

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.



Business Murwillumbah President Rebecca Whan checks out one of the new racks in Murwillumbah's main street.

Racking up more bike places in Murwillumbah

The popularity of pedal power spurred by the Northern Rivers Rail Trail has prompted Council to install additional bike racks around the Murwillumbah CBD.

Working in conjunction with Business Murwillumbah, Council has installed 8 extra hoop style racks in 4 locations – outside the Nam Yeng café in Wharf Street, on the pedestrian verge at Palm Plaza and outside the Imperial Hotel on Murwillumbah Street and near the Modern Grocer

in Commercial Road.

The racks will supplement existing racks around the town and have been installed to provide cyclists with locations where they can secure their bikes while enjoying the town centre.

Business Murwillumbah president Rebecca Whan, a keen cyclist herself, said the bike racks were a great asset for the Murwillumbah CBD.

Reminder, Burringbar Tunnel closure next week



The Burringbar Range Tunnel on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail will be closed for essential maintenance works from Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 September.

During this time there will be no through access between the intersection of The Bloodwoods and Tunnel roads on the northern side and 30 m south of the tunnel entrance.

Users will be able to explore the Rail Trail between Crabbes Creek and 14 km marker (south of the tunnel) or Murwillumbah Station to 11 km (north of the tunnel) during this time.

For more information about the Rail Trail, visit northernriversrailtrail.com.au

Remember, there will be no access to Burringbar Range Tunnel between Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 September.

Give space to nesting birds this spring

Spring is in the air for many of our threatened bird species.

Regular feathered residents and visitors to the Tweed Coast listed as threatened in NSW include:

- Eastern Osprey and Sooty Oystercatcher (vulnerable)
- Pied Oystercatcher and Bush Stone-curlew (endangered)
- Beach Stone-curlew (critically endangered)

These birds are now entering their breeding season.

Council is reminding the public to be aware of our breeding birds, especially when the chicks start hatching.

Many of our threatened species are ground-nesting birds. This makes the new chicks and eggs very vulnerable at this time of the year, as they nest and forage on our beaches and in urban areas.

It's important to keep your dogs on a lead and not let your cats roam. Please slow down on our roads as many animals are moving around this time of the year to find partners or feed their young.

If you see an injured native animal, please call Tweed Valley Wildlife carers on their 24 hour Hotline on 02 6672 4789.

If you are concerned about interference with any native

animal please contact NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service at npws.tweedbyron@environment.nsw.gov.au

To report sightings of Bush Stone-curlews, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/bush-stone-curlews



Bush Stone-curlews are starting to nest now. Give them space during breeding season. Credit: David Charley.



Last week we each used **162L a day**
as at 28 August 2023

In brief ...

Apply for Australia Day event funding

Council is offering financial assistance to community organisations across the Tweed who plan to hold small community events three days either side of Australia Day 2024.

If your community-based organisation is planning an Australia Day event for the public to enjoy, you may be able to apply for funding support from Council.

Financial assistance is only available for Tweed-based community organisations who are an incorporated body and hold public liability insurance.

To apply for the event funding, please complete the application form at tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day by 5 pm Friday 29 September 2023.



It's smelly season around the mangroves

A rotten-egg like smell in the Tweed's waterways at this time of year might be due to mangroves.

Mangroves grow along the shores of the shire's estuaries (pictured above) and wetlands, and have an important role in maintaining a healthy eco-system.

Sometimes, mangrove fruit emit a strong odour when they decompose, usually from July to November.

It's often mistaken for sewage odour but it isn't.

The sulphide gas that's produced is the same smell given off by sewage gases.

There are no safety concerns.

Help take care of the Tweed's internationally significant natural environment by finding out more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/mangrove-odours



Restoration works at Murwillumbah's Banner Street Memorial Park have been completed.

Banner Street Memorial Park restoration works complete

Council has completed restoration works at Murwillumbah's Banner Street Memorial Park.

The restoration project included a clean of the park's rotunda and surrounding footpath, painting of the structure's roof and restoration of 16 plaques and their fixtures.

Council's Cemeteries Business Coordinator Greg Puch said the much-needed restoration was a wonderful improvement to the space.

"The park is an important part of our community's history and a place for people to pay their respects to those at rest."

"We hope that the restoration works are of comfort to those that often visit the memorial".

