

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.



Residents are invited to the next Community Action Network event at Mooball to explore the topic of sustainable transport.

Sustainable transport in the spotlight

Are you interested in sustainable transport? How about a free bike maintenance and repair workshop?

Come along to the next Tweed Community Action Network event at the Victory Hotel at Mooball on Saturday 24 February from 9 to 11:30 am to get involved and share your ideas.

During the workshop, participants will plan and develop community-led action to support and promote more sustainable transport, followed by a bike maintenance and repair workshop from Northern Rivers Cycles.

The Community Action Network is for people who want to act for sustainable living and developing community-

led solutions to climate change. Transport emissions currently make up approximately 32% of carbon emissions in the Tweed.

Morning tea will be provided. This is a free event hosted by Tweed Shire Council as part of its commitment to reducing the community's impact on the environment and adapting to climate change for a sustainable future.

Registrations are essential. For further information and to register, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change. For more information, contact Council's education officer – sustainability Jane Moad at jmoad@tweed.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 6670 2400.



An aerial image of Chinderah, looking north to Tweed Heads and Coolangatta, during the 2022 flood.

Have your say on Tweed Valley Flood Study

Tweed Shire Council will host a series of information sessions in coming weeks to seek vital community input as part of plans to complete the final phase of the Tweed Valley Flood Study.

The final study will be used to update the *Tweed Valley Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2014* (tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-risk-management). It is Council's key strategy document for managing flood risk in the Tweed Valley, including flood risk planning, development controls and emergency management.

Afternoon, face-to-face information sessions, from 4 to 6 pm, will be held as follows:

- **Tyalgum** – Tyalgum Community Hall, Monday 19 February
- **Uki** – Holy Trinity Church, Wednesday 21 February



Last week we each used

162 L a day

Save water, save money

Get involved this Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day takes place on Sunday 3 March – and registrations for this year's clean up events are now open. Residents, schools, and community groups are encouraged to organise their own event and do their bit to help clean up the Tweed.

You can get involved on the day by organising your own clean up event or joining an existing event. On the day, all volunteers receive a free Clean Up kit, containing gloves and bags and other resources, with packs for individuals, families and community groups available.

2023 saw some 50 registered clean ups take place across the Tweed. Hundreds of people across schools, community groups and businesses pulled on their gloves to clean up our beaches, parks and waterways.

To register a clean up event, visit Clean Up Australia Day's website at cleanup.org.au



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Emission reduction targets at Council

Tweed Shire Council has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by an impressive 19% in the last financial year – putting it on track to achieve its emission reduction goals.

This significant achievement is included in Council's *Environmental Sustainability Performance Report* for the 2022/23 financial year which shows a total greenhouse gas count of 17,873 tonnes, down 4,188 tonnes – representing a 19% decrease year on year.

The positive sustainability results can be attributed to reduced electricity use – particularly in water and wastewater pumps and treatment – and a return to pre-flood patterns of vehicle use.

Here are some of the results:

- Grid electricity consumption dropped by 11% in the year to 30 June 2023 because of improved energy efficiency and additional solar projects.
- Transport fuel use and associated emissions reduced

by 48%, after peaking during the February/March 2022 flood response.

- At the Murwillumbah Civic Centre where a significant number of Council staff are based, 55% or 18,450 kg of materials was diverted from landfill, in line with the 'less to landfill' focus of Council's *Towards Zero Waste Strategy*.

Council's sustainability results also highlighted some poor results:

- an 8% increase in printed paper use, attributed to staff returning to work sites post-COVID
- an almost 80% increase in water use in public parks, due to Tweed Shire recording less than half the rainfall of the previous year.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-operations to check out the snapshot infographic of Council's environmental performance on the 2022 – 2023 report and sustainable operations and Council's response to climate change at tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change



Tweed Shire Council staff stand proudly in front of the Tweed's biggest solar array, housed at the Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant which became operational in August 2023. Although outside the reporting period, it represents the ongoing work of Council's Renewable Energy Action Plan coming to fruition, which will provide benefits in future reporting periods.

Considering running for Council? Come to a briefing session

Council will provide briefing sessions in May and June for prospective candidates to gain a better understanding of the role of Councillor, ahead of the NSW Local Government elections on Saturday 14 September 2024.

