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Free talk to mark National Threatened Species Day

The origins and evolution of the Tweed's amazing Gondwanan rainforests as well as details on how Council is helping to manage threatened species in the Shire will be the subject of a free community event next week.

Council will host the free session on Friday 16 September from 5.30 pm at the Tweed Regional Museum in Murwillumbah. The event will detail the plight of some of the Tweed's threatened species and the work being undertaken to conserve them.

Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Light refreshments provided. For more information and to book online visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/native-plants-wildlife

Looking after the Tweed's threatened species

This National Threatened Species Day (Wednesday 7 September), it's an opportunity to raise awareness of plants and animals at risk of extinction in the Tweed.

Since 2009, 281 grants under Council's Biodiversity Grant Program have restored 300 hectares of habitat on private land. The program has helped conserve iconic threatened plant and animal species such as the koala, grey-headed flying fox and Coolamon rainforest tree.

Additionally, since its launch in 2013, Council's Land for Wildlife program has helped 202 private landholders conserve around 15% of the Tweed's natural habitat. This habitat provides a home for dozens of threatened plant and animal species and several threatened ecological communities.

To highlight how important the environment is to Council and the community, more than 350 people recently helped shape the future of the Tweed's natural environment by participating in a community survey.

Council's senior program leader – biodiversity Scott Benitez Hetherington was appreciative of the level of interest from the community.

"The input from these surveys will be used to prepare a new conservation strategy for the Tweed that will set our plan to protect our natural environment, manage our land and deal with conservation issues," Mr Benitez Hetherington said.

"At Council, our commitment is to work together with the community

to reduce our impact on the natural environment and especially our threatened species. This National Threatened Species Day is an opportunity to draw attention to many of our native species who need our help."

Some examples of Council's work in this area include:

Koalas: Council has been working with landholders and community groups to plant more than 55,000 trees providing 62 hectares of new koala habitat since adopting the Tweed Coast Koala Plan of Management in 2015. And koalas are using them! Monitoring has shown koalas to be using around 80% of the sites, some as soon as 18 months after planting.

Bush Stone-curlews: Through monitoring and active management of the Tweed population of Bush Stone-curlews by Council and the community, these unique, threatened, ground nesting birds have seen a positive increase in breeding pairs and number of chicks surviving. Last breeding season a total of 41 breeding pairs were identified – a significant increase on the 31 pairs recorded during the previous season. Council is providing enhanced habitat at 4 known breeding and foraging locations on the coast for these iconic birds.

Platypuses: Platypuses are listed as 'near threatened' in Australia however, there is little information on the animal's population size or trends in the Tweed. Council's River Health Grants have invested more than \$2 million across 200 properties since 2006 to restore riparian vegetation and manage bank erosion throughout the Shire. These projects have led to water quality and habitat improvements and help protect platypus habitat.

Flying-foxes: In the Tweed, the grey-headed flying-foxes, recognised as 'vulnerable' to extinction, and black flying-foxes helping pollinate our trees and disperse seeds to regenerate our forests. Over the last 3 years Council has restored 6 hectares of their habitat, improved and created one hectare of forest at Pottsville, and over the next 8 years will create and restore 4 hectares of habitat at Kynnumboon.

Report koala sightings at tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas or call Friends of the Koala on 02 6622 1233 to report a sick or injured koala. Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/bush-stone-curlews to report sightings of Bush Stone-curlews.

Registration available for at-home caravan program

The at-home caravan program for flood-affected Northern Rivers residents is being expanded to more communities, including the Tweed, to provide additional medium-term housing relief.

Tweed residents in the following areas will be able to register for the at-home caravan program: Burringbar, Chinderah, Condong, Mooball, South Murwillumbah and Tumbulgum.

Residents must register in person for the at-home caravan program at the Murwillumbah Recovery Centre, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, 10-14 Tumbulgum Road on Thursday 8 September between 9 am and 4 pm.

Caravans will be sourced from Camplify and located on the resident's private property at no cost, with properties assessed during a face-to-face application process between owners and Resilience NSW to ensure it can safely accommodate a caravan.