September Farm Walk and Talk

Join our Sustainable Agriculture Program team and farmers David and Kaye McNaught for a farm walk and talk on their pecan and cattle farm.

David and Kaye will talk about their sustainability initiatives including biological approaches to nut production, livestock and forestry management. See first-hand the environmental and production benefits that have resulted from fencing cattle out of their wetland areas.

The event is part of Council's commitment to working together with the community to reduce our impact on the natural environment in the Tweed. All farmers and community members are welcome to join us at this informative event.

No need to register, just come along from 1 to 3 pm on Thursday 7 September at Tweed River Pecans, 273 Brooks Road, Kynnumboon.

The event will take place around the farm and in the orchard – please bring a hat, sturdy shoes and water.

For more information email agriculture@tweed.nsw.gov.au or call the Sustainable Agriculture Team on 02 6670 2400.



Farmer David McNaught and Buddy the Dog overlooking the serenity of their farm.

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

Request for offer

RFO2023052 Provision of Vegetation Maintenance Services for the Northern River Rail Trail

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 13 September 2023

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for offer documentation is available at no charge at tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts

All offers will be opened at closing time and will be considered by Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. The lowest or any offer is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify. For further information please contact Contracts Administration on 02 6670 2606.

Community notice

Chinderah Districts Residents Association meet Tuesday 5 September 2023, 7 pm at Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff St, 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

WATER WEEK 8



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

Is your pool safe?

Did you know about Council's pool safety program? Council's team of pool safety experts can help you find the peace of mind that comes with knowing your pool or spa area is up to NSW required safety standards.

The team can help you with:

- pool safety inspections
- pool compliance certificates
- pool registrations
- pool resuscitation signage
- accessing pool information before you owned it
- following up a complaint about a pool you think might be unsafe.

Council's pool safety program offers a range of affordable options that offer expert advice. Once you contact the team, they will usually get back to within one business day to organise a time that suits.

This program is just another way Council is making sure the places we live, work and visit are safe.

To book and inspection call 02 6670 2400 or email the team direct at tscpools@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/swimming-pools-spas for more information.

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

DA23/0144 – Shed conversion to a dwelling and new shed with amenities

Lot 5 DP 1167628, No. 328 Back Creek Road, **Back Creek**

DA23/0042 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 13 DP 255609, No. 9 Clifford Crescent, **Banora Point**

DA23/0283 – In-ground swimming pool within the front building line

Lot 152 DP 806789, No. 1 Bonny Glen Place, **Banora Point**

DA22/0662 – Use of existing pontoon

Lot 95 DP 263367, Lot 32 DP 263366, No. 19 Commodore Court, **Banora Point**

DA22/0622 – Dual occupancy (attached) and associated swimming pools

Lot 86 DP 1264557, No. 44 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

DA23/0030 – Exploded dwelling with attached garage

Lot 18 NPP 286231, Unit 18/No. 2981 Kyogle Road, **Kunghur**

DA23/0275 – Patio roof and carport within the front building line

Lot 1 SP 46944, Unit 1/No. 18 Edward Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA23/0286 – Carport and storage shed

Lot 65 DP 787412, No. 20 Glenbrae Drive, **Terranora**

DA23/0274 – Partial roofed deck, above-ground swimming pool and shed

Lot 3 DP 23716, No. 34 Recreation Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA23/0353 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 201 DP 249155, No. 16 The Bowsprit, **Tweed Heads**

DA22/0741 – Alterations and additions including carport forward of the building line

Lot 39 DP 29195, No. 69 Panorama Drive, **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

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 30 August to Wednesday 13 September 2023.

Application details

DA23/0413 – Alterations and additions to existing commercial building, associated signage and change of use to wellness centre

Lot 20 DP 23512, No. 47–49 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

Mr David Perry

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 at tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applicationsInformation



Is your pool safe? Ask an expert at Council.



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Proposed classification of land

Council recently acquired Lot 21 in DP331993 (39 West End Street, Murwillumbah South). Refer to diagram.

Council proposes to classify the land as operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The intended use of the land is for road, wastewater and sewage infrastructure.

Have your say

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal up to 27 September 2023 by:

- **Mail:** The General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah, NSW 2484
- **Email:** tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Learn more at yoursaytweed.com.au/westendstreet

Council ref: 39 West End Street

Enquiries: Jennie Stephenson, Technical Officer – Property, 02 6670 2769.



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