

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.



Workers constructing the slab to mark the old station at Dunbible. Work is continuing along the Tweed leg of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, which is expected to be open to the public early next year.

Rail Trail not yet open for public use

As anticipation builds for the region's newest recreational asset, the community is being urged to wait until the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail is safe for public use.

The warning comes after reports of people using the trail in recent weeks, despite it not yet being open for public use.

Construction crews are still hard at work along many sections of the 24 km trail and works are scheduled to continue into early 2023.

Project Director Iain Lonsdale explained that construction materials may cause risks to members of the public who access the trail prior to its opening early next year.

Construction materials and heavy machinery are still in use on many parts of the trail and signage has not yet been installed.

"It is great to see people so eager to use the trail. Many have waited a long time to see this project come to fruition and it is not long now until we will all have access to an incredible resource for locals and visitors to enjoy," Mr Lonsdale said.

"But public safety is our first priority. Construction crews are still working across the length of the trail and there are a range of safety hazards that pose a risk to trail users trying to get a sneak peek ahead

of the opening.

"We ask the community to please be patient. We know with the holiday season nearly upon us, people are keen to check out the trail. We want to make sure everyone has a safe and positive experience, so we urge everyone to hold off until the trail opens early next year."

Work is expected to be completed on the trail early next year, weather permitting, with a host of community activities in the planning to mark its official opening.

To stay updated and be alerted to when the opening date is scheduled, visit northernriversrailtrail.com.au and follow Northern Rivers Rail Trail on social media.



Murwillumbah's 50 metre pool reopens

The community has waited more than 9 months and now there's some good news for summer! The 50-metre outdoor swimming pool at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre's Murwillumbah complex is full of sparkling blue water, just in time for the busy season.

The 50-metre pool and kids' leisure pool are ready to welcome back swimmers, however the giant hill slide and barbecue areas remain closed until further notice.

Several school carnivals have booked the 50-metre pool during December and the community is encouraged to check the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre's website for times when the pool may be unavailable.

The pool was full of storm water runoff and sustained damage from the massive downpour of 28 February 2022, which saw incredible volumes of storm water pour down Hospital Hill and into the pool.

To check availability for the 50 m pool, visit

trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/murwillumbah

For more information, including opening hours and charges, please visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Home, subscribe to TRAC's newsletter or follow TRAC on Facebook at facebook.com/TweedRegionalAquaticCentre



The 50-metre pool at Murwillumbah is now full and ready for swimmers for the summer season!



Last week we each used

187L a day

as at 5 December 2022

Waste tip



Waste tips for Christmas

- Buy locally, give an activity voucher or eco-friendly items – reusable bags, cups, bottles.
- Remember to take your reusable bags!
- Wrap your gifts in a reusable cloth bag or fabric.



Great prizes for next week's Cane Toad Challenge

Don't forget to sign up for the cane toad challenge, starting next week.

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. 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

Have your say in Burringbar

Due to a previous date cancellation, the pop-up in the park for the Burringbar will now be held this Friday 9 December from 3 pm to 6 pm at Burringbar Memorial Reserve and Masterson Park Concept Plan.

The event will include kids' activities (from 3pm to 5pm).

The community is invited to share their vision of the concept plan which is a key open space in the much-loved rural area with big village charm.

Can't make the event? Share your thoughts about the future of the park online at yoursaytweed.nsw.gov.au/burringbar.



The community is invited to share their vision of the Burringbar Memorial Reserve and Masterson Park Concept Plan, which is a key open space in village.

Community Building Partnership funds

The Tyalgum Community Hall Association and the Kunghur Rural Fire Brigade are among the beneficiaries of the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program 2022.

The program is aimed at improving lives and opportunities within local communities in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions.

More than \$52,200 is allocated for repainting the interior of Tyalgum Community Hall, which is a focal point for residents of the Tweed Valley village still severely impacted by road landslips.

Kunghur Rural Fire Brigade has received \$7800 for a zero-turn mower to maintain two-acre block for brigade facility and training area in bushfire-prone area.

Applications for the 2023 CBP program open in May 2023.