For further information and to read the full media release nsw.gov.au/media-releases or contact Service NSW on 13 77 88 or at service.nsw.gov.au/contact-us



At-home caravans are now available in 6 areas across the Tweed Shire:

- Burringbar
- Chinderah
- Chinderah
- Mooball
- South Murwillumbah
- Tumbulgum

www.nsw.gov.au/temporary-housing

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



Last week we each used

161L a day

as at 5 September 2022

Waste tip



Problem waste? No problem

Did you know that as a Tweed resident you can take your problem waste to Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre for free?

Items include all e-waste, TVs, batteries, fluro/bulbs/tubes, fire extinguishers, gas, bottles, smoke detectors, scrap metal, paint, oil and so much more!

Find out what you can drop off for free at tweed.nsw.gov.au/tip-resource-recovery



Spring into Starting Block Café

Hungry in Murwillumbah? Why not check out the Starting Block Café at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre.

Spring is here and with it comes fresh new menu items, including fresh veggie or chicken rice paper rolls, pasta salad and quick "grab and go" wraps and kebabs made fresh daily.

Don't forget about 'Happiness Hour' every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 8:30 and 9:30 am - pick up any size coffee for \$4 throughout September.

Combined with a trip to TRAC, a visit to the Starting Block Café is a great way to get active and healthy.

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



Yummy pasta salad and fresh veggie or chicken rice paper rolls are just some of the items on the menu at the Starting Block Café.

No change to name of awards

You may recall Council asked you to have your say about changing the name of the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards.

More than 200 community members took the time to tell us what our community wanted and we've heard you.

At the Council meeting on Thursday 1 September, Councillors voted **not** to change the name of the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/australiadayawards for more information about the consultation.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings to view the meeting minutes (click the download arrow on the 1 September meeting and scroll to item 17.1.1.).

See the story opposite on how you can get involved and nominate a Tweed resident who deserves to be recognised.

Get the Tweed Link early by email

Be one of the first to see all the latest news from Tweed Shire Council each week.

Subscribers to the Tweed Link receive it by email each week on Wednesday mornings, in addition to it appearing in print in the Tweed Valley Weekly on Thursdays.

But that's not all – you can also subscribe to Council job alerts, media releases and a range of e-newsletters and Council facility program alerts.

Sign up at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe



The release of helium balloons at Council-licensed events on public land and at Council-owned facilities has been banned.

Balloon release ban aims to protect environment

Helium balloons will no longer be able to be released into the air at Council events or from Council-owned facilities such as parks and sports fields, following a decision by Councillors at their last meeting.

At its 18 August meeting, Council decided to prohibit the release of helium balloons at Council-licensed events on public land and at Council-owned facilities, effective immediately.

Additionally, from 1 January 2023, Council will prohibit the use or supply of all types of balloons, where all, or part of the event, occurs outside at such events and places.

These changes will be accompanied by an education campaign to inform residents about the damage caused by plastic balloons.

Balloons pose a significant risk to the environment, animals and marine life (including seabirds and turtles) who ingest balloon debris mistaking it for food, or who can become entangled in balloon strings.

Council's director sustainable communities and environment Stewart Brawley welcomed the ban.

"The harm caused by single-use plastics is significant and we need

to do all we can as caregivers of our environment to pass onto our next generation," Mr Brawley said.

"Our community cares about the Tweed environment and I know together we can make this shift in moving away from harmful single-use plastics.

"There are many alternatives to balloons to use for parties, celebrations or memorials, including reusable items like fabric bunting, paper lanterns and garlands or for memorials, plant a native tree or light a candle in their memory."

This decision follows similar action taken by other councils across Australia who have also banned balloons, including their release.

This ban is in line with the NSW Government's ban on plastic bags which came into effect on 1 June, and other single-use plastic items from 1 November 2022.

Council's *Commercial Recreation Activities on Public Open Space Policy* will be updated to reflect this new change.

For more information on the harmful effect of balloons on the environment, visit cleanup.org.au/balloons

Read the full media release at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news

Who will you nominate for an Australia Day award?



Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

The Tweed has been through some challenging times this year with COVID-19 restrictions, the devastating floods and the ongoing flood recovery.

The extraordinary challenges our community has faced in 2022 has shown some amazing actions by groups and individuals.

One of the best ways to recognise those people doing their best in our community is through the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards, with nominations now open.

