

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.



Residents of properties located on land classified as bushfire prone are advised to prepare a bushfire survival plan.

## Bushfire prone land map updated

**Council and the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) have updated mapping of bushfire prone land across the Tweed Shire. This mapping replaces previous mapping done in 2012.**

Every council in NSW is required by legislation to map bushfire prone land according to conditions set by the RFS. This mapping is used as a trigger to ensure new developments have adequate protection from bushfire.

The recent mapping, reviewed and certified by the NSW RFS Commissioner on 24 May 2023, considered growth in development as well as changes in the types of vegetation across the Tweed. It came into effect immediately.

Updates have included the introduction of Vegetation Category 3, considered medium bushfire risk, which includes grassland and pastures as bushfire prone vegetation types. This new category was introduced to reflect the bushfire risk presented by grasslands and includes areas of unmanaged grassland such as cattle-grazing land, cane land, cleared and unmanaged banana plantations, and melaleuca tea tree.

Council's Planning Director Vince Connell said land mapped as bushfire prone did not prevent development from happening and existing buildings would not require modifications simply because they were now mapped.

"The new mapping will only affect you if you are planning a new development on your property, such as building, renovating or starting a home-based business. It is, however,

a timely reminder for all property owners to ensure they have a bushfire survival plan," Mr Connell said. "This is about keeping our community safe."

Mr Connell said Council's Development Assessment and Building Units would work with applicants of existing Development or Modification Applications to ensure new bushfire-prone land-planning controls were properly addressed.

Under the new mapping, about 25,000 additional hectares of land in the Tweed have been designated as bushfire prone. This is an approximate 20% increase in land area since 2012.

About 94% of the Tweed now is classified as bushfire prone land, with only the more urbanised areas along the Tweed Coast, Tweed Heads and larger centres not considered at risk.

Council is urging anyone who lives in a bushfire prone area to sit down with their family and complete a bushfire survival plan. This means knowing their property's bushfire risk and having a plan for what to do during a fire. For help preparing a bushfire survival plan, visit [rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan)

To find out more about the NSW Government and Council's development controls for bushfire prone land and to access the mapping, go to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushfire-prone-land](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushfire-prone-land)

## IPART decision on Special Rate Variation

**The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has approved Council's application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 2.35% in 2023-24.**

Combined with the 4.0% pegged rate rise already approved, this would allow general rates to be increased to 6.35% for the next financial year, pending Councillor approval of the decision.

Councillors will consider the implications of the IPART determination and assess whether to proceed with the SRV at the upcoming Council meeting on Thursday 22 June.

Tweed Shire Council was one of 17 councils across NSW that applied for an SRV ahead of the next financial year, with the Tweed's requested rate rise significantly lower than the rest.

Tweed was one of the few NSW councils in 2022 that did not apply for an SRV, with 86 councils granted the additional rate rise by IPART.

As part of this process, IPART is required to assess special variation applications against criteria set by the Office of Local Government. These criteria require councils to demonstrate the need for the additional revenue, provide evidence that the community is aware of the need for and

extent of a rate rise, exhibit relevant planning documents, explain council's productivity and cost containment actions and plans, and establish that the impact on affected ratepayers is reasonable.

Council is seeking to raise an additional \$1.6 million through the SRV to cover the costs of additional cyber security, an essential IT upgrade, additional planning staff, insurances and to cover the cost of the removal of the Environmental Enforcement Levy.

IPART's approval followed an extensive engagement campaign with residents, explaining Council's need for additional funding and the options facing Council – including a reduction in services – without this additional funding.

Council would like to thank the community for their feedback.

Overall, the Proposed SRV Your Say Tweed page attracted more than 2,600 visits, resulting in 452 online survey responses in addition to letters and emails received.

During its meeting this week, Council will review the survey responses, written responses and feedback taken through face-to-face consultations.

Go to [yoursaytweed.com.au/srv](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/srv) to find out more.



