

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.



The Tweed leg of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail was officially opened last Wednesday, with much excitement from local walkers, runners, cyclists, school students and trishaw bike enthusiasts.

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail is open!

The much-anticipated Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail is now officially open, with everyone from walkers to runners, cyclists and people of all abilities already exploring the beautiful region.

The 24 km Tweed section of the Rail Trail was officially opened in a ceremony at the heritage-listed Murwillumbah Railway Station last Wednesday and since then has been a magnet for those keen to check out and explore the Tweed's newest tourism attraction.

The opening comes a day after the region marked the one-year anniversary of the flood, heralding a positive new beginning and recovery for the Tweed Valley and wider Northern Rivers region.

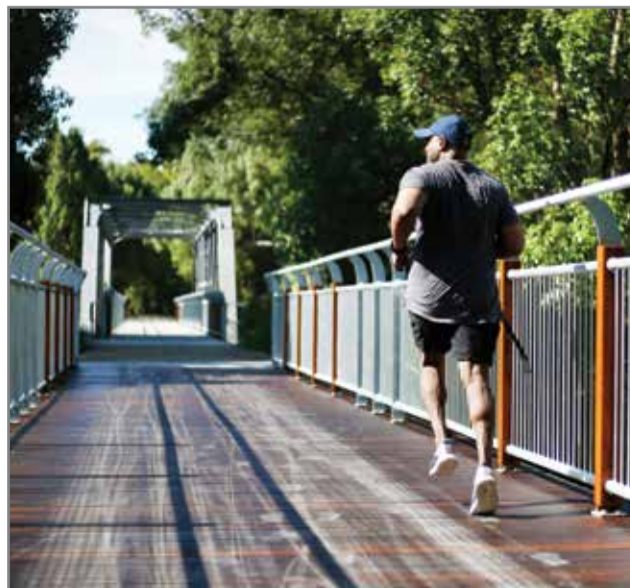
Starting at the heritage-listed Murwillumbah Railway Station (pictured below), the 24km Tweed section of the Rail Trail meanders gently southwards through the Tweed Valley, connecting the villages of the Tweed Valley through the rolling hills and spectacular scenery of the region. The path features 26 bridges and 2 tunnels, including the 500m Burringbar Range tunnel which features tiny micro-bats and glow worms.

It is the first completed stage of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, which will eventually stretch 132 km to Casino, traversing through Byron, Lismore and Richmond Valley. Construction has begun on the Casino to Bentley section of the Rail Trail, which is on track to be completed by the end of December.

The opening follows the launch of the new Northern Rivers Rail Trail website, which provides comprehensive information allowing users to plan ahead of their visit.



A community celebration to mark the opening of the Rail Trail is planned for the weekend of Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March, with a host of fun, family-friendly activities on offer.



Last week we each used

179L a day

as at 6 March 2023

In brief ...

Getting clean, down low and dirty

Since January, Council has been quietly working on a first for the Tweed – cleaning sewer rising mains that need it.

After trials last year, staff from Council's Water and Wastewater Unit worked out that clean sewer rising mains extend the life and improve the performance of sewer pumps.

Every year, Council will now test the Tweed's sewer pumps to work out the rising mains that need a good clean.

This year, it's Fingal Head, Banora Point and Bray Park's turn.

Because properties aren't attached to sewer rising mains, Council can do the work without any impact on residents and businesses.

Sewer rising mains transport sewage via pumps to our wastewater treatment plants.

Go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/wastewater-and-treatment to find out more about how we supply you with high-quality, affordable and reliable wastewater services.

Building? Hire a planning expert

Due to the complex nature of the planning process, Council is urging people trying to lodge a development application to hire a professional consultant before submitting.

For general planning advice and enquiries, residents can book a discussion with a Council duty officer. A duty officer is usually a first point of contact for people with broad planning queries, however they are unable to answer complex enquiries that may require research.

You can book a free 30-minute discussion with a duty officer between the hours of 9 am and 12 pm Monday to Friday. You can meet with the team at our Murwillumbah Administration building or online via virtual meeting.

