

Tweed Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the Ngandowal 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.



Members of Council's flood restoration team met with contractors SEE Civil Pty Ltd and local residents Fern Becker and her son to mark the reopening of Reserve Creek Road after a major landslide shut the road during the 2022 flood.

Reserve Creek Road access restored

There were smiles for miles along Reserve Creek Road with thoroughfare restored for motorists for the first time since the 2022 flood.

Local contractor SEE Civil Pty Ltd completed a new, temporary side access road for motorists, as part of a \$6.8 million landslide restoration project at Reserve Creek with disaster funding from the NSW Government.

Last Friday's opening (23 June) came weeks ahead of schedule due to the dedicated work of onsite SEE Civil contractors, their sub-contractors and the recent run of fine weather.

The single-lane road is supported by geotechnical stabilisation works and is now open to all vehicles under traffic light controls, allowing motorists to travel between Murwillumbah and the Tweed Coast along this roadway once again.

SEE Group Executive Director of Operations Joel Barnes expressed his gratitude to the teams involved in the flood recovery efforts.

"I'm pleased to see Reserve Creek Road is now open

to traffic, especially after the devastating floods we experienced last year," Mr Barnes said.

"The team developed an innovative remediation solution which allowed for this single lane reopening while the balance of construction works is ongoing, which is a fantastic outcome for the local community."

Local resident Fern Becker said it had been a challenging time for residents and is glad Reserve Creek Road finally has safe through-access again.

"It's been really hard for us out here and we're glad that we've finally got this opened now," Ms Becker said.

Detailed design work on the restoration of a permanent, two-lane section of road is now nearing completion, pending final approvals.

SEE Civil remains on-site, preparing for further stabilisation and construction works expected to start next month on the permanent road next month.

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



Last week we each used
171L a day
as at 26 June 2023

In brief ...

Meet 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.

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.

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

Apply now for events sponsorship

Applications for Council's 2023/24 events sponsorship funding round are open from Monday 26 June to midnight Friday 21 July 2023.

Events contribute to achieving the community's vision and aspirations for the Tweed, including helping the Tweed's people and places to thrive.

Event organisers seeking financial assistance to develop, host and grow festivals and events of significance to the Tweed Shire are encouraged to make application.

Applications must be from an incorporated body or have a sponsor that is accepting legal and financial responsibility for the event. Applications will be considered at Council's meeting in September 2023.

For more information and to apply for funding, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/event-sponsorship

Tweed Sustainability Awards

There are less than 5 weeks left to nominate in the 2023 Tweed Sustainability Awards and this year, all completed nominations go in the draw to win a free 2-night stay at a Tweed Holiday Parks cabin.

There are many benefits to nominating including:

- marketing and publicity
- recognition and prestige
- enhanced reputation
- networking opportunities
- inspiration and learning
- motivation and team morale.

Nominating in the Tweed Sustainability Awards is an opportunity to put the Tweed's businesses, groups, schools and individuals' sustainable practices in the spotlight.

Let's recognise and celebrate people who are protecting and enhancing the Tweed region for current and future generations.

Interested in finding out more?

Check out the Tweed Sustainability Awards page at tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-sustainability-awards where you will find information about benefits of nominating and resources to help you get your nomination in. Nominations close Monday 31 July. The award winners will be announced at a showcase event on Thursday 12 October 2023.



Tweed tap water matches the top 4 Aussie bottled brands

New laboratory tests reveal Tweed tap water stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the leading bottled water brands in Australia.

The comprehensive analysis compared tap water sourced from the Tweed River near Murwillumbah against the 4 most popular bottled water brands in the country for pH, fluoride, mineral content, total dissolved solids and conductivity (a measure of saltiness).

The test results from the NATA-accredited Tweed Laboratory Centre show the quality and safety of Tweed tap water equals the tested bottled water – and has the added benefit of being significantly cheaper and better for dental health.

Council's Water and Wastewater Operations Manager Brie Jowett said the results had verified the local community could confidently rely on their tap water as the rational choice for hydration.

"The lab results don't surprise me," Mrs Jowett said.

"The rich volcanic origins of our soil are reflected in our tap water – its mineral content is higher than most of the leading bottled water brands tested.

"You'd be hard pressed to buy water off-the-shelf with a better mineral content for calcium and magnesium in particular, which are important for our health."

The test results show Tweed tap water is also lower in sodium than the 4 bottled water samples tested and lower in chloride than 3 of the samples.