Last week we each used  
**169L a day**  
as at 19 June 2023

### In brief ...

#### Upcoming ePayment and Property Services outage

**Council's ePayment and Property Services portal will be unavailable from 4 pm Thursday 29 June to Monday 3 July.**

Online eProperty Section 603 certificates will not be issued until the 2023-24 rate levies have been calculated on Monday 17 July. Levy information will be available after this date. Please refrain from lodging applications from Monday 3 July until Tuesday 18 July.

#### Proudly Bronze: recognition for annual reporting

**Council's 2021-22 Annual Report received a Bronze Award at the 2023 Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA) in Sydney last week.**

The award recognises the collaborative effort to document performance over the year and demonstrates to the community how Council has delivered against their priorities for the Tweed. This is the first time Council has entered the ARA and the process will help Council continue to enhance its reporting standards.

#### More shade planted for the Tweed

**Last month, Council planted more than 70 native trees in streets around Tweed Heads South especially along pedestrian routes to nearby schools, providing more shade for walks and a beautiful outlook.**

The tree planting project is part of the Cool Towns Urban Forest Program, which aims to provide better shade and cooling in settings where concrete, bitumen and built structures absorb and reflect heat.

Council's goal is to increase total canopy coverage in urban areas to 35% by 2030 and then to 40% by 2040.

Trees in urban areas have been shown to:

- reduce the demand for heating and cooling by as much as 15%
- increase property values between 5 to 30%
- promote walking, cycling and outdoor activities
- contribute to cooling and reduce heat-related illnesses.

Communities and residents play an important role in caring for and protecting trees for future generations of Tweed residents.

Go to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/more-trees-more-shade-tweed](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/more-trees-more-shade-tweed) to find out more.



The recent tree planting at Tweed Heads South is part of Council's Cool Towns Urban Forest Program.

# Meet your frontline emergency heroes

The Tweed's emergency response services will unite at Jack Evans Boat Harbour on Saturday 1 July to demonstrate cutting-edge disaster response equipment and promote emergency preparedness.

This free event provides a great opportunity to engage with local heroes, learn about volunteering opportunities and witness demonstrations from first response agencies such as the NSW Police, NSW Ambulance Service, NSW SES, NSW Marine Rescue, Surf Life Saving NSW, Red Cross Australia and more.

The expo will be held on 1 July from 10 am to 2 pm at the Goorimahbah Precinct, Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads.

Enjoy a sausage sizzle while getting up close to emergency response vehicles and equipment, including flood, surf and other rescue boats, fire trucks, police response vehicles and all-terrain vehicles.

Don't miss this opportunity to support the Tweed's frontline heroes and learn how to be better prepared for emergencies.



No registration is required – just come along and meet our first responders at Jack Evans Boat Harbour on Saturday 1 July from 10 am to 2 pm.

## Council meeting agenda – Thursday 22 June 2023

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 22 June 2023 is available at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings). The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 3:30 pm.

### Agenda

#### Reports for consideration

##### Confirmation of minutes

- 5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Thursday 18 May 2023 and Thursday 1 June 2023

##### Schedule of outstanding resolutions

- 8.1 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 9 June 2023

##### Mayoral minute

- 9.1 Mayoral Minute for May 2023

##### Receipt of petitions

- 10.1 Receipt of Petitions as at 7 June 2023

##### Orders of the day

- 11.1 Cool Towns Program Funding
- 11.2 Ageism
- 11.3 Voice – Neutral Presentation
- 11.4 Cudgen Creek Masterplan
- 11.5 Investigating Adjustments to the Rating System to include Subcategories
- 11.6 Active Kids, Creative Kids and First Lap Programs
- 11.7 Hospital Parking
- 11.8 Affordable Housing

##### Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

- 16.1 Development Application DA19/0101.01 for an amendment to Development Consent DA19/0101 for four townhouses at Lot 1 DP 780214 No. 5, First Avenue, Tweed Heads
- 16.2 Tweed Conservation Zone Review Planning Proposal PP23/0001 Exhibition Summary and Submission Review

##### Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 17.1 RFO2023041 Plant and Equipment Hire for Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre
- 17.2 Richmond Tweed Regional Library 2023–2024 – Budget, Fees and Charges
- 17.3 Climate Change Risk Assessment

##### Reports from the Director Engineering

- 18.1 Resumption of Annual Indexation of Infrastructure Contribution Rates
- 18.2 Clothiers Creek Road, Speed Management for Wildlife Safety Report
- 18.3 Variation Reports for Contracts Finalised with Reportable Variations (Including Quarter 4 of 2020 and

all quarters of 2021 and 2022)

- 18.4 Section 7.11 Plan No.10 – Cobaki Lakes Version 5 – Adoption

- 18.5 RFO2023071 Supply of Water Treatment Chemicals

##### Reports from the Director Corporate Services

- 19.1 Draft Debt Management and Hardship Policy
- 19.2 Legal Services Register Report – 1 January to 31 March 2023
- 19.3 Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2023
- 19.4 Mayor and Councillors Annual Fees 2023/2024
- 19.5 Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework – 2022–2026 Delivery Program and 2023–2024 Operational Plan
- 19.6 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 31 May 2023

##### Reports from sub-committees/working groups

- 21.1 Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 5 April 2023
- 21.2 Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 5 April 2023
- 21.3 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 11 May 2023

##### Reports from the General Manager in committee

- 29.1 Contract Variation Report for RFO2021116 Design and Construct – Industry Central Land Swap Subdivision Works (By Negotiation)

##### Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation in committee

- 30.1 Pocket Herbs DA13/0712 ongoing noise compliance matters
- 30.2 Tanglewood Hillpalm and strata plan deed and Stage 5 subdivision status

##### Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment in committee

- 31.1 Richmond Tweed Regional Library – Sale of Land

##### Reports from the Director Engineering in committee

- 32.1 Acquisition of Easement for Stormwater – 45 Scenic Drive, Bilambil Heights (Lot 2 DP236235)
- 32.2 Acquisition of Land for Road Widening at 2 McAuleys Road, Terranora (part Lot 1 DP385972)
- 32.3 Acquisition of Land for Road Widening at 140 Settlement Road, Numinbah (part Lot 2 DP576994)
- 32.4 Acquisition of Land for Road Widening at 221 Settlement Road, Numinbah (part Lot 1 DP576994)

## Think your sewer is blocked? Call Council first

Residents with a blocked sewer might avoid a plumber's bill by calling Council on 02 6670 2400, even if it's late at night, before reaching out to a plumber.

Council's Water Efficiency and Connections Engineer Elizabeth Seidl said residents who skipped calling Council first might end up having to pay their plumber's bill, no matter who was responsible for the blockage.

"To reimburse a plumber's bill, we require evidence that the blockage is Council's responsibility," Ms Seidl said. "While we may consider evidence from a plumber, it is much better to call us first so we can come out and view the sewer inspection shaft on your property. That way, we establish the evidence upfront and there won't be any challenges."

The sewer inspection shaft is where responsibility switches from Council to property owners – there's one on each property.

"If there's water or wastewater in your shaft, it's usually Council's problem so we will fix the blockage," Ms Seidl said. "If the shaft is clear, it's probably your responsibility and you will need to hire a plumber at your own expense. If the shaft contains tree roots, it may be a shared problem and the cost to fix will be shared."

Residents must keep sewer inspection shafts clear of bushes and plants – the shafts need to be readily visible and easily accessible.

"Also, remember to only flush the three 'P's down the toilet: poo, pee, and toilet paper," Mrs Seidl added. "Everything else, including tissues and wipes, are not flushable and cause blockages. This helps Council continue to provide a safe, sustainable and affordable wastewater service."

## Uki clear of blue-green algae

Council has lifted its blue-green algae alert for the Tweed River at Uki, yet the amber alert for Clarrie Hall Dam remains.

