

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.



The Northern Rivers Koala Count is being held from Sunday 24 to Saturday 30 September. Join Council and Friends of the Koala as a citizen scientist and make a special effort to report koala sightings.

Come and help count koalas in the Tweed

Calling the Tweed's nature lovers and citizen scientists! Spring has sprung and now is the perfect time to get out and about and look for koalas during the upcoming Northern Rivers Koala Count, which takes place from Sunday 24 to Saturday 30 September.

Join Council and Friends of the Koala and make a special effort to report koala sightings.

We already know a lot about where our coastal koalas are, so we're particularly calling on residents in the north and west of the Tweed to let us know where they see koalas.

The week-long project aims to provide a better understanding about where koalas live and how they use their environment to support important koala research, conservation and management actions.

Visit friendsofthekoala.org/report-a-koala-sighting to report sightings during the week.

Looking after the Tweed's koalas

If you spot a koala displaying any of the below signs, they are likely to be sick, injured or at risk:

- eyes red, crusty or weepy
- rump stained and/or wet, not white or grey
- fur missing, matted or brown
- visible blood or wound and/or flies buzzing around
- difficulty climbing, moving or walking
- on the ground, not moving or deceased
- does not move away when approached
- smaller than a rockmelon on their own and/or chirping
- discharge out of nose or mouth
- dogs nearby, possible or at risk of dog attack
- on the road edge or at risk of vehicle strike
- on a pole or fence.

Call Friends of the Koala 24-hour rescue hotline immediately on 02 6622 1233.

Inbound lane only on Wollumbin Street bridge

Tweed Shire Council is urging motorists to plan ahead and seek alternative routes between Murwillumbah CBD and South Murwillumbah for up to 4 weeks from 25 September when essential works to upgrade the town's main sewer main are undertaken.

Traffic delays and detours can be expected during these vital works, when the Wollumbin Street bridge will be reduced to a single lane – one way traffic only into the Murwillumbah CBD – to allow workers to complete the necessary upgrade safely. Detours will be in place for outbound traffic.

From Monday 25 September, the bridge will be closed to outbound traffic during work hours, which will cause delays. The other lane and footpath will remain open under traffic control measures.

The works are expected to take up to four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Detours will be in place for outbound traffic via Cane Road, using Queensland Road or Tumbulgum Road, or Bakers Road and Mistral Road.

Work has been scheduled to coincide with the school holiday period when traffic volume is reduced.

Following community feedback, crews will only work from Mondays to Thursdays, from 6 am to 6 pm, with full access restored on Fridays. Weekend work will be considered if required.

Manager Infrastructure Delivery Tim Mackney said the current upgrade follows the successful completion of the preceding sewer upgrades along Wollumbin Street last year and Alma Street the year before.

"This project is critical to replace essential sewerage

infrastructure – which is approaching the end of its serviceable life – and connect previously upgraded infrastructure on either side of the bridge," Mr Mackney said.

To ensure the safety of road users and workers, site preparation works will commence on 20 September. These initial preparations will not impact traffic flow.

Council appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation during this essential project.

Electronic signage will be in place before works start. Information about traffic disruptions will be published on Council's roadworks and closures page at tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks-closures as well as Live Traffic NSW.



Motorists are urged to plan ahead and seek alternative routes between the CBD and South Murwillumbah while works take place.



Last week we each used
164L a day
as at 18 September 2023

In brief ...

Time running out to nominate for Tweed Australia Day Awards

Don't miss your chance to recognise an individual or organisation doing great things in our community through the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards.

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

Vote for your favourite Sustainability Awards nominee

With less than two weeks to go before voting closes, now is the time to pick your favourite Tweed Sustainability Award nominee. Almost 800 people have cast their votes so far!

A total of 24 nominees are up for winning the prestigious People's Choice Award – voted for by the community. Let's celebrate these environmental champions for their efforts to protect and enhance our beautiful Shire.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityawards to see the full list of nominees and vote.

Only one vote per person is allowed. Voting closes midnight Sunday 1 October. Award winners will be announced at a showcase event on Wednesday 11 October at the Tweed Regional Gallery.



Part of the extreme landslide on Tyalgum Road.

