



The Tweed Organics Processing Facility processes more than 21,000 tonnes of food and garden waste into compost each year.

Tweed's green bin compost benefitting local farms

Approximately 14,000 tonnes of food and garden waste from the Tweed community is being processed into compost each year right here in the Tweed, helping to improve soil health across the Shire.

Food and garden organics are being sent to the Tweed Organics Processing Facility at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre, which opened last year. From July this year, the facility started accepting an additional 7,000 tonnes of organics per year from Ballina Shire residents, pushing the total processing output of the centre to 21,000 tonnes of compost a year.

The NSW EPA's 'Let's Get Our Scrap Together' campaign is currently running across 7 local government areas in the Northern Rivers, under the banner of North East Waste. The program aims to get more green organic waste out of the red bin and into the green bin.

Council's resource recovery project and operations officer Wes Knight said around 270 tonnes of organic waste from the Tweed Community's 27,000 green organics bins is being delivered to the composting facility each week where it is converted into a valuable resource rather than rotting away in landfill.

"The Tweed community have proven to be great composters and the more people use the green bins, the more compost we can produce, benefitting our local farmers while helping to reduce our impact on the environment," Mr Knight said.

"Compost is being used by local landscaping businesses, farms, agriculture businesses and on Council projects, which is great to see."

To make sure you're using your green organics bin to its fullest, visit newaste.org.au/scrap or tweed.nsw.gov.au/green-lid-bins

The Let's Get Our Scrap Together campaign has been developed and funded by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

Steps to ensure the best quality compost:

Make every scrap count: Ensure all food scraps go into your green organics bin, including meat, fish and dairy. To control odour, freeze meat, prawns and chicken until bin night.

Sort the good scrap from the bad scrap: Empty forgotten leftovers or soggy packets of lettuce into your green organics bin and ensure plastic or steel containers go into your yellow recycling bin, while plastic bags can go to REDcycle or into your red bin.

Which caddy liner is okay? Only Council-approved, Australian-certified compostable bin liners are accepted (look for the seedling logo). Biodegradable bags and others claiming to be part-compostable only break down into micro-plastics, which are not wanted in our compost or the environment.

Throwing away too many leftovers or forgotten foods? Join Love Food Hate Waste at lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au



Last week we each used

157L a day

as at 24 October 2022

Single-use plastics ban from 1 November

Plastic packaging and single-use items make up 60% of all litter in NSW, so from 1 November 2022 businesses and community organisations can no longer use or supply a range of single-use plastic items.

The NSW Government's ban includes single-use plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery, bowls and plates, polystyrene food service containers, cups, cotton buds, and personal care products containing plastic microbeads.

Consumers are asked to swap single-use plastic items for reusable and sustainable alternatives to reduce the amount of waste we are generating.

This ban follows the lightweight plastic bag ban in place since 1 June 2022.

See the full list of banned items and more information at dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw/about

Q & A sessions about the ban

The National Retail Association is holding free weekly Q & A sessions on Fridays at 10 am AEST.

These sessions are open to all businesses, community organisations and other impacted stakeholders to ask questions about the single-use plastics ban and how to prepare. Register via Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/business-waste



Single-use plastic

BAN

In 2022, NSW is banning certain single-use plastics.

From 1 June



Lightweight plastic shopping bags

From 1 November



Single-use plastic straws, stirrers and cutlery



Single-use plastic plates and bowls without lids



Expanded polystyrene foodware

*Exemptions apply to provide a plastic straw for people with a disability or medical need.



Flood recovery update – 26 October 2022

Tyalgum Road

A Tyalgum delegation met last week with Council representatives to discuss the Tyalgum Road landslip.

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

The major landslip on Tyalgum Road is about 950 metres east of Van Den Broek Road. There is another slip about 1 km west of this major landslip.

The meeting covered community concerns, communications

shortfalls, road repair challenges and various assistance measures for Tyalgum businesses and the community.

