

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 lore, customs and traditions.



A dugong – similar to the one pictured here – is believed to have made the Tweed River home with several sightings of this rare marine animal reported to Council over the past 12 months.

## Warning after rare sightings of dugong in Tweed River

**Boat operators are urged to take special care in the Tweed River, with several sightings of a dugong reported to Council over the past 12 months.**

While dugong are known to occur in Moreton Bay, the presence of one of these marine mammals in the Tweed is both unusual and exciting.

Council's Team Leader Coast and Waterways Tom Alletson said it was believed the dugong may have relocated to the Tweed following the impact of the 2022 flood, perhaps having been displaced from Moreton Bay due to poor water quality.

"Dugongs feed on seagrass beds and are entirely dependent on these habitats being extensive and healthy," Mr Alletson said.

"So far it appears there may only be one individual dugong in the Tweed, and it is not known if it has been here permanently since the first sighting in May 2022. The most recent report to Council was received just last week and included a brief video."

Mr Alletson appealed to boat owners to take special care in the river – not only to prevent the potential strike of marine animals but also to protect seagrass beds.

Read the full story at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news)

### Dugong story featured around the world

Since the dugong news last week, our community and people across the world have been fascinated!

The story recorded 107 mentions across various traditional and social media platforms and is Council's top performing post on Facebook so far this year.

The story was even picked up in the US and Canada and featured in several publications, including the Miami Herald.

On Tweed Shire Council's Facebook page the post has reached more than 49,645 people so far.

Connect with Council on its social media channels at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/social-media](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/social-media)



The Tweeds dugong made international news.



Last week we each used  
**179L a day**  
as at 22 May 2023

### 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](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

## Gallery to host Picnic and Artist Paint Out!

**Mark your diaries, the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre's annual community picnic will take place on Sunday 18 June from 2 to 5 pm.**

Enjoy live music, free activities for kids and the opportunity to create art with the stunning views of Wollumbin / Mount Warning as the backdrop.

Bring your own picnic or for your convenience Apex Dining will be serving warming soups, delicious hotbox items and family packs directly from the picnic ground.

Artists of all levels are invited to bring along their materials to make work en plein air (French for 'painting outdoors').

Special guest artists Ron McBurnie and Jonathan McBurnie will be working on site and will be on hand to mentor and chat about their work. You can also watch as they make work in response to this stunning landscape.

This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Margaret Olley's birthday. Olley began her career as a landscapist and loved to work en plein air once saying:

*'Home is wherever my wicker basket happens to be, and it is always full of paint.'*

No bookings required.

For more information on events and workshops at the Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Centre, visit [gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](https://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)



Bring the whole family for a day of art and community within the picturesque grounds of the Gallery.

## Vandalism is costing ratepayers at Pottsville Environment Park

**Signs and mesh fencing were recently erected in the Pottsville Environment Park to advise park users that some sections of the trails are closed due to unsafe conditions.**

In the days following, signage has been ripped down and thrown in the creek and every day, Council staff have replaced them.

The closed tracks are still being used, particularly by push bikes riders because their tracks are visible in the mud after the recent rain.

Council is urging the community to heed the warnings and not to use the closed tracks for a number of reasons, including:

- the elevated timber boardwalks on the sections of the track that are closed are not safe – walking or riding over them puts yourself at risk of injury
- the signs are in place for the safety of the community – removing them puts your fellow community members at risk
- throwing the signs in the creek is littering.

Collecting signs out of the creek and replacing them each day takes more resources and staff time and ratepayer's money that could be better spent on other things.

See related story in the Tweed Link from 19 April 2023 at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-link](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-link)



Vandals have removed 'tracks closed' signage and fencing numerous times at the Pottsville Environment Park, putting the community at risk.



# Reconciliation week urges the community to be a voice for generations

A whole-of-community Walk on Country at the Kingscliff Foreshore, the Kinship Festival at Murwillumbah and the launch of a new interactive map detailing reconciliation achievements across the Tweed are highlights of this year's Reconciliation Week festivities in the region.

Council will be supporting events across the Tweed this Reconciliation Week which runs from 27 May to 3 June. The week will give our community an opportunity to participate in Indigenous culture and learn from First Nations people through a range of free events.

The theme for this year's Reconciliation Week is Be a Voice for Generations. The theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

Council will also use the week to spotlight Aboriginal cultural heritage projects in the Tweed and launch a new interactive map of achievements in the reconciliation space.

The Kinship Festival will kick off celebrations on Saturday 27 May in Knox Park, Murwillumbah. The annual community-led event allows people to connect, share and participate in First Nation's culture, community, and country.

Kinship festivities will commence at 10 am with a welcome and smoking ceremony, followed by a corroboree with 10 different dance groups from across the Bundjalung Nation and beyond, celebrating kinship connections through dance, art installations, language workshops, weaving, children's nature crafts and traditional games, live music, youth space – and the always popular Aboriginal artisan market.

