

TWEED Tweed Link

A Tweed Shire Council publication

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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



The Burringbar Range Tunnel and section from the tunnel to the intersection of Tunnel and Bloodwoods roads will be completely closed on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail from Tuesday 5 September to Thursday 7 September 2023 (inclusive).

Temporary closure of Burringbar Range Tunnel for essential maintenance work

Essential maintenance works are scheduled inside the Burringbar Range Tunnel on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail from Tuesday 5 September to Thursday 7 September 2023 (inclusive). The tunnel will be closed to users and not accessible during this time.

Due to erosion and various factors affecting the tunnel's surface, repairs and small upgrades will be taking place to continue to provide a safe experience for all users. The scope of work includes surface and soft edging repairs, replacing the ballast on the drainage edges with a smaller size, installing low-level reflectors every 10 metres on both sides and enhancing safety signage at the tunnel approach and entrances

The works are being carried out during daylight hours to minimise noise for the neighboring residents. No road closures or disruptions to the surrounding community are expected.

Please note: The scope of the work does not include the installation of lighting. All works are being completed in conjunction with Council's Environmental Scientist Team to protect the microbats and glow worms.

Important details

- Closure period Tuesday 5 September to Thursday 7 September 2023 (inclusive).
- Closed section the tunnel and sections of the

- Rail Trail will be closed between the intersection of Bloodwoods and Tunnel roads on the northern side and 30 metres south of the tunnel entrance. (Approximately 10 km marker to the 14 km marker.)
- Alternate routes unfortunately, there will be no access through or around the tunnel during this time. Rail Trail users are encouraged to plan their journeys accordingly.
- Recommended routes for your convenience, we suggest the following options:
- Northern side Rail Trail users can embark on a return trip between Murwillumbah Station and Bloodwood Road intersection (0 – 10 km markers).
- Southern side alternatively, you can explore the Rail Trail between Crabbes Creek and the southern side of the Burringbar tunnel (14 – 24 km markers).

These measures have been put in place to ensure your safety and the integrity of the Rail Trail. We understand this may cause small inconveniences and appreciate your understanding during this necessary

maintenance period. Please help us by sharing this information with fellow Rail Trail users.

For up to date news and notifications, visit northernriversrailtrail.com.au/newsnotifications





In brief ...

Apply for Community Road Safety **Grants today**

Attention all community champions! Here's your chance to drive change and create safer roads in your neighborhood.

Transport for NSW is calling on grassroots organisations to take the lead in reducing road trauma and enhancing safety through the Community Road Safety Grants program. With round 9 opening on 1 August 2023, your innovative ideas could make a life-saving impact.

The program aims to tackle impact of road accidents and your community-based initiatives can address unique road safety challenges in your local area and promote responsible behaviours.

There are funding options of up to \$5,000 and up to \$30,000 cater to projects of all sizes.

Applications for the 2023 round are open until 4 pm on 12 September 2023. Unite for safer roads, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community/communitygrants to learn more and submit your game-changing idea. Let's drive change and save lives together.

Council works with Transport for NSW, Police and other agencies to keep our local roads safe, working

towards the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. To learn more about how we build, upgrade and maintain a safe and connected local road network, including how we prioritise road maintenance projects, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/roads.



Support for the homeless

The Tweed has some of the highest rates of homelessness in NSW. Knowing exactly how many people are homeless in the Tweed is difficult for many reasons, a main one being the numbers change regularly.

According to the Department of Communities and Justice's Annual Statewide Street Count, Tweed Shire saw the largest total increase in the number of people sleeping rough from 2021 to 2022 across NSW local government areas.

As part of Homelessness Week this year, you can support Fred's Place Vinnies Community Sleepout, an annual event that invites people to sleep out of their comfort zone at Seagulls Club at Tweed Heads West on Friday 25 August, to help raise money for homeless services.

Two Tweed Shire Councillors are participating.

You can support by donating or go to Fred's Place Vinnies Community Sleepout at my.fundraise.vinniesnsw. org.au/fred-s-place-vinnies-community-sleepout-2023 for more information.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/housing-homelessness for more information about Council is doing to advocate for the homeless.