The awards are held each year on Australia Day (26 January) and provide an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate those who help build a vibrant community and make the Tweed a great place to live and visit.

If you know of someone who deserves recognition for their efforts, nominate them now in one of the following categories:

- Arts and culture
- Citizen of the year
- Community event of the year
- Volunteer of the year (individual and group)
- Young achiever in community service
- Sporting achievement (individual and group)

Nominations close on Friday 14 October so don't delay. The online form is available at tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day

Right: A collage of last year's incredible Tweed Australia Day Award winners. Clockwise, from top left: Savannah Fitzpatrick, Madison Fitzpatrick, Amanda Philp, Sven Loemker, Broadwater Village Craft Group, Jack Frost and (centre) Murwillumbah Arts Trail organisers.



Six months on, here's the key statistics from the February-March flood

The Tweed's flood recovery continues to gather momentum as the full extent of the record flood of February-March is revealed.

As the community marks just over 6 months since the devastating deluge of 28 February, the cost of the recovery is becoming apparent with damage to Council infrastructure estimated at \$100 million.

This includes damage to Council roads which is now estimated at \$80 million – almost 4 times that of the 2017 flood – with 10 significant landslips requiring extensive geotechnical analysis and repair.

A total of 2,900 jobs have been logged for flood repair on our road network of which 53% are completed, including 80% of emergency works. However, the remaining repairs are the most complicated and it

is anticipated it will take at least 2 years to complete all the works.

These figures do not include the thousands of potholes across the Tweed caused by the water inundation.

Other key statistics reveal more than 75,000 tonnes of mud debris have been collected to date – with the figure still rising – while an additional 26,000 tonnes of flood waste including household goods was collected in the immediate aftermath of the flood.

A total of 90 Council buildings and facilities were inundated during the flood, including the 50-metre swimming pool at Murwillumbah, the main Council depot at South Murwillumbah and the Visitor Information Centre at Murwillumbah.

Property damage to private residences and businesses is

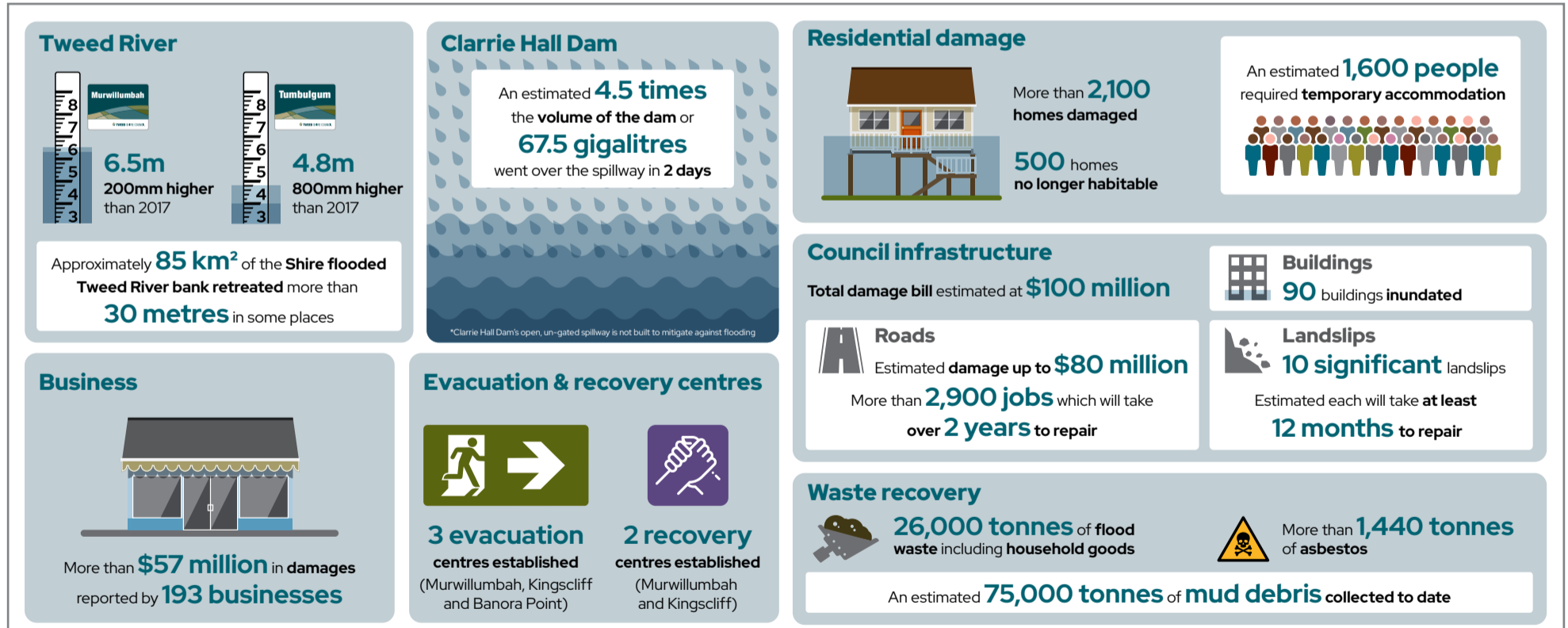
also staggering.

