

In brief ...

Tree planting at Banora Point

Community members are invited to join us on Sunday 28 July for a tree planting event at Banora Point in celebration of National Tree Day.

Organised by Planet Ark, National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree planting event, engaging about 300,000 Australians annually. It's a time to unite communities in planting trees, connecting with nature and promoting local environmental awareness.

The program is also run as part of Council's Cool Towns Urban Forest program.

Join us on Sunday 28 July from 8 am to 12 noon at Greenway Drive, Banora Point (north side of the stormwater canal, opposite AFL oval). Activities on the day include a sausage sizzle and family-friendly activities. Trees and mulch will be provided. Please bring your own gloves, gardening tools and buckets for mulching and watering.



A community tree planting day will be held at the Greenway Drive stormwater canal at Banora Point on Sunday 28 July.

Walk and Talk at Green Cauldron Farm

Join 2 local farmers and Council's Sustainable Agriculture team at the beautiful Green Cauldron Farm near Tyalgum for an inspiring walk and talk.

The event, to be held on Thursday 1 August from 1 to 4 pm, includes a tour of a sustainable, organic and profitable market garden. Discover how a trial of breathable tarps (weed gunnel) has helped manage weeds and improved soil health.

Hear from a bee expert who runs an apiary operation of 160 hives across the Tweed and find out what happens when you introduce a new range of queen bee subspecies into the hives.

Spots are limited and registration for this free event is essential. Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming](https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming) to secure your place.

Email agriculture@tweed.nsw.gov.au or call the Sustainable Agriculture Team on 02 6670 2400 for more information.



Green Cauldron Farm near Tyalgum is the location for Council's next Farm Walk and Talk on 1 August from 1 to 4 pm.



The new operational hub for the Marine Rescue NSW Point Danger unit. INSET: A ramp is part of the lighthouse upgrade.

Lighthouse at Point Danger stands proud after \$6.5 million upgrade

The heritage-listed lighthouse at Point Danger stands ready to serve as a beacon to mariners for decades to come following an extensive \$6.5 million upgrade to the aging structure.

Straddling the NSW and Queensland border, the refurbished Captain Cook Memorial and Lighthouse was officially opened in a ceremony on 16 July following extensive works to the 53-year-old facility.

Work to upgrade the facility began in mid-2022 after concrete cancer was discovered in parts of the structure, with the new building designed to provide improved, more accessible amenities which make the most of the spectacular setting.

Funding for the \$6.5 million refurbishment was jointly provided by:

- NSW Government's Cross Border Commissioner's Infrastructure Fund (\$2,023,449)
- NSW Government's Restart NSW Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund (\$973,000)
- City of Gold Coast (\$1,990,000)
- Tweed Shire Council (\$1,514,000)
- NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (\$50,000).

The upgraded facility boasts state-of-the-art new facilities for Marine Rescue NSW's Point Danger Unit, which from January 2023 to June 2024 logged and monitored 27,763 crossings of the Tweed River bar and undertook 176 rescues, saving the lives of 318 people on the water.

The site holds significant cultural heritage for the First Nations people of the region, with local Bundjalung artists Christine Slabb and Kyle Slabb engaged to create Indigenous storyboards and artworks to tell the tale of Ngagambi – Black Dingo, the traditional name of Point Danger. Their artwork is now imbedded in the stone floors and walls of the lighthouse and inside the new café.

Aptly named Black Dingo, the new café opened in May and is already proving popular with tourists who are able to enjoy its spectacular views. It is open daily from 6 am to 3:30 pm.

The upgrade has made the structure more accessible to people of all abilities and includes a ramp to the top viewing deck and new ablutions.

Read the full media release at: [tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news](https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news)

Change for Waugh and Phillip streets intersection at Chinderah

Changed traffic conditions will be in place for Waugh and Phillip streets at Chinderah from next Monday as part of a 3-month trial to prevent the build-up of traffic in the area.

During busy periods, excessive queues form on Phillip Street as motorists wait to turn right into Waugh Street heading towards the Pacific Motorway.

While a roundabout is proposed for the intersection



Map showing changes to traffic conditions at Chinderah as part of 3 month trial to reduce queuing at Phillip St.

in the medium term, in the interim, Council has resolved to install 'No Right Turn' signage into Phillip Street from Waugh Street.

Advisory signs will be installed along Chinderah Bay Drive and Waugh Street to pre-warning motorists of the changed traffic conditions.

To access Kingscliff, drivers heading south on Chinderah Bay Drive will be advised to continue past Waugh Street and turn left into Wommin Bay Road.

Council's Road Safety Officer Lily Morgan urged motorists to exercise caution at the intersection.

"As vehicles exit the M1 via the slip lane, their indicators may still be on and drivers waiting on Phillip Street should not assume these vehicles are turning left," she said.

"They should exercise caution by waiting until the intersection is clear before turning into Waugh Street."

The trial will be monitored and a report, including feedback from the community, will be submitted to Council through its Local Traffic Committee.

Any residents with concerns about this intersection are urged to contact Council on 02 6670 2400 or email: tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Get involved in Local Government Week events

Much more than roads, rates and rubbish! Tweed Shire Council is joining with councils across NSW to celebrate this year's Local Government Week, from 29 July to 4 August.

