

*Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Tweed 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.*



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## Clarrie Hall Dam not for flood mitigation

**Following community feedback, Tweed Shire Council has clarified when and how Council releases water from Clarrie Hall Dam.**

The details are outlined in Council's new Clarrie Hall Dam Water Release Policy, developed in consultation with the community with all residents invited to provide feedback.

Water and Wastewater operations manager Brie Jowett said the policy clarifies that Council cannot control water that spills from the dam once the water level in the dam reaches the spillway.

"The dam is built with an open, un-gated spillway. Its design is for storing water for drinking, not to mitigate against flooding," Mrs Jowett said.

"Tweed Shire Council will not manage the reservoir level by pre-releasing water ahead of rainfall events to provide any form of storage capacity for flood-mitigation purposes.

"When the dam fills during intense rainfall events, it is designed to safely pass the excess water into Doon Doon Creek and then the Tweed River. This spilling cannot be controlled."

There are plans to raise the wall of Clarrie Hall Dam to increase the volume of water that can be stored, securing the Tweed's water supply in the face of climate change and population growth.

Mrs Jowett said the dam's size and location meant any upgrade would not alter its purpose.

"We live in one of the highest rainfall areas on the east coast of the nation, which has eroded the Tweed caldera over millions of years and carved out the natural beauty that is the Tweed Valley," she said.

"We must acknowledge the dam's catchment takes in less than 6% of the overall catchment area of the Tweed River and our upstream creeks and rivers.

"To have any impact on mitigating flooding, a drastically bigger dam would be needed. However, the proposed dam upgrade for water supply purposes is the maximum feasible size for a dam at this location."

Mrs Jowett added one dam would offer little protection.

"We would need several very large dams to capture rainfall that feeds the Tweed, Oxley and Rous Rivers," she said.

"Previous flood studies have shown large dams at those locations would not be practical."

Access the policy from [tweed.nsw.gov.au/policies](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/policies) Head to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/clarrie-hall-dam](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/clarrie-hall-dam) to find out more about Clarrie Hall Dam.



## Flood recovery update 30 November 2022

**UPDATE Scenic Drive**

**Bilambil Heights residents and motorists using Scenic Drive are advised that from Thursday, there will be a change in road conditions (weather permitting).**

Contractor Australian Marine and Civil Pty Ltd (AMC), will be sealing the new restored section of road at site B, the major slip on Scenic Drive on Thursday morning.

Once completed, traffic will switch lanes on Thursday afternoon so that stormwater drainage work can be carried out on the northern side of the existing lane.

This work is expected to take about 2 weeks.

Traffic lights will still be functioning for this site as only one lane will be in use.

Further work will involve kerb and guttering, batter works, guard rail instalment and line marking.

On the eastern slip, site A, foundation works have commenced. Boring of concrete support piles has commenced and this will be followed by building the retaining structure.

Once this is completed, work will then commence on pavement works, kerb and guttering, batter works, lighting and the installation of guard rails.

The road is open with a temporary one lane access to all vehicles under traffic control. There is no footpath or pedestrian access.

Motorists are advised to expect extended delays between 9 am and 3 pm as contractors bring in material and equipment.

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

AMC's original time schedule is planned for all works to be completed by the end of March 2023.

Given good progress to date, work is highly likely to be finalised

earlier (weather permitting). Council will continue to provide updates as more information comes to hand.

For more information on these and other repairs, visit

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

### Zara Road

**Contractors have completed road reconstruction along Zara Road between Bald Mountain Road and Astron Road.**

The works included road pavement stabilisation and application of bitumen seal.

Line marking on the new sections of road have also been completed.

### Numinbah Road

**Council is continuing with flood recovery works on Numinbah Road between Murwillumbah and Chillingham.**

Road reconstruction between Chillingham village and Chilcotts Road and on Numinbah Road near Marken Place have been completed.

Council crews are undertaking drainage, road widening and complete reconstruction of the section of road near Crooks Valley Road and this is expected to be completed by mid-December.

While we're not expecting to close these sections of road, there will be lane closures which may cause 5-10 minute delays.

Line marking has been carried out on new sections of Numinbah Road.

There will also be a number of individual flood repairs at various locations that will be carried out over the coming months - these will include repairs to culverts and embankment and will generally be smaller isolated worksites that will have only minor impacts to traffic flow.

Subscribe to the Tweed Link for current Flood Recovery updates.

You can also follow Council's progress in flood recovery works through weekly updates at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update)



Last week we each used

**186L a day**

as at 28 November 2022

## Brief counter closure

**Council's front counters at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah will be closed from 11 am on Thursday 8 December.**

Please phone 02 6670 2400 for any urgent Council matters or visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/contact-us](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/contact-us) for other ways to contact Council.