Future meetings are planned as part of improved ongoing communications between the Tyalgum community and Council.

Geotechnical engineers have advised Council that results from test drilling show that it is not safe for a temporary track to be created as the continued movement poses an unacceptable public safety risk for a public road.

Ongoing geotechnical monitoring at the site will provide additional data to assess if this continues to be the case.

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

The geotechnical reports Council received in September 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 commencing the concept design stage with the aim of having designs and tender pricing to Council by late December.

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.

Find out more on other flood recovery works across the Tweed by visiting tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works

Think your sewer is blocked? Call Council first

Residents who think their sewer system is blocked can avoid a stink over a plumber's bill by calling Council at any hour of the day before contacting a plumber.

After checking the sewer inspection shaft, Council can quickly work out if the blockage is Council's problem or the responsibility of the property owner.

The inspection shaft is where responsibility transfers from Council to the property owner.

Property owners are responsible for anything that happens between the inspection shaft and their property's drainage. Council is responsible for anything that happens downstream of the shaft.

Owners are responsible for ensuring their inspection shafts are visible and accessible. They must not be covered with vegetation.

For property owners who feel confident they can check the inspection shaft themselves, there is a general rule of thumb.

If the inspection shaft contains water or wastewater, it's usually Council's problem and Council will fix it.

If the shaft is clear, it's probably the owner's problem and the owner will need to hire a plumber at their own expense.

If the shaft contains tree roots, it may be a shared problem and the cost to fix will be shared.

If an inspection shaft has been poorly installed or modified, the cost to fix is determined based on the cause.

In most cases, property owners who don't call Council before engaging a plumber risk paying the bill regardless of where the blockage is.

To reimburse a plumber's bill, Council requires evidence that it was Council's responsibility.

Council may accept evidence from a plumber but if Council is called first, that evidence is established upfront and will not be challenged.

Help Council provide safe, sustainable and affordable wastewater services by avoiding sewer blockages.

Only flush the 3 Ps down the loo – poo, pee and (toilet) paper.

Wipes are not flushable and are a major cause of blockages at Council's sewage pump stations.

Call Council on 02 6670 2400 during office hours or 1800 818 326 after hours.

To stay up to date visit Council's Recovery Dashboard at

tweed.nsw.gov.au/recovery-dashboard

For road updates, visit

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

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

Council supports an inclusive sports day for kids



Council is proud to support an inclusive event that provides our kids with opportunities to be active and healthy.

Tweed's Variety Activate Inclusion Sports Days (AISD) will take place on Wednesday, 9 November from 10 am to 1 pm at Tweed Heads PCYC.

Students aged 5–18 living with physical, sensory or intellectual disabilities are able to participate in the day and will get to learn and experience a range of sports.

The event aims to 'give all kids a go' by encouraging and empowering kids living with disability the chance to explore sporting opportunities in their local community.

Council is proud to support an inclusive event that provides our kids with opportunities to be active and healthy.

Variety, the Children's Charity NSW funds the Activate Inclusion Sports Day in partnership with Disability Sports Australia and Sports NSW.

For more information contact Kristy Rohrer via email at aisd@sportnsw.com.au

Line up for November Tweed Eco Festival

More than 20 performers, stallholders and speakers are lined up so far for the upcoming Tweed Eco Festival.

The 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 such as Felicity Lawless, Jesse Morris & the Shakedown Band and the Kids Caring for Country Traditional Dance Group.

The program will feature speakers to help our community to be ready for future natural hazards and to reduce our environmental impact. The speakers include:

NSW SES Murwillumbah Unit – tips for flood preparations and details about the new Australian warning system.

Know Your Risk – presentation about reducing your bushfire risk.

Griffith University's Climate Action Beacon – will highlight the latest science on climate change. Research about global warming impacts in the Australian marine environment by Gretta Pecl, Director for the Centre for Marine Socioecology.

