

*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.*



The Tweed Eco Festival will be held on Sunday 13 November from 9 am to 2 pm at Knox Park, Murwillumbah with hands-on workshops, eco markets, climate-ready advice, kids' activities, and live entertainment.

## Don't miss the Tweed Eco Festival fun

Next month's Tweed Eco Festival will bring Tweed residents together for a fun, free event with practical tips to help the community prepare to be climate-ready.

The eco event will be held on Sunday 13 November from 9 am to 2 pm at Knox Park, Murwillumbah and will feature eco markets, kids' activities, food trucks and live entertainment. Presentations, stallholders and practical workshops will help people take action to be ready for natural hazards and reduce their environmental footprint.

Council is calling on businesses, community organisations and not-for-profit groups to get involved in the event whether as a stallholder, performer, to run a workshop or as a speaker.

Council's sustainability program leader Debbie Firestone said sharing local knowledge and passion for keeping our community safe during natural disasters and protecting our environment were the driving force behind initiating this event.

"We are pleased to be partnering with NSW State Emergency Services (SES), Australian Red Cross and NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) to make this event happen and we know there will be a lot of practical information people can take away from the event, as well as just having a fun day out with the family," Ms Firestone said.

"We'd like to encourage local stallholders, businesses and suppliers to get involved, particularly those who can showcase flood and fire-resistant building materials and other products to help residents prepare for future natural disasters."

Applications for stallholders, performers, speakers and workshop hosts are due by Monday 31 October.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-living](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-living) to find out more and apply.

The event has been made possible by grant funding from the Australian Government.



Wildlife Protection Project Officer Emily Clarke and Coastal Ranger Wayne Haayer showing off the new signage at a walkway entry to South Kingscliff Beach which encourages residents to keep their dogs on-leash on the beach. Doggy poo bags and a water trough are included as part of the new 'doggy hub'.

## New Tweed program to promote dog leashing

Tweed Shire Council has launched **Take the Lead**, a new behaviour change program aimed at reducing the number of dogs off-leash in high conservation value areas and other public places in the Tweed.

The program will focus on 4 on-leash areas with known threatened species including Bush Stone-curlews and loggerhead and green turtles at Casuarina/Kingscliff, Fingal Head, Hastings Point and Wooyung.

The program runs from October 2022 to January 2023 and will involve new 'doggy hubs' at beach entrances, a social media campaign and the roll-out of increased enforcement patrols from Council officers with the support of the NSW Police.

Council's project officer – wildlife protection Emily Clarke said this important program was being rolled out after a successful pilot program.

"When Council conducted covert observations of dog walkers in these locations last year, we found close to 75% of people were exercising their dogs off-leash," Ms Clarke said.

"The pilot program has shown us that a campaign which includes a combination of social media, doggy engagement hubs and increased enforcement activities can help to achieve a measurable change in dog



Last week we each used

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as at 10 October 2022

## It's not too late to sign on for Water Night

Tweed residents are being urged to sign on for Water Night this Thursday 20 October and experience first-hand how much they rely on tap water.

From 5 to 10 pm on the night, everyone is asked to turn off their taps and look out for how many times they reach for them.

The event is a great way to learn how often tap water is taken for granted.

Water Night is a national event run by the Water Conservancy during Water Week.

The night was created after research conducted by the organisation showed only 42% of Australians consider tap water to be precious.

Tweed Shire Council is sponsoring the event and encouraging the Tweed community to reconsider the value of tap water and work together to save water and the environment.

Sign up for Water Night at [waternight.com.au](https://waternight.com.au)

Instead of using running water on the night, people are encouraged to use pre-filled water bottles and kettles for their household water needs. The use of running water for health and hygiene purposes is still permitted.

On the night, chat online with Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis and thousands of people throughout the country and learn some new ideas for saving water in the garden, bathroom and kitchen.

Share your Water Night experience on social media using the hashtag #lifeeverydrop.



Sign on for Water Night and on Thursday 20 October, fill your water jugs, turn off your taps and see how many times you use water.

## Flood recovery update 12 October

The following information is provided to help our community prepare for, mitigate and build resilience to natural disasters.

### Chinderah Donation Hub

The Chinderah Donation Hub is now open at 23/18 Ozone Street, Chinderah from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm and Service NSW will be onsite from 9 am to 3:30 pm on Thursdays.

There will be services offered by Murwillumbah Community Centre (counselling/financial counselling etc.) offered however the days and times are yet to be confirmed.

The Hub will accept donations delivered up until 2 pm.

Due to the amount to limited space available, the hub is only accepting new small household items, electrical goods and bedding as

well as toiletries and non-perishable food items. Due to limited space, no furniture can be accepted.

### Service NSW at Coolamon Centre

Service NSW has moved its recovery service from the Canvas and Kettle room at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre to the Coolamon Centre on 3-5 Tumbulgum Road Murwillumbah.

