

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.



Signs have been erected at key entry and exit points across Murwillumbah, indicating entry to the declared 5 km biosecurity zone.

Fire ant update: No further detection in 500 m zone

Response to the discovery of Red Imported Fire Ants in South Murwillumbah is continuing, with specialists from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and National Fire Ant Eradication Program continuing their work on the ground.

Fire ants were positively identified at a vacant sub-division in Quarry Road, South Murwillumbah on Friday 24 November and treated the following day.

Since then, specially-trained officers accompanied by fire ant detection dogs, have completed surveillance of the area within a 500-metre radius of the incident property – with no further fire ant activity detected.

The focus has now turned towards areas beyond the 500 m zone, with properties identified as most at-risk prioritised for surveillance checks. The priority is to ensure fire ants are contained and no further spread occurs.

Meanwhile, signage has gone up at key entry and exit points across Murwillumbah, to inform motorists they are entering the 5km biosecurity zone declared by the NSW Government last week.

Residents are advised to ensure they are aware of this zone and to comply with advice regarding the transportation of earth-bearing goods such as soil, hay, mulch, compost, sand,

gravel and the like.

A detailed map of the 5 km zone is published on the NSW DPI website.

A permit system has been established to enable businesses to operate safely when transporting affected goods outside of the zone.

Attention is now turning towards more widespread treatment up to the 5 km zone boundary, to help prevent any potential spread of the pest.

What do fire ants look like?

Residents are urged to be on the lookout for fire ants and report any suspicious ants to the NSW DPI hotline on 1800 680 244 or by completing the online form by visiting dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/forms/report-exotic-ants

Fire ants are dark reddish-brown with a darker black-brown abdomen and range in size from 2 to 6 mm long. Their ant nests are distinctive mounds of loose, crumbly or fluffy looking soil with a honeycomb appearance, up to 40 cm high, with no obvious entrance holes.

A free drop-in community information bus, located in front of the Murwillumbah Civic Centre, is open during office hours to help with any questions.

Pathway and park at Ebenezer Park to be repaired

Council will soon start work on the repair, restoration and flood mitigation works at Ebenezer Park, Tweed Heads to fix the park and pathway damaged during the February/March 2022 flood events in the Tweed Shire.

During the floods, the Tweed River broke its banks at Ebenezer Park causing substantial damage to the pathway.

Funding from the Department of Regional NSW – Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Program, co-funded by the Australian and NSW Governments for the restoration and flood resilience upgrades to repair, restore and complete flood mitigation works at Ebenezer Park and pathway has been approved.

Design and survey works are now underway and work is expected to begin in early 2024, weather permitting.

Read more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news



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See the Tweed's best Christmas displays



To celebrate the holiday spirit, Council has launched the Tweed Festive Glow Guide: an interactive map of festive light displays and decorations around the Tweed.

You can share in the festive fun by decorating your property and registering your display online for all Tweed residents to browse and enjoy.

Register your display at tweed.nsw.gov.au/christmas

The most impressive displays will be published as a special feature in the last edition of Tweed Link for 2023.

For more information on Christmas in the Tweed visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/christmas

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Save water
now

Last week we each used too much!

180 L a day

Meet Target 160 L

Save 20 L a day to delay water restrictions

In brief ...

This week's water-saving tip

Don't leave taps running and save 5 litres every minute.

Go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-savings-restrictions for more tips on how to save water indoors and outdoors.

Due to higher than anticipated rainfall, water restrictions for most of the Tweed are no longer expected before Christmas.

Brief counter closure

Council's front counters at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah will be closed from 11 am on Thursday 14 December.

Please phone 02 6670 2400 for any urgent matters or visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/contact-us for other ways to contact us. The front counters re-open at 9 am on Friday 15 December.

Works paused at Tyalgum

Works by contractor SEE Civil have paused at the Tyalgum Road flood restoration project as a mandatory Independent Technical Review begins.

The Tyalgum project has required significant design work and refinement over many months and now faces the independent review for approval by funding bodies, the NSW and Federal governments.

While the review could take up to 6 months, the temporary single-lane access road remains open to all vehicles, under traffic lights, (unless significant new movement is detected).

You can read more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news

For weekly updates on major flood restoration projects visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update



The Tyalgum temporary road access remains open to all vehicles under traffic lights.

Speaking 4 the Planet winners

Three students from the Tweed Shire have been recognised in the National Speaking 4 the Planet competition which offered students around Australia an opportunity to link global and local issues and ideas, through speaking, writing, performance poetry and visual arts.

The students from Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School included Beatrice Broad who was awarded second place in the Performance Poetry category, Taylor Van Niekerk who received a highly commended in the Writing category and Victoria Chu who received a highly commended in the Performance Poetry category.

Read more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news



Two of the 3 students from Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School recognised in the recent Speaking 4 the Planet competition. Pictured is Beatrice Broad (left) and Victoria Chu (right) with some sustainable gifts provided by Council for their efforts.

Cats loving new enclosures

Winners of the 'Keeping Cats Safe at Home' expression of interest were announced earlier this year, with 36 Tweed residents receiving a \$500 voucher for Catnets to purchase a cat haven and/or cat enrichment products.

The owners got straight to work to make their cats a safe-haven and the cats have never been happier!

Dex from Banora Point is one of those lucky cats who is now the proud owner of a 1.8 metre freestanding cat enclosure along with some artificial cat grass, a hammock and shade sail cloth.