Due to the unprecedented volume of development enquiries and applications across the Tweed Shire, duty officers are unable to take meetings in the afternoons.

For more information, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-advice-enquiries

2,431 cane toads bite the dust!

Round 2 of the Tweed cane toad challenge finished last week with 23 dedicated individuals or teams getting involved.

The toad busters collected a whopping 2,431 total cane toads from the environment (preventing between 6,482,666 - 28,361,666 future cane toads from coming into existence).

The winners of the challenge were:

1st: Emma's Team from Banora Point – 1,137 toads

2nd: Diane's Team from North Tumbulgum – 1,000 toads

3rd: Terranora Team – 113 toads

The next free cane toad education session will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday 23 March at the Murwillumbah Services Club. The next cane toad busting challenge will be held from 3 to 9 April and look out for the final education session in late April.

Register for the free event or find out how you can tackle the cane toad problem at tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads



Great catch! One of the participants from the latest Tweed cane toad challenge with their haul.

Osprey nest relocation at Hastings Point

To protect the Tweed Coast osprey population, Council staff will relocate the existing Hastings Point osprey nest material to a new nest cradle this week before osprey breeding season kicks off.

The new nest cradle is located at the Hastings Point Holiday Park (170 metres from the existing nest).

The original osprey nest above the Hastings Point bridge collapsed in late 2021. The nest was built on a timber platform and had been there for many years.

Council installed a new pole and nest cradle for the osprey at the Hastings Point Holiday Park in 2022 however, before this work could be completed, the birds rebuilt their nest on the old pole on the bridge.

They were successful in breeding in this nest however, local osprey experts are concerned the existing bridge nest is unstable as it is poorly supported by old timbers with little surface area which is a risk to eggs or chicks. There is also a risk that the nest material could fall onto the footpath.

The cross beams on the old pole at the bridge will be removed, to ensure the birds can no longer nest unsafely in this location.

Council successfully relocated a nest away from Barneys Point Bridge at Chinderah last year using this same process. The osprey pair immediately took to their new nest location and successfully raised chicks in the nest last season, which is expected for the Hastings Point pair.

Find out how Council looks after the Tweed's coast and waterways, including 12 osprey nests at tweed.nsw.gov.au/coast-waterways



The local osprey pair from Hastings Point will have their nest relocated this week to a safer site nearby. Photo: Sally Hinton

Murwillumbah Cycle Club – Road use

Murwillumbah Cycle Club will be conducting road cycling races on Saturday afternoons from 18 March 2023 to 25 November 2023 between 2 pm and 5 pm using roads around Murwillumbah.

The roads to be used are Dulguigan Road, McAuleys Road, Urliup Road, Boyds Lane, Hoop Pine Road at Urliup and Tyalgum Road at Eungella. Cyclists will assemble for road races at Pat Smith Park (Urliup), and Travis Campbell Park (Eungella). For the safety of all road users traffic control and signage will be in place. Please watch out for cyclists. Minimal delays should be expected. For further information please contact Murwillumbah Cycle Club on 0411 980 012, email secretarymurwillumbahcycleclub@gmail.com or visit murwillumbah.tidyhq.com

Road closures – Kingscliff Triathlon

Roads closed Saturday 18 March: Cudgen Creek Boat Ramp Access Road (18 March 8 pm – 19 March 1 pm)

Roads closed Sunday 19 March: Marine Pde from Moss St to Seaview St roundabout (5:30 am to 1 pm), Marine Pde from Seaview St roundabout to Wommin Bay Rd (6:20 am to 11:30 am), Wommin Bay Rd from Marine Pde to Chinderah Bay Dr and along to Chinderah Village Caravan Park (6:20 am to 11:30 am), Pearl St southbound from Turnock St to Seaview St (5:30 am to 11:30 am), Moss St from Marine Pde to Sutherland Point Rd (5:30 am to 1 pm), Cudgen Creek Boardwalk from Salt to creek mouth (5:30 am to 1 pm).

Visit kingsclifftri.org or contact the team on 02 8507 0796

Current vacancies

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Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

WATER WEEK 9 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading



Flood Recovery update – 8 March 2023

The Tweed flood recovery continues with reconstruction work progressing on the Murwillumbah Community Centre and work commencing on various sports facilities.

