

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.



Congratulations Tweed homeowners and businesses! Together, we are the top adopters of solar energy on the NSW North Coast. The opening of the Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant solar array secures that position.

Sun shining on Tweed's biggest solar array

Council has switched on the Shire's largest solar array, securing the Tweed's top spot for solar energy uptake on the NSW North Coast.

Covering the size of a football field, 1,208 high-efficiency solar panels with a capacity of 604 kilowatts are now helping power one of Council's most power-hungry facilities, the Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The solar array has increased Council's renewable energy capacity by about 60 percent, with more than 20 Council facilities now host to 1.6 megawatts of solar energy.

Nearly 53 percent of Tweed houses now have solar panels. There have been nearly 2,500 commercial solar installations in the Shire to date.

It's estimated the roofs of more than 20,000 Tweed homes plus businesses and Council facilities have a combined solar energy capacity of 125 megawatts.

That's the highest capacity of any local government area from Port Macquarie north to the Queensland border.

The Banora Point solar array powers the Tweed's largest wastewater plant, which processes the sewage of 55,000

people from Banora Point, Bilambil Heights, Terranora, Tweed Heads, Tweed Heads South and Tweed Heads West. It's the second major energy efficiency project at the plant this year.

In June, Council replaced the plant's aging blowers and return activated sludge pumps with new high efficiency units. Those assets were some of the biggest power consumers at the plant and their replacement has reduced their power consumption by up to 7%.

Together, these projects are set to cut Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 747 tonnes a year, saving at least \$140,000 on electricity costs annually.

It's part of Council's Renewable Energy Action Plan, which has a goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions from its electricity use by 50% by 2025.

Go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-operations to find out more.

Through initiatives such as the Banora Point solar array, Council is reducing its impact on the natural environment and responding to climate change.

Get to know Tweed's most curious resident

Sneak a peek at the elusive Platypus of Tweed in a new immersive digital experience.

Council has launched their latest digital Story Map, Platypus of Tweed, offering a suite of multimedia and maps that are brought together to showcase platypus living in the Tweed's waterways.

Topics include the evolution, cultural significance, facts (did you know they glow in the dark?), habitat features, distribution, diet, life cycle, threats and opportunities.

Council encourages residents to take a leisurely scroll through Platypus of Tweed, listen to the soothing sounds of their habitat and delve into the many facets of its life. You can even zoom in on a map to find a possible platy-spotting location near you!

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/platypus to find the Platypus of Tweed Story Map and the [platypus sighting report form](#).



View Council's Story Map to get to know the Tweed's most curious resident.

Chat with a dog behaviour expert for free this weekend

Dogs love to learn! And sometimes we just need a few hints and tips to help them become the 'goodest dogs around'.

Council has engaged dog behaviour experts from Calm Confident K9 and Mans Best Friend Australia who are ready and willing to answer all your questions and give some great demonstrations.

No need to book, just come down to the off-leash park at John Baker Reserve Banora Point on Saturday 9 September 2023 or Saturday 23 September 2023 from 9 am to 12 pm for a free chat.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/where-can-i-walk-my-dog for more information and to check out off-leash dog parks to explore.



Last week we each used
164L a day
as at 4 September 2023

In brief ...

Murwillumbah Library to close over September

Due to roofing works, the Murwillumbah Library will be closed from Saturday 9 – Saturday 23 September. These dates are subject to change depending on weather interruptions and scheduling changes.

The Online Library will remain open and can be accessed with your library card via the Richmond Tweed Regional Library website at rtl.nsw.gov.au

The Tweed Heads and Kingscliff Libraries are open as usual, as is the Mobile Library which visits Bilambil Heights, Bogangar, Burringbar, Fingal Head, Pottsville and Tyalgum.

For updates, please check the News section of the library website. For any enquiries, please call the Tweed Heads Library 07 5536 3672.

Last chance to register – Great Glossy Count 2023

Join Birdlife Australia's Great Glossy Count on 9 and 10 September 2023.

Don't miss out on getting involved as a citizen scientist in this event and be part of the recovery of threatened birds.

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

Register now at login.birdlife.org.au. For more information visit glossyblack.org.au/great-glossy-count



Get involved in the 2024 NSW Seniors Festival. Now is the time to reach out with your ideas and energy.

Call out for Tweed Seniors Festival volunteers

The dates for the 2024 NSW Seniors Festival have been set, so let the planning begin!

The festival will take place from 11 to 24 March 2024 – and as in past years, the Shire will mark the occasion with the annual Tweed Seniors Festival.

This year's festival theme is 'Reach Beyond', which encourages all seniors to seek out new activities and experiences by participating in the festivities.

Each year, a group of local volunteers help bring the Tweed Seniors Festival to life through planning festival activities in their local area.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival if you would like to volunteer for the 2024 Tweed Seniors Festival Working Party and fill out the expression of interest form.