Read more about Dex and how the enclosure has improved his life at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news

Council partnered with RSPCA NSW on its Keeping Cats Safe at Home campaign.

The NSW-wide project is funded by a \$2.5 million grant from the NSW Environmental Trust.

Find out how you can keep your cat safe at home at tweed.nsw.gov.au/cats

Where will we work?

How we work and where we work is changing across the Tweed. It is estimated that over the next 20 years 11,000+ jobs will be created.

In order to adapt to these changes Council will need to identify areas that can accommodate employment growth and ideally ensure that people can work close to home.

Get involved in the conversation by sharing your thoughts on yoursaytweed.com.au/futuretweed and make sure you follow the project.

Let's work together to plan for the future so the Tweed grows and evolves in a sustainable way.



Going solar at Tweed Heads

A new solar array has been installed on Council's Tweed Heads administration office which is now contributing to powering the building's operations.

The solar panels are expected to generate approximately 129,800 kWh per year, which is estimated to save as much greenhouse gas emissions as travelling 390,685 km per year in an average car.

The new system will save Council and ratepayers approximately \$31,152 per year while also helping to protect the Tweed's environment for current and future generations.

The installation of solar panels is part of Council's commitment to renewable energy and to meet its targets in the Renewable Energy Action Plan. Council has set a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its electricity use by 50% by 2025.

Find out more about Council's sustainable operations at tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-operations or their response to climate change at tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change

Know an outstanding Tweed Senior?

Nominations are open for the the Tweed Local Achievers Awards. The awards recognise local seniors who help make our community a diverse, active and inspiring place to live.

Run each year as part of the Tweed Seniors Festival, the awards will take place early next year from Monday 11 to Sunday 24 March. Winners will be announced at the festival's opening ceremony.

Tweed Seniors Festival celebrates the role and contributions older people make to our community and is part of the NSW Seniors Festival, the largest celebration of its kind in the southern hemisphere.

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

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival to nominate your local achiever or contact Lyn Porter on 07 5569 3110 or communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions.

160 trees planted for the koalas at Uki

Uki's koalas will now have more of a chance of survival with 160 koala habitat trees recently planted at the newly-opened Uki Mountain Bike Park, thanks to students from Bilambil Public School and local organisation Saving our Koalas.

The students raised \$1,300 for koala food trees by making tie-dyed shopping bags out of second-hand bed sheets. The school kids not only provided habitat for endangered koalas and other native animals but took the initiative to recycle and reuse and to reduce single-use plastic bags in the environment.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) also contributed funds to match the school's fundraising in appreciation of the effort, passion and enthusiasm shown by the students.

Bilambil Public School students with parents and a teacher, Saving our Koalas and the Tweed Valley Mountain Bike Riders Club volunteers all helped with the tree planting. Find out more about Saving our Koalas organisation



Some of the students from Bilambil Public School at the tree planting day at the Uki Mountain Bike Park.

and how you can help at savingourkoalas.org.au or find out about the new Uki Mountain Bike Park at tweed.nsw.gov.au/uki-mountain-bike-park

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

DA23/0538 – Shed

Lot 15 DP 1259917, No. 430 Mount Burrell Road, **Mount Burrell**

CDC23/0144 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 71 DP 253421, No. 26 Countryside Drive, **Murwillumbah**

DA23/0345 – Dwelling and associated works

Lot 1 DP 1288475, No. 32B Myrtle Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA22/0203 – Demolition of existing outbuilding, construction of a new outbuilding with home business, car parking, deck and mezzanine level storage

Lot 1 DP 861349, No. 10 Hazelwood Drive, **Pottsville**

DA23/0203 – Secondary dwelling and use of rear deck extension

Lot 391 DP 1052082, No. 46 Macadamia Drive, **Pottsville**

DA21/0654 – Use of alterations and additions and proposed alterations and additions, including swimming pool forward of the building line, to existing dual occupancy unit

Lot 1 SP 42690, Unit 1/No. 36 Leeward Terrace, **Tweed Heads**

Approved – deferred commencement

DA22/0540 – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two residential flat buildings comprising 24 residential apartments and strata subdivision

Lot 4 Section 4 DP 11267, Lot 2 DP 370080, No. 140 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

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

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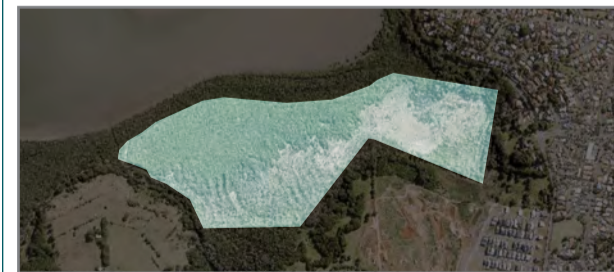
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Proposed classification of land Fraser Drive, Terranora

Council has recently acquired Fraser Drive, Terranora (Lot 227 in Deposited Plan 755740) as outlined in the location diagram and proposes to classify the land as operational land for the intended use of the land for flood mitigation and environmental purposes.

This proposal is in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Have your say

You can make a submission concerning the proposal until 4 pm, Wednesday 3 January 2024 by:

- **mail** – General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah 2484
- **email** – propertyofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- **online** – visit yoursaytweed.com.au/fraserdrive

Council ref: Lot 227 DP755740 Fraser Drive, Terranora

Enquiries: Jennie Stephenson, Technical Officer - Property, 02 6670 2400.

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.

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