Access through Tyalgum slip site prohibited

Construction will begin on Monday 25 September to restore temporary access to motorists at the extreme landslide on Tyalgum Road.

Contractor SEE Civil is expected to begin mobilising on site later this week with construction works set to begin on Monday.

For safety reasons, this will require all public access through the slip site to be prohibited during the critical construction phase (approximately 4 weeks). This includes access to pedestrians.

Electronic message boards at the start of each end of Tyalgum Road will advise motorists of the site closure ahead.

Once open, the temporary single-lane road will restore vehicle and cycle access through Tyalgum Road, under traffic controls.

Council's Manager Infrastructure Delivery Tim Mackney said locals and visitors can expect the village's main road to be open well ahead of Christmas and the holiday season.

"Once mobilised, construction of the temporary access road is expected to take about four weeks to complete, which on current expectations would see Tyalgum Road opened by late October this year," Mr Mackney said.

Once open, the single-lane access road will continue to be monitored and adjusted, if necessary, to safeguard road users.

Once the temporary road is completed, work will continue on constructing the permanent fix for the road which is expected to take up to 12 months.

Council acknowledges the patience shown by the Tyalgum community since the February 2022 flood. Council is working together with others to deliver a safe and connected local road network.



Council bringing Tweed businesses together

Council is launching the inaugural Tweed October Business Month, an initiative designed to empower, connect and celebrate the local business community.

Coinciding with NSW Small Business Month, October Business Month is part of the Succeed in the Tweed initiative and is testament to the talent, resilience and vibrancy that defines the Tweed's business landscape.

The month-long extravaganza promises a calendar filled with events tailored to cater to the Tweed's diverse business community, from business breakfasts and networking nights to online seminars and practical workshops. The program further aims to provide valuable opportunities for skill development, networking, knowledge sharing and celebrating business triumphs in the Tweed.

A highlight of the month will be the Tweed Sustainability Awards which celebrate champions in our community, including businesses, going above and beyond for sustainability in the Tweed.

Alongside online webinars hosted by Council on topics such as development applications (DAs) and food service safety, the October Business Month program will feature events from partners including Gold Coast Airport, TAFE NSW and Regional Development Australia as well as independent gurus such as Tim Jack Adams. The spotlight will be shone on food business requirements and how to make the most of the Tweed's exciting new Rail Trail and Uki Mountain Bike Track.

In the lead up to Small Business Month, Council has launched a new Succeed in the Tweed Business Support group through its Facebook page, which aims to support businesses in the Tweed through sharing information, knowledge and supporting one another.

The event follows the Shire's success at the Northern Rivers 2023 Business Awards hosted by Business NSW on Saturday 16 September, where the Tweed was represented by 24 finalists, including 5 who went on to win in their categories.

For a full calendar of events during October Business Month visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/october-business-month



Succeed in **THE TWEED**

Regional Business Awards

A huge congratulations to all the finalists and winners who represented the Tweed at Saturday's Business NSW awards held in Ballina.

Tweed finalists at the 2023 Northern Rivers Regional Business Awards include:

- Australian Bay Lobster Producers* (Excellence in Innovation)
- Belinda Dinsey, RBR Property Consultants (Outstanding Employee)
- Better Breathing Sport (Excellence in Health, Care & Wellness)
- Bolt+Buckle (Excellence in Retail & Personal Services)
- Daniel White, Early Up (Outstanding Business Leader)
- Husk Distillers (Excellence in Tourism, Recreation & Visitor Experience)
- Josh Northeast, Jnortheast Films* (Outstanding Young Business Leader)
- Locale Magazine (Outstanding Start Up)
- Matthew Coakers, Coakers Building Services (Outstanding Business Leader)
- Pasta'bah (Excellence in Small Business – Trade, Construction & Manufacturing)
- Planit Consulting (Excellence in Business & Professional Services – Excellence in Large Business)
- Potager (Excellence in Tourism, Recreation & Visitor Experience – Excellence in Small Business#)
- SEE Civil (Excellence in Trade, Construction & Manufacturing)
- Southern Cross Credit Union (Excellence in Business & Professional Services)
- Summerland Credit Union (Excellence in Sustainability* – Excellence in Business & Professional Services* – Excellence in Large Business)
- The Professional Writer# (Excellence in Micro Business)
- Theresa Mitchell, Agape Outreach Inc. (Outstanding Business Leader)
- Tweed Chamber of Commerce* (Outstanding Local Chamber)
- Tweed Real Food (Excellence in Small Business)

* Winner. # Highly commended.

