

Tweed Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the Ngandawal and Minyungbal speaking people of the Bundjalung Country, in particular the Goodjinburra, Tul-gi-gin and Moorung – Moobah clans, as being the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters within the Tweed Shire boundaries. Council also acknowledges and respects the Tweed Aboriginal community's right to speak for its Country and to care for its traditional Country in accordance with its laws, customs and traditions.



Ratepayers are being asked to provide feedback on whether Council should fund a budget shortfall through raising rates or reducing services.

## Have your say: raise rates or reduce services?

**Council is seeking community feedback on how best to make up a \$1.6 million shortfall in the 2023/24 Budget, with two options placed on public exhibition.**

Council is seeking to apply for a 2.35% rise in general rates (known as a Special Rate Variation or SRV).

This is in addition to the 4.0% pegged rate rise already approved for the Tweed by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) – an independent body that determines the level of rates able to be collected by councils across NSW.

**As part of this process, Council has called for community input on whether they support the SRV or would prefer to see Council find the additional funds required by reducing service levels.**

The community is being asked to provide feedback ahead of a Council decision on the issue at the June Council meeting.

### Why?

Council needs to find an additional \$1.6 million in its budget for the next financial year to meet the rising costs of delivering services and to ensure Council's information systems are up to date and secure.

The extra costs Council needs to fund include:

- compliance officers previously funded by Environmental Enforcement levies removed by the NSW Government
- upgrading core IT business systems to make it easier and safer to do business with Council
- additional cyber security
- increased insurance premiums.

An unprecedented growth in development applications since the COVID-19 pandemic is another challenge, with additional staff required to help reduce processing times.

### The options

Council can fund this extra \$1.6 million in one of 2 ways:

- Option one – increase Council's revenue through

a Special Rate Variation by increasing rates by an additional 2.35% above the rate peg increase of 4%. The 2.35% increase represents an average rate rise of \$37.55 for the year – or on average of 72 cents a week – per ratepayer.

- Option 2 is to look at ways to reduce costs. This would mean reducing some of Council's service levels to the community.

If services are reduced, some of the [services](#) that may be affected include the potential to close Kingscliff Library, reduce road and park maintenance levels including pothole repair, reduce opening hours at Council's three aquatic centres, reduce the scale of Council's new animal pound – among other service reductions.

### Inviting your feedback

You are being asked to consider 2 options:

1. Support the proposed Special Rate Variation.
2. Not support the Special Rate Variation and reduce services instead.

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/srv](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/srv) to find out more details and tell us what you think through a survey before 4 pm on Friday 26 May.

You can also register for upcoming Community Conversations where there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Community Conversations will be held in Tweed Heads on Monday 15 May and in Murwillumbah on Tuesday 16 May. Register to receive more details via the link on the Your Say Tweed page.

To find out more about how Council rates are calculated, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/rates-explained](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/rates-explained) and watch the animated video.

To see the list of proposed Council services reductions visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/srv-addendum](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/srv-addendum) and to read the Council reports, visit the 20 April Council meeting at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings)

## Northern Rivers Reconstruction Industry Conference



**Program leaders from Tweed Shire Council's Flood Restoration Unit will attend a NSW Government conference in Tweed Heads on Thursday, updating the local reconstruction sector on the progress of flood restoration works in the Northern Rivers region.**

The one-day Northern Rivers Reconstruction Industry Conference at Twin Towns is an opportunity for the reconstruction industry to advise on the reconstruction

pipeline and infrastructure.

Opportunities within the NSW Government's Resilience Homes Program will also be explored together with discussions around business capability, local workforces, staffing and training.

The Insurance Council of Australia now estimates the costs and scale of damage to homes, business, and infrastructure from the 2022 flood at \$5.56 billion, the largest damage-bill in Australian history.



Last week we each used **174L a day**  
as at 24 April 2023

## In brief ...

### Business and Industrial zone changes

**Business and Industrial zones will now be known as Employment zones. This will take effect on Wednesday 26 April 2023.**

The changes will amend the *Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014* and *Tweed City Centre Local Environmental Plan 2012*.

