

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.



Council's weighbridge operator Jeremy Gallagher at the entrance to the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre, which will be the location of the next stage of construction to improve the functionality of the centre.

Upgrade of Tweed's Resource Recovery Centre

Major construction works are set to begin on next phase of the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre master plan in coming weeks, which will see the centre (the tip) upgraded and expanded to meet the demands of a growing population.

A contract to construct the facility was recently awarded, with work set to start on the project by the end of the month. The works are expected to take 12 months to complete (weather permitting) and will include:

- new weighbridge and overhaul of the site entrance, including a new roundabout
- additional parking, separate entrance and building extension for Tweed JUNKtion (Tip Shop)
- new site office
- new transfer station for waste and recyclable materials
- organics/green waste drop-off area
- new road infrastructure throughout the site using recycled road building materials
- signage improvements for safety, accessibility and customer experience

- replacement/relocation of the primary leachate pond
- upgrades to stormwater infrastructure.

Council's Resource Recovery unit coordinator Rod Dawson said this was an exciting step forward for the tip.

"This is great news for Tweed residents as we upgrade our waste recovery services to meet the demands of a growing population and work together to reduce our impact on the natural environment," Mr Dawson said.

"These changes will improve the functionality of the centre, making it easier for customers to deliver their waste in a safe and efficient manner, with state-of-the-art practices used to process the waste."

Sustainability has been at the forefront of the design of the site master plan, which has taken into consideration the recycling needs of the Tweed's growing community, while still providing waste management and safe disposal options where material is not recoverable or reusable.

To find out more about the master plan and each stage, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-recycling-and-landfill-centre-master-plan

Guidance on how you can reduce your waste can also be found at tweed.nsw.gov.au/recycling-reducing-waste

Serial rubbish dumper is costing ratepayers

In a brazen display of unlawful behaviour, more than 20 separate loads of paling fence panels have been discarded by a serial dumper over the last few months near the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre.

The serial dumper is believed to be a professional fencing contractor, with neat piles of 8 to 10 panels per load left on cane pads, alongside roads and in cane fields on Bartletts Road and Leddays Creek Road, Stotts Creek.

Council's Resource Recovery unit coordinator Rod Dawson said the cost to Council to clean up the mess was enormous.

"Not only is it risking environmental harm, it's also costing ratepayers money as it has to be cleaned up each time," Mr Dawson said.

"It's also causing concern to local cane farmers who keep finding more rubbish on their properties, adding to the stress of cleaning up after the floods."

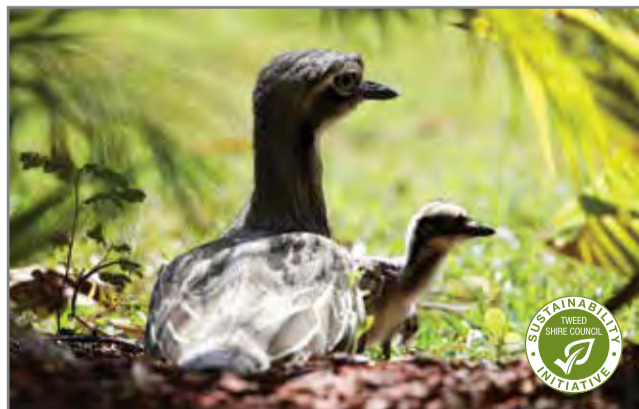
As part of making sure the Tweed is safe and to protect our quality

of life, Council's rangers have been targeting illegal dumping and have increased surveillance of dumping hotspots. If caught, fines of \$4,000 can be issued on the spot, with maximum penalties up to \$250,000 for individuals and \$1 million for corporations.

Council is encouraging residents to dispose of unwanted items responsibly by taking them to the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre where many items are accepted for free. Alternatively, Tweed residents with a red bin service can book up to 2 free kerbside clean ups of up to 2 metres per year.

If anyone recognises these fence palings or knows who may have dumped them, please report illegal dumping online at ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au, by phoning 131 555 or by contacting Council on 02 6670 2400 during or after hours.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/illegal-dumping-littering for more information about illegal dumping or find out what you can take to the Resource Recovery Centre at tweed.nsw.gov.au/tip-resource-recovery



A Bush Stone-curlew and chick at Pottsville, one of the first to hatch this season. Credit: David Charley.

Bush Stone-curlew breeding season begins

Spring is in the air for the Tweed Shire population of Bush Stone-curlews.