The week will be packed with exciting and informative tours and activities, offering a closer look at some of the 50+ services Council offers the Tweed community.

Local Government Week kicks off with nominations opening for the 2024 Australia Day Awards, providing the community with an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate those with outstanding achievements.

Several tours of Council facilities are a feature of the week, including:

- **Tweed Valley Cemetery and Crematorium information session and walking tour**, Eviron, Wednesday 31 July, 10 to 10:30 am
- **Tweed Laboratory Centre tour**, Tweed Heads South, Thursday 1 August, 11 am to 12 noon
- **Bray Park Water Treatment Plant tour**, Bray Park, Friday 2 August, 9 to 10:30 am
- **Clarrie Hall Dam tour**, Uki, Friday 2 August, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- **Tweed Regional Gallery tour**, Murwillumbah, each day from Wednesday 31 July – Sunday 4 August, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Get your hands dirty and **plant a tree for National Tree Day**, where we'll be planting in a regeneration area at Banora Point. Join us on Sunday 28 July from 8 am to 12 noon at Greenway Drive, Banora Point. Help improve local greenery, reduce weeds and add shade to our walking routes. Enjoy a sausage sizzle and family-friendly activities. Don't forget to bring your gloves and gardening tools!

Bookings are required for these tours and events. Visit:

tweed.nsw.gov.au/local-government-week

If you're interested in kickstarting a career with Council, visit us at the Lismore Careers Expo and speak with staff about available job opportunities. Council will be hosting a stall at the Expo, located at Lismore Showgrounds, on Tuesday 30 July from 9 am to 2 pm.

Council is also proud to highlight several notable achievements and ongoing projects and events during Local Government Week, which demonstrate our commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the Tweed.

Omnia: All and Everything exhibit at **Tweed Regional Museum** – This engaging exhibition reimagines the Museum's collection, featuring over 200 objects, some



More than roads, rates and rubbish – find out more about the services we offer during Local Government Week.

never before displayed, in an immersive, thematic experience.

Draft Affordable Housing Strategy – The community is invited to review and provide feedback on the Draft Strategy aimed at increasing the supply of affordable housing in the Tweed. The Strategy is on exhibition until 7 August 2024.

Revitalised Jack Evans Boat Harbour – Discover the newly upgraded beach and swimming area at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, featuring improved water access, shade structures and picnic facilities.

Ray Pascoe Park opening – Council will officially open the new, inclusive playground at Ray Pascoe Park in Tweed Heads, designed for young families to enjoy riverside play.

NSW electoral roll closes – The NSW electoral roll closes for printing on Monday 5 August and Council is encouraging residents to ensure their details are up to date so they can participate in the 2024 NSW Local Government election to be held Saturday 14 September.

For more information about Council's events and activities that help celebrate Local Government Week and showcase our services, visit:

tweed.nsw.gov.au/local-government-week

Local Government Week event schedule

Sunday 28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant a tree for National Tree Day, Banora Point, 8 am to 12 noon at Greenway Drive, Banora Point
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Saturday 3 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweed Regional Gallery tour, Murwillumbah, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Sunday 4 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweed Regional Gallery tour, Murwillumbah, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Working 24/7 to make drinking water safe for Tweed residents

As the Tweed's water utility, Council works 24/7 to protect the community's health by supplying high-quality tap water.

Water and Wastewater Operations Manager Brie Jowett said while the Tweed's ultra-filtrated tap water was usually so good people couldn't distinguish between it and bottled water, occasionally people might notice a change in their tap water's colour, smell or taste.

"If your tap water looks, smell or tastes a little different, most times there's nothing to worry about," Mrs Jowett said.

"Cloudy tap water is usually caused by tiny air bubbles. They can be formed when Council does maintenance work on the water network. Hot water systems can also create them.

"You can test if it's air bubbles by putting a glass of cloudy water on the bench. The cloudiness should disappear as the bubbles come to the surface."

Brown tap water is usually due to natural sediment stirred up in water pipes during maintenance works or

during high flows.

"To clear brown water, try running the tap furthest from your water meter on full for a few minutes," Mrs Jowett said.

"You can also get coloured water from household plumbing, particularly when taps haven't been used in a while. It is always a good idea to run your taps to flush your pipes when returning from holidays."

Each year, Council cleans about 70 km of water mains to remove sediment build up.

"We continuously test tap water and we change our robust treatment processes to suit prevailing conditions, ensuring our ultrafiltration treatment plant always produces water that meets the highest drinking water quality standards," Mrs Jowett said.

"If you're ever concerned about your tap water, don't hesitate to give us a call on 07 6670 2400. We are available 24/7."

Go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/drinking-water-quality for more information.



The supply of safe, sustainable and affordable tap water is a Council priority.

Ducat Street roadworks

Council is commencing an upgrade of Ducat Street in Tweed Heads with resurfacing to begin next week.

The work will involve upgrading the road surface from the intersection of Ducat Street and Jalibah Avenue to the intersection with Ourimbah Road.