It will operate a recovery hub every Tuesday from 9 am to 4 pm offering flood recovery support and assistance in lodging grant applications or following up on applications.

For further information please contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

### Flood Property Assessment Program

Tweed property owners whose residential or commercial building

was damaged by the 2022 floods are invited to participate in the free NSW Government Flood Property Assessment Program (FPAP).

The opt-in program provides property owners with a free assessment report, including a comprehensive scope of repair works and an estimate of repair costs to pre-flood conditions.

To find out more about eligibility and details of the process visit [nsw.gov.au/FPAP](https://nsw.gov.au/FPAP) or call 1300 294 027.

### Grants help flood-impacted businesses reopen

Flood-impacted commercial landlords in the Tweed will be able to apply for support to get businesses back up and running, thanks to a \$30 million investment from the Australian and NSW Governments.

The Northern Rivers Commercial Property – Return to Business Support Grant will assist property owners who lease to small and medium businesses in the Northern Rivers.

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# New signage helps keep Beach Stone-curlews safe

Hastings Point's most famous locals – the Beach Stone-curlews – have a new permanent enclosure to provide a safe space for them to nest. A new sign was also recently installed to tell the story about the Beach Stone-curlew family and their life at Hastings Point.

Beach Stone-curlews are listed as critically endangered in NSW however, the local community and Council are working together to protect these amazing birds.

The Hastings Point pair first nested and raised a chick at Cudgera Creek Park in 2018 and will be a couple for life. Only one egg is laid at each nesting, and they are one of only 7 known breeding pairs in NSW.

Council's program leader pest animals – wildlife protection Pam Gray said the new enclosure and signage is one way Council is working together with the community to reduce our impact on the natural environment to pass on to our next generation.

"We could not have done any of this if it wasn't for the love and care taken by Hastings Point locals as caretakers for these incredible birds," Ms Gray said.

One local, Rob Bonar, regularly checks on the birds.

"I just come here because I'm a local and I love the birds. I go down 3 times a day, just to check on them," Mr Bonar said.

Another local bird-lover is Fran Cummings who also plays a significant part in protecting the birds and photographing their progress.

"They are just such beautiful birds. When they are resting, they look so serene," Ms Cummings said.

The community can also play a part to help keep the Beach Stone-curlew family safe:

- **Give them space** and keep your distance from the fence.
- **Try not to disturb them** if you see birds foraging or resting outside of their enclosure.
- **Keep dogs away.** Hastings Point creek mouth and foreshore is a dog prohibited zone.
- **Help keep the oyster reefs healthy** by not moving rocks the oysters grow on. The birds feed on the oysters and small crabs.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/conserving-threatened-birds](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/conserving-threatened-birds) to find out more about Beach Stone-curlews and how Council is working to protect the Tweed environment.



Locals Fran Cummings (left) and Rob Bonar – who regularly check on the Beach Stone-curlew family at Hastings Point – with the newly-installed sign.

## Flood recovery update

This support will cover repair-related costs for landlords to ensure retail businesses can reopen and could include clean-up services, hiring equipment or covering the cost of building repairs.

Flood-impacted commercial property owners and landlords in the Northern Rivers will be able to apply for up to \$50,000.

For a full list of all available support, visit [nsw.gov.au/floods](http://nsw.gov.au/floods) or call Service NSW 13 77 88.

### At-home Caravan Program expanded

Flood-affected Tweed residents can register for the at-home caravan program at the Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre.

The program, extended to include Burringbar, Chinderah, Condong, Mooball, South Murwillumbah and Tumbulgum is part of the fee-free Tweed-based Recovery Support Service supported by Resilience NSW.

Designed to ease medium-term housing challenges, the program will see caravans sourced from Camplify and located on the resident's private property at no cost.

The caravans provide people in need with a reliable home and called on more caravan owners to consider registering their vans to the cause. Residents can register for the At-home Caravan Program at the Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre by emailing [rss@pbnc.org.au](mailto:rss@pbnc.org.au) or phoning 02 6676 4555 or mobile 0476 677 422.

### Legal Aid Disaster Recovery Service

The Disaster Response Legal Service (DRLS) is a free legal service that is available to anyone who has been affected by disasters.

Anyone can access free help by contacting the Disaster Response Legal Service NSW helpline on 1800 801 529 (9am to 5pm weekdays).

Further information and links are available on the Disaster Response Legal Service at [disasterhelp.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://disasterhelp.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

### Assistance for flood impacted businesses

Is your business in a location that was impacted by the 2022 flood crisis?

The Strengthening Business Program is free and connects you with experts to help your business recover, become stronger, more resilient and better prepared for the future.

An independent facilitator will work with you to address the challenges and opportunities your business now faces.

For more information visit the [mybusiness.com.au](http://mybusiness.com.au) website.