Time is running out to apply for sustainable agriculture small grants



Tyalgum dairy farmer, Andrew Davis, has been trialling the use of compost produced from the Tweed's food organics and green waste, with support from Council's Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program.

The latest round of Tweed Shire Council's Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program is closing soon, with applications being accepted until 25 August 2023.

Grants of up to \$4,000 are available for eligible activities that trial or lead to the adoption of improved farming practices

Council's Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture Eli Szandala said the grants provided farmers with the opportunity to carry out projects on their farms that resulted in both production benefits and environmental benefits to the wider community.

"We are interested in activities that increase biodiversity on farms, improve water quality or the health and climate resilience of our soils," Mr Szandala said.

Tyalgum dairy farmer, Andrew Davis, recently trialled the use of compost to improve soil and pasture quality as an alternative to conventional urea fertiliser applications.

Mr Davis was particularly interested in reducing his farm's reliance on synthetic fertilisers because of rising costs and a desire to trial more sustainable methods of growing feed for our milkina cows. Compost derived from the Tweed's food and organics waste stream was used in the project, highlighting the importance of a clean and continuous supply of organic matter delivered through the green bin system.

"Garden clippings and kitchen scraps have been recycled to support the production of milk to go back in our cereal bowls and cups of coffee which is great to see," Mr Szandala said.

"Andrew's project has shown some promising results and there is definite potential for the future use of compost in primary production as an alternative to conventional fertilisers.

Nitrogenous fertilisers are environmentally damaging to produce, carry a large greenhouse gas footprint and can disrupt natural biological processes in the soil that contribute to healthy landscapes and waterways."

To view the grant guidelines and case studies of previous grant recipients, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming or call 02 6670 2400 for further information.

Have you seen feral deer in the Tweed?

Over the last 2 months, we've received 6 reports of feral deer in the Pottsville, Terranora, Piggabeen and Crystal Creek areas.

Feral deer are currently at a low density in the Tweed region and it's critical that we prevent them from establishing further. This invasive animal can cause unwanted impacts including vehicle collisions, environmental damage, spread of diseases, and competition with livestock over pasture.

Here's how you can help stop feral deer from establishing in the Northern Rivers.

Join a Feral Deer Community Workshop

A free workshop will be held from 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesday 22 August 2023 at Pottsville Environment Park, Pottsville.

- Join this free workshop to learn how to:
- look for signs of feral deer in your area
- identify feral deer scats, tracks and other signs identify different feral deer species
- understand impacts in the Tweed and Northern Rivers and control options
- understand current Legislation relating to feral deer in NSW.
- Bookings are required. Contact Council's feral deer project officer Rob Smith on 02 6670 2400 or email

Tweed roadworks

Council's road crews are working across the Tweed. Please allow additional time for delays.

To stay up to date with what's happening on our roads, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks-closures

Crabbes Creek: Wooyung Road (bridge maintenance)

Private works. Wooyung Road will be closed at the Tweed Valley Way intersection, from 15 to 22 August, to allow UGL Regional Linx to undertake bridge maintenance works. Detour in place.

Bogangar: Mimosa Avenue, Tamarind Avenue and **Hastings Road**

Installation of new water main system. Temporary footpath closures and localised management of vehicle access to properties. at times, localised detours may be in place. Works will be done weekdays (7 am to 5 pm) however some works may need to be completed on Saturdays (7 am to 5 pm). There will be restricted access to some properties or driveways within the work zone during work hours. Please seek help from the traffic controller if you need access. Affected residents and businesses will be notified of a brief water supply interruption to allow for cut ins to existing water mains.

Bogangar: Tweed Coast Road

Water main works between Pandanus Parade and Towners Avenue. Works will take about 3 months to complete and will include excavation and installation of a new water main. Traffic controllers will be in place throughout the project.

Tyalgum: Brays Creek Road

Pavement and drainage upgrade south-west of Cougal Street. Works will take about 3 months to complete, weather permitting. One-lane traffic flow with traffic controllers in place.

