

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.



A new osprey nest cradle at Hastings Point. INSET: An osprey flying high in the Tweed after a successful fishing expedition. The species is listed as vulnerable to extinction in NSW. Photos: Sally Hinton and Tom Alletson

Protecting precious osprey in the Tweed

This November, Council is shining a spotlight on one of the Tweed's favourite top-order predators – the osprey, listed as vulnerable to extinction in NSW.

To help educate the community about the local osprey population, Council has launched a new webpage and online StoryMap – a tool which provides an informative, fun and interactive way for residents and kids to engage and learn about these amazing birds.

Ospreys are integral to biodiversity in estuarine ecosystems and their presence in waterways can be an indicator of good waterway health.

Council's Team Leader Coast and Waterways Tom Alletson said working to protect the local osprey population has been a focus for many years.

"Ospreys in the Tweed are much admired and cherished by locals and tourists alike," Mr Alletson said.

"Council is working to ensure ospreys are secure in the wild,

their habitat is protected and restored and they remain an iconic member of our community for future generations."

Council is also urging the community to help the local osprey population in 3 ways:

- Dispose of fishing line and tackle responsibly
- Help monitor nest sites during breeding season from March to November – contact via Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/osprey
- Protect and rehabilitate estuarine osprey habitat for future generations via Council's River Health Grants scheme at tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks

Protecting the Tweed Coast osprey population is one way Council is looking after the Tweed's environment for future generations to enjoy.

To learn more about the osprey, visit the new StoryMap interactive site or find out how you can volunteer to monitor nesting sites, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/osprey

Recreation Ground playground on track to open by Christmas

Work on the exciting new playground upgrade at Recreation Ground, Tweed Heads is progressing well with the new play equipment now installed.

The swings and bouldering wall are now in place with a new public toilet to be installed next week.



Work on the upgrade to the park and playground at Recreation Ground is getting closer to completion with much of the playground equipment now installed.

The park and playground are expected to reopen in time for Christmas (weather permitting) and the upgrade will make it more welcoming and accessible for everyone to enjoy.

The upgraded park will include a new public toilet, play equipment for 2 to 12-year-olds, swings, nature play with teepee, bouldering wall, basketball key, built shade structure, accessible barbecues, picnic setting and seating, landscaping and additional tree planting.

This exciting project is one way Council is providing our community with more opportunities to be active and healthy and even more reasons to love the Tweed.

Council received a \$200,000 grant from the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play program to upgrade Recreation Ground to be more inclusive of everyone, which will be matched by Council.

An additional \$400,000 in funding has also been received from the NSW Government's Regional Housing Fund for youth recreation facilities and park facilities.

For more information about the project, visit yoursaytweed.com.au/recreationground or contact Council's Parks and Active Communities team on 02 6670 2400.

Save water
now

Last week we each used too much!

196 L a day

Meet Target 160 L

Save 36 L a day to delay water restrictions

In brief ...

Share your favourite tree of the Tweed

Tweed residents are invited to submit a photo of their favourite tree or streetscape in urban areas of the Tweed by Sunday 26 November.

All entries will have a chance to win a prize pack including a voucher for native trees, high-quality compost and a gardening supplies pack (2 prizes to be won).

Once entries close, the community will be asked to vote for their favourite tree and streetscape from the selection of photos. The initiative is part of Council's Cool Towns Urban Forest Program which aims to plant more trees in the Tweed.

Submit your photos by midnight Sunday 26 November online at yoursaytweed.com.au/cool-towns. Voting for the best photo opens on Monday 27 November.

Prizes for collecting toads in your backyard

Hop, leap and jump online to register for the next community cane toad bust in the Tweed!

The first week-long toad busting challenge will be held from Monday 20 to Sunday 26 November wherever you are across the Tweed. The race is on to see which Tweed locals can win the title of Toad Busting Champion by removing the most cane toads from their area.

Find out everything about toad busting and how to enter this fun competition at tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads. Prizes drawn on Monday 27 November 2023.

Free climate action and home energy workshop

It's the last chance to register for the free Community Action Network forum to be held this Saturday morning (18 November) at Kingscliff Community Hall.

The workshop will explore the actions we can take as individuals to reduce our electricity use (and bills), as well as supporting our friends and communities in steps towards sustainable, renewable energy and how we might influence the broader community and leaders for climate action.

All welcome and morning tea is provided. Registrations essential at tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change

Sign up for next year's Tweed Seniors Festival



Tom Murray enjoys a chair yoga class at the 2023 festival.

Local organisations have until 30 November to register their events to feature in next year's Tweed Seniors Festival, which will take place from Monday 11 to Sunday 24 March 2024 across the region.

