

Tweed Link

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Save water, save money

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Monitoring the quality of water stored in Clarrie Hall Dam is just one of the many services funded by Council's water and wastewater charges.

How Council puts your water and wastewater money to work

From fixing pipes to upgrading water reservoirs and protecting the Tweed's natural environment, there's a lot that goes into delivering safe, sustainable and affordable water and wastewater services for the Tweed community.

Council manages a \$1.6 billion water and wastewater network of assets that includes more than 1,700 km of pipelines, 219 pump stations and 11 treatment plants.

To keep the network flowing, Council's water and wastewater crews respond to supply and service interruptions plus quality issues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Manager Water and Wastewater Business and Assets Michael Wraight said 100% of the money received from water and wastewater charges is reinvested in the Tweed's network and services.

"When it comes to wastewater revenue, 41c of every dollar funds wastewater infrastructure upgrades and improvements, 25c goes into wastewater treatment plants, 12c for reservoirs and pumps, 9c for energy, 7c for sewer mains, 1c for water testing, and 5c for other expenses such as taxes and charges," Mr Wraight said.

"Water revenue is reinvested in a similar way, with 41c of every dollar received going into water infrastructure upgrades and improvements, 15c for water treatment plants, 11c for water mains, 8c for customer repairs, 6c for dams and weirs, 5c for energy, 3c for reservoirs and pumps, 3c for water testing, and 8c for other expenses such as taxes and charges."

Go to <u>tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-use-and-billing</u> for more information about water billing.

Apply now for Tweed Shire Australia Day community event funding

Community organisations across the Tweed are invited to apply for financial support from Council to host Australia Day events. This funding is available for small-scale community events held 3 days either side of Australia Day 2025.

The funding provided by Council is based on the expected number of attendees, with 3 levels of support available:

- Category 1: \$300 for events with up to 149 pax
- Category 2: \$400 for events of 150–249 pax
- Category 3: \$500 for events of 250+ pax.

Community organisations applying for the first time will be automatically placed in Category 1.

To qualify for funding, community groups must:

- be located in the Tweed region and provide an outline of their planned event
- be an incorporated body and hold public liability insurance
 ensure the event is open to the public and not
- exclusively for members or private businesses.
 Successful applicants must also list their event on
 Council's calendar of events at <u>whatsontweed.com.au</u>
 Recognition of Council's support is also required in all

promotional efforts and on the event day.

Applications will be reviewed by the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards Selection Panel in late October 2024. If your event is planned on Council-managed land, such as a park or beach, all necessary permits and approvals must be obtained.

To apply, complete the application form at tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day and submit it by midnight on Friday 11 October 2024



Apply for financial support from Council for your Australia Day event in January 2025.

Get the Tweed Link early

Be one of the first to see all the latest news from Tweed Shire Council each week.

Subscribers to the Tweed Link receive it by email each week on Wednesday mornings, in addition to it appearing in print in the Tweed Valley Weekly on Thursdays. But that's not all – you can also subscribe to Council job alerts, media releases and a range of e-newsletters and Council facility program alerts. **Sign up at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe**

In brief ...

Volunteers wanted for Seniors Festival

Want to be part of Tweed Seniors Festival 2025? Each year the Tweed Seniors Festival is supported by the Seniors Festival Working Party, a group of dedicated volunteers who help behind the scenes to bring it to life.



The festival, which runs as

part of the NSW Seniors Festival, will take place from 3 - 16 March 2025. The theme of next year's festival is a Time to Shine!

If you would like to volunteer, please visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival and fill out the expression of interest form or visit a Council service desk at either Tweed Heads or Murwillumbah for a printed form. Expressions of interest will close on Friday 20 September 2024.

For more information contact Lyn Porter on 07 5569 3110 or email:

communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Burringbar Draft Concept Plan adopted

The Burringbar Memorial Reserve and Masterson Park Draft Concept Plan has been approved.

On public exhibition from 3 October to 14 November 2023, the plan received 95 community submissions, mostly in favour of the proposed concepts.

At their most recent Council meeting, Councillors agreed to adopt the plan and stipulated funding be sought as a priority for the playground to be developed as outlined in the plan.

Council will also work with the community to integrate the temporary Cycling Without Age container into the landscape and explore options to enhance car parking facilities for the Rail Trail in and around Burringbar.

To have your say on key projects like this, register now at <u>yoursaytweed.com.au</u>

Council launches new Grant Finder tool

A new Grant Finder tool has been launched and is now published on Council's website.

The user-friendly tool allows businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals to search for grants and funding opportunities across the Tweed and beyond.

The Grant Finder is an invaluable resource for those seeking financial support for various projects, from environmental initiatives to arts and culture programs. It's designed to make the process of finding and applying for grants as simple and accessible as possible.

Find the tool at <u>tweed.nsw.gov.au/grant-finder</u>

EOI closing date extended by 2 weeks

To encourage cat owners to keep their felines safe at home, 60 Tweed residents can win a \$500 Catnets voucher to purchase a cat haven or other cat DIY hardware products.