Tweed tap water was the only tested sample that contained the recommended level of fluoride for dental health, perfectly within health guidelines, and was the most alkaline water tested, with a pH of 7.9.

All the lab results for Tweed tap water were well within the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

A 600 mL bottle of water on the store shelf has a price tag of about \$3.25. 1000 litres of Tweed tap water costs less – about \$3.30.

Filling a 600 mL bottle with Tweed tap water 1667 times would match the cost of one 600 mL bottle of bottled water.

Mrs Jowett said the importance of these findings goes beyond cost benefits and personal preferences.

"If you choose Tweed tap water over bottled water, you will save money, reduce the amount of plastic pollution in waterways and help lower the amount of pollution that's created by the bottling process and transporting bottled water to your local shop," she said.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/drinking-water-quality to find out more about the Tweed's tap water quality and the full laboratory results.



Testing by scientists at the Tweed Laboratory Centre confirms tap water in the Tweed matches the quality of the bottled water tested.

Young encouraged to 'speak for the planet'

Do you know any creative young people in the Tweed? Council is inviting high schools in the Tweed to participate in the national Speaking 4 the Planet competition with great prizes up for grabs.



Speaking 4 the Planet is an arts-based approach to sustainability education, with the competition inviting students to present their views through speaking, visual arts, writing or performance poetry.

High school students aged 12-18 can submit their entries based on the theme 'Edge of the Future: Climate Change'.

Council is incorporating the competition into its Climate Ready Tweed Project which is seeking to understand how the community wants to be supported to act on climate change.

Importantly, the Climate Ready Tweed Project recognises the importance of young people's voices. Speaking 4 the Planet represents an important way for youth to have their say through creative expression.

Council would also like to recognise the efforts of students who participate and will invite entries to be celebrated at the 2023 Tweed Sustainability Awards showcase event (tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-sustainability-awards) and future planned climate action networking events.

Submissions close on Friday 18 August and entries can be submitted at tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change

For further information, contact Council's Education Officer - Sustainability, Jane Moad at tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Feral deer survey

Council is reminding the Tweed community to be on the lookout for feral deer on the roads, in rural areas and even in suburban areas during the current breeding season or rut.

As a way to gather important data from sightings, Council is asking residents to complete a short online survey - whether they have spotted a feral deer or not.

The survey in partnership with Kyogle and Byron Shire councils aims to understand the community's perception of feral deer, the impacts of feral deer, the presence or absence of feral deer in the Northern Rivers and the need to control them.

Survey results will be used to guide management programs to stop the spread and prevent the establishment of feral deer in the Northern Rivers.

There have been 54 confirmed sightings of feral deer reported in the Tweed since the Northern Rivers Feral Deer Alert program was launched in May 2021, including sightings at Pottsville, Cudgen, Crystal Creek, Eungella, Crabbes Creek and Terranora.

Complete the short survey by 31 October 2023 at tweed.nsw.gov.au/deer and report all sightings to feralscan.org.au/deerscan

Warm up with soup

Warm up with house-made soups at the Starting Block Café at Murwillumbah.

Soup of the day options include spiced sweet corn with coconut cream, spiced sweet potato with coconut cream, split pea and spinach or herb-infused tomato with nutritional yeast.

It's \$8.50 per serve including buttered toasted or for an extra \$1.50 add on bacon or Turkish bread. You could also enjoy the all-day \$5 small coffee and cookie deal.

While you are at it, why not help those in need and donate towards the café's Pay it Forward Program.

Find out more and see the menu at trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/starting-block-cafe

The Starting Block Café is located at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre complex at Murwillumbah.

Community notice

Chinderah Districts Residents Association meet Tuesday 5 July 2023, 7 pm (AEDT) at Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff Street, opposite nursing home Kingscliff.

Current vacancies

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies to view current vacancies. Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

Seniors fall prevention programs kick off in July

Are you a senior concerned about falls? There are some spots left for Council's fall prevention program, Stand Together coming up on Wednesday 5 July in Tweed.

A Murwillumbah program will also begin Thursday 20 July. Throughout the 8-week program participants will learn to prevent falls and maximise their independence through growing their confidence and improving their balance and strength.

To participate, you will need to be registered with My Aged Care (1800 200 422) and you will need an allied health referral code.

To register your interest or for more information about this program, please contact Council's Community Services on 07 5569 3110 or via email communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au

This program is supported by the Australian Department of Health.



Development proposal for public comment

The following Development Application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 28 June to Wednesday 12 July 2023.