If you would like more information about Tweed Seniors Festival, please contact Lyn Porter on 07 55 69 3110 or via communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Request for offer

RFO2023118 – Expressions of interest (EOI)

Licence to operate café at Point Danger Lighthouse, Boundary Street, Tweed Heads, NSW 2485

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon 20 September 2023

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website 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 2021*. All or any EOI offers will not necessarily be accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will cause disqualification.

For further information please contact Contracts Administration at adminIDU@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Nominees announced for Tweed Sustainability Awards 2023

An inspiring range of initiatives have been nominated for the 2023 Sustainability Awards.

Twenty-four nominations have been received for the awards this year, with a wide range of impressive initiatives for positive environmental outcomes, including:

- innovative use of artificial intelligence to support ocean wildlife conservation
- regenerative farming for soil carbon sequestration and sustainable food production
- removal of over 2 tonnes of flood debris from the Tweed River

- rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned, sick and injured wildlife
- milk production diversification and education
- innovative cooking and dining experiences with sustainable sourcing and reduction of waste
- making recycling fun for students
- supporting local farmers and artisans with routes to market and reduction in food waste.

celebrate their environmental champions. Vote now for your favourite Tweed Sustainability Award nominee and have your say on who will be this year's 2023 People's Choice winner.

To see the full list of nominees and cast your vote visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityawards

Only one vote per person is allowed.

Voting closes at midnight on Sunday 1 October 2023.

The award winners will be announced at a showcase event on Thursday 12 October 2023.



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

DA23/0343 – Inground swimming pool and front fence 1.8m Lot 19 DP 1034976, No. 7 Bolwarra Place, **Bilambil Heights**

DA23/0354 – Addition to existing dwelling

Lot 51 DP 1158855, No. 2A Rosewood Avenue, **Bogangar**

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



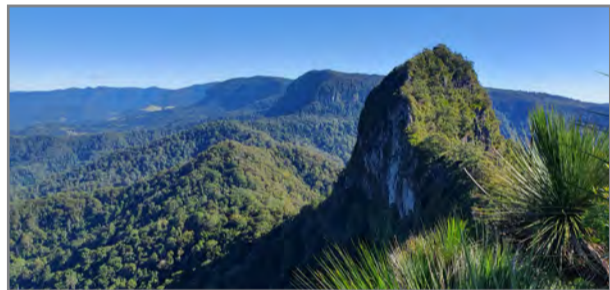
Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Draft Tweed Conservation Strategy

On exhibition from 7 September to 19 October

You are invited to comment on the draft Tweed Conservation Strategy that outlines how Council will lead environmental conservation programs and work with the community to achieve specific goals.



Have your say

We are seeking community feedback on this conservation strategy until 19 October in one of the following ways:

- **Online:** Complete the short survey at [Your Say Tweed](https://yoursaytweed.com.au)
- **Mail:** Make a submission to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484
- **Email:** tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- **Subject:** Tweed Conservation Strategy

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/conservationstrategy to learn more and make a submission.

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.

Help us make decisions with you
Register at yoursaytweed.com.au

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 9



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

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 28 days from Wednesday 6 September to Wednesday 4 October 2023.

Application details

DA23/0400 – Proposed temporary installation of a ferris wheel for a maximum period of 12 weeks

Lot 7036 DP 1054009, No. 60 Boundary Street, **Tweed Heads**

The Trustee for Xtra Ordinary Events Unit Trust

Notification of integrated development application

Development application no. DA23/0411

A development application has been lodged by B & P Surveys seeking development consent for use of an unauthorised outdoor recreation facility (equestrian centre) and associated earthworks at Lot 149 DP 755721; No. 309 Tunnel Road, Stokers Siding. 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
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's Water Operations Division

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

The documents will be available for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 6 September to Wednesday 4 October 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* – GIPA 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 at tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications

Planning Committee meeting agenda – Thursday 7 September 2023

The Planning Committee meeting agenda for Thursday 7 September 2023 is available on Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-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

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

- 8.1** Development Application DA22/0421 for a childcare centre at Lot 11 DP 1244396 No. 647 Terranora Road, Terranora
- 8.2** Development Application DA23/0302 for a caravan

park (112 long term sites), reception, managers residence and pool at Lot 2 DP 815370 No. 1126 Pottsville Road, Pottsville

- 8.3** Class 1 Appeal – Development Application DA20/0386 for a 13 lot subdivision (11 residential lots, 1 drainage lot and 1 residual dedicated riparian lot) at Lot 156 DP 628026 No. 40 Creek Street, Hastings Point

Council meeting agenda – Thursday 7 September 2023

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 7 September 2023 is available on Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1** Adoption of recommendations from Planning Committee meeting held Thursday 7 September 2023

Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 13.1** Acceptance of Grant: NSW Environmental Trust – Conserving Cockatoos and Curlews on the North Coast (Stage 2)

Reports from the Director Corporate Services

- 15.1** Council Committee – Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Delegates
 - 15.2** Applications for 2023–2024 Events Sponsorship Funding
 - 15.3** Determination of number of councillors – Section 224 of the *Local Government Act*
- #### Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment in committee
- 26.1** Update on illegal dog ownership in breach of restriction on title at Pottsville

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.

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