Captain Plastic – an interactive session for children about the ocean and how to protect sea creatures from plastic pollution.

Reflections on the recent floods – local lessons learned from flood recovery property assessments, and the impacts for Tweed's waterways and riparian habitats.

Screening of Regenerating Australia – a 20-minute film from Damon Gameau, and regenerative visions for the future from local young people.

Information about carbon farming and carbon offsets.

Composting, veggie garden and worm farm workshops.

One local small business owner Rachael Sanderson from Life a Little Greener will be sharing her knowledge at the festival.

"I'll be presenting about how to fight climate change from home which might include things like starting an organic veggie garden, including worm farms, composting, returning carbon to the soil and organic lawn management," Mrs Sanderson said.

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

Find out more and apply at tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-living. The event has been made possible by grant funding from the Australian Government.



Rachel from Life a Little Greener will be at the event delivering a workshop about composting and how to set up your veggie garden or worm farm.

Ancient megafauna at Museum's latest exhibition

Meet ancient giants from a forgotten time at the opening of the Tweed Regional Museum's latest show *Capturing Nature*.

Capturing Nature: Early photographs at the Australian Museum 1857–1893 allows its viewers to travel back to a time when photography was revolutionising science, art and society.

The opening of the exhibition will be the museum's latest Up Late event and will offer viewers a chance to watch and interact with giant roaming Diprotodons in a one-of-a-kind interactive puppetry performance.

The event is family friendly and set to ignite imaginations of all ages on Saturday 29 October from 4 to 8 pm.

The audience can explore the fascinating exhibition of Australia's first photographs of natural history, and as part of the night, they can morph themselves into an endangered species and be captured on film by museum archivists – just like a species would have been in the 1800s.

The museum courtyard will be abuzz with mini-fossil-dig activities, bags of popcorn for grazing creatures, live music, along with food and a variety of drinks for adult explorers to purchase on the night.

Most of the specimens photographed at the museum are by taxidermist, Henry Barnes and his son, Henry Barnes Jnr with the help of the Museum's pioneering Curator Gerard Krefft.

If you miss the giant Diprotodons on opening night, do not despair. They will be taking refuge in a prehistoric installation in the Museum until they leave to roam this land again at the final Museum Up Late

Street Party on Saturday 28 January 2023.

Book your spot at museumuplatecapturingnature.eventbrite.com.au for the Museum Up Late event and exhibition opening.

Visit museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au/capturing-nature for more about *Capturing Nature: Early photographs at the Australian Museum 1857–1893*.



Ancient Diprotodons will come alive at the *Capturing Nature* exhibition opening night.

Tweed Bush Stone-curlew looking for love

'Jo' (leg tag J0) is a local Bush Stone-curlew from Hastings Point who has travelled a fair distance to find love this breeding season.

'Jo' firstly turned up in Grafton and is now causing a stir in Evans Head where she's been seen looking at her own reflection in a shop window.

Once common throughout Australia, Bush Stone-curlews are now listed as endangered in NSW. We are fortunate in the Tweed to have a number of breeding pairs.

This is a good example of the natural range expansion of the birds, thanks to all the hard work our team are doing to protect them and increase their numbers here in the Tweed.

This bird is exhibiting normal behaviour and will move on eventually and hopefully find their life partner.

Council asks the community to report all local sightings – it helps the team keep an eye on these quirky birds.

Find out more and report all sightings online at tweed.nsw.gov.au/bush-stone-curlew



A Bush Stone-curlew from the Tweed has made its way to Evans Head. 'J0' was tagged in March this year at Hastings Point. Credit: Evans Head Notice Board, Damien Robertson (Facebook).



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Tweed Growth Management and Housing Strategy – Draft Issues Paper

On exhibition from 25 October to 21 November 2022

You are invited to review and make comment on the draft Issues Paper which seeks to establish the key population and employment growth issues, challenges and opportunities facing the Tweed Shire over the next 20 years. The issues paper will guide the future direction of the Tweed Growth Management and Housing Strategy.