In brief ...

Community feedback wanted

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposed design to upgrade three public transport shelters on Wharf Street, Tweed Heads to enhance safety, appearance and accessibility in the CBD precinct.

The upgrade works include the bus shelter on the corner of Wharf and Bay streets and the 2 shelters in front of Tweed Mall on Wharf Street, one serving buses and the other serving taxis (pictured).

These upgrades are funded by the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and a condition of the funding requires community input into the proposed works.

Key features of the upgraded shelters include:

- upgraded lighting to improve safety
- mesh backing to provide protection from the weather and allow for clear visibility
- enhanced accessibility and appearance
- reduced ongoing maintenance costs.

For more information and to view or provide comment on this project by Sunday 1 October, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-heads-bus-and-taxi-shelters



Free dog behaviour event this Saturday

Is your pooch in need of a bit of extra training? Do you have questions about dog behaviour you want answered?

Council is offering Tweed residents a free opportunity to chat to dog behaviour experts from Calm Confident K9 and Mans Best Friend Australia this Saturday 23 September 2023 from 9 am to 12 noon at the off-leash dog park at John Baker Reserve, Darlington Drive, Banora Point.

No bookings required, just drop in for a free chat.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/where-can-i-walk-my-dog for more information or to find out where the off-leash dog parks are in the Tweed.

Prickly acacia (*Vachellia nilotica*): A thorn in our side

As its name suggests, Prickly acacia is distinguished by sharp thorns 1–5 cm long. These thorns are highly problematic on grazing land, where dense thickets of thorny scrub impede the movement of livestock to food and water.



Seed pods of the Prickly acacia.
Image: Colin G. Wilson

On average, Prickly acacia grows 4–5 metres in height, however in the right conditions it can reach 10 metres and can cover properties with thickets of trees that compete with native plants. Mature plants produce 175,000 seeds per year.

One of the main ways Prickly acacia spreads to other regions is through cattle digesting its seed. To prevent this spread, any stock brought into NSW from areas known to have Prickly acacia should be quarantined for at least 7 days both before and after transportation.

Rous County Council is working to prevent Prickly acacia from crossing the QLD border into NSW.

Seen it? Call Rous on 02 6623 3800 or use the webform at rous.nsw.gov.au/report-a-weed

To keep up to date, follow Rous on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/RousCountyCouncil) @RousCountyCouncil



Thorns on the Prickly acacia can reach 5 cm in length.
Image: Colin G. Wilson

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Celebrate World Rivers Day 24 September

From the ranges to the coast, the entire Tweed Shire is connected by water. Our extensive waterways are a treasured feature of the environment and Council is committed to managing them as healthy ecosystems supporting people, flora and fauna.

This World Rivers Day (Sunday 24 September) is a timely reminder of some simple things we can all do to keep our creeks and rivers healthy, including:

- take rubbish home or place it in a bin
- dispose of fishing line responsibly
- use environmentally-friendly fishing tackle.

We share our waterways with a range of native animals, including the platypus, and our actions, both positive and negative, impact them in a number of ways.

During August, Council received 14 platypus sightings (thank you platy spotters!).

This proves that while they're known for being elusive, they are here! If you spot a platy, please report your sighting or check out the new Platypus of Tweed story map at tweed.nsw.gov.au/platypus to see if there are any platypus in your area.

Funding is available through Council's River Health Grants program for projects targeting typical problems along our rivers and creeks including poor riparian vegetation and bank erosion.

Have creek or river frontage? Get in touch so Council can help rehabilitate your riparian zones and protect important Tweed platypus habitat.

See how Council looks after the Tweed's rivers and creeks and find out about the River Health Grants program at tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks



This World Rivers Day (Sunday 24 September) is a perfect time to think about how we can all look after the creeks and rivers of the Tweed including this gorgeous spot in the upper Tweed catchment.