Council will also be supporting the Walk on Country – a whole-of-community event which is being held in Kingscliff on the closing day of the festival, Sunday 4 June.

Following an official Welcome to Country, the walk will commence at 10 am at Ed Parker Rotary Park at Cudgen Creek and finish at Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club. After the walk, there will be a free community barbecue and gathering, as well as a First Nations live music band, Elders' morning tea, activities for children and opportunities to be involved in a Sea of Hands installation, which is occurring at various locations across Australia.

Council is currently working with Aboriginal groups to look at ways to preserve local cultural heritage and landscapes through projects such as the Hastings Point Headland Management Plan and the Norries Headland Masterplan. Council is also working closely with the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council, to consider the impact of visitors to these areas and their impact on local species and sensitive coastal eco systems.



**Kinship Festival will kick off on the Saturday 27 May in Knox Park, Murwillumbah.** Image: Tommy Byrnes

Other highlights have been Council's support of the Tweed Goori Youth Holiday Program and the creation of Council's award-winning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Town Planner Development Program which saw Council hire its first Aboriginal trainee town planner.

Shire Council, Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club, local schools including Kingscliff Public School, Kingscliff High School and Cudgen Public School.

## Event details

### Kinship Festival

Saturday 27 May, 10 am – 4 pm  
Knox Park, Murwillumbah

### Walk on Country

Sunday 4 June, 10 am – 1 pm.

The walk will commence at Cudgen Creek, Ed Parker Rotary Park, Kingscliff.

The Walk on Country is a collaborative community event hosted by The Family Centre, NORTEC, Momentum Collective, Social Futures, Healthy North Coast, Tweed



## Limnocharis – a serious biosecurity threat to our region

Rous County Council's Weed Biosecurity Officers recently intercepted the local trade of *Limnocharis* (*Limnocharis flava*), commonly known as Yellow Burrhead, Sawah Lettuce, and Yellow Velvet Leaf.

*Limnocharis flava* is 'Prohibited Matter' under the NSW *Biosecurity Act 2015*. *Limnocharis* is an edible aquatic plant, with pale yellow flowers, growing to approximately one metre high. *Limnocharis* is highly invasive. Each plant produces up to a million seeds per year, with seeds staying viable for up to four years. In other sub-tropical regions of Australia, *Limnocharis* has spread prolifically into waterways, causing considerable harm and cost to industry, environment, and the economy.



**Limnocharis (*Limnocharis flava*).**

Images: Biosecurity Queensland, Kim Erbacher

People within our local community may have acquired *Limnocharis* without being aware of the danger it poses. On the Far North Coast, under law, any suspected sightings must be reported to Rous County Council, the Local Control Authority. Biosecurity Officers focus on reducing the risk of emergence and spread of weed biosecurity threats.

Together let's protect our region from the threat of *Limnocharis*. Familiarise yourself with the plant's key characteristics and inform the Weed Biosecurity team at Rous County Council today of any suspected sightings.

For more information, contact Rous County Council today on 02 66 23 3800.



**Limnocharis flower.**



For assistance in identifying a weed or to report a weed go to [rous.nsw.gov.au/report-a-weed](https://rous.nsw.gov.au/report-a-weed) or call us on 02 6623 3800.

For more information, visit NSW WeedWise at [weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/YellowBurrhead](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/YellowBurrhead)

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# Have your say on park and platform naming

Council has received two applications from community members to rename local parks and one application to name a viewing platform and parkland.

You are invited to share your thoughts on these proposed re-namings up until 14 June 2023.

## Proposed renaming of Old Barney's Point Bridge Park to Hinton's Corner Park.

**Submission:** "The Hinton family has a strong connection to Fingal, Chinderah and surrounds which continues to the present day. Hinton's Corner provided a popular rest and meal stop for coaches and travellers on their way to Brisbane. The Hinton family businesses contributed to the post war boom in tourism and economic development of Fingal and surrounds."

## Proposed renaming of Bray Park Reserve and off-leash dog park to 'Easton Park' or 'Clive Easton Park'.

**Submission:** "Clive Easton was employed as the Tweed Shire Entomologist from 1984 until 2013. During this time, he was responsible for many notable improvements and innovations. He initiated many innovations regarding the control of mosquito and biting midge, trying to limit the use of chemicals. Carol Easton, his wife, campaigned long and hard for an Off Leash Dog Park to be sited somewhere in Murwillumbah."

## Proposed naming of the viewing platform and parkland between the Cabarita Beach Hotel and Beach at Pandanus Parade, Cabarita Beach to 'David Rae Place'.

**Submission:** "David was involved with Lions Club in its foundation. He was very active in the community particularly in maintaining the land behind the Surf Club as public space. David wrote and published two books. One on the history of Bogangar and the other on the history of the Coastal Villages. He also wrote a number of poems pertinent to events in Bogangar/Cabarita Beach."