More than 2,100 homes were damaged in the flood, with 500 deemed uninhabitable.

The impact on businesses has been estimated at more than \$57 million by the 193 businesses who voluntarily completed a flood impact survey conducted by Council in the weeks after the flood.

To keep up to date with Council's flood recovery efforts, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/recovery-dashboard

To read the full media release and how Council is working together with others to prepare for, mitigate and build resilience to both natural disasters and the impact of climate change, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news



Six months on, the devastating impact of the February flood is laid bare in key statistics. To read what Council is doing in response, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news

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Join the community tree planting at Eungella

You're invited to go along to a tree planting event at Travis Campbell Park at Eungella on Sunday 25 September from 10 am to 2 pm.

The tree planting along the banks of the Oxley River aims to stabilise the riparian zone and improve habitat for fish and local fauna, while caring for our internationally significant environment to pass onto the next generation.

The banks of the Oxley River have become overrun with weeds such as madeira vine, morning glory and Singapore daisy. This project will replace weeds by planting hundreds of native trees, shrubs and groundcovers along the riparian zone.

This tree planting will improve habitat for Australian bass, and the threatened pale-vented bush hen that nests in this location. The Oxley River is prone to flooding, and these activities will help to stabilise a section of steep riverbank.

The event is hosted by OzFish Unlimited Tweed River Chapter, alongside Tweed Landcare, Tweed Shire Council, Friends of Travis on the Oxley and Tweed Bait.

Registration is essential and lunch will be provided. Register at ozfish.org.au/events/category/tweed-river-chapter



Make a family day of it and plant trees at Eungella to care for our internationally significant environment and pass it onto the next generation.

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

DA21/0831 – Pontoon
Lot 140 DP 263367, Lot 230 DP 261796, No. 13 Captains Way, **Banora Point**

DA22/0380 – Pontoon
Lot 159 DP 261796, Lot 230 DP 261796, No. 14 Bosun Boulevard, **Banora Point**

DA22/0404 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 2 DP 250581, No. 6 Boyle Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA21/0474 – Use of existing deck
Lot 20 DP 250391, No. 12 Hastings Road, **Bogangar**

DA22/0137 – Carport within the front building line
Lot 266 DP 851308, No. 132 Cabarita Road, **Bogangar**

DA21/0868 – Three storey dwelling with partial basement, swimming pool, and use of existing outbuilding's and earthworks
Lot 1 DP 411245, No. 351 Cudgen Road, **Cudgen**

DA21/0970 – Deck
Lot 108 DP 1057733, No. 4 Riverbend Way, **Murwillumbah**

DA22/0511 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 413 DP 1210785, No. 15 Fig Court, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0390 – 10 units (general industry) in three (3) buildings in a staged development (2 stages), signage, landscaping and associated works, and use of front fence
Lot 216 DP 1122768, No. 8–12 Honeyeater Circuit, **South Murwillumbah**

DA21/0978 – 4 lot strata subdivision
Lot 2 DP 608374, No. 26 Machinery Drive, **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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WATER WEEK 9 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Youth Music Venture ends on a high note

Move over Barnesy, young Tweed musos are tuning up and getting ready to rock at the Youth Music Venture showcase concert at Seagulls on Sunday 11 September 2022.

