategies to fast track the remainder of the repairs. However, there are still more than 220 major repairs yet to start.

To view details of the works Council is currently undertaking, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works

To stay up to date visit Council's Recovery Dashboard at tweed.nsw.gov.au/recovery-dashboard

Renaming of Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards

At its Extraordinary Meeting on 7 July 2022, Councillors resolved to put a proposal of a name change from Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards to Tweed Shire Community Awards out for public comment for 28 days.

The awards would be held on Australia Day – 26 January 2023 – in conjunction with the citizenship ceremony.

To have your say on the proposal to rename the awards, please complete the quick survey at yoursaytweed.com.au/australiadayawards. The survey is open until 24 August 2022.

To view the agenda and minutes of the 7 July 2022 Extraordinary Meeting, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings

Cudgen and Tweed Coast roads intersection upgrade

Contractors working on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW have started upgrade works at the intersection of Tweed Coast Road and Cudgen Road in Cudgen.

The upgrade works are expected to be completed by mid-2023 and will include the provision of additional turn lanes and turning capacity, road and surfacing improvements, lighting and traffic signals and drainage and services installation.

Some disruption to traffic can be expected during the works and traffic control measures will be in place.

The intersection upgrade incorporates provision for the future 4-laning of Tweed Coast Road and pipework for a sewer rising main.

These works are being carried out by private contractors and will not impact on Tweed's existing flood recovery road works.

For more information about this Health Infrastructure project or to sign up for their works notifications, visit their website at www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au/delivery/main-works/main-works-notifications

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

DA22/0308 – Deck and patio

Lot 42 DP 565868, No. 7 Hibiscus Parade, **Banora Point**

DA22/0318 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 35 DP 1264557, No. 28 Habitat Drive, **Casuarina**

DA21/0923 – Secondary dwelling and use of block wall fences

Lot 9 Section 8 DP 20175, No. 13 William Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA22/0275 – Dwelling, in-ground pool and decommissioning of existing shed

Lot 5 DP 831766, No. 40 Birrigan Close, **Nobbys Creek**

DA22/0340 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 152 DP 806528, No. 17 Balmoral Street, **Pottsville**

DA21/1046 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 35 DP 30842, No. 12 Altair 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

Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 3 August to Wednesday 17 August 2022.

The proposal is not designated development and the Northern Regional Planning Panel is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	File no.
Azure Project 35 Pty Ltd	Lot 46 DP 1264557; No. 6 Grand Parade, Casuarina	residential flat building (91 units) in 3 x 4 storey blocks and 1 x 2 storey block (NRPP)	DA22/0408

Section 4.55 modification application for public comment

The following Section 4.55 application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at tweed.nsw.gov.au/datracking for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 3 August to Wednesday 17 August 2022.

The proposal is not designated development and Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	File no.
Evolve Planning Services Pty Ltd	Lot 1 DP 780214; No. 5 First Avenue, Tweed Heads	Amendment to Development Assessment DA19/0101 for 4 townhouses	DA19/0101.01

Proposed modification

- Inclusion of 4 new retaining walls.
- Change to boundary treatment (fencing) along Adelaide Street frontage and First Avenue frontage.
- Inclusion of individual bin storage areas for Units 1–4.
- Increase to approved Gross Floor Area of Units 1 and 2 and approved Floor Space Ratio.
- Increase in building height to 9.9 m for Units 1 and 2 and approximately 9.3 m for Units 3 and 4.
- Changes to internal layout of Units 1–4.
- Changes to various doors and windows (internal and external) to Units 1–4.
- Reduction in deck area and depth to Unit 1.
- Increase to approved impervious area across the site to 802.42 m².

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the modification application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified.

In accordance with Clause 117 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, there is no right of appeal under Section 8.8 of the Act by an objector.

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 at tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications

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