The front counters re-open at 9 am on Friday 9 December.

## Reminder to jump onto the Cane Toad Challenge

**Three upcoming cane toad busting challenges will be held across the Tweed throughout the cane toad season.**

Council in partnership with Watergum are working with the community to get rid of the pest from the environment. The first week-long challenge starts on Monday 12 December. Log your catch and join the toad busting fun from your own home!

Find out more about how to get involved and what to do at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads). Here you will also find a video about how to correctly identify cane toads and humanely euthanise them. For more information contact [canetoads@watergum.org](mailto:canetoads@watergum.org)

## Tell us about your climate change views

**Council has engaged Griffith University to find out how the Tweed community wants to be supported to act on climate-related events, reduce its greenhouse gas emissions footprint and be prepared for local climate risks and impacts.**

All Tweed Shire residents, 18 years and older, are invited to have their say in a community survey to understand residents' knowledge and experiences with climate impacts as well as the actions residents already do or want to take in the future.

Residents who participate in the survey before 5pm Monday 30 January 2023 will enter a draw to win an eco-friendly gift basket of products worth over \$500 donated by local Tweed businesses or 4 runner-up prizes of \$100 Love the Tweed vouchers to use locally.

The project has been made possible by grant funding from the Australian Government with seed funding through the Griffith University.

To complete the survey, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/climate-ready-tweed-project-have-your-say](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/climate-ready-tweed-project-have-your-say)

## Tweed named climate change leader

**Tweed Shire Council has been recognised by the Climate Disclosure Platform (CDP) as one of 122 cities across the globe for taking bold leadership on environmental action and transparency, despite the pressures of a challenging global economic situation.**

A List cities build climate momentum, taking twice as many climate mitigation and adaptation measures as non-A Listers.

Only 12% of the 1,000+ cities that were scored in 2022 received an A score.

The Tweed was recognised as just one of 6 cities in the Oceania region to achieve the highest score by the CDP, with the others being Yarra City Council, City of Adelaide, City of Sydney and Canberra in Australia, as well as Wellington in New Zealand.

To find out more, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news)



**Helping to conserve the Tweed's ancient Gondwana rainforest in the Numinbah Nature Reserve is a critical element of Council's fight against climate change.**



## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

### Proposed classification of Council-owned land Amber Road

Tweed Shire Council has recently acquired Lot 12 in Deposited Plan 258721 (1 Amber Road, Tweed Heads South). The lot is outlined in the location diagram shown below.

Council proposes to classify the land as operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW). The reason for the classification of the land as operational is for the use of the site for Council's sewer pump station.



#### Have your say

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/land-classification-amber-road](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/land-classification-amber-road) to learn more and make a submission.

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal within 28 days of this notice to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah 2484 or email [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

**Council ref:** P1 Amber Road

**Enquiries:** Jennie Stephenson, Technical Officer - Property

**Phone:** (02) 6670 2769

### Proposed classification of land Cabarita Road

Tweed Shire Council is in the process of acquiring Lot 101 DP261914 (Cabarita Road, Bogangar). The lot is outlined in light blue in the location diagram shown below.

Council proposes to classify the land as operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW). The reason for the classification of the land as operational is for Council's sewer rising main, sewage and wastewater operations.



#### Have your say

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/land-classification-cabarita-road](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/land-classification-cabarita-road) to learn more and make a submission.

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal within 28 days of this notice to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah 2484 or email [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

**Council ref:** PN:112007; Cabarita Road

**Enquiries:** Jennie Stephenson, Technical Officer - Property

**Phone:** (02) 6670 2769

### Proposed Licence of Council-managed Crown Land

**Council proposes to enter into a new one-year licence agreement with Pottsville Beach Community Hall Inc.**

In accordance with section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), Tweed Shire Council as Crown Land Manager under the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* (NSW) proposes to grant a licence in respect of Council-managed Crown land.

The land has previously been managed by the Pottsville Beach Community Hall Inc, and the previous agreement has expired. Council now proposes to enter into a new one year licence agreement with them for their use of the premises. Under the *Crown Lands Management Act*, Council is currently only able to offer a one year licence of the premises.



#### Have your say

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/proposed-licence-pottsville](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/proposed-licence-pottsville) to learn more and make a submission.

