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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.



The new energy-efficient LED lighting is expected to be completed before the daylight savings switch over to allow the teams to continue to train at night from April onwards.

New sports field lighting Les Burger Field

Work to install 16 new energy-efficient LED lights at the rugby league and touch football grounds at Les Burger Field at Bogangar/Cabarita will start next week.

Work is expected to be completed on both the training and playing fields by the end of daylight savings on 7 April which will allow the teams to continue to play and train at night.

The project will involve the removal of existing halogen lighting, installation of new LED lights, an automated lighting control system and switch board upgrade. The upgraded lighting will provide Tweed Coast Raiders Senior and Junior Rugby League and the Tweed Coast Touch Football Association an opportunity to provide higher level training and playing opportunities for its members, with a focus on growing women's and girls' teams.

The lighting upgrade will meet the Australian Standards'

minimum sports lighting requirements for training and club competition and will be available year-round for the whole community to use.

The \$217,555 project is funded through the Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades program 2022/23 and Tweed Shire Council.

Switching to energy-efficient lighting will save up to 40% in cost and energy savings and thanks to the funding, Council can continue its ongoing program to install and upgrade sports field lighting to energy-efficient LEDs as part of its Sports Field Strategy. It is also part of Council's commitment to reducing emissions by working to reduce our impact on the environment for a sustainable future.

Find out more about Council's recreation and outdoor facilities at tweed.nsw.gov.au/recreation-outdoors

Major repairs to Rotunda Boardwalk at Anchorage Islands



Council has started significant work around the foreshores of the Anchorage Island Harbour.

Work started this week on major repairs to the Anchorage Islands Rotunda Boardwalk which is expected to take approximately 6 months to complete.

The boardwalk will be closed as a public thoroughfare for the duration of the works and will reopen in approximately late September 2024, weather permitting.

Further information about the work and timing will be made available on Council's Your Say Tweed project page. Here you will be able to keep up-to-date on construction, timing of work and the overall project.

Council has completed significant work around the foreshores of the Anchorage Island Harbour since 2022, including the Jetties Boardwalk and major upgrades to existing rock retaining walls on the eastern foreshore to ensure that the foreshore remains structurally sound and safe for the community.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/anchorage-islands for more information.

It's a wrap! Almost 5,000 cane toads given the boot



It's been a mammoth toad busting season in the Tweed! Six in-person information and toad busting events and 3 week-long toad busting events were held since October 2023.

Due to the huge community effort, more than 4,684 cane toads were removed from the environment. The ongoing warm and wet weather provided the perfect conditions for these pest animals to proliferate in the Tweed and Council would like to thank everyone involved for their efforts to remove them.

Special thanks go to the winners of the week-long toad busting events, who between them collected a whopping 1,792 cane toads. A new toad busting group and toad drop off point in Pottsville has now been set up following one of these events.

Council partnered with not-for-profit environment group Watergum Community Inc. on this cane toad program to build skills and inspire proactive environmental stewardship within the community. Without the community on board, effective cane toad control in the Tweed would not be possible.

Programs like these are one way Council is working with the community to look after the Tweed's natural environment for current and future generations.

Find out more about cane toads and how you can help at tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads

First place went to the toad busters T-Cubed from Bilambil Heights who collected a whopping 703 toads during the final round of the Tweed Toad Busting Challenge, which ran from 4 to 10 March.



Last week we each used

159 L a day

Thank you!

Save water, save money

In brief ...

Easter closures and household waste

Household bins will be collected as usual, even on public holidays.

Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre will be closed Good Friday (29 March). On Easter Monday (1 April) the facility will be open from 9 am to 4 pm.

The JUNKtion Tip Shop will be closed Good Friday and over the Easter long weekend, reopening on Wednesday 3 April.

Here's to 30 years of friendship

A Tweed Heads over 50s friendship group has just celebrated its 30th year of connecting local seniors.

Council's Community Care Coordinator, Joanne Watters said the group, which meets at Tweed Heads South Community Hall, had enriched the lives of many over the years and provided an important service for those combatting loneliness and changes in life such as children leaving home.

"I sincerely want to congratulate all past and present members of the Over 50s Friendship Group - who have created a sense of belonging for local seniors and provided three decades of laughter, support, and shared experiences." Mrs Watters said.

The group, which was established in 1994, is currently recruiting new members.

Those who wish to join the over 50s Friendship Group are asked to call Merle Williams on 0413 024 341.



The Over 50s Friendship Group at Tweed Heads is recruiting new members as it celebrates its 30 year milestone.

Native bee rescue at Chillingham

A bee-utiful good news story! A few weeks ago, Council's infrastructure delivery crew were replacing footpaths in the Chillingham village and came across a native beehive located under the footpath. The team carefully left it alone and arranged for the bees and the beehive to be rescued.