The flood resilience measures for the Murwillumbah Community Centre include raising services above flood levels, epoxy flooring, stainless steel joinery and aluminium doors throughout the centre.

Internal wall sheeting has been completed, epoxy floor coating in section A has been finished and preparations are complete for bi-fold doors in the main meeting room.

Storm damage repairs at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah have commenced including repairs to cabinetry, flooring and the roof.

Reinstatement work has commenced on the netball clubhouse at the Knox Park and the canteen and changerooms at Brian Breckenridge Fields. At both sites, the electrical services are being raised higher to guard against future flood risks.

Structural investigations works are underway at Vic Bianchetti Sports Centre, and field 2 lighting works have been completed at Barrie Smith Hockey Club with the poles electrical fuses raised above flood levels

and protected with stainless steel boxes.

Funding for these projects is coming from Sport Priority Needs Program.

To keep up to date with flood recovery work, including roadworks and major slips, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update.



Flood resilience is being built into the Murwillumbah Community Centre.

Resilient Homes Program pop-ups

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation is set to hold information pop-up sessions about its Resilient Homes Program at key locations across the Tweed.

The Resilient Homes Program pop-ups will offer information on available measures based on expert property assessments, flood impact severity data, safety risks and potential future flood levels.

The measures range from:

- Home buybacks – homeowner receives a payment for the purchase of their house and land
- Home raising – funding is committed to elevate liveable areas above a property-specific flood level

- Home retrofit – funding is committed to retrofit and/or repair liveable areas to improve the resilience of these areas for future floods.

The pop-ups will be held on Tuesday 14 March at:

- Pottsville - Phillip Street Reserve (location of markets), from 1 pm to 2:30 pm.
- Tumbulgum - Tumbulgum Hall, corner Riverside Drive and Government Road, from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Contact the NRRC via email at

resilienthomesprogram@nrcc.nsw.gov.au or phone 1800 844 085.

Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Naming of roads in subdivision – Kingscoast, Cudgen

Tweed Shire Council has approved the names of the roads dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 in DP828298 (S93/0076.01) in Cudgen, Tweed Shire as shown below:

- Bowen Loop
- Sugar Mill Road

Authorised by the delegated officer, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484 and in accordance with section 162 of the Roads Act 1993.

Have your say

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/subdivkingscoast to learn more.

Naming of road in subdivision – Mebbin Springs, Kunghur

Tweed Shire Council has approved the names of the private roads dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lots 1 and 27 in DP286231 (S94/0070.09) in Kunghur, Tweed Shire as shown below:

- Sisters Court
- Doughboy Close
- Panorama View

Authorised by the delegated officer, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484 and in accordance with section 162 of the Roads Act 1993.

Have your say

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/subdivkunghur to learn more.

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

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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

DA22/0703 - Roofed deck, carport and front fence
Lot 14 DP 237054, No. 11 Bione Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA22/0485 - Shed
Lot 28 DP 789650, No. 50 Waranga Crescent, **Burringbar**

DA22/0821 - Alterations and additions including house raising
Lot 6 DP 617837, No. 3 Hunter Street, **Burringbar**

DA22/0818 - Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling
Lot 3 DP 23515, No. 74 Wommin Bay Road, **Chinderah**

DA22/0494 - Two storey dwelling and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 375DP 1087716, No. 22 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0679 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling to create a secondary dwelling

Lot 86 DP 1186189, No. 353 Casuarina Way, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0842 - Use of dwelling additions

Lot 13 Section 7DP 758571, No. 81 Kingscliff Street, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0436 - Flyover carport within the front building line

Lot 11 DP 35929, No. 7 Harwood Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA22/0477 - Demolition of sunroom and new roofed patio

Lot 2 SP 48348, Unit 2/No. 36 Vintage Lakes Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA22/0674 - Raise existing dwelling

Lot 2 DP 557660, No. 238 Tumbulgum Road, **Tyngalga**

DA22/0199 - 2 lot strata subdivision

Lot 8DP 1264394, No. 89 Henry Lawson Drive, **Terranora**

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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