Have your say

To learn more and tell us your thoughts visit the project page at yoursaytweed.com.au/growth-management-and-housing-strategy

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.

Help us make decisions with you
Register at yoursaytweed.com.au

Are you ready for a good clean out at your place?

The North Coast's biggest day of garage sales – **Second Hand Saturday** – is back stronger than ever this year and will be held over 2 weekends in November.

Hosted by Council and North East Waste, residents are encouraged to hold a garage sale on either Saturday 19 November or Saturday 26 November (or both).

In the past, approximately 200 Tweed households have been involved in the event each year, with more than 800 participants across the Northern Rivers signing up.

Council's resource recovery education officer Dominique Pomeroy said she hoped Tweed households would get behind the initiative.

"Events like this provide a great opportunity for a clean out, help keep items out of landfill and encourage a circular economy – keeping

things in use for longer," Ms Pomeroy said.

"Second Hand Saturday is one way we are working with the community to reduce our impact on the environment. Between 2016 and 2019 the event saved approximately 2,301 wheelie bins worth of second-hand items from landfill."

Scheduled just one month before Christmas, it's also the perfect time to swap your pre-loved items for pre-Christmas cash and if you're a shopper, seek out the ultimate, one-of-a-kind gift from the hundreds of sales that will be on offer across the region.

All registered garage sales get free online advertising and promotion. Registrations close on Friday 11 November. To register, visit secondhandsaturday.com.au or follow the @mysecondhandsaturday Facebook page.



Garage sales are a great way to clear out unwanted items, keep them out of landfill and promote a circular economy.



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

DA22/0331 – Out-of-ground swimming pool with roofed deck and retaining wall

Lot 58 DP 253699, No. 25 Durigan Place, **Banora Point**

DA22/0495 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 74 DP 716444, No. 19 Elm Place, **Banora Point**

DA22/0615 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 102 DP 253699, No. 3 Cominan Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA22/0438 – Carport within the front building line

Lot 34 DP 812816, No. 42 Ti Tree Avenue, **Bogangar**

CDC22/0103 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 22 DP 792161, No. 3 Prichard Place, **Cudgen**

DA22/0312 – Alterations and additions including double garage, roofed terrace and out-of-ground swimming pool

Lot 618 DP 755740, No. 1 Wommin Lake Crescent, **Fingal Head**

DA22/0403 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including front entry porch and roofed alfresco

Lot 304 DP 1070793, No. 1 Cactus Court, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0599 – Partially in-ground swimming pool

Lot 181 DP 852230, No. 29 Monarch Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0506 – Alterations to existing dwelling including carport addition

Lot 20 DP 23576, No. 2 Elanora Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA22/0233 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including deck, double garage and demolition of carport

Lot 3 Section 2 DP 30148, No. 5 Dobbys Crescent, **Terranora**

DA22/0608 – Raise existing dwelling

Lot 27 Section 2 DP 1223, Lot 26 Section 2 DP 1223, No. 53–55 Bawden Street, **Tumbulgum**

DA22/0262 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 8 DP 790029, No. 11 Minore Place, **Tweed Heads**

DA22/0439 – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m front fence

Lot 329 DP 246199, No. 5 The Quarterdeck, **Tweed Heads**

DA22/0606 – House raising

Lot 3 DP 1206257, No. 368–384 Tumbulgum Road, **Tyngalga**

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

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Chinderah Districts Residents Association meet Tuesday 1 November 2022, 7 pm (AEST) 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

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Section 4.55 modification application for public comment

The following Section 4.55(2) application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 26 October to Wednesday 9 November 2022.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	File No.
RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd	Lot 1 DP 848125; No. 59 Darlington Drive, Banora Point	Amendment to Development Consent DA08/0633 for a two storey expansion and replacement of part existing roof structure of Banora village shopping centre	DA08/0633.04

Proposed modification

- Modification to Condition 63 to extend hours of operation from the approved 6 am – 9 pm Monday – Saturday, 8 am – 6 pm Sunday and public holidays to proposed 6 am – 9 pm Monday – Saturdays and 7 am – 9 pm Sundays and public holidays.