To determine the new zone for previously zoned Business and Industrial zoned land, refer to the published equivalent zones tables at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/equivalent-zones-tables](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/equivalent-zones-tables)

### Everybody needs good neighbours!

**We are looking for neighbours in the Tweed.**

We want to spotlight neighbours across the area who have some sort of connection. You may have been friends for years, have worked together, or have just met – however you came to know your neighbour, we would love to hear your story.

You do not have to be direct neighbours, you can be in the same street or close by.

These stories will be used as part of a campaign that is working to make the places we live, work and visit safer, to protect our quality of life.

If you have a neighbour story you would like to share with the community, email [communicationstsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communicationstsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au) with your name and a brief description of your story.

We would love to hear from you.

## Wondering how land valuations work?

**If you've recently received your notice of valuation from the NSW Valuer General you may be wondering how this will affect your rates.**

The NSW Valuer General provides independent land values every 3 years. Local councils use these valuations to help determine rates.

Land value is based on factors such as recent sales evidence, land use, zoning restrictions and nearby amenities. It does not include the value of a house or other property improvements.

Landholders who disagree with their land valuation can [lodge an objection](#) with the Valuer General at [valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au](https://valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au) within 60 days. Tweed Shire Council does not conduct these reviews.

### How does my land value affect my rates?

Only part of your rates is linked to your land value. This is known as the *Ad Valorem* component which includes a minimum rate.

Council uses the minimum rate to ensure a fair contribution from all ratepayers.

The other parts of your rates such as water access, sewerage access and garbage collection are not linked to your land value.

An increase in land value does not necessarily mean an increase in rates.

**Council does not receive more money because land values increase, although some people may pay more or less on their rates depending on the change in value of their land relative to changes in land values across the Tweed.**

Watch the video at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/land-valuations](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/land-valuations) to find out more about the rates process and how Council plans ahead so the Tweed is ready for the future.



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# Inaugural Murbah Youth Fest this Saturday

NSW Youth Week is set to skyrocket in the Tweed this year with the inaugural Murbah Youth Festival to take place in Knox Park on Saturday 29 April.

The free community event kicks off at 10 am near the skate park in Knox Park, Murwillumbah and is part of NSW Youth



## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

### Integrated Planning and Reporting documents

Council's range of strategies and plans work together to set the community's vision and goals for the Tweed, plan programs and services that will deliver on those goals and allocate appropriate resources to make it happen.

You are invited to provide feedback on the following documents on public exhibition:

- Draft Delivery Program 2022 – 2026 and Operational Plan 2023 – 2024
- Draft Resourcing Strategy 2023 – 2033
- Draft Revenue Policy and Statement 2023 – 2024
- Draft Budget 2023 – 2024
- Draft Fees and Charges 2023 – 2024

### Have your say

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/delivering-our-future-2023-2024](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/delivering-our-future-2023-2024) to read the documents and have your say by 4 pm Friday 26 May 2023.

### Proposed Special Rate Variation

To meet the rising costs of maintaining current Council services, Council is seeking to apply for a permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 2.35% above the rate peg limit of 4.0%. The proposal is now on exhibition for community feedback.

### Have your say

You are invited to review the details of the SRV and provide your feedback on the proposal by 4 pm Friday 26 May 2023 at [yoursaytweed.com.au/srv](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/srv)

Community Conversations will be scheduled to help you understand the proposal. Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au](https://yoursaytweed.com.au) for event details.

### Contribution Plan Amendment – CP10 Cobaki Lakes

As part of Council's ongoing review of its developer contribution plans, CP10 Cobaki Lakes has been updated and the amended plan is on exhibition until 5 pm, Wednesday 24 May 2023.

### Have your say

Submissions relating to the amended plan can be made:

- **online:** [yoursaytweed.com.au/cpcobakilakes](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/cpcobakilakes)
- **mail:** PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484
- **email:** [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Enquiries to Danny Rose, Manager Roads & Stormwater, 02 6670 2400

**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](https://yoursaytweed.com.au)

## Community notice

**Chinderah Districts Residents Association** meet Tuesday 2 May 2023, 7 pm at Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff Street, opposite nursing home Kingscliff.

## Current vacancies

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies) to view current vacancies. Subscribe to receive **Job Vacancy Alerts** via email at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

WATER WEEK 3



Check when your water meter is read at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading)

Week celebrated across the state from 20 to 30 April.