A local bee rescuer came to site and worked with the crew who helped lift the footpath to allow for the rescue of the hive. She was able to vacuum most of the bees into the hive thus saving it and the bees in the process. The queen bee was also rescued!

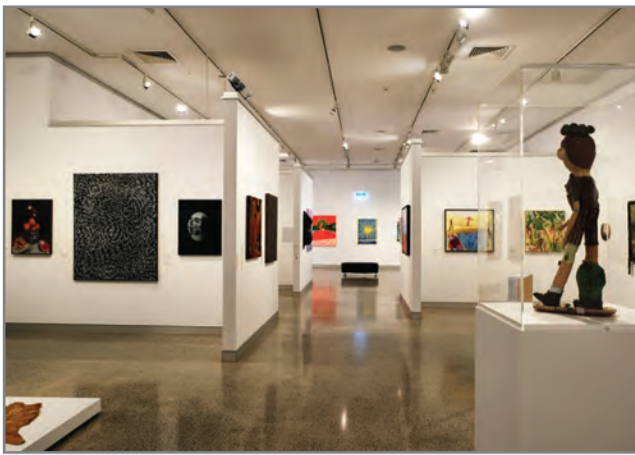
The beehive will now be passed onto the local preschool and the bee rescuer will also donate a free hive to them. Could this be a better outcome? We don't think so.

This story is just one of many that highlights Council's commitment to looking after the Tweed's natural environment and its staff who regularly go above and beyond the call of duty!

Find out how Council looks after the Tweed's environment every day at tweed.nsw.gov.au/environment



A close up of the native bees that were rescued.



Installation view of the 2022 Wollumbin Art Awards. Photo: David Toyer.



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

On exhibition: Child Safe Policy

Working toward being a Child Safe Organisation

The Child Safe Policy outlines our commitment to child safety and the rights and wellbeing of all children who interact with our services and activities. The policy serves as a clear guide for workers who interact with children in our workplace.

Have your say

This policy is available for review on Council's Your Say Tweed website. Submissions can be made to Council by no later than 4 pm, 6 May 2024.

- online at yoursaytweed.com.au/childsafepolicy
- mail to Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484
- email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au Subject: Child Safe Policy

Enquiries: Aimee Austin, Manager People and Culture

Phone: 02 6670 2400

Draft Amended Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy on public exhibition

The aim of this policy is to provide direction on interactions between Councillors and staff to assist both parties in carrying out their day-to-day duties professionally, ethically and respectfully.

The following amendments have been made to the existing policy.

- A 30 request limit added to section 5.7 (p7) and Attachment A, section 2.3 (a)
- Treatment of CSRs captured in edits to Attachment A, section 2.3 (b)

Have your say

You can make a submission up to 4 pm, 24 April 2024 in one of the following ways:

- online at yoursaytweed.com.au/interactionpolicy2024
- email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au Subject: Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy
- mail to The General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, Civic and Cultural Centre, 10-14 Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah NSW 2484.

Enquiries: Mathew Greenwood, 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.

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

Entries now open for 2024 Wollumbin Art Award

Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre's coveted \$30,000 Wollumbin Art Award (WAA) is now open.

The award, named after the sacred mountain which the Gallery overlooks, is open to artists living across the Northern Rivers and nearby local government areas including Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Kyogle, Scenic Rim Shires, Lismore and Gold Coast City. For the first time, artists from the Richmond Valley will also be eligible.

Artists can submit up to two entries of any subject matter and medium. Award categories include a first prize of \$15,000 and a two-week residency in the Gallery's Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio; a \$10,000 WAA Bundjalung Award for First Nations artists and a solo exhibition in the Gallery. There is also a \$5,000 Emerging Artist Award.

Gallery Director Ingrid Hedgcock said the calibre of works showcased in the last Award exhibition was remarkable and gave insight into the diversity of practice across the region.

"We are delighted to present this important Award again. We sincerely thank the Gallery Foundation for their

continued sponsoring of the Bundjalung Award – and of course, Leanne and Greg Tong-Lyon for their support of the Emerging Artist Award," Ms Hedgcock said.

The guest Judge for WAA 2024 is recently appointed Director of Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sebastian Goldspink.

Aunty Joyce Summers will again join the pre-selection panel at this year's awards.

To celebrate the artistic talent and creativity of young people living in the region, young artists aged between 5–18 years can enter the Wollumbin Youth Art Award (WYAA). Entries for the WYAA are free and open to young people who live in the areas listed.

The Gallery is honoured to have Children's Gallery Coordinator at HOTA, Home of the Arts Jodi Ferrari as guest judge of the Youth award.

The finalist exhibition will be on display at Tweed Regional Gallery from Friday 6 September until Sunday 24 November 2024, with Award announcements on Saturday 7 September.

Entries opened 5 pm Monday 25 March and close 5pm, Monday 3 June 2024. The WAA is \$35 per entry.

Artist can view conditions of entry and submit via the Gallery website gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/prizes-awards

Please check your stormwater connection

Stormwater and wastewater use 2 separate plumbing systems that must never connect.

