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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 Cycling Without Age trishaws in action at the community celebration weekend to mark the opening of the Rail Trail in March 2023.

After successful first year, new chapter for Rail Trail

Tweed Shire Council has announced its collaboration with volunteer organisation Cycling Without Age as part of celebrations to mark the first anniversary of the opening of the popular Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

More than 140,000 people have used the 24 km Tweed section of the Rail Trail since its opening on 1 March 2023 – establishing it as one of the most popular visitor attractions on the Northern Rivers.

To mark the first anniversary, Council last week announced its collaboration with Cycling Without Age, a not-for-profit charity that connects the elderly and people with a disability with the outdoors, by offering free rides on trishaw e-bikes, piloted by trained volunteer cyclists.

The collaboration will see the establishment of a permanent chapter of Cycling Without Age to operate on the Rail Trail out of Burringbar. Volunteers are now invited to join this initiative, to help bring the joy of Cycling Without Age to the community.

The announcement comes just weeks before the opening of the second stage of the NRRT – the 13.4 km section from Bentley to Casino which is managed and maintained by Richmond Valley Council. The Casino section is due to officially open on 23 – 24 March 2024.

The group plans to operate from the Burringbar stop on the Rail Trail on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

from 9 am to 12:30 pm, with operations to begin in coming months. Until then, training is already underway to ensure volunteer riders are ready to go at opening.

Find out more about Cycling Without Age Burringbar on their [Facebook page](#).

Visitor centre open day

The newly-refurbished Murwillumbah Visitor Information Centre will host an open day on Open Thursday 7 March from 9 am to 4 pm.

Pop-in sessions will be held throughout the day with the dedicated team of tourism experts from The Tweed Tourism Co. and Council. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to engage with knowledgeable professionals who are ready to share insights, answer questions and provide valuable information. Express your interest at events.humanitix.com/murwillumbah-open-day

If you are unable to attend the Open Day, drop in any time and speak to the Visitor Centre supervisors and amazing volunteers.

The Murwillumbah Visitor Information Centre is located at the Murwillumbah Railway Station on Tweed Valley Way and is open 7 days.

Spotlight on the Tweed's Growth Management and Housing Strategy

Council is developing the Tweed Shire's plan to manage housing and employment growth. The Draft Options Paper is currently open for public feedback.

Discussions with community members at recent engagement sessions highlighted some common questions.

Why are there so many changes?

- **34 changes relate to existing plans and strategies** adopted by Council, including the Tweed Urban and Employment Land Release Strategy 2009, Kingscliff Locality Plan, Tweed Regional City Action Plan.
- **20 relate to Shire-wide opportunities** to make changes such as improved development assessment procedures, affordable housing, maintaining character and amenity, dealing with the issue of short-term rental accommodation, etc.
- **23 relate to greenfield sites**, many of which have been identified for decades. But some of the smaller proposed sites are new – like the village expansions.
- **22 relate to infill development.**

What about the planning process and managing further growth?

The *Growth Management and Housing Strategy* is a visionary document, with the intent of accommodating further population growth while protecting and enhancing the things we value most.

Feedback from face-to-face community events has suggested general support for the intent of draft options, however a range of concerns about potential impacts have been raised.

Council wants you to know that constraints and potential impacts such as traffic, parking, character and amenity, sporting facilities, and the need for revitalisation of the city must be taken into consideration before implementing changes, as well as flooding, vegetation and sea level rise.

Getting down to detail, change sheets have a number of disclaimers stating that the dashed boundaries are indicative and the boundaries are flexible. Notes indicate constraints affecting sites.



Last week we each used
164 L a day

Save water, save money

In brief ...

Update on Murwillumbah multi-level carpark

The bottom level of the multi-storey carpark in Murwillumbah has reopened and will remain open until further notice while repairs and cleaning continues on the other levels, following a fire in December last year.

Council has received a mitigation report from structural consultants which has been submitted to Council's insurers for comment and approval to commence required works on the carpark. This process is likely to take a number of months.

Alternative public car parking is available at Knox Park and in the carpark outside Sunnyside Mall, as well as the 2 public car parks between Proudfoots Lane and Wollumbin Street.

Another update will be provided to the community as soon as possible and when more information becomes available. Council appreciates the patience and understanding from the community and businesses while these repairs are completed.

You had your say, Pottsville

Thank you to the Pottsville community for sharing feedback on the draft Pottsville Open Space Masterplan.

Council received 127 completed surveys, 76 online interactive map responses, 19 youth survey postcards, and 13 additional submissions via email, hard copy and phone.

The *Pottsville Open Space Draft Masterplan* was on public exhibition from 8 August to 19 September last year.

Council invited feedback from residents and businesses on 6 key open spaces in Pottsville (Pottsville Environment Park/Centre, Pottsville RSL Memorial Park, Philip Street Reserve, Hardy Park North, Ambrose Brown Park).

The findings are now available in a Community Engagement Report on yoursaytweed.com.au/pottsville for you to view.

What happens now?

Community feedback will inform the final Pottsville Masterplan. Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/pottsville and follow the project to get updates.

This project supports the 10-year plan for the Tweed's people and places to thrive.



Tweed Seniors Festival kicks off

Are you an older person looking to meet like-minded people and have fun in the process?

This year's Tweed Seniors Festival is offering a bumper program of more than 40 community events, kicking off with an official opening ceremony at Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Monday 11 March from 10 am to 12 noon. The festival will run across two action-packed weeks, closing on Sunday 24 March.

Book your free ticket for the opening ceremony at events.humanitix.com/tweed-seniors-festival-2024-opening-ceremony

To find out more about this year's Tweed Seniors Festival and to download the full program, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival

Once the options paper is finalised, the draft strategy will reinforce the need to consider all matters likely to relate to a change, including biophysical and infrastructure constraints such as water and wastewater. Master planning will be required for a number of the larger land areas, to ensure the right development occurs in the right locations at the right time.