Kingscliff: Marine Parade and Turnock Street

Pavement replacement along Marine Parade between Beach Street and Turnock Street followed by stabilisation works along Turnock Street. Works will take about 4 months to complete. At times, detours will be in place which may cause delays of up to 10 minutes. Before contractors can begin road stabilisation works, Council crews will first work on the stormwater infrastructure.

Flood restoration road works

Smiths Creek Road, Smiths Creek: Flood restoration works are underway to restore a major landslip on Smiths Creek Road between Benelong Place and Adcocks Road. Restoration works will continue through to November. Single lane access continues under traffic lights, motorists can expect some delays as works progress.

Limpinwood Road, Limpinwood: The start date for restoration works at two slips on Limpinwood Road is now delayed until 21 August as approvals are finalised.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-restoration-works for flood restoration updates.

Get the Tweed Link early by email

Sign up at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

rsmith@tweed.nsw.gov.au.au

Report any feral deer sightings

By reporting sightings, you contribute to the ongoing efforts aimed at understanding and addressing the impact of feral deer in our local community and environment. Use the Feralscan app or contact Council's feral deer project officer on 02 6670 2400. Photo or video footage will assist with recording the species of deer sighted.

Complete the feral deer survey

The feral deer survey helps gather information about the presence, absence and distribution of feral deer in the Tweed, Kyogle and Byron Shire regions. Results from the survey will provide important data for the Northern Rivers Feral Deer Alert Program. The survey will close on 31 October 2023. Complete the survey at

surveymonkey.com/r/feraldeernorthernrivers For more information on how we can collectively address

this issue, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/deer Download the FeralScan App to report a sighting at:

play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com. Google Play invasiveanimals.feralscan_pest_mapping

App Store apps.apple.com/au/app/id975407187

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Feral deer, including the red deer (Cervus elaphus), can cause unwanted impacts including vehicle collisions, environmental damage, spread of diseases, and competition with livestock over pasture.

Council meeting agenda – Thursday 17 August 2023

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 17 August 2023 is available at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 3:30 pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

5.1 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Council meetings held Thursday 13 July 2023 and Thursday 3 August 2023

Schedule of outstanding resolutions

- 8.1 Schedule of outstanding resolutions at 7 August 2023 Mayoral minute
- 9.1 Mayoral minute for June and July 2023
- **Receipt of petitions**
- 10.1 Receipt of petitions as at 7 August 2023
- Orders of the day
- 11.1 Compensatory planting scheme
- 11.2 Fire ants 11.3 Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife
- 11.4 Electrification of Council facilities
- 11.5 Constitutional referendum to change method of electing Mayor
- 11.6 Online and Postal Vote for 2024 Election
- **Reports from the General Manager**
- 15.1 Developer Contributions Discount Industry Central Land Swap

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

- 16.1 Application under Section 82 of the Local Government Act 1993, manufactured home estate (to build on site) at Lot 11 DP 1254208 No. 32 Fraser Drive, Tweed Heads South
- 16.2 Development Application S96/0049.12 for an
- amendment to Development Consent S96/0049 for a 37 lot industrial subdivision at Lot 2 DP 569304 No. 60

Tringa Street, Tweed Heads West **Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities**

and Environment

- 17.1 Draft Tweed Conservation Strategy
- Reports from the Director Engineering
- 18.1 Private application for road closure and purchase, extension of Costellos Road dissecting Lot 4 in
- DP840076, known as 107 Costellos Road, Doon Doon 18.2 Private application for road closure and purchase adjoining Lot 128 DP755685 (1070 Piggabeen Road, Piggabeen)
- 18.3 Classification of land as Operational for drainage reserve - Lot 754 DP1291069 (Altitude Aspire, Broadwater Parkway, Terranora)
- 18.4 Proposed Crown Road closure and sale Crown Road adjacent to Lot 2 DP734852 (118 Cranneys Road, North Tumbulgum)
- 18.5 Public exhibition of the draft addendum to Murwillumbah CBD Levee and Drainage Study
- 18.6 RFO2023101 expression of interest Greenhills Lodge repurpose

The agenda for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings 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 these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings 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.