Work will begin on Monday 29 July and is expected to take about 2 weeks, weather permitting.

Work will be carried out at night from 6 pm to 4 am when traffic volumes are at their lowest.

Some temporary lane closures will occur during work hours which may cause delays of up to 10 minutes. Please use alternative routes where possible.

Council appreciates there will be inconvenience to residents but once completed, noise levels caused by traffic on Ducat Street will be lessened.

Line-marking will be carried out after completion of the resurfacing. For more information on roadworks visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks-closures



Map showing Ducat Street works.

Teamwork sees Urliup Road open well ahead of schedule

The sound of rainforest songbirds has replaced that of earthmoving and drilling equipment following completion of flood restoration works on Urliup Road.

The hinterland connection road between Bilambil and Urliup was badly damaged during the 2022 floods with 6 slip sites posing a risk to traffic.

Council engaged contractors Hazell Bros to carry out \$5 million in flood restoration works to repair the slips, which started in March with an estimated completion time of 42 weeks.

The works involved securing downslope and upslope sites with soil nails and anchors, gabion baskets and shotcrete. Specialised drilling crews were brought in, using ropes to access the slip sites with purpose-built drilling machines.

Council Project Manager Brad Turner said Hazell Bros and their subcontractors had worked efficiently to restore Urliup Road well ahead of schedule.

"It's been great to work with the team on this project and see their commitment to accommodating the local community who have been affected by the works," Mr Turner said.

Hazell Bros senior supervisor Troy Aberdeen said due to the skills and proficiency of the drilling crews, the Urliup Road project was completed well ahead of schedule with the road opened to through-traffic in early July.

"On behalf of Hazell Bros, we would like to thank the Urliup community for their patience and understanding in what has been a technically challenging job. They have been great to work with,"

he said.

Urliup Road resident Peter Oldham said the community was delighted to hear the road would open well ahead of schedule.

"This is very welcome news for us all and we sincerely thank the contractors for their courtesies and consideration," Mr Oldham said.

Council's flood restoration team is continuing its work, with approximately 550 out of a total of 3,780 logged road damages remaining outstanding following the 2022 flood, with completion expected by mid-2026.

Find out more about flood restoration works at tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-restoration-works



Hazell Bros crew, Urliup residents and flood restoration Project Manager Russell Brown on Urliup Road.

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

DA22/0797 – Alterations & additions to Fingal General Store & Restaurant

Lot 353 DP 755740, No. 50 Main Road, **Fingal Head**

DA23/0524 – Expansion of existing educational establishment (The Small School) including change of use of approved administrative offices to learning spaces

Lot 1 DP 1273979, No. 8 King Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA24/0237 – Roofed patio

Lot 393 DP 248950, No. 12 Kurrajong Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA24/0200 – Dwelling with attached garage and associated earthworks

Lot 19 DP 1295758, No. 48 Bowen Loop, **Cudgen**

DA24/0079 – Dwelling, in-ground swimming pool, shed and carport

Lot 61 DP 1295651, No. 6A Sunnycrest Drive, **Terranora**

DA24/0193 – Swimming pool

Lot 25 DP 250884, No. 71 Jacaranda Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

Refused

DA23/0231 – Temporary use of land – airstrip and construction of machinery shed / hangar

Lot 2 DP 1242396, Lot 2 DP 568035, No. 529 Cudgen Road, **Cudgen**

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

Community notice

The **Pottsville Community Association** monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at St Marks Anglican Church, Coronation Avenue, Pottsville. Come along, get involved with the community and learn about upcoming projects. For more information call 0407 889 168.

Current vacancies

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WATER WEEK 3



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Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Flood Camera policy

Council is seeking community feedback on Changes to the Flood Monitoring Camera Policy. The changes to the policy include new camera locations and new settings on image displays.

Have your Say

Comments must be in before 4 pm Wednesday 4 September 2024 in one of the following ways:

- online at yoursaytweed/floodmonitoringcameras
- email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au with the subject: Flood Monitoring Cameras
- mail to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484
- drop your submission off to the Tweed or Murwillumbah Council offices

All submissions, including postal or in person, must be received before 4 pm, 4 September 2024 and must include your full name, address and contact details. Please indicate if you do not give permission for it to be included in the final report to Council.

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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Section 4.55 modification application for public comment

The following Section 4.55 application has been received by the Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au for a period of fourteen (14) days from Wednesday 24 July 2024 to Wednesday 7 August 2024.

The proposal is not designated development and the Tweed Shire Council is the consent authority.

Applicant	Location	Proposal	File no.
Zone Planning Group	Lot 604 DP 1244954; No. 208 Lundberg Drive, South Murwillumbah	Amendment to Development Consent DA22/0793 for a depot, general industry and public administration building and signage on proposed lots 703 and 711 created from subdivision of Lot 604 DP 1244954 (NRPP)	DA22/0793.01
Proposed modification			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of Condition Number 20 relating to on-site detention measures. 			

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Modification Application. Where a submission is in the form of an objection, then the grounds of objection are required to be specified.

In accordance with Clause 105 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, there is no right of appeal under Section 8.8 of the Act by an objector.

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* - GIPAA 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 on Councils' website tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications

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