The festival will have a chill out zone and wellbeing area, a creative section with artmaking opportunities, spoken word and poetry, a 'Have Your Say' tent, and physical activities such as giant Jenga and bubble soccer.

The festival will also highlight a range of local talents with a Battle of the Bands competition and a talent quest. Visit the Youth Creative Market, a central element of the festival, where you can shop for artisanal items made by young people from across the Tweed.

The festival is part of the Murwillumbah Youth Action Project, funded by the Department of Communities and Justice Opportunities grant.

For more information on NSW Youth Week 2023 visit [nsw.gov.au/nsw-youth-week-2023](https://nsw.gov.au/nsw-youth-week-2023)

## 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

**DA23/0114** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including 1.8 m front fence  
Lot 243 DP 840595, No. 3 Grass Tree Circuit, **Bogangar**

**DA23/0031** – Patio and carport forward of the building line  
Lot 19 DP 26641, No. 57 Kyogle Road, **Bray Park**

**DA22/0743** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 35 DP 1031933, No. 19 She-Oak Lane, **Casuarina**

**DA23/0089** – Inground swimming pool including 1.8m front fence  
Lot 1 SP 74952, No. 49 Collins Lane, **Casuarina**

**DA22/0772** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 22 DP 853524, No. 2 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

**DA23/0100** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 20 DP 850937, No. 197 Clothiers Creek Road, **Nunderi**

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)

## Notification of designated/integrated development proposal

### Development Application No. DA23/0113

A development application has been lodged by AI Skips seeking development consent for waste transfer station upgrade at Lot 1 DP 1185359; No. 16 Naru Street, Chinderah. Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Designated Development' pursuant to Section 4.10 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended) and Clause 7(1) and Schedule 3 of the accompanying Regulation.

The proposed development also constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 91(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Sections 43(A), 47 and 55 of the Protection of the <i>Environment Operations Act 1997</i>	Environment protection licence to authorise carrying out of scheduled development works at any premises	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Environment Protection Authority NSW)
Sections 43(B), 48 and 55 of the Protection of the <i>Environment Operations Act 1997</i>	Environment protection licence to authorise carrying out of scheduled activities at any premises	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Environment Protection Authority NSW)
Sections 43(D), 48 and 55 of the Protection of the <i>Environment Operations Act 1997</i>	Environment protection licenses to control carrying out of non-scheduled activities for the purposes of regulating water pollution resulting from the activity	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Environment Protection Authority NSW)

The development application and the documents accompanying it, including the relevant environmental impact statement 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 28 days from Wednesday 26 April to Wednesday 24 May 2023.

Any person may, during the above period, make a written submission to the General Manager of Council. 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 development must state the ground upon which such objection is made. Further, any person who makes a submission by way of objection and who is dissatisfied with Council's determination in relation to the matter may appeal to the Land and Environment Court in accordance with Section 8.8 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended). If a Commission of Inquiry is held, the Minister's determination of the application is final and not subject to appeal.

### 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](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)

# Road inspections at Brays Creek and Bilambil Heights



Motorists are warned traffic may be slowed at 2 sites in the Tweed Shire this week as lanes are closed to help contractors inspect and update road conditions as part of restoration works (weather permitting).

## Brays Creek

On Wednesday 26 April and Thursday 27 April, traffic on Byrrill Creek Road will be limited to single lane access approximately 200-metres south of the intersection with Brays Creek Road, as Council contractors investigate the site.

Traffic controls will be in place.

## Bilambil Heights

Two significant slip sites along Scenic Drive have now been repaired by Council with pleasing results. Council continues to inspect the road as a precautionary measure.

On Monday 2 May and possibly Tuesday 3 May 2023, contractors will be on site along Scenic Drive and Bilambil Road at Bilambil Heights inspecting the road condition of the westbound lane. Through-access for motorists will be limited to the single, eastbound lane.

Motorists are asked to observe traffic directions, speed limits, and electronic signage. Short delays are possible.

Council continues to rebuild a safe and connected local road network in the wake of the 2022 Flood.



Investigation of a further section of Byrrill Creek Road is scheduled for 26 and 27 April.

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