While testing is no longer detecting blue-green algae in the Tweed River at Uki, algae continues to be detected in Clarrie Hall Dam and testing has detected potential toxin-producing species in that waterway. The Tweed's tap water remains safe to drink and bathe in.

All restrictions on recreational activities from the river at Uki have been removed. Restrictions continue at the dam and warning signs remain at Crams Farm and the dam wall.

Do not eat fish including shellfish from the dam and never drink untreated dam or river water at any time. If anyone comes into contact with the algae, rinse it off with fresh water and seek medical advice if symptoms appear. Because water in the dam and its upstream tributaries potentially could be unsafe for livestock, keep animals away and do not water livestock with untreated water.

Find out more at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/algae-alert](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/algae-alert)

## Road restoration welcome at Bungalora

Council's flood restoration staff were met with a big smile and thumbs up from a passing motorist recently as he drove over a newly restored section of flood damaged Balfours Road at Bungalora near Tumbulgum.

The top and lower sides of the semi-rural road, which also services Upper Duroby, were badly damaged by a major landslide during the 2022 flood.

Flood restoration works conducted by both Leader Constructions and Council roads crews included initial geotechnical drilling, restabilisation works, construction of a rock gabion wall and reinstatement of the bitumen road surface.

Council is working together with others to prepare for, mitigate and build resilience to natural disasters while delivering a safe and connected local road network.



Featuring a rock gabion wall, the newly restored section of Balfours Road is one of more than 3,800 sections of road damaged by the flood and logged by Council, which Council's flood restoration team continues to work on at sites across the Tweed. Council thanks impacted residents and motorists for their ongoing patience.

The agenda for this 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 this meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meeting and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that meetings are livestreamed, and video recordings will be available on Council's website following the meeting. A person's image and/or voice may be broadcast. Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and/or voice being webcast.

# Tweed Regional Gallery hosts major retrospective

The Tweed Regional Gallery is presenting *Biograph* by Julie Fragar, a Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Touring Exhibition, until Sunday 27 August.

*Biograph* is the first career survey of Julie Fragar's work and maps more than 20 years of practice. The exhibition has been curated by Jonathan McBurnie and assembles key works made between 1998 and 2021, including some previously unexhibited.

Fragar's unique language and remarkable aptitude as a painter blends intense studies of social politics with

biographical detail and personal speculation into vivid figurative and textual imagery. She simultaneously chronicles and critically analyses her chosen subjects, often making paintings of those close to her and of herself.

The survey exhibition is arranged according to key ongoing themes for the artist, including biography, memory, identity and narrative.

The major retrospective of Fragar's distinctive style is touring between galleries in Queensland and NSW from February 2023 to December 2024.

Join Dr Julie Fragar for feedback and conversation on Friday 28 July. Two sessions are available at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Bookings are essential. To book and for more information, visit [gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/workshops-events](http://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/workshops-events)



Julie Fragar. *The Single Bed* 2017. Oil on board, 135 x 100 cm. Collection of Griffith University Art Museum. Purchased 2017. Courtesy the artist. Photography: Carl Warner.

## The importance of soil biology workshop

A free workshop for farmers about measuring and monitoring soil microbiology and soil health will be held on Monday 3 July from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Sustainable Living Centre, Altona Road, Chinderah.

Biological processes in soil provide agriculture with a range of benefits – they suppress disease, provide nutrients and develop good soil structure. But how is this measured?

Dr Neil Wilson, Dave Forrest, Graham Lancaster and Alan Coates will explain why soil microbiology is essential for productive farms.

This workshop is presented by SoilCare Inc and Council's Sustainable Agriculture Program.

Bookings are essential – email [info@soilcare.org](mailto:info@soilcare.org) by Wednesday 28 June.

Go to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming) to find out more.



Come along to a free workshop on 3 July about measuring and monitoring soil microbiology and soil health.