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal within 28 days of this notice to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah 2484 or email [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Please note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW), such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

**Property:** Lot 447 DP755701, Crown Reserve 63717 as outlined in the location diagram shown below.

**Term:** 1 Year.

**Permitted Use:** Public Recreation and Resting Place (as per Crown Reserve dedicated purposes).

**Licensee:** Pottsville Beach Community Hall Incorporated.

**Council ref:** PN: 23512

**Licence:** Pottsville Beach Community Hall Inc.

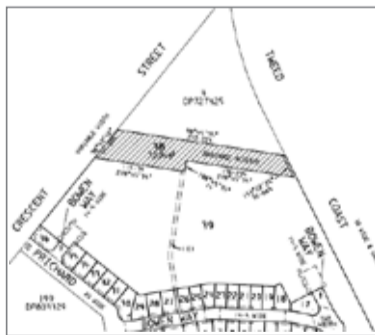
**Enquiries:** Jennie Stephenson, Technical Officer - Property

**Phone:** (02) 6670 2400

### Proposed resolution to classify land Cudgen

**Tweed Shire Council is in the process of acquiring Proposed Lot 38 in a plan of subdivision of Lots 1 & 2 in DP828298 for a Drainage Reserve.**

The lot is outlined in the location diagram shown below. Council proposes to resolve to classify the land as Operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



#### Have your say

Visit [www.yoursaytweed.com.au/classify-land-cudgen](https://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/classify-land-cudgen) to learn more and make a submission.

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal within 28 days of this notice to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah 2484 or email [propertyofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:propertyofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Sally Curran, Technical Officer - Property

**Phone:** (02) 6670 2400

## Temporary lookout closure

**Tom Beetson Lookout/Razorback, will be closed from Monday 5 December - Friday 9 December (weather permitting) to allow for maintenance works on a hut that houses**

**Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) communication assets.**

The park and lookout will be closed to the public, with temporary security fencing and signage in place at the bottom of the access ramp.

The public is advised to avoid the area. We thank you for your patience while these works are undertaken.

## Don't be fined: keep your dogs on-leash

**Locals and visitors are reminded to keep their dogs on-leash in public places, as Council continues to target non-compliance through its Take the Lead program.**

Take the Lead is designed to help protect our local wildlife and to make sure beaches are safe and enjoyable for people and other pets too.

Since the program launched in early October 2022, Council Rangers have issued 80 fines to dog owners at \$330 per fine.

Rangers will continue to partner with Tweed/Byron police to patrol multiple areas along the coast, from Fingal Head down to Wooyung Beach. At all targeted locations people are required to have their dogs on a lead unless in a designated off-leash area.

Council's Natural Area Ranger Wayne Haayer said it was best to consider all areas as on-leash unless sign posted otherwise.

"The best way to understand the regulations is to consider the whole of NSW as an on-leash area," he said.

"The only time you can have your dog off-leash is when you see a sign saying you are in an off-leash area. Also look out for signs where dogs are prohibited."

Signs are displayed at the entrances to designated off-leash areas, including off-leash beaches such as South Fingal Head / Kingscliff Beach, South Kingscliff Beach, Cabarita Beach and South Pottsville Beach. Find out where the off-leash areas are located at on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/where-can-i-walk-my-dog](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/where-can-i-walk-my-dog)

Council's Project Officer for Wildlife Protection Emily Clarke said the program was running well, but there was still room for improvement.

"When we conducted observations of dog walkers in these locations last year, we found close to 74% of people were exercising their dogs off leash," Ms Clarke said.

"Since we've been running the Take the Lead program and issuing fines, we've seen that figure drop to just above 60% so we still have a long way to go.

Our officers, in partnership with Tweed Byron Police, will be continuing to conduct a targeted enforcement program and issuing fines."

This program has been assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.

## New shared user path to improve pedestrian safety

**As part of Council's commitment to a safe and connected active community, Council will soon be constructing a new concrete shared user path from Kennedy Drive to the Terranora inlet bridge.**

Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said the 2-metre wide shared user path will connect Tweed Head and Tweed Heads West to Tweed Heads South.

"These works are creating a safer pedestrian connections for children, their parents and carers and the wider school community," Mr Rose said.

"The new paths will be constructed along Blue Waters Crescent in Tweed Heads and Shearwater Parade in Tweed Heads West.

These improvements can help save lives by giving pedestrians safe route options when walking or cycling to and from school."

Funded under the Australian and NSW governments' School Zone Infrastructure Sub Program, the works will take about 2 months to complete and are scheduled to start in late November, weather permitting.

There will be temporary footpath closures. On some days, on street parking will be restricted to allow for concrete pouring.

For updates visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks)

To learn more about how we build, upgrade and maintain a safe and connected local road network, including how we prioritise road maintenance projects, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/roads](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/roads)



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## Planning Committee meeting agenda Thursday 1 December 2022

The Planning Committee meeting Agenda for Thursday 1 December 2022 is available on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings). The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 3:30 pm.