This endangered species has started its breeding with reports of nesting in some unusual places.

Council's project officer – wildlife protection Emily Clarke reminded the public to be careful in areas where curlews are known to live as their markings can camouflage them against their surroundings, especially the chicks.

"As ground nesting birds, the new chicks and eggs can be very vulnerable at this time of the year as they nest and forage in urban areas," Ms Clarke said.

"Please keep your dogs on a lead and don't let cats roam as both cats and dogs are known to be a threat to young Bush Stone-curlews.

"We are fortunate to have these intriguing birds in our area,



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In brief ...

Daylight saving time starts

A reminder that clocks in NSW will go forward one hour at 2 am Eastern Standard Time on Sunday 2 October.

Daylight saving will end at 3 am, Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Sunday 2 April 2023.

Summer hours at TRAC

From Tuesday 4 October Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre facilities will operate on summer hours – please check the website for hours of operation at the Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and Tweed Heads South centres. Changes to lap lane availability at all 3 centres has also been updated.

The water slide at the Murwillumbah Centre remains closed this September school holidays while the flood-damaged 50-metre pool is repaired.

Find out more at trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Free compost workshop

A free composting workshop will be held at the Murwillumbah Library next week on Tuesday 4 October at 10am as part of the Let's Get Our Scrap Together community education campaign.

Learn composting fundamentals, including how to make your own compost container, what can be composted, how long it takes to compost, how to manage weeds and vermin as well as ways to use your home-made compost in the garden.

A compost expert will also offer trouble-shooting advice for those who need more specific support.

One lucky participant will go home with a compost bin, and everyone will take home a bag of compost.

Tweed Shire residents of all ages are welcome. Bookings are essential and spaces are limited. Book online at via Eventbrite at compost-workshop-murwillumbah.eventbrite.com.au

Let's all work together to reduce our impact on the natural environment.

Koalas killed and injured in recent weeks

Motorists are urged to take care on the roads, particularly at dawn and dusk, following a horror spate of koala deaths and injuries so far this active season, including the death of a healthy female koala hit by a car last week on Clothiers Creek Road.

Since mid-July, at least 31 koalas have been reported to have been hit by cars or attacked by dogs across the Northern Rivers.

Council is urging the community to contain dogs at night and keep a lookout for koalas on their properties and when driving, particularly between dusk and dawn.

Koalas are at their most mobile at this time of year as they actively search for mates and new habitat. However, as their habitat is small and fragmented, koalas are often forced to travel long distances on foot through urbanised areas, where they are at risk of being struck by a vehicle or attacked by a dog.

Members of the public can help koalas by:

- observing koala road signs and driving slowly in koala zones, taking into account there might be a koala on the road
- containing dogs at night when koalas are most active
- providing safe refuges for koalas in backyards such as a tree or climbing pole
- reporting all koala sightings – sick, injured or distressed koalas immediately to the Friends of the Koala 24/7 rescue hotline on 02 6622 1233.

Sightings of healthy koalas can be reported to Council at tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas or at friendsofthekoala.org

To find out more about the Tweed's koalas and how Council is taking action to protect them visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas



Flood Recovery Update – 28 September 2022

UPDATE Scenic Drive

The contractor engaged by Council to repair the Scenic Drive landslip, Australian Marine and Civil Pty Ltd (AMC), is aiming for a temporary one lane access to be operational from Friday 30 September 2022.

AMC has completed initial stabilisation works on the main landslip and is confident one lane will be able to be opened for use on the eve of the October long weekend, weather permitting.

Traffic controllers will be on site to monitor flows and meet the needs of peak demand times so please be patient and allow extra time for travel.

There may be times when there will be extended delays while the contractors bring in materials and equipment.



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Draft Business Investment Policy

On exhibition from 28 September to 9 November 2022

Following a review of our *Business Investment Policy*, we are proposing changes to the way that business incentives are applied to developer charges for Complying Development Certificates.

Businesses and development professionals operating in the Tweed are invited to provide feedback on these proposed changes.

Have your say

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/business-investment-policy to learn more and make a submission.

Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

On exhibition from 28 September to 26 October 2022

We are proposing changes to our *Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy*.

The policy sets out the maximum amounts Council will pay for specific expenses and facilities. These proposed changes provide more clarity for Councillors.

