

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 recent survey held as part of Council's plans to draft a new management plan for Hastings Point headland overwhelmingly found that in 10 years, people would like to see it as it is today.

Thanks for having your say on Hastings Point headland

Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback in the recent survey as part of Council's plans to draft a new management plan for Hastings Point headland.

The project page attracted more than 1,700 visits and we received 386 online survey responses.

Here are some of the things responders said they love about Hastings Point headland: peaceful; quiet; natural; sleepy seaside feel; sheltered estuary; whale watching; safe swimming conditions for children at the creek; and the lack of development.

Some of your suggested improvements included: road resurfacing; review parking; better access for bikes and

pedestrians; better toilets; more shade in the playground; and a review of the impact of camping.

Responders also shared their concerns for the future, including: overcrowding; damage to the natural environment; increased traffic; impact of camping; off-leash dogs; wildlife; erosion; and over development.

What do you want to see in the future? Overwhelmingly, in 10 years' time responders want to see it as it is today.

The Draft Management Plan will be informed by your feedback and completed by early 2024. Visit the project page at yoursaytweed.com.au/hastingspointheadland to subscribe to keep up to date with this project.

October Business Month

Council's Succeed in Tweed is shining a spotlight on the Tweed business community during October Business Month.

Running from 1 to 31 October, the Succeed in Tweed program will provide opportunities for businesses to network, develop or brush up on skills and capabilities and to celebrate success.

To assist in the development of the Business Month program, we would like to hear from you on topics that are of interest and important to you as a business operator.

Simply visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/business-month-poll and complete the poll by 5 pm Sunday, 27 August.

Once we have received your feedback, we will coordinate a series of workshops and create a calendar of events with our local business partners.

Stay in touch with what is happening in the Tweed business community by subscribing to our free business newsletter at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

Speaking 4 the Planet

Students now have until Thursday 31 August 2023 to make a submission for the National Speaking 4 the Planet competition.

Council is supporting this competition as part of its climate action work with the community which recognises the importance of young people's voices.

Local high school students aged 12-18 are encouraged to submit their public speaking, visual arts, writing or performance poetry at tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change. Great prizes are up for grabs!

Once submitted, share the entry with us so we can showcase your creative insights on climate change. Contact Council's education officer – sustainability Jane Moad at tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Edge of the Future Climate Action



How well do you know your neighbour?

Council is encouraging residents to get to know their neighbours as part of a new campaign aimed at tackling a rising number of neighbourhood disputes across the Tweed.

Co-designed with Tweed residents, the Know your Neighbour Program was created in response to an increasing number of neighbourhood conflicts, particularly relating to noise complaints.

Figures show complaints have been steadily rising in recent years, from approximately 148 noise complaints registered with Council in 2018 to 200 in 2022.

This is in contrast to other neighbourhood-related complaints such as odour, light, illegal dumping and noisy animals which although still high at around 800 complaints per year, have remained relatively stable

during this period.

A key aspect of the program is educating people on the process of making a complaint against a neighbour – but with a focus on what avenues are available before an issue is escalated.

The program includes a new Know Your Neighbour information pack, a guide for anyone with an issue in their neighbourhood who is not sure where to start. The booklet has tips on how to communicate with someone before an issue gets out of hand, encouraging them to take steps to resolve a problem before making an official complaint.

The booklet is now Council's first port of call for people when they wish to report a complaint.

Check it out online at tweed.nsw.gov.au/neighbours or drop into a Council office for a copy.



Last week we each used
161L a day
as at 21 August 2023

In brief ...



Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Nominate now for Tweed Australia Day Awards

Here's your chance to recognise an individual or organisation doing great things in our community through the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards.

The awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate those who help build a vibrant community and make the Tweed a great place to live and visit.

You can nominate in the following categories:

- Arts and Culture Award
- Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Senior Ambassador
- Sporting Achievement of the Year (individual and group)
- Volunteer of the Year (individual and group)
- Young Achiever in Community Service

Nominations close on Friday 29 September. Nominate online at tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day

Foysters Jetty upgrade starting again soon

The upgrade to Foysters Jetty on Minjungbal Drive Tweed Heads South will re-commence in early September 2023 following a period on hold for additional design works.