Four briefing sessions will be hosted in total, conducted by former Mayor of Lismore Jenny Dowell OAM and supported by Council and Local Government NSW. The same content will be repeated at each event and therefore prospective candidates will only need to attend one of the following sessions:

- **Tuesday 7 May:** 9 am – 12 noon and 5:30 – 8:30 pm, Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Office – events.humanitix.com/nsw-local-government-election-2024-candidate-briefing-tweed-heads-9am events.humanitix.com/nsw-local-government-election-2024-candidate-briefing-tweed-heads-530pm
- **Tuesday 4 June:** 9 am – 12 noon and 5:30 – 8:30 pm, Murwillumbah Auditorium – events.humanitix.com/nsw-local-government-election-2024-candidate-briefing-murwillumbah-9am events.humanitix.com/nsw-local-government-election-2024-candidate-briefing-murwillumbah-530pm

You can also go to humantix.com.au and search 'council election' to find the events.

The candidate briefing sessions will focus on the following key areas:

- the benefits and importance of local government
- understanding the role of Council and the role of Councillor
- a typical council structure
- challenges of the role and how to meet them
- the importance of diverse representation on Council
- importance of speaking out on key issues and how to do this confidently
- meeting procedures and rules of debate
- support available including information and networks.

For further questions, call Council on 02 6670 2400.

Council has engaged the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) to administer the election. The NSWEC has published a comprehensive timeline for the 2024 election.

For more information, including how to register as a candidate, visit the NSWEC at elections.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 135 736.



Have your say on local bus services

A NSW Government Taskforce is holding forums in Murwillumbah and Lismore this month to hear directly from passengers and local communities about what they want to get from their bus services.

Feedback is welcome on any aspect of bus travel including bus routes and timetables, bus stop locations, access for getting on and off the bus, and fares and ticketing. It is also an opportunity to give feedback on school bus routes, bus safety and bus interchanges.

The **Murwillumbah Bus Passenger Forum** will be held on Wednesday 21 February from 1 to 2:30 pm at Murwillumbah Services Club, 10 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah.

Visit transport.nsw.gov.au/bustaskforce to register your interest to attend.

Those who can't attend can have their say anytime at haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/bus-industry-taskforce, complete an online survey or make an online submission.

Current vacancies

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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

DA22/0351 – Alterations and additions to the existing structure to use as a farm stay accommodation

Lot 6 DP 1167628, No. 345–358 Back Creek Road, **Back Creek**

DA23/0436 – Carport within the front building line

Lot 493 DP 785160, No. 7 St Andrews Way, **Banora Point**

DA22/0752 – Staged Development Consent for the creation of a strata subdivision (Stage 1) and the erection of dwelling to create detached dual occupancy (Stage 2)

Lot 5 DP 245715, No. 15 Hastings Road, **Bogangar**

DA19/0260.03 – Amendment to Development Consent DA19/0260 for a dual occupancy (detached)

Lot 3 Section 1 DP 3090, No. 15 Broadway, **Burringbar**

DA23/0568 – Two (2) lot strata subdivision

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

DA23/0450 – Inground swimming pool

Lot 6 DP 1117675, No. 134 Chinderah Bay Drive, **Chinderah**

DA23/0453 – Pool and deck

Lot 4 DP 867005, No. 48 Hazelwood Drive, **Cudgera Creek**

DA23/0638 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 7 DP 30498, No. 37 Sutherland Street, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0562 – Farm building with amenities and associated earthworks

Lot 3 DP 1078376, No. 615 Nobbys Creek Road, **Nobbys Creek**

DA23/0279 – Boundary fencing

Lot 1 DP 1264821, No. 52 Coronation Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA23/0157 – Roof over deck and use of deck

Lot 1 DP 1278145, No. 3 Trutes Terrace, **Terranora**

DA23/0545 – Use of retaining walls

Lot 4 DP 1264394, No. 81 Henry Lawson Drive, **Terranora**

DA23/0550 – Deck extensions and fly over patio roof

Lot 76 DP 260472, No. 22 Sandpiper Avenue, **Tweed Heads**

DA23/0575 – 1.5 m front fence and gate house

Lot 89 DP 246488, No. 15 Meridian Way, **Tweed Heads**

DA23/0193 – Use of existing shed

Lot 9 DP 790517, No. 4 Toon Close, **Uki**

Approved – Deferred commencement

DA22/0384 – Demolition of existing structures, excavation, tree removal and construction of a new shop top housing development

Lot 2 Section 3 DP 9453, No. 6 Seaview Street, **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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