- 18.7 RFO2023042 (under RFO2022084) Design and construction of embankment restoration work, Urliup Road
- 18.8 Dulguigan Road Traffic Survey Report 2nd Quarter 2023
- 18.9 RFO2023122 Fixed term full time hire of 2 vacuum combination trucks and drivers

Reports from the Director Corporate Services

- 19.1 Councillor Professional Development 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
- 19.2 Councillor Expenses 2022–2023
- 19.3 Councillor Request System 2022-2023
- 19.4 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2023
- 19.5 Administration of the 2024 Local Government Election Responses to 2 March 2023 resolution from NSW Electoral Commission and Minister for Local Government
- 19.6 Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2023 Corporate Quarterly Performance Report as at 19.7
- 30 June 2023 19.8 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending
- 31 July 2023
- 19.9 Annual Loan Borrowing Report 2023/2024
- 19.10 Adoption of Debt Management and Hardship Policy 19.11 Resource support - 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 and 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023

19.12 Disclosure of interest return

- Reports from sub-committees/working groups 21.1 Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- held Friday 5 May 2023 21.2 Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee
- meeting held Friday 2 June 2023 21.3 Minutes of the Tweed Regional Gallery Advisory
- Committee meeting held Wednesday 14 June 2023 21.4 Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Advisory
- Committee meeting held Wednesday 14 June 2023 21.5 Minutes of the Tweed Coast Koala Advisory Committee
- meeting held Tuesday 20 June 2023
- 21.6 Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 30 June 2023
- 21.7 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held Thursday 20 July 2023

Reports from the Director Engineering in committee

26 DP755694; Lots 26-28 DP247809)

(part Lot 1 DP1011625)

32.1 Proposed temporary licence for access over Council

owned operational land at Parkes Drive, Tweed Heads

West, located off Sussyer Avenue, Tweed Heads West

32.2 Tyalgum Road slip repair: Proposed licence for temporary

road; Acquisition of land for road purposes; Acquisition of

easement for support; 1465 Tyalgum Road, Tyalgum (Lot

Help the Tweed fight the war on waste!

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) War on Waste program has been raising awareness about the environmental issues caused by waste across Australia. The show highlights our biggest challenges, as well as showing us the steps we can take to reduce the amount of

waste we generate in our households and businesses. We're asking Tweed to join the battle, so that we can work together to reduce our impact in the natural environment and adapt our behaviours for a more sustainable future. Watch the season on iview.abc.net.au/show/war-on-waste

Join the battle against plastic waste

In the first episode, the War on Waste echoes what we know: that plastics are a major problem when it comes to harming our environment.

Soft and hard plastics that can't be recycled go in our red kerbside bins and end up in landfill.

Plastic waste that makes it to our parks and waterways takes hundreds of years to break down and can seriously affect local wildlife and add to the microplastics in our ecosystems. Sadly, according to the NSW EPA, 60% of all litter in NSW is some sort of plastic packaging or single use plastic item (epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/plastics).

And according to this article from the World Wildlife Federation Australia plastic straws take around 200 years to break down. A plastic water bottle, up to 450 years (wwf.org.au/blogs/the-lifecycle-of-plastics).

Although many types of plastic bottles and containers (such as takeaway food containers) can be recycled via your yellow household recycling bin, the best strategy is to choose to reuse or avoid plastic waste whenever possible. Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/war-on-waste-tweed for tips on

simple ways to avoid single use and soft plastics.



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 at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 16 August to Wednesday 30 August 2023

Application details

DA23/0366 - Staged redesign of the Temple Precinct Master Plan approved under T4/2214 (4 stages) Lot 33 DP 755754, Tyalgum Road, Eungella

Haladhar Holdings Pty Ltd

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.

Please note: Requirements regarding Disclosure of Political Gifts and Donation.

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/ planninginformation

Current vacancies

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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

Check when your

water meter is read at

Keep an eye out for White blackberry this winter!