Work is should take 12 weeks and is due to be completed by the end of November 2023 (weather permitting).

The work will involve replacing deteriorated sections of the jetty to ensure the structure is safe to use.

Access to the jetty will be limited during construction works. The site will be fenced during construction and the gates onsite will be locked out of hours.

Council is asking the community to please avoid the area while works are completed.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/boat-ramps for alternative boat ramps and jetties.



Join the online launch session to find out where, when and what to look out for during your search.

Get involved in the platy-project month of action

Join the Australian Conservation Foundation and University of NSW online to kick off your search.

Council is encouraging Tweed residents to join this nationwide month of action by heading down to your local creek or river to find a quiet place on the bank, try to spot a platypus and record what you see.

Citizen scientists can fill the gaps in our understanding of where this elusive animal lives, so we can better protect it now and into the future.

To prepare for your search join the online launch session to hear from platypus researchers, campaigners and other citizen scientists, and be inspired to get out into nature and help protect this unique and iconic Australian mammal.

Come along to hear the experts discuss platypus behaviour and ecology, what's causing declines in platypus populations and how citizen science like the platy-project builds evidence to protect them.

You'll also learn tips on how to look for a platypus: where, when, what to look out for, and how to record your findings.

The free launch session will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Thursday 31 August 2023 via Zoom. Register at acf.org.au/platy-project-launch-2023

Report platypus sightings through the form on Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/platypus

For more information contact Tom Grindrod from the Australian Conservation Foundation on platypus@acf.org.au

Thanks for hitting Target 160

Well done, Tweed! For the past 3 weeks, residents throughout the shire have managed to keep their water use around 160 litres per person a day, on average.

The last time Target 160 was met was early November 2022. Water and Wastewater Manager Michael Wraight said with drier El Niño weather soon upon us, it was vitally important that everyone continued to save water and meet Target 160. "If we don't get enough rain in the coming months, we will head into water restrictions," Mr Wraight said.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/target-160-litres for ideas on saving water every day – not just during times of restrictions.

Planning is underway to secure the Tweed's water supply, including the proposal to raise Clarrie Hall Dam.

The proposal's Environmental Impact Statement is nearing completion and will be lodged with the NSW Government in mid 2024. Go to yoursaytweed.com.au/raisingclarriehall-eis to find out more.

Plan now for bush fire season

Bush Fire Danger Period in the Tweed starts on Friday 1 September 2023.

Residents must get a fire permit before lighting any fire during Bush Fire Danger Period. Getting a permit is free, easy, and helps ensure fire is used safely. To apply for a permit contact your local Fire Control Centre or visit rfs.nsw.gov.au

Council encourages residents living in bush fire prone areas to start preparing now for the upcoming bush fire season by knowing your risk, preparing your home and having a Bush Fire Survival Plan in place.

Visit rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan for help preparing your plan.

There are a number of preventative measures residents can do around their home to prepare for a bush fire, including:

1. **Trim** overhanging trees and shrubs.
2. **Mow** grass and remove the cuttings.
3. **Remove** material that can burn around your home.
4. **Clear** and remove all the debris/leaves from gutters.
5. **Prepare** a sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home.

Take these simple actions now to be better prepared during the bush fire season.

To report a bush fire, call 000. For more information visit the RFS website rfs.nsw.gov.au or visit Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/bushfires

Development application determinations

Notification of development application determinations for the purposes of Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (as amended).

Application details

Approved

DA23/0166 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including decks, first floor additions and carport within the front building line

Lot 9 DP 31457, No. 71 Pioneer Parade, **Banora Point**

DA23/0300 – Use of existing mezzanine level within a public administration building

Lot 4 DP 1256458, No. 62 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

Refused

DA20/0386 – 13 lot subdivision (11 residential lots, 1 drainage lot and 1 residual dedicated riparian lot)

Lot 156 DP 628026, No. 40 Creek Street, **Hastings Point**

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

Community notice

Chillingham Community Association has its AGM on Saturday 2 September at 2 pm at the Chillingham Community Centre, 1469 Numinbah Road, Chillingham. Nominations for the committee can be lodged with the Secretary up to 7 days before the AGM via chillinghamcommunitycentre@gmail.com

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

WATER WEEK 7



Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Register now for the Great Glossy Count 2023

Birdlife Australia's Great Glossy Count is taking place over the weekend of 9 and 10 September 2023.