The Youth Music Venture (YMV), a volunteer organization, provides programs for young people wanting to experience what it is like to be part of a band.

The free program, open to young people 11 to 17 years of age, was launched in the Tweed Shire for the first time this year since it began operating on the Gold Coast in 2009.

Council, along with Seagulls have been huge supporters of the



Bandmembers rehearsing for the Youth Music Venture Showcase Concert at Seagulls on Sunday 11 September.

program which has seen 21 young people from the Tweed develop their craft through high-quality mentorship from professional musicians over an 8-week period.

The showcase concert will be a culmination of weeks of rehearsing and provide the band members with an opportunity to perform in front of a live audience.

"We are absolutely delighted with the response to the program here across the border in the Tweed Shire," Founder of YMV, Ian Grace said.

Council's community development officer Sylvia Roylance said the initiative had opened up a world of opportunity for young musicians in the community.

"We are proud to support opportunities that support our young people to thrive," she said.

"The arts and music, they're such an important part of our vibrant community already."

Seagulls general manager Stuart Burrows said the club was excited to host the end result of such a hugely successful program.

Fifteen-year-old Youth Music Venture participant, Mace said he'd loved the program and was excited for the end of term concert.

The concert will be held on Sunday 11 September at Seagulls in the Jacana Room from 2 to 5 pm. For tickets, head to whatsontweed.com.au/event/16584013-a-youth-music-venture-showcase-concert-tweed-heads

To participate or to register visit youthmusicventure.com.au or call Ian Grace 0424 143 140.

Couple celebrate 15 years of a FABulous connection

FABS (Fun Activities for Banora Seniors) is celebrating its 15-year connecting local seniors through fun, interest-based group activities.

The Stretch Your Mind program has been a staple of FABS since it began. The Stretch your Mind group meet weekly to enjoy activities designed to improve brain fitness in older age – and be a whole lot of fun in the process, while creating stronger community bonds.

Two members of the group, Bert and Alison, are also celebrating their 15th year of marriage, having met at FABS a few weeks after the program started!

Bert remembers coming to his first Stretch Your Mind group with no expectations.

"I was one of the very first. I thought I'd give it a go after seeing an ad in the local paper."

A few weeks after Bert started, Alison came to her first Stretch Your Mind group. She remembers the host giving them a creative exercise involving newspaper, which she used to create an outfit for Bert.

"We had a lot of fun. I still remember it," she laughed.

Bert and Alison, who live at Crystal Creek, often make the drive to Banora Point to attend Stretch Your Mind, and not just for the program itself, but for the social aspect too.

"I like that the activities are always different. It's fun to see what your mind comes up with – we always have a laugh," Bert said.

Stretch your Mind runs as part of the FABS program every Friday from 10:30 am to 12 noon at the Banora Point Community Centre.

Council is currently asking for expressions of interest from seniors if they'd like the Stretch Your Mind Program to run in Murwillumbah.

Stretch Your Mind is proudly funded by My Aged Care.

For more info about FABS programs for seniors and to register an expression of interest, contact Banora Point Community Centre on 07 5569 3162.



Bert and Alison met at FABS (Fun Activities for Banora Seniors) 15-years ago.

Notification of integrated development applications

Development Application No. DA22/0546

A development application has been lodged by Mr D Martin seeking development consent for demolition of existing buildings and erection of 11 light industrial units at Lot 1 DP 542273; No. 1–9 Ourimbah Road, **Tweed Heads**; Lot 2 DP 542273; No. 3 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	NSW Water

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au
The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 7 September to Wednesday 5 October 2022.

Development Application No. DA22/0540

A development application has been lodged by Allera Development Services Pty Ltd seeking development consent for demolition of existing buildings and erection of 2 residential flat buildings comprising 25 residential apartments and strata subdivision at Lot 4 Sec 4 DP 11267; No. 140 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**; Lot 2 DP 370080; No. 142 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**. Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i>	General approval	Rural Fire Service
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	NSW Water

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au
The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 7 September to Wednesday 5 October 2022.

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* – GIPA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

Any submission objecting to the proposed developments must state the ground upon which such objection is made.

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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