Wastewater is the water that's poured into sinks, flushed down toilets and drained from showers and baths. It flows through Council's sewer network to one of the Tweed's 8 wastewater treatment plants.

Stormwater runs off roofs and pathways through stormwater pipes to local waterways.

Water and Wastewater Operations Manager Brie Jowett said at some homes, stormwater downpipes illegally connect to sewer pipes.

"These connections are illegal because they can cause sewage overflows when it rains, impacting the health of our community and natural environment," Mrs Jowett said.

"Our crews detect incorrect connections when doing visual checks and through smoke testing, when we pump a small amount of safe smoke into wastewater pipes.

"If one of your downpipes connects to a sewer pipe at your home, please contact a licenced plumber to get it fixed."

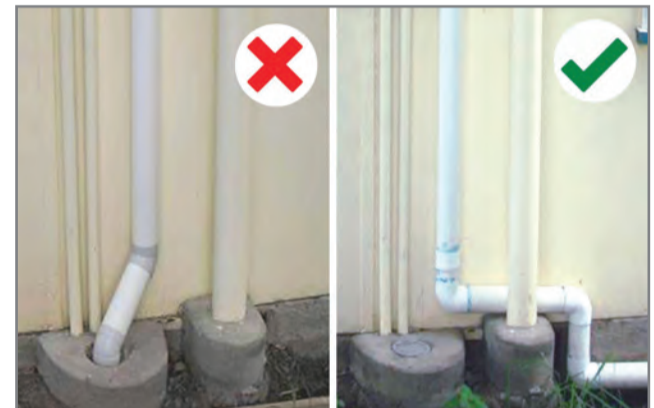
Mrs Jowett said an important piece of plumbing that prevents sewage overflows inside homes was frequently covered up by pot plants, mats, concrete or paving.

"It's called an overflow relief gully and if yours is covered up, it won't be able to do its job and you could find sewage

overflowing inside your home should your sewer pipes get blocked," she said.

"Again, a licensed plumber is the best person to help you fix the problem."

Find out more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/keep-stormwater-out-of-your-sewer-pipes



The downpipe on the far left is illegal, directing stormwater to the home's sewer pipes. It's been fixed, as shown on the right. Photo credit: Unitywater

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

DA23/0481 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including above-ground pool and associated decking
Lot 476 DP 785160, No. 78 Cominan Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA23/0658 – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including carport forward of the building line
Lot 581 DP 217268, No. 7 Grevillea Road, **Bogangar**

DA24/0011 – Carport within the front building line
Lot 15 DP 800344, No. 35 Cassidy Crescent, **Bogangar**

DA23/0409 – Tennis court
Lot 101 DP 1134560, No. 540 Duranbah Road, **Duranbah**

DA23/0357 – Alterations and additions to commercial premises (Kingscliff Shopping Village)
Lot 101 DP 1266301, No. 24 Pearl Street, **Kingscliff**

CDC24/0021 – Council CDC for a swimming pool
Lot 1 DP 336933, No. 36 Condong Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA23/0498 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a carport, swimming pool, driveway crossover and a 2 m boundary fence
Lot 1 SP 43166, Unit 1/No. 8 Edward Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA23/0464 – Dwelling house and above-ground swimming pool
Lot 102 DP 1255992, No. 141 Sleepy Hollow Road, **Sleepy Hollow**

DA23/0598 – Retaining walls
Lot 15 DP 32024, No. 30 Lalina Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

DA24/0024 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including pool and shed
Lot 16 Section 2 DP 9025, No. 190 Kennedy Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

DA23/0619 – Pontoon
Lot 293 DP 30961, Lot 488 DP 30961, No. 71 Gollan Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

DA23/0326 – Amalgamation of existing 4 lots (Lots 15 DP 551311, 3, 4, & 5 DP 240226) and subdivision into 3 lots (Proposed Lots 20, 21 & 22)
Lot 15 DP 551311, Lot 3 DP 240226, Lot 4 DP 240226, Lot 5 DP 240226, No. 6–8 Mayfield Street, **South Murwillumbah**

Approved – deferred commencement

DA22/0145 – Earthworks and associated drainage works
Lot 21 DP 1082482, No. 2 Altona Road, **Chinderah**

Refused

DA23/0632 – 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
Lot 181 DP 259164, Lot 182 DP 259164, No. 100–102 Hastings Road, **Bogangar**

DA22/0508 – Retention of the existing dwelling, construction of a new 3 storey dwelling to create detached dual occupancy development, new detached garage with storage for each dwelling and associated works
Lot 9 Section 2 DP 3123, No. 7 Kennedy Drive, **Tweed Heads**

DA23/0501 – Demolition of existing structures and erection of a centre-based child care facility including associated signage, landscaping and car parking
Lot 3 DP 618703, Lot 4 DP 618703, Lot 2 DP 618703, No. 97–99 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

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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