The Count is a Birdlife Australia event, in partnership with the Glossy Black Conservancy and Tweed Shire Council.

Data collected during the count will support vital bushfire recovery and conservation work for South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoos.

Council encourages Tweed residents to get involved as citizen scientists and be part of the recovery of

threatened birds.

Participate in the count on your own, with a friend or as part of a group.

Register now at bit.ly/glossycount2023.

Brush up on your Glossy identification skills by checking out this webinar recording from the Glossy Black Conservancy youtu.be/GHlmDh90jig

Visit glossyblack.org.au/great-glossy-count for more information.

What is your vision for the Tweed's coast and estuaries?

What do you love about the Tweed Coast and estuaries, and what is important to protect into the future?

Council is at the early stages of developing a Coastal Management Program (CMP) and your input will help us provide a response that is consistent with the community's



vision for the future of our coastline.

With our coastal areas facing increasing pressure from population growth, urbanisation and climate change, the CMP will help Council identify and balance competing interests and priorities in the coastal zone.

Working with you, we want to develop a program that responds to coastal hazards in a socially, economically and environmentally responsible way. You understand your local area and observe changes over time, so your feedback, concerns and ideas are instrumental in helping us plan for the future.

Whether your priority is recreational activities or protecting delicate ecosystems, by actively taking part in our short survey you will help decision-makers prepare plans that align with our shared values of the coastline.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/tweedcmp for more information.

Banora Point seniors have their say on the future of FABS

As of December 2023, Council will no longer be funded to facilitate the Fun Activities for Banora Seniors program (FABS), currently funded through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

This comes as part of a wider Council resolution, made in March 2023, to exit aged care service provision, in light of sweeping sector reforms.

The FABS program, which operates out of the Banora Point Community Centre, offers local seniors a range of social and hobby-based activities. It is the only program of its nature operating in the Tweed that is facilitated by Council staff.

Council has engaged community consultancy, Better Cities Group to help investigate ways the centre and the FABS program can exist in a self-sustaining manner into the future. Part of this research included a community workshop

which asked FABS users what they thought about the future of the centre and the FABS program in light of this change.

The workshop saw community members contribute to meaningful discussion and share their ideas. Many were open about their negative view of the changes faced. Opportunities were also explored.

An online survey for the whole community ran from 23 July to 14 August asking residents what they saw for the future of the centre and 123 responses were received

Survey responses and community workshop discussion points will form a report for Council outlining key outcomes and any recommendations for future action.

To follow progress on this community consultation, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/banora_point_centre and subscribe for project updates.



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Proposed road closing under section 38b Roads Act 1993

In pursuance of the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is hereby given that Tweed Shire Council proposes to close the Council public road listed in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1:

Tweed Valley Way, Fernvale, adjacent to Lot 1 DP592650.

Upon closure of the road, Council intends to sell the land to an adjoining land owner.

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484, within 28 days of the date of this advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is completed, Tweed Shire Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.



Council ref: TVW Road Closure

Enquiries: Sally Curran

Telephone: 02 6670 2400

Learn more at yoursaytweed.com.au/roadclosurefernvale

For the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council.

Addendum to Murwillumbah CBD Levee and Drainage Study

Council is seeking feedback on the draft addendum to the Murwillumbah CBD Levee and Drainage Study. The Addendum Study evaluates, and recommends, a series of flood pump station upgrades for Murwillumbah.

Have your say

The draft addendum to the Murwillumbah CBD Levee and Drainage Study is on public exhibition from Wednesday 23 August to Wednesday 20 September 2023. We invite the local Murwillumbah community to provide their feedback in one of the following ways:

Council confidentiality policy: On request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality however, the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* may require confidential submissions to be released to an applicant.

• **Online:** yoursaytweed.com.au/addendum-murwillumbah-cbd-levee-drainage-study

• **Email:** tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

• **Mail:** General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484

Learn more about the draft addendum to the Murwillumbah CBD Levee and Drainage Study at yoursaytweed.com.au/addendum-murwillumbah-cbd-levee-drainage-study

Enquiries: Leon McLean, Engineer – Flooding and Stormwater, Roads and Stormwater, 02 6670 2400.

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