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* – GIPA 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 tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications

Council Meeting agenda – Thursday 27 October 2022

The Council Meeting agenda for Thursday 27 October 2022 is available on Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 3 pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Thursday 15 September 2022 and Thursday 6 October 2022

8.1 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 18 October 2022

9.1 Mayoral Minute for September 2022

10.1 Receipt of Petitions as at 17 October 2022

11 Orders of the day

11.1 Cr Cherry – Review of Carparking Requirements for residential developments

11.2 Cr Brinsmead – Independent Review of "Splendour" Event

11.3 Cr Firth – Cool Towns Resourcing

12 Questions on notice

12.1 Cr Brinsmead – Preparations for Potential Future Flooding

15 Reports from the General Manager

15.1 Review of Organisation Structure

16 Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

16.1 Tweed Shire Council Submission to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on the proposed Murwillumbah Education Campus (SSD-16848913)

16.2 Scenic Landscape Protection Policy

17 Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

17.1 Acceptance of Grant for development of the Tweed Coastal Management Program

17.2 Homelessness Services and Accommodation

17.3 RFO2022097 Supply of Management Services for Pottsville North Holiday Park

17.4 Redevelopment of Goorimahbah – Place of Stories Inclusive Park and Playspace (Stage 2) – Adoption of Draft Concept Plans

18 Reports from the Director Engineering

18.1 Acquisition of Land for Road Purposes, 2463 Numinbah Road, Numinbah (Lot 1 Deposited Plan 358996)

18.2 New Policy – Clarrie Hall Dam Water Release Policy for adoption

18.3 Variation of Restriction on User 21 Kanooka Crescent, Bogangar

(Lot 20 DP273771)

18.4 Murwillumbah Leagues Club Area Drainage Study

18.5 Amendment to Section 7.11 Plan No 5 – Local Open Space

18.6 Proposed Crown Road Closure – Crown Road Adjacent to Lot 1 Deposited Plan 573742 (146 Nimbin Road, Mount Burrell)

19 Reports from the Director Corporate Services

19.1 Draft 2021/2022 Financial Statements

19.2 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Report for the year ended 30 June 2022

19.3 Carry Over Works from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023 budget

19.4 Council Committee – Delegates – Richmond Tweed Regional Library Committee

19.5 Relocation of SES Murwillumbah Unit Update

19.6 Flood Camera Monitoring Policy – for exhibition

19.7 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 30 September 2022

21 Reports from sub-committees/working groups

21.1 Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 20 July 2022

21.2 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 8 September 2022

21.3 Minutes of the Tweed Regional Gallery Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 September 2022

23 Confidential items for consideration

24 Mayoral minute in committee

24.1 General Manager Annual Review for 2021/22 and determination of the General Managers Performance Agreement for 2022/23

26 Reports from the General Manager in committee

26.1 Review of Community Care Service

28 Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation in committee

28.1 Class 1 (Refusal) Appeal of Development Application DA21/0517 Demolition of existing structures, construction of a 4 storey residential flat building with basement car park, swimming pool and landscaping at Lot 26 DP 1253093 being No. 2–6 Tweed Coast Road, Cabarita Beach

At its meeting on 18 March 2021 Council resolved to resume public attendance for Public Forum in line with the meeting room's COVID-safe plan and a Council Public Forum is for speakers on agenda items being considered will be held at 2:30 pm prior to the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting and is available on Council's website.

It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Also, the minutes of this meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meeting and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that this meeting is webcast and will be available on Council's website following the meeting.