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

DA22/0563 – Secondary dwelling, garage and carport
Lot 53 DP 860877, No. 13 Gumly Close, **Burringbar**

DA23/0385 – Inground swimming pool

Lot 13 Section 11 DP 758571, No. 1 Zephyr Street, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0365 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 284 DP 1120559, No. 6 Woodfull Crescent, **Pottsville**

DA23/0344 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including new covered deck

Lot 16 Section 3 DP 5077, No. 121 River Street,

South Murwillumbah

DA23/0116 – Alterations and additions to service station

Lot 1 DP 779895, Lot 2 DP 779895, Lot 3 DP 779895, Lot 4

DP 779895, Lot 5 DP 779895, Lot 6 DP 779895, Lot 7 DP

779895, No. 212–224 Tweed Valley Way, **South Murwillumbah**

DA23/0349 – Spa

Lot 6 DP 777940, No. 1282 Tyalgum Road, **Tyalgum**

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

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 11



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 located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of 14 days from Wednesday, 20 September to 4 October 2023.

Application details

DA23/0438 – Change of use of fill material and delivery method on an approved fill site

Lot 11 DP 871753, Lot 12 DP 871753, Lot 13 DP 871753, Lot 14 DP 871753, Lot 1 DP 781714, Lot 2 DP 781714, Lot 3 DP 781714, Lot 4 DP 781714, Lot 5 DP 781714, Lot 6 DP 781714, Lot 7 DP 781714, Lot 8 DP 781714, Lot 9 DP 781714, Quigan Street, **Kingscliff**

Gales Holdings Kingscliff Pty Ltd

Notification of integrated development application

Development application no. DA23/0325

A development application has been lodged by Buildcert Pty Ltd seeking development consent for retaining wall rectification at common property SP 76452; No. 127 River Street, **South Murwillumbah**. 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
Section 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Controlled 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 14 days from Wednesday 20 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* – GIPAA 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

Extraordinary Council meeting agenda – Thursday 21 September 2023

The Extraordinary Council meeting agenda for Thursday 21 September 2023 is available on Council's website at 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 General Manager

15.1 Method of election of Mayor for period ending September 2024

15.2 Election of Mayor for period ending September 2024

Council meeting agenda – Thursday 21 September 2023

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 21 September 2023 is available on Council's website at 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 Extraordinary Council meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

5.1 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Council meetings held Thursday 17 August 2023 and Thursday 7 September 2023

Schedule of outstanding resolutions

8.1 Schedule of outstanding resolutions at 7 September 2023

Mayoral minute

9.1 Mayoral minute for August 2023

9.2 Mayoral minute – Participation in a Study on Impact of Short-Term Rental Accommodation on Coastal Councils

Receipt of petitions

10.1 Receipt of Petitions as at 6 September 2023

Orders of the day

11.1 Urban Heat Readiness in the Development Control Plan Review

11.2 Vandalism of Tweed Heads signs on M1 Motorway

11.3 Request for 'smiley face' signs

Reports from the General Manager

15.1 National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issues Paper

Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

17.1 Land tenure of Les Burger Sports Field, Bogangar

17.2 RFO2023080 Expression of interest detailed design and construction of Eviron Landfill Haul Road

17.3 Draft *Tweed Access and Inclusion Plan 2023–2026*

17.4 Banora Point Community Centre – FABS, report following community consultation

17.5 Time capsule unveiling proposal

Reports from the Director Engineering

18.1 Parkes Lane area Stage 3 Sewerage Scheme

18.2 Classification of land as 'Operational' for proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam: Kyogle Road, Terragon (Lot 41 DP1292154)

18.3 Proposed Crown road closure and sale – Crown road adjacent to Lot 1 Section 2 DP758588 (17 Cooloon Street, Kunghur)

18.4 RFO2023043 Road Stabilisation Program 2023–24 and panel of providers for road stabilisation works

Reports from the Director Corporate Services

19.1 Adoption of Public Interest Disclosure Policy

19.2 Monthly Investment Report for period ending 31 August 2023

19.3 Legal Services Register Report – 1 April to 30 June 2023

Reports from sub-committees/working groups

21.1 Minutes of the Tweed Regional Museum Advisory Committee meetings held Wednesday 24 May 2023 and Wednesday 23 August 2023

21.2 Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 19 July 2023

21.3 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held Thursday 10 August 2023

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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