The proposal is not designated development and Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
The Mavis Partnership Pty Ltd	Lot 3 DP 541945; No. 64 Mount Warning Road, Mount Warning	Alterations & additions to existing restaurant, signage and temporary use as a function centre	DA22/0092

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified. 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.

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

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

DA22/0760 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including detached garage and in-ground swimming pool Lot 901 DP 800084, No. 30 Manuka Road, **Banora Point**

DA22/0751 - Deck extension front of dwelling Lot 342 DP 31041, No. 30 Broadwater Esplanade, **Bilambil Heights**

DA23/0096 - In-ground swimming pool and deck Lot 224 DP 867487, No. 8 Aspen Place, **Bilambil Heights**

DA23/0229 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 30 DP 31041, No. 36 Simpson Drive, **Bilambil Heights**

DA21/1037 - Secondary dwelling over existing garage including demolition work

Lot 20 DP 817636, No. 22 Monomeeth Avenue, **Bilambil Heights**

DA22/0200 - Secondary dwelling Lot 6 DP 238880, No. 65 Tamarind Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA23/0168 - Carport within the front building line Lot 89 DP 261914, No. 10 Poinciana Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA23/0167 - Roofed deck Lot 16 SP 41633, Unit 16/No. 13 Warana Avenue, **Bray Park**

DA23/0239 - Two storey dwelling with attached double garage Lot 49 DP 1264557, No. 6 Candlenut Street, **Casuarina**

DA23/0242 - In-ground swimming pool Lot 43 DP 1182599, No. 26 Lobelia Crescent, **Casuarina**

DA22/0670 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including house raising and in-ground swimming pool Lot 6 DP 331807, No. 1 Chadburn Lane, **Chinderah**

DA22/0373 - Alterations, additions and re-siting of an existing building for use as a dwelling, associated driveway including creek crossing and tree removal Lot 4 DP 807421, No. 273 Crabbes Creek Road, **Crabbes Creek**

DA22/0802 - Alterations and additions to residential unit (multi-dwelling housing) to enclose first floor balcony Lot 2 SP 95913, Unit 2/No. 37 Kingscliff Street, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0038 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including pool, 1.2 m high front fence and carport within the front building line Lot 41 DP 830193, No. 8 Lorien Way, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0258 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 17 DP 28015, No. 2 Cudgen Road, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0101 - Use of existing excavation and new retaining Lot 13 DP 239398, No. 8 Hall Drive, **Murwillumbah**

DA23/0104 - Garage Lot 1 DP 1124261, No. 61 Tumbulgum Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA23/0219 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and swimming pool forward of the building line Lot 20 DP 818099, No. 44 Elvadale Place, **Nunderi**

DA23/0246 - Deck and retaining walls Lot 2 DP 868655, No. 31 Eva Crescent, **Piggabeen**

DA23/0183 - In-ground swimming pool and extension of existing patio Lot 1118 DP 1115395, No. 46 Lennox Circuit, **Pottsville**

DA23/0255 - Portico and carport forward of the building line Lot 1 SP 90464, Unit 1/No. 194 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

DA23/0256 - In-ground swimming pool Lot 734 DP 1078611, No. 60 Sugar Glider Drive, **Pottsville**

DA22/0665 - Strata subdivision - allocation of common property to Lot 5 SP 41723, Lot 5 SP 45690, No. 14 Elizabeth Street, **Pottsville**

DA22/0848 - 2 lot strata subdivision SP 78192, Lot 2 SP 78192, Lot 1 SP 78192, No. 45 Edward Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA22/0850 - Alterations and additions to existing dual occupancy and new carport and boat storage Lot 2 SP 55814, Unit 2/No. 12 Edinburgh Court, **Pottsville**

DA23/0141 - In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 metre high fence Lot 602 DP 1266799, No. 43 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA22/0564 - Rectification works to existing rock wall SP 20856, No. 53 Bay Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA23/0145 - Shed Lot 24 DP 836271, No. 1 Merlot Court, **Tweed Heads South**

DA23/0263 - In-ground swimming pool Lot 121 DP 836272, No. 9 Chardonay Crescent, **Tweed Heads South**

DA23/0136 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 18 DP 1233807, No. 211 Tyalgum Creek Road, **Tyalgum Creek**

DA23/0036 - Demolition, dwelling with attached garage including carport, in-ground swimming pool and detached outbuilding Lot 3 DP 700768, Lot 2 DP 1201303, No. 13 Tarcoola Lane, **Uki**

DA23/0281 - Patio and deck Lot 37 DP 791785, No. 52 Braeside Drive, **Uki**

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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