### Agenda

#### Reports for consideration

#### Planning and Regulation

- 8.1** Development Application DA21/0950 for the demolition of existing structures and construction of a residential flat building (6 x 3 bedroom units) and (1 x 4 bedroom unit), swimming pool and basement car parking at Lot 356 DP 755701 No. 15 Murphys Road, Kingscliff and vegetation works at Lot 3 DP 1276752 Marine Parade Kingscliff
- 8.2** Development Application DA21/0021 for a residential flat building comprising 2 x 1-bedroom units, 24 x 2-bedroom units, 2 x 3-bedroom units at Lot 2 DP 360543 No. 1 Brett Street, Tweed Heads; Lot 1 DP 360543 No. 26 Recreation Street, Tweed Heads
- 8.3** Development Application DA21/0673 for a telecommunications facility at Lot 115 DP 241663 Faulks Street, Kingscliff; Lot 101 DP 31539; McPhail Avenue, Kingscliff
- 8.4** Tweed Shire Council (TSC) Submission to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on the proposed Murwillumbah Education Campus (SSD-16848913)

## Council meeting agenda Thursday 1 December 2022

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 1 December 2022 is available on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings). The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting.

### Agenda

#### Reports for consideration

#### Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1** Adoption of Recommendations from Planning Committee meeting held Thursday 3 November 2022

#### Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 13.1** Request by Chillingham Community Association to waive annual rent charges for the Chillingham Community Centre

#### Engineering

- 14.1** Draft Tweed River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sharing Plan 2023
- 14.2** Draft Regional Water Strategy - Far North Coast Shortlisted Actions - Consultation Paper
- 14.3** Amendment to Section 7.11 Plan No 7 - West Kingscliff
- 14.4** Section 7.11 Contribution Plan No. 15 - Developer Contributions for Community Facilities (Version 7) - Adoption

#### Corporate Services

- 15.1** Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Submission 2023
- 15.2** Code of Meeting Practice Policy

#### Sub-Committees/Working groups

- 16.1** Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 12 October 2022
- 16.2** Minutes of the Tweed Regional Museum Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 19 October 2022

#### Confidential items for consideration

#### Planning and regulation in committee

- 21.1** Tweed Mall Design Review Panel Update

#### Sustainable Communities and Environment in Committee

- 22.1** Proposed Lease to Seaside Shelter Inc of Council-managed Crown Land at 7 Faulkner Street, Tweed Heads South (Lot 8 DP249970)

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 Planning Committee 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 these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that these meetings are webcast and will be available on Council's website following the meeting.

## Current vacancies

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

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)



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## 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

- DA21/0924** - Boundary adjustment  
Lot 10DP 1254897, Lot 1 DP 118788, No. 221A Terranora Road, **Banora Point**
- DA22/0434** - Pontoon  
Lot 87 DP 263367, Lot 32 DP 263366, No. 8 Commodore Court, **Banora Point**
- DA21/1035** - Secondary dwelling & swimming pool  
Lot 10 DP 818973, No. 50 Cabarita Road, **Bogangar**
- DA22/0027** - Roofed deck addition to existing secondary dwelling  
Lot 17 DP 838549, No. 764 Terranora Road, **Terranora**
- DA22/0155** - Two lot strata subdivision  
Lot 6DP 1264394, No. 85 Henry Lawson Drive, **Terranora**
- DA21/0804** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a partial second storey addition, alfresco area, demolition work, a swimming pool and a boat ramp  
Lot 40 DP 260022, No. 3 Diamond Place, **Tweed Heads**
- DA22/0464** - Partial in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 114 DP 31041, No. 4 Tweed Street, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA22/0413** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 182 DP 1064327, No. 21 Riberry Drive, **Casuarina**
- DA22/0489** - Roof replacement  
SP 81047, No. 685-707 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**
- DA22/0644** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 217 DP 1202098, No. 6 Central Park Lane, **Casuarina**
- DA22/0302** - Addition to existing farm building  
Lot 11 DP 607679, No. 768 Clothiers Creek Road, **Clothiers Creek**
- DA22/0041** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and new swimming pool  
Lot 242DP 1075207, No. 41 Longboard Circuit, **Kingscliff**
- DA22/0631** - In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 190DP 1232786, No. 19 Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**
- DA22/0565** - Verandah extension  
Lot A DP 35831, No. 35 William Street, **Murwillumbah**
- DA22/0632** - Spa pool  
Lot 7 DP 868655, No. 26 Eva Crescent, **Piggabeen**
- DA22/0502** - Alterations and additions including detached garage and portico  
Lot 152 DP 806528, No. 17 Balmoral Street, **Pottsville**
- DA22/0570** - In-ground swimming pool and use of a retaining wall  
Lot 411 DP 1052083, No. 41 Macadamia Drive, **Pottsville**
- DA22/0548** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 203 DP 1002266, No. 30 Tanglewood Drive, **Tanglewood**
- DA22/0523** - Two storey dwelling with attached garage  
Lot 406DP 1252575, No. 17 Altitude Boulevard, **Terranora**
- DA22/0456** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including entry portico, front deck and pool deck  
Lot 147 DP 246854, No. 22 Norman Street, **Tweed Heads**
- DA22/0591** - Shed  
Lot 4 DP 391468, No. 173 Kennedy Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