The Tweed Seniors Festival celebrates the role and contributions older people make to our community and runs as part of the NSW Seniors Festival, which is the largest celebration of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Next year's festival theme is 'Reach Beyond' which encourages older people to seek out new experiences and make new friends by participating in planned festivities – and beyond.

Organisations are encouraged to think of ways they can engage with seniors in the community during the festival – and perhaps offer a discount for seniors to try out their classes or programs. Events can be registered up until Thursday 30 November.

Some event ideas that have been a hit in the past include concerts, lunches and special classes or leisure activities – even tours or exhibitions.

Events during the festival will be included for free in the 2024 Tweed Shire Seniors Festival program and published in the Tweed Link. To register an event for the 2024 Seniors Festival, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival or contact Lyn Porter on 07 5569 3110 or communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au



National Recycling Week: what goes around comes around

It's National Recycling Week, a perfect time to remind us about the importance of recycling and using our yellow kerbside bins the right way.

Last year some 8,500 tonnes of material were collected from our yellow bins across the Tweed.

The good news is, instead of heading to landfill, this material goes on to be recycled into other new products or materials.

The not so good news is, not everything collected is recyclable. Items such as plastic bags and food waste in our yellow bins contaminate the rest of the material.

Our biggest problem across the Tweed is plastic bags in our recycling bins. Never bag your recycling. Keep it loose and keep it simple.

Only items on this list belong in your yellow bin:

- Hard plastic bottles and containers
- Steel and aluminium cans
- Clean paper and cardboard (including long-life cartons)
- Glass bottles and jars.

You also need to:

- Wipe or rinse out food and drink from containers
- Remove all lids and kiss goodbye to anything smaller than a credit card (they belong in the red bin).

If you have any items you're unsure about, Council has a handy online tool, Waste Wizard.

Simply tell it what item you want to put in a bin and it will tell you which bin it belongs in. Head to tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-wizard

For more about waste and recycling in the Tweed, head to tweed.nsw.gov.au/recycling-reducing-waste

Public notice – presentation of financial statements

General purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

Presentation of financial statements as per Section 418 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), Tweed Shire Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on 16 November will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30 June 2023.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Income statement		
Total income from continuing operations	318,799	242,251
Total expenses from continuing operations	249,462	214,481
Operating result from continuing operations	69,337	27,770
Net operating result for the year	69,337	27,770
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	20,346	1,344
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	356,309	242,315
Total current liabilities	(67,146)	(63,219)
Total non-current assets	3,533,037	3,365,551
Total non-current liabilities	(117,459)	(123,097)
Total equity	3,704,741	3,421,550
Other financial information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	8.87	0.92
Operating performance ratio(%)	9.90%	5.30%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	5.73	4.77
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio(%)	4.90%	4.50%
Infrastructure renewals ratio(%)	35.51%	48.09%
Own source operating revenue ratio(%)	63.76%	75.87%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	22.74	25.11

In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements may be inspected at yoursaytweed.com.au/financialstatements202223

Submissions close 23 November.

Keep an eye out for Miconia

Did you know that Miconia (*Miconia calvescens*) is one of the biggest threats to our rainforests?

Since 2003 our Weed Biosecurity Officers have searched thousands of hectares of private and public land, removing almost 200 individual plants from the environment.



Miconia is a tree growing up to 15 m tall and has a superficial root system which may cause landslides. It shades out the native forest understorey and threatens endemic species with extinction.

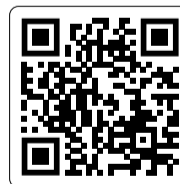
Mature trees can flower and fruit three times per year producing up to 5 million seeds which can remain viable for up to 16 years.

During the 1970s and 80s it was a popular ornamental plant sold in Qld and NSW.

Since 2010 an eradication program has removed all known Miconia plants in the Lismore City, Byron and Tweed Shire council areas. However, seedlings continue to be found during regular extensive searches in the Far North Coast Region.

Miconia is listed as a prevention weed in the North Coast Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan and is prohibited matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

For more information visit WeedWise weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Miconia



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You can also subscribe to job alerts, media releases and a range of e-newsletters and program alerts.

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Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Community Conversations

Please come share your thoughts and ideas about a Coastal Management Program for Tweed's coastal areas. We will share initial findings from our recent community survey and explore the survey questions in greater detail.

All sessions are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate. RSVP is required as minimum numbers are needed for these conversations to take place. Catering will be provided.