### Current vacancies

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

WATER WEEK 10

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

### Notification of integrated development application

#### Development application no. DA23/0250

A development application has been lodged by LM Planning Solutions seeking development consent for demolition of existing childcare centre, removal of trees, erection of a new centre based childcare facility for 80 children, car parking, signage and associated works at Lot 31 DP 1076768; No. 237 Kennedy Drive; Lot 12 DP 597392; No. 239 Kennedy Drive, **Tweed Heads West**. 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
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 (DPE 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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 21 June to Wednesday 19 July 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 – GIPAA 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 on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](http://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

**DA22/0787** – Use of an existing rumpus room, carport within front building line, 1.2 metre high front fence and inground swimming pool  
Lot 805 DP 856271, No. 86 Avondale Drive, **Banora Point**

**DA23/0233** – Patio roof  
Lot 2 SP 58738, Unit 2/No. 23 Riversdale Boulevard, **Banora Point**

**DA23/0211** – Use of existing unauthorised detached dwelling additions as storage and home office and new alterations to remove kitchen, laundry and robe  
Lot 1 DP 120221, No. 9 Chinderah Road, **Chinderah**

**DA22/0252** – Use of existing structures as attached dual occupancy and bali hut  
Lot 31 DP 811544, No. 422 Cudgen Road, **Cudgen**

**DA21/0842** – Alterations and additions to existing commercial building  
Lot 10 DP 1144883, No. 38–42 Pearl Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA22/0529** – Secondary dwelling and demolition of existing sheds  
Lot 11 DP 25645, No. 36 Orient Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA22/0409** – Alterations and additions to dwelling  
Lot 12 DP 1252999, No. 1 Sunfish Lane (Private Road), **Kingscliff**

**DA22/0500** – Demolition of existing shed and construction of new dwelling  
Lot 3 DP 715199, No. 108 Youngs Road, **Limpinwood**

**DA22/0789** – Secondary dwelling  
Lot 424 DP 1048763, No. 32 Urunga Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA22/0152** – Additions to Lindisfarne School including senior student centre, food technology classrooms, increased student and staff numbers and associated car parking, landscaping, tree removal and vehicular access  
Lot 2 DP 1018747, No. 86 Mahers Lane, **Terranora**

**DA23/0008** – 1.8 m front fence with sliding gate, inground swimming pool and carport forward of the building line  
Lot 8 DP 243479, No. 48 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA23/0177** – Demolition of existing dwelling and shed  
Lot 1 DP 382807, No. 1 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA21/0021** – Review of determination of DA21/0021 for demolition and construction of a residential flat building  
Lot 1 DP 360543, Lot 2 DP 360543, No. 26 Recreation Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA21/0949** – Seniors housing comprising of 94 independent living units and 1 manager's residence, swimming pool, tree removal and lot consolidation (NRPP)  
Lot 113 DP 237806, Lot 114 DP 237806, Lot 115 DP 237806, Lot 116 DP 237806, Lot 117 DP 237806, Lot 118 DP 237806, Lot 119 DP 237806, No. 6 Powell Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA22/0148** – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of an 18 unit residential flat building with 2 swimming pools  
Lot D DP 100532, Lot 1 SP 8051, Lot 2 SP 8051, Lot A DP 100532, Lot 2 DP 508816, No. 8 Boundary Lane, **Tweed Heads**

**DA22/0725** – Use of a fireplace and flue within an existing dwelling  
Lot 329 DP 844423, No. 25 Bordeaux Place, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA23/0139** – Carport forward of the building line  
Lot 1 SP 50854, Unit 1/No. 17 Blundell Boulevard, **Tweed Heads South**

##### Refused

**DA22/0088** – Telecommunications facility  
Lot 2 DP 815370, No. 1126 Pottsville Road, **Pottsville**

**DA22/0022** – Multi-dwelling housing comprising of 15 x 4 bedroom townhouses, demolition of existing structures, earthworks and tree removal  
Lot 2 DP 516446, Lot 1 DP 856963, No. 1 Lalina Avenue, **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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

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