For more information, visit www.nsw.gov.au/cbp

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

- DA22/0573** - Carport within the left-hand-side building line and awning Lot 231 DP 829118, No. 35 Birkdale Court, **Banora Point**
- DA22/0440** - Two storey dwelling with attached garage Lot 26DP 1266201, No. 18 Evergreen View, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA21/1039** - Dwelling with attached carport and inground swimming pool Lot 20DP 1273771, No. 21 Kanooka Crescent, **Bogangar**
- DA22/0592** - Use of above ground pool Lot 7 DP 244787, No. 22 Towners Avenue, **Bogangar**
- DA22/0646** - Alterations and additions and raising of existing dwelling Lot 4 DP 200162, No. 7 Waugh Street, **Chinderah**
- DA22/0480** - In-ground swimming pool Lot 6 Section 14DP 758571, No. 3 Surf Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA22/0410** - Carport Lot 3 DP 1150940, No. 71 Tweed Valley Way, **South Murwillumbah**
- DA22/0652** - In-ground swimming pool Lot 67 DP 260472, No. 5 Sandpiper Avenue, **Tweed Heads**
- DA22/0698** - Inground pool and retaining walls Lot 112 DP 246488, No. 9 Compass Way, **Tweed Heads**
- DA22/0228** - Alterations and additions to Unit 1 of an existing attached dual occupancy including 1.5m high front fence Lot 1 SP 46958, SP 46958, Unit 1/No. 3 Parkland Place, **Banora Point**
- DA21/0902** - Construction of a detached dual occupancy, associated earthworks and strata subdivision Lot 458 DP 31998, No. 162 Broadwater Esplanade, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA21/0671** - Two (2) lot subdivision (boundary adjustment) and construction of a new deck attached to the existing dwelling Lot 1 DP 303307, Lot 2 DP 303307, No. 5 Chinderah Road, **Chinderah**
- DA21/0456** - Demolition of existing shed/outhouse, removal of existing pontoon and erection of new boat shed & boat launching ramp and driveway, and tree removal Lot 15 DP 1176104, No. 11 Tweed Valley Way, **Condong**
- DA22/0017** - Dwelling and change of use of existing dwelling to a rural workers dwelling Lot 10 DP 1229885, No. 7117 Tweed Valley Way, **Fernvale**
- DA21/0071** - Alterations and additions (including demolition) to an existing club (Cudgen Leagues Club refurbishment) Lot 3 DP 591720, Lot 11 DP 830660, Lot 12 LP 1143311, No. 7 Bradshaw Place, **Kingscliff**
- DA22/0325** - Change of use to dual use (Serviced Apartments and Shop Top Housing) of units 215 - 218, 333, 334, 335 & 338 SP 69243, Lot 32 SP 69243, Lot 33 SP 69243, Lot 34 SP 69243, Lot 37 SP 69243, Lot 17 SP 69243, Lot 16 SP 69243, Lot 15 SP 69243, Lot 14 SP 69243, No. 78-80 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**
- DA21/0391** - Change of use of tenancy 10 and 11 to artisan food and drink industry including new mezzanine, internal fitout, outdoor seating area, signage, ancillary events and use of existing storage container Lot 1DP 1267437, No. 141 Lundberg Drive, **South Murwillumbah**
- DA22/0292** - Alterations and additions to existing dual occupancy comprising of extension to bed 3, addition of ensuite to bed 1 and second story verandah and rearrange stairs Lot 2 SP 82445, Unit 2/No. 30 Inlet Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

Refused

- DA21/0777** - Change of use of a tourist accommodation unit to dual use shop top housing and serviced apartment Lot 126 SP 79995, Unit 126/No. 20-22 Stuart Street, **Tweed Heads**

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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Flood recovery update 7 December

Scenic Drive

Due to the weather the sealing of Scenic Drive, which was planned for last Thursday, is now planned for this Thursday, 8 December 2022.

With favourable conditions, motorists using Scenic Drive are advised that from Thursday, there will be a change in road conditions.

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 begin 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).

For more information on these and other repairs, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works.

Private land clean-up requests

The NSW Environmental Protection Authority reminds landowners in disaster declared flood-affected areas to register now for the land-based flood debris clean-up program which is available to

help clean up eligible large or hazardous man-made debris on private land.

This helps those landowners that do not have the skills, capacity, specialist equipment or financial means to remove large or hazardous man-made debris.

Safety is a primary focus for the program and applications will be accepted up until 31 December 2022. Any hazardous waste such as asbestos will be assessed and removed by qualified experts.

The EPA is working with Service NSW so that the community can apply for support under this program through the Service NSW website.

The EPA has appointed MRA Consulting Group to project manage the clean-up of flood debris on public land and eligible large or hazardous debris on private land.

MRA will assess private land clean-up requests submitted via the Service NSW website. For further information, call MRA Consulting Group on 0492 941 487, or email the program at floodwaste@mraconsulting.com.au

Fund to help flood-affected homeowners

Tweed homeowners devastated by this year's floods, could be eligible to raise, repair, retrofit or have their home voluntarily bought back though the Northern Rivers Resilient Homes Fund package jointly funded by the Federal and NSW governments.

The Resilient Homes Program will begin reaching out to eligible residents from November 2022.

Residents already engaged in the Flood Property Assessment Program, delivered by NSW Public Works and Johns Lyng Group, will be contacted automatically.

Registrations are still open for the Flood Property Assessment Program.

Residents not yet engaged in the Flood Property Assessment Program are encouraged to submit their contact details to the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation via the following link:

nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/northern-rivers-reconstruction-corporation/resilient-homes-fund/resilient-homes-program.

For more detailed information about the program, including guidelines, eligibility and co-contributions, go to: nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/northern-rivers-reconstruction-corporation/resilient-homes-fund.

Road survey to test road conditions

One of the biggest road surveys in Regional NSW has commenced in the Northern Rivers to help build a picture of the current condition of road and transport infrastructure in the region.

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC), in partnership with Transport for NSW and the seven Northern Rivers local councils, is undertaking a whole of network road condition assessment across all sealed roads in the Ballina, Byron Bay, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed LGAs.

A week-long survey of rural roads in the Tweed has already been completed.

Urban roads in the Tweed will be tested using a Network Survey Vehicle (NSV) and will measure the road surface at a single pass.

The NSV will be on Tweed roads up until mid-December.

It will test roughness and texture via a multi laser profilometer, visual condition using high-resolution imagery, rutting and crack detection using a laser crack measurement system.

The whole-of-network assessment is being completed by the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) and will continue across the region until the end of 2022.

The ARRB will test more than 5,500 kilometres of road surface in the Northern Rivers and the assessment will assist in building a picture around the \$4.9 billion in infrastructure work, including a pipeline of

more than \$1.7 billion to address road and transport infrastructure rebuilding across the region.

For more information about the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation and its Infrastructure Coordination Office, go to www.nsw.gov.au/NRRC.



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Re-notification of integrated development application

Development Application No. DA21/0404

A development application has been lodged by Urban Planning Services seeking development consent for 37 lot subdivision (as staged development) at Lot 7 DP 853589; No. 67 Scenic Drive **Bilambil Heights**. The NSW Land and Environment Court is the consent authority for the application.

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

Provision	Approval	Authority
Section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i>	General Approval	Rural Fire Service
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	Department of Planning & 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 The documents will be available for a period of 50 days from Wednesday 7 December 2022 to Friday 27 January 2023.

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