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](https://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 30 November 2022 to Wednesday 14 December 2022.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
The Trustee for Cromack Family Trust & Others	Lot 1 DP 1240727 & Lot 3 DP 582718; No. 47 Hindmarsh Road, Nunderi	Expansion of existing restaurant and use of works undertaken without consent including earthworks	DA22/0765

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

Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. It should also be noted that Council has adopted a policy whereby, on request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the "Public Interest" and requests for confidentiality by submitters in determining access to submission letters. However, the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* - GIPAA may result in confidential submissions being released to an applicant.

#### Please Note- Requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donations

A disclosure is required to be made in a statement accompanying the relevant development or planning application by a person who makes the application. In addition, a person who makes a written submission either objecting to or supporting a relevant development or planning application must also make a disclosure if the person has made a reportable political donation.

Further information regarding Donations and Gift Disclosure are available on Councils' website [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)

## Blue-green algae detected at Clarrie Hall Dam

**Tap water throughout the Tweed remains safe to drink and bathe in despite Tweed Shire Council issuing a green alert for blue-green algae in Clarrie Hall Dam.**

The green alert means blue-green algae is present in low densities in the dam.

Affected water appears to have a green paint-like scum on the water, near the edges, or greenish clumps throughout the water. It can have a musty odour.

Council's Water and Wastewater operations manager Brie Jowett said the NATA-accredited Tweed Laboratory Centre had found evidence in the dam of the algal species capable of producing toxin.

"Council's water treatment processes are very robust - we remove blue-green algae from the water when blooms occur so our tap water remains perfectly safe to drink and bathe in," Mrs Jowett said.

Signs are being put up at the dam wall and Crams Farm to inform the public of the presence of blue-green algae and potential risks.

Council is taking a precautionary approach and advising against recreational activities in the dam.

At this time, do not come into contact with dam water and do not eat fish from the dam.

If anyone comes into contact with the algae, Council advises them to rinse it off with fresh water and seek medical advice if symptoms appear.

Blue-green algae occur naturally and can reproduce quickly in still or slow-flowing water when it is warm and sunny and the water is nutrient-rich.

Council will increase testing to twice a week within Clarrie Hall Dam to monitor the algae.

## Off-lead dog savagely kills threatened bird in Tweed Heads

**Tweed Shire Council project officer - wildlife protection Emily Clarke is pleading with dog owners to keep their pets on lead in public after a young Bush Stone-curlew was mauled by a dog outside Council's Tweed Heads Administration Office recently.**

The incident, reported to the Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers, resulted in the death of one of the chicks hatched by the successful breeding pair well known in that area.

"The Tweed's Bush Stone-curlews are the only population in NSW to record an increase in numbers over recent years. Sadly, most other populations in NSW are now extinct," Ms Clarke said.

"Numbers in the Tweed have increased since Council and the local community have been looking after nesting and winter roosting sites.

"It's terrible such a healthy chick has been needlessly killed. The pair that occupy this area have successfully bred there for the past five to six years."

Council Rangers, in partnership with Tweed/Byron police, are currently undertaking a program targeting dogs off lead in public places to reduce the risk of such incidents.

If you like to take your dog for a walk off-leash, consider taking them to one of the 16 designated off-leash areas in the Tweed. Locate these areas by visiting Council's website where there is a handy interactive map at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/where-can-i-walk-my-dog](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/where-can-i-walk-my-dog)

Equally important are dog prohibited zones, designed to protect our threatened species so they can breed, forage and raise their young safely. Sadly, people continue to ignore signs and warnings and dogs are regularly sighted at these locations.

Anyone caught with a dog off-lead in a public place is liable to be fined \$330 per dog.

## Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

**Banora Point & District Residents Assoc. Inc.** meet Monday 5 December 2022 at the South Tweed Sports Club commencing at 6:30 pm. Contact 0428 332 819 for further information.

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