White blackberry (Rubus niveus) thrives during the cooler weather.

Now is the time that this weed is known to spread quickly, creating woody thickets that supress native vegetation – risking our precious environment in the Far North Coast region.



White blackberry (Rubus niveus) thrives during the cooler weather.

Development application determinations

In fact, White blackberry has been recorded at Cabarita Beach (Tweed Shire) and Myocum (Byron Shire) areas.

Rous County Council needs your help to eradicate this weed. If you see it, please contact Rous on 02 6623 3800 for advice on how to properly control and dispose this weed.

Visit rous.nsw.gov.au/publications

for further information, view the Weed Biosecurity Handbook.

Level 4, 218–232 Molesworth Street, Lismore NSW 2480 PO Box 230, Lismore NSW 2480 02 6623 3800 Т council@rous.nsw.gov.au rous.nsw.gov.au



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

DA23/0291 - Demolition of existing patio roof and new patio roof

Lot 931 DP 877658, 7 Oatlands Place, Banora Point DA23/0317 - In-ground swimming pool

Lot 5 DP 263814, 153 Pioneer Parade, Banora Point

DA22/0843 - House raising including alterations and additions

Lot 415 DP 216388, 11 Tamarind Avenue, Bogangar

DA21/1011 - Use of alterations and additions, alterations and additions to existing dual occupancy including sauna, 2 pools and fencing and change of use to tourist and visitor accommodation

SP 17405, Lot 1 SP 17405, Lot 2 SP 17405, 42 Hastings Road, Bogangar

DA23/0244 - Shed

Lot 1 DP 814144, 2 Rock Road, Bungalora

DA23/0130 - Use of unauthorised boat shed, new detached carport and exploded dwelling

Lot 6 DP 812957, 36 Yandala Place, Clothiers Creek

DA21/0744 - Filling of land ancillary to residential and agricultural uses on site

Lot 5 DP 1080196, Lot 6 DP 1080196, 1094 Clothiers Creek Road. Clothiers Creek

DA23/0048 - Relocation of existing dwelling including alterations and additions to create a single dwelling, studio and swimming pool

Lot 3 DP 622760, 207 Hulls Road, Crabbes Creek

DA23/0146 - Use of alterations and additions to existing dwelling including mezzanine floor, carport and farm building Lot 8 DP 12676, 438 Eviron Road, Eviron

DA21/0965 - Demolition of existing outbuilding, construction of an in-ground swimming pool and dwelling at the rear to create a detached dual occupancy development and associated works

Lot 398 DP 755701, 61 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point DA22/0381 - Construction of a roof and privacy wall to an

existing balcony within a residential flat building Lot 16 SP 85402, Unit 16/18 Moss Street, Kingscliff DA23/0310 - In-ground swimming pool, deck and

privacy screen Lot 204 DP 1195219, 43 Riverbend Way, Murwillumbah

DA23/0082 - Use of unauthorised garage conversion to bedroom and ensuite

Lot 2 DP 831046, 1141 Terranora Road, North Tumbulgum DA23/0041 - Decommissioning of existing dwelling, new dwelling and pool and use of shed and use of

shipping container Lot 106 DP 259397, 32 Bandana Drive, Piggabeen

DA22/0319 – Take away food and drink premises and warehouse (first use) and mezzanine addition

Lot 24 SP 101688, Unit 18/9 Kite Crescent, South Murwillumbah DA22/0462 - Alterations and additions including farm shed,

swimming pool and amenities Lot 3 DP 584999, 888 Smiths Creek Road, Stokers Siding

DA23/0311 - In-ground swimming pool Lot 4 DP 624983, 185 Blakeneys Road, Stokers Siding

DA23/0158 - Dwelling, detached dwelling addition, carport and inground swimming pool

Lot 9 DP 252299, 536 Terranora Road, Terranora

DA22/0782 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 10 DP 239236, 38 Altair Street, Tweed Heads South

The above development determinations are available for public inspection free of charge at the Planning and Regulation Division, tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading 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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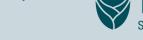
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