### Community Centre expands outreach services

Tweed Coast residents affected by the floods, can access support from the Murwillumbah Community Centre (MCC) on Wednesday afternoons.

The MCC will be operating from the Anglican Church at 41 Pearl Street, Kingscliff from 2 pm to 4 pm and will offer free advice and referral information, material support and financial counselling.

The Kingscliff service is in addition to existing outreach operations in Murwillumbah at the Coolamon Centre from Monday to Thursday between 9 am and 4:30 pm and on Friday from 9 am to 12 pm and Nullum House on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

For those seeking flood recovery support, bookings are required. For more information contact the MCC on 02 6672 3003.

There is more detail available on the above programs at

[tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update)

For road updates, visit

[tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works)

## Current vacancies

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

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## Tweed River's water quality and fish health

Tweed Shire Council is encouraging Tweed River flood plain landowners to reach out for Council's assistance on projects that can improve water quality after recent testing detected acid-affected water in the river and red spot disease in local fish.

Council is also calling on the NSW Government to make investments and policy decisions required to lead our communities toward future river health and support local government on complex flood plain management issues to reduce our impact on the natural environment.

Recent testing has indicated acid sulfate soil related runoff from floodplain drains is affecting water quality in the Tweed River, with indications it is also having severe effects on fish health.

Since mid-August, water samples collected from the Tweed River at Murwillumbah have shown pH values (a measure of acidity) as low as

4.9, where a healthy range is around 7.1. Samples of water from drains running into the river have shown pH results as low as 4.3.

Council's waterways program leader Tom Alletson said these results confirm the input of poor water quality from the floodplain and the effects of acid sulfate soils.

Recent reports to Council from a local commercial fisherman highlighted an increase of red spot disease affecting fish locally.

Council has completed a management plan for the Tweed River Estuary and is currently awaiting its certification by the NSW Minister for Local Government.

Read the full media release at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news) or find out more about the how Council manages and looks after the Tweed River at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks)

## 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

**DA22/0501** – Swimming pool

Lot 315 DP 830232, No. 28 Nandina Terrace, **Banora Point**

**DA22/0344** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage, 1.5 m front fence and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 82 DP 1264557, No. 34 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

**DA22/0394** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 309 DP 1070793, No. 11 Cactus Court, **Kingscliff**

**DA21/0788** – Secondary dwelling

Lot 26 DP 873094, No. 3 Dove Close, **Kingscliff**

**DA21/0904** – Multi dwelling housing comprising of 4 x 3 bedroom townhouses

Lot 10 Section 6 DP 758571, No. 3 Ozone Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA22/0283** – Change of use to beauty salon including signage, demolition and fit-out works

Lot 4 SP 83332, Unit 4/No. 32 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

**DA22/0368** – Two lot strata subdivision

Lot 6 DP 1262504, No. 53A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

**DA21/0966** – Erection of shed to be used for agricultural produce industry

Lot 104 DP 1255992, No. 25 Sleepy Hollow Road, **Sleepy Hollow**

**DA21/0925** – Demolition of existing carport and erection of secondary dwelling

Lot 22 DP 621910, No. 9 Gladioli Avenue, **Terranora**

**DA22/0084** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage, in-ground swimming pool and tennis court

Lot 3 DP 587869, No. 4 Parkes Lane, **Terranora**

**DA22/0430** – Carport and use of dwelling alterations and additions, shade sail and roof to rear deck

Lot 19 DP 814951, No. 8 Valleyview Place, **Terranora**

**DA22/0316** – Patio roof

Lot 2 SP 14808, Unit 2/No. 86 Keith Compton Drive, **Tweed Heads**

**DA20/0604** – Boarding house comprising 35 self-contained rooms and 1 managers unit

Lot 2 Section 4 DP 2379, No. 31 Boyd Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA21/0650** – Change of use, demolition work, shop fit-out and signage

Lot 4 DP 420750, Lot 3 DP 420750, No. 30 Bay Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA22/0230** – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 10 DP 1236392, No. 2 Robin Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA21/0882** – Two storey dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 31 DP 755749, No. 853 Tumbulgum Road, **Tyngalgh**

The above development determinations are available for public inspection free of charge at the Planning and Regulation Division, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, during ordinary office hours or viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Notification of integrated development application

### Development Application No. DA21/0198

A development application has been lodged by Mr S Nicholson seeking development consent for staged development for an 82 lot subdivision and subdivision works over 2 stages (Altitude Central – East) at Lot 63 DP 804148; No. 3-6 Trutes Terrace, **Terranora**; Lot 1 DP 175234 & Lot 1 DP 781511; No. 93 Parkes Lane, **Terranora**. 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>	Bush Fire Safety Authority General Terms of 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	Department of Planning and Environment – 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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 12 October to Wednesday 9 November 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](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)

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