The final strategy will provide clear guidance on matters which must be considered before any changes are implemented.

Complete a submission form before 4 pm on Friday 22 March 2024 in one of the following ways:

- **online** at yoursaytweed.com.au/futuretweed
- **email** tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- **mail** to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484
- **delivered in person** to the Tweed or Murwillumbah Council offices.

A range of community engagement opportunities are taking place. Full details at yoursaytweed.com.au/futuretweed

Are you concerned about soaring energy costs?

Help is available if high power bills are worrying you.

Visit Council staff and independent accredited home energy assessor Seb Crangle at the Power Pop Up stall at Tweed City Shopping Centre during Seniors Week on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 March from 10 am to 2 pm.

Everyone can get free advice and find out whether you're eligible for up to \$700 in energy rebates, or a free 3kW solar install.

Have a bit of fun and play 'energy bingo' to test your knowledge on energy-smart ways to save money on your power bills.

You can also go in the draw to win a free Residential Efficiency Scorecard assessment valued at \$400. One lucky resident will receive a home visit from an accredited assessor who will provide a certificate about the energy efficiency and comfort rating for your home, including a written summary about how to save money on power bills.

Visit the pop-up stall opposite Mathers Shoes. Drop in between 10 am to 2 pm, no bookings required.

These sessions are to support Tweed Shire residents to save money and make more sustainable choices and as part of Council's commitment to reducing the community's impact on the environment and adapting to climate change for a sustainable future.

Find out more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/saving-energy



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Proposed classification of land

Council proposes to classify 39 West End St, Murwillumbah as operational land (proposed Lots 4, 5 and 6 in the plan of subdivision of Lots 3 and 4 in DP1298421).

The lots are outlined in the location diagrams below. This is in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).



Submissions are invited until 4 pm, Wednesday 3 April 2024 in one of the following ways:

- **Online** – yoursaytweed.com.au/39westendst
- **Email** – propertyofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- **Mail** – General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah, 2484

Submissions close 4 pm, Wednesday 3 April 2024

Council ref. PN: 113482

Enquiries to Jennie Stephenson, Technical Officer – Property, phone 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.

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

DA23/0297 – Demolition of pool building at Club Banora

Lot 2 DP 1040576, Leisure Drive, **Banora Point**

DA23/0610 – Swimming pool and deck

Lot 13 DP 29974, No. 3 Walter Crescent, **Banora Point**

DA23/0611 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 62 DP 860889, No. 6 Liberty Place, **Banora Point**

DA23/0649 – In-ground swimming pool and deck

Lot 6 DP 1288397, No. 201 Carool Road, **Bilambil**

DA23/0552 – Swimming pool and associated decking

Lot 9 DP 1152253, No. 458 Byrill Creek Road, **Byrill Creek**

DA23/0621 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 15 DP 1264557, No. 39 Habitat Drive, **Casuarina**

DA24/0001 – Pool pavilion with sauna and spa

Lot 1 DP 1116114, No. 5–7 Beech Lane, **Casuarina**

DA23/0572 – Use of shed and carport

Lot 14 DP 1176104, No. 7 Tweed Valley Way, **Condong**

DA23/0639 – Carport within the side setback

Lot 27 DP 262412, No. 169 Bakers Road, **Dunbible**

DA24/0009 – Recreational pond

Lot 7 DP 808228, No. 26 Dallis Court, **Dunbible**

DA23/0507 – 10 lot staged strata subdivision

Lot 216 DP 1122768, No. 8–12 Honeyeater Circuit, **South Murwillumbah**

DA23/0467 – Dwelling with attached garage including in-ground swimming pool

Lot 60 DP 1295651, No. 6 Sunnycrest Drive, **Terranora**

DA23/0607 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 19 DP 245035, No. 9 Altair Street, **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

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 6 March to Wednesday 20 March 2024.

Application details

DA21/0949.01 – Amendment to Development Consent DA21/0949 for seniors housing comprising of 94 independent living units and one manager's residence, swimming pool, tree removal and lot consolidation (NRPP)

Lot 114 DP 237806, Lot 115 DP 237806, Lot 116 DP 237806, Lot 117 DP 237806, Lot 118 DP 237806, Lot 119 DP 237806, Lot 113 DP 237806, No. 6 Powell Street, **Tweed Heads**

Zone Planning Group

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.

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 March 2024

The Planning Committee Meeting agenda for Thursday 7 March 2024 is available on Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 3:30 pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

- 8.1** Development Application DA21/0041 for an eco-tourist facility comprising 3 cabins at Lot 5 DP 868345 No. 72 Howards Road, Burringbar
- 8.2** Development Application DA22/0145 for an earthworks and associated drainage works at Lot 21 DP 1082482 No. 2 Altona Road, Chinderah
- 8.3** Development Application DA23/0632 for construction of a 4 storey mixed use building comprising one ground floor office premises and car parking and 3 levels of shop top housing comprising 12 residential units and landscaping at Lot 181 DP 259164 and Lot 182 DP 259164 No. 100–102 Hastings Road, Bogangar

Council Meeting agenda – Thursday 7 March 2024

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Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1** Adoption of recommendations from Planning Committee meeting held Thursday 7 March 2024

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation in committee

- 26.1** Unauthorised development at Lot 2 DP 567249 No. 842 Terranora Road, Bungalora
- 26.2** Compliance matter – Site 12 at Lot 105 DP 755701 No. 16 Anne Lane, Chinderah – Tweed Shores – Chinderah Lake Caravan Park

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 are 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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