For full details of each application and to make a submission visit [yoursaytweed.com.au](https://yoursaytweed.com.au) under 'Projects seeking your input'.



Have your say on the renaming of Bray Park Reserve and off-leash dog park to 'Easton Park' or 'Clive Easton Park'.

# We want to hear from you

## What do you love about Hastings Point and Cudgera Creek?

Drop a pin on the interactive map and let us know exactly what you would like to see and where.

See what others are saying about the future of Hastings Point headland by viewing the interactive map too.

Have your say today on the future of this much-loved area at [yoursaytweed.com.au/hastingspointheadland](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/hastingspointheadland)

## 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 6



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

# Last chance to have your say on Special Rate Variation

**Hurry – don't miss the opportunity to have your say on Council's proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) before it closes at 4 pm this Friday, 26 May.**

The SRV is required to raise additional funds to meet known mandatory ongoing costs.

The Tweed community are being asked for their opinion on 2 options:

- support the proposed Special Rate Variation to meet

known additional costs

- not support the Special Rate Variation and reduce services instead.

Make sure you use the General Rate Calculator at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/general-rate-calculator](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/general-rate-calculator) to see how the SRV and your recent land valuation from the NSW Valuer General would impact you.

Have your say at [yoursaytweed.com.au/srv](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/srv)

## Notification of integrated development applications

### Development Application no. DA23/0204

A development application has been lodged by DAC Planning Pty Ltd seeking development consent for bank stabilisation and revetment works at Lot 1 DP 1224659; No. 797 Stokers Road and the Tweed River, **Dunbible**. Tweed Shire Council 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 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	Department of Planning & Environment's Water Operations Division
Section 201 of the <i>Fisheries Management Act</i>	Permit to carry out dredging or reclamation work	Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 24 May to Wednesday 21 June 2023.

### Development Application no. DA23/0181

A development application has been lodged by Planit Consulting Pty Ltd seeking development consent for alterations and additions to existing recreation establishment at Lot 10 DP 1194471; No. 3022 Kyogle Road, **Kunghur**. Tweed Shire Council 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

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

The documents will be available for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 24 May to Wednesday 7 June 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 development 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 at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)

## 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

#### DA22/0694 – Pontoon

Lot 196 DP 261796, Lot 163 DP 261796, No. 56 Bosun Boulevard, **Banora Point**

#### DA22/0482 – Conversion of existing shed to secondary dwelling and two (2) carports

Lot 30 DP 800344, No. 14 Ti Tree Avenue, **Bogangar**

#### DA22/0621 – Secondary dwelling, carport and demolition of existing shed

Lot 217 DP 241367, No. 85 Cabarita Road, **Bogangar**

#### DA23/0081 – In-ground swimming pool and deck

Lot 2 DP 876253, No. 22 Poplar Avenue, **Bogangar**

#### DA23/0155 – Verandah extension

Lot 12 DP 262031, No. 42 McLeod Street, **Condong**

#### DA23/0170 – Use of deck, retaining walls, 2.4 m boundary fence, new deck extension and gazebo

Lot 27 DP 1252272, No. 21 Denman Drive, **Cudgen**

#### DA22/0675 – Alterations and additions including in-ground swimming pool

Lot 235 DP 818258, No. 29 Edward Avenue, **Pottsville**

#### DA23/0147 – Inground pool, spa and retaining wall

Lot 125 DP 802841, No. 36 Edinburgh Court, **Pottsville**

#### DA23/0083 – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new two storey dwelling with rooftop terrace

Lot 335 DP 249154, No. 6 The Jib, **Tweed Heads**

#### DA21/0964 – Demolition of existing buildings, structures and landscaping and erection of a warehouse facility comprising 13 tenancies, parking, signage and landscaped recreational area

Lot 9 DP 1121137, No. 19–21 Ourimbah Road, **Tweed Heads**

#### DA22/0202 – Alterations and additions for a guest lounge & executive office and adjustments to basement carpark

Lot 1 DP 1007168, Navigation Lane, **Tweed Heads**

#### DA22/0424 – Extension to storage premises, signage, additions to an existing storage building (Storage King) and use of existing temporary storage containers

Lot 668 DP 755740, No. 65–67 Ourimbah Road, **Tweed Heads**

#### DA22/0576 – Pontoon

Lot 141 DP 246854, Lot 167 DP 246854, No. 15 Norman Street, **Tweed Heads**

#### DA23/0021 – Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 17 DP 1236392, No. 3 Robin Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

#### DA21/0807 – Rural landsharing community and approval for the residential use of three existing buildings and construction of one new dwelling

Lot 2 DP 1119629, Lot 2DP 1236156, No. 160 Richards Deviation, **Dunbible**

#### Refused

Lot 2 DP 1119629, Lot 2DP 1236156, No. 160 Richards Deviation, **Dunbible**

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)

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