Have your say

You are invited to attend one of the following Community Conversations:

- Monday 27 November – Cabarita 6 – 8 pm
- Tuesday 28 November – Kingscliff 6 – 8 pm
- Wednesday 29 November – Pottsville 6 – 8 pm

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/tweedcmp to register your interest in attending or email yoursay@tweed.nsw.gov.au

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

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

DA23/0113 – Waste transfer station upgrade (NRPP)
Lot 1 DP 1185359, No. 16 Naru Street, **Chinderah**

DA23/0446 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 8 DP 9563, No. 128 Tweed Coast Road, **Chinderah**

DA23/0247 – Garage and workshop with amenities
Lot 5 Section 1 DP 26386, No. 25 Baker Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA23/0392 – Inground swimming pool
Lot 7 DP 739434, No. 101 Christies Road, **Palmvale**

DA23/0403 – In-ground swimming pool and associated decking
Lot 421 DP 1144944, No. 40 Australia Drive, **Terranora**

DA23/0480 – Use of a carport and shed
Lot 31 DP 258721, No. 34 Industry Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

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 6



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

Community Recycling Centres

The right place for your problem waste



Paint



Gas bottles



Fluoro globes and tubes



Smoke detectors



Household batteries



Car batteries



Motor oils



Other oils

Your Community Recycling Centre is located at:

Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre
Leddays Creek Road, Stotts Creek

Hours: Monday to Friday: 7am–3.45pm
Weekends and public holidays: 9am–3.45pm
(closed Good Friday and Christmas Day)

For more information call Tweed Shire Council on **02 6670 7400** or visit www.newaste.org.au/crc



Council meeting agenda – Thursday 16 November 2023

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 16 November 2023 is available at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held in the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 3:30pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Thursday 26 October 2023 and Thursday 2 November 2023

Schedule of outstanding resolutions

8.1 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 2 November 2023

Mayoral minute

9.1 Mayoral Minute for October 2023

Receipt of petitions

10.1 Receipt of Petitions as at 2 November 2023

Orders of the day

11.1 Council Control of Short Term Accommodation

11.2 Cudgen Connection State Significant Agricultural (State Significant Farmland) Proposal

11.3 Need for Alternative Building Materials and Construction Standards in Development Control Plan A1

11.4 Rescue Tube Installation

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

16.1 Review of Determination for Refusal of DA22/0022 for multi-dwelling housing comprising of 15 x 4 bedroom townhouses, demolition of existing structures, earthworks and tree removal (review of determination) at Lot 2 DP 516446 No. 1 and Lot 1 DP 856963 No. 11 Lalina Avenue, Tweed Heads West

Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

17.1 For exhibition – Anchorage Island Harbour Proposed Vessel Berth Fees and Draft Anchorage Island Harbour Management Plan

17.2 Tree removal application, removal of 20 trees for construction of an industrial arts building at Lot 20 DP873920, No. 9–11 Hall Drive, Murwillumbah

Reports from the Director Engineering

18.1 Proposed Crown road closure and sale – Crown road adjacent to Lot 35 DP755754 (Tyalgum Road, Eungella)

18.2 Proposed re-classification of Council-owned land from

'operational' to 'community' land – Avondale Park East, 57 Greenway Drive, Tweed Heads South: Part Lot 128 in DP817783

18.3 Bray Park Weir – mitigation of saltwater contamination of the Tweed District Water Supply Options Assessment

18.4 RFO2023182 Panel of Providers – Asphalt Program 2023–24 and Additional Asphalt Works 2023–26

18.5 For exhibition – Draft Tweed Pedestrian and Bike Plan

18.6 Acquisition of easements from private landowner and Crown Lands for access and drainage at Condong Creek, South Murwillumbah: 148 Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah (Lot 3 DP1224747; Lot 1 DP659757; Crown waterway)

Reports from the Director Corporate Services

19.1 2022–2023 Annual Report

19.2 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 31 October 2023

19.3 For exhibition – Draft Tweed Destination Management Plan 2024–2030

19.4 Quarterly Budget Review – September 2023

19.5 Corporate Quarterly Performance Report as at 30 September 2023

19.6 Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2023

19.7 Legal Services Register Report – 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023

19.8 Annual Financial Statements as at 30 June 2023

19.9 For adoption – Data Breach Policy

Reports from sub-committees/working groups

21.1 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 12 October 2023

21.2 Minutes of the B-Double Routes Agency Advisory Group held Thursday 12 October 2023

Reports from the Director Engineering in committee

32.1 Acquisition of land in Chinderah for the widening of Tweed Coast Road; Part Lot 1 in DP1186419 (200 Tweed Coast Road, Chinderah); Part Lot 1 in DP105009 (216 Tweed Coast Road, Chinderah)

32.2 Clarrie Hall Dam – Land Acquisition – 269 Doon Doon Road, Doon Doon (Lot 1 DP1246411)

The agenda for this meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting 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 this meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meeting and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

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