Have your say

To learn more and make a submission, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/draft-councillor-expenses-and-facilities-policy

Council confidentiality policy: On request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality however, the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* may require confidential submissions to be released to an applicant.

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Request for offer

RF02022101 – Domestic Kerbside Bin Composition Audit

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDT) 12 October 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

Chinderah Districts Residents Association meet Tuesday 4 October 2022, 7 pm (AEDT) at Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff Street, opposite nursing home Kingscliff.

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

Residents are advised that with one lane in use, queuing can be expected in both directions. Parking will no longer be available on either side of the slip works to allow for traffic flow and reduce any safety hazards in the area.

Traffic lights will be in operation over the weekend, when we expect traffic volumes to be lower.

The opening of one lane will be to all vehicles with no load limits in place.

Council will continue to provide updates as more information comes to hand.

Meanwhile, the design for the works to enable the full road width to be reopened is nearing completion. The plan is for AMC to start construction immediately after the one-lane stabilisation has finished.

Early notice will be given to the community regarding these restricted times.

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

For more information on these and other repairs and how Council is delivering a safe and connected local road network, visit

tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works

Scenic-Drive-parking-restrictions (004)

Tyalgum Road

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

The road slip at Tyalgum is the largest and most complicated item on Council's Flood recovery roads list.

The damage site is more than 100 metres in width, some 60 metres in length and appears to comprise of some 6 to 10 metres depth of material which has actually slipped.

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 28 September to Wednesday 12 October 2022.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
SJH Planning & Design	Lot 2 DP 863736; No. 942 Cudgera Creek Road, Cudgera Creek	Extension to existing self-storage facility	DA22/0542

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

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

DA21/0942 – Dwelling with attached garage, carport and retaining walls

Lot 21 DP 1260480, No. 61 Bimbadeen Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA22/0401 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a carport and retaining wall

Lot 50 DP 253699, No. 28 Durigan Place, **Banora Point**

DA22/0247 – Staged alterations and additions to existing dwelling including rear deck, carport, swimming pool and retaining walls

Lot 15 DP 31041, No. 14 Peninsula Drive, **Bilambil Heights**

DA22/0425 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a roofed deck

Lot 414 DP 32314, No. 101 Peninsula Drive, **Bilambil Heights**

DA22/0522 – Carport

Lot 54 DP 740854, No. 37 Karingal Avenue, **Bilambil Heights**

DA22/0397 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within the front building line, 1.5 m high front fence and gatehouse

Lot 5 DP 800344, No. 35 Ti Tree Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA21/0983 – 38 lot strata subdivision – Review of Determination

Lot 12 DP 1273396, No. 41 Tweed Coast Road, **Bogangar**

DA22/0156 – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including demolition and rebuilding of front and rear verandah and alteration to internal layout and the conversion of an existing garage to a secondary dwelling

Lot 24 DP 739297, No. 32 Greenvale Court, **Burringbar**

DA22/0533 – Shed and retaining walls

Lot 6 DP 719804, No. 57 Beantree Road, **Chillingham**

DA22/0362 – Deck, gazebo and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 12 DP 1252272, No. 18 Denman Drive, **Cudgen**

DA22/0332 – Alterations and additions to dwelling including double garage, swimming pool and deck

Lot 22 DP 805528, No. 131 Glenock Road, **Dum Dum**

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

Geotechnical engineers have advised Council that results from test drilling indicate that it is not safe for any temporary track to be created.

While dry conditions may make the site appear stable, any further wet weather conditions could mobilise the unrestrained slipped material. Pushing a road across the slip would pose an unacceptable public safety risk for a public roadway.

The complexities, time and cost of designing and constructing a safe temporary solution is almost as significant as a permanent fix; and would divert limited resources from the task of permanently fixing the roadway.

Therefore Council is only proceeding with the permanent repair.

Transport for NSW has confirmed in principle funding approval to cover the cost of repairs.

The geotechnical reports Council received last month have been included in the design and construct bundle of works for repairs to the largest road slips around the shire.

Short-listed construction contractors are currently pricing up concept designs with the aim of having designs and tender pricing to Council by late November.

Once designs are complete, Council will select the most suitable contractor to carry out the work, with works expected to start on site in mid 2023.

There's more

Space doesn't allow us to include all available information on all flood recovery works.

There are more updates at tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update including information on Limpinwood, Zara, Numinbah, Kyogle, Reserve Creek and Mount Warning roads.

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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