Council has partnered with RSPCA NSW on its Keeping Cats Safe at Home campaign about loving cats, celebrating the people who love their cats and motivating cat lovers to keep their feline companions safe and fulfilled.

If you are a cat owner who needs support creating a cat haven, please submit an expression of interest to be awarded a \$500 voucher from Catnets. Submissions close Saturday 14 September 2024.

Learn more and apply at tweed.nsw.gov.au/cats
The NSW-wide project is funded by a \$2.5 million
grant from the NSW Environmental Trust.

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.



Flood restoration work is progressing along Kyogle Road.

Traffic changes for Kyogle Road

Motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions at the flood restoration site on Kyogle Road near Byangum Bridge.

Existing road barriers have been removed to allow for construction crews to work on pavement preparation. Traffic will still be reduced to one lane under traffic

light control and a speed zone limit of 40km/h will be enforced

For the safety of motorists and work crews, please adhere to the reduced speed limits.

For more information go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-restoration-works

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

DA23/0366 - Staged redesign of the Temple Precinct Master Plan approved under T4/2214 (4 stages)

Lot 33 DP 755754, Lot 1 DP 949453, Tyalgum Road, **Eungella** DA24/0198 - External alterations to existing commercial premises and signage (Westpac Bank Tweed City Shopping Centre)

Lot 100 DP 1255399, No. 38 Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South

DA24/0286 - Two storey dwelling with attached garage, inground pool and retaining

Lot 28 DP 1266201, No. 22 Evergreen View, Bilambil Heights DA24/0302 - Two storey dwelling with retaining walls Lot 260 DP 31998, No. 78 Broadwater Esplanade, Bilambil Heights

DA24/0228 - Demolition of unauthorized fence and construction of new 1.8m fence

Lot 1SP 32104, Unit 1/No. 69 Tweed Coast Road, Bogangar

DA24/0265 - Dwelling with attached garage Lot 32 DP 1264557, No. 22 Habitat Drive, Casuarina

DA24/0319 - Two storey dwelling with attached garage and

in-ground swimming pool Lot 11 DP 1231670, No. 21 Sea Eagle Court, Casuarina DA24/0330 - Two storey dwelling with attached garage and

inground swimming pool Lot 81 DP 1264557, No. 36 Black Wattle Circuit, Casuarina

DA24/0147 - Swimming pool

Lot 5 DP 1260065, No. 1458 Numinbah Road, Chillingham DA24/0209 - Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including detached carport

Lot 3 DP 850073, No. 22 Glencoe Road, North Arm

DA24/0203 - 1.5m front fence

Lot 298 DP 1125090, No. 15 Woodfull Crescent, Pottsville

DA24/0343 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 373 DP 1052082, No. 50 Sassafras Street, Pottsville

DA24/0361 - Inground swimming pool Lot 174 DP 1034824, No. 48 Border Crescent, Pottsville

DA24/0229 - Dwelling with attached garage and retaining Lot 738 DP 1291069, No. 6 Gower Street, Terranora

DA24/0257 - Swimming pool

Lot 23 DP 1011993, No. 4 Tern Court, **Tweed Heads West**

Refused

DA23/0644 - Dwelling

Lot 2 DP 736893, No. 98 Midginbil Road, Midginbil

The above development determinations are available for public inspection Centre, during ordinary office hours or viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Current vacancies

Visit <u>tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies</u> to view current vacancies. Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe



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

Will you be away for the upcoming Council election?

Tweed residents unable to vote in the upcoming Local Government election on polling day will have the option to vote early, with pre-polling starting on Saturday 7 September.

A total of 45 candidates have registered to contest the Tweed Shire Council election on Saturday 14 September 2024 following finalisation of the ballot sheet by the NSW Electoral Commission in early August. The candidates make up 10 grouped tickets, with 7 candidates running on their own as individuals. For more details on the candidates, visit the **NSW Electoral Commission**

Voting is compulsory in Local Government elections, with limited early voting (pre-polling) available from 9 am to 5 pm from Saturday 7 September to Friday 13 September 2024, excluding Sunday.

Pre-polling is strictly for people unable to vote on election day, and voters will be asked to verbally declare the reason they wish to vote early.

Eligibility criteria are published online and include those who will not be in the Tweed Shire on election day, are seriously ill or infirm, have a disability, are in a correctional centre or are concerned for their safety.

To find out if you are eligible to vote early, visit early voting and pre-polling in person on the NSW Electoral Commission website

The NSW Electoral Commission, which is conducting the election on behalf of Tweed Shire Council, will operate 5 pre-polling venues, with the main centres being at Council venues at:

- Tweed Shire Council Civic and Cultural Centre Auditorium, Brett Street, Tweed Heads
- Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre, 10–14 Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah.

Additional pre-polling centres will also be operating

at Casuarina Beach Hockey Club, Seagulls Club at Tweed Heads West and Tweed Heads South Community Centre. To find the location of pre-polling sites in the Tweed and their hours of operation, visit the NSW Electoral Commission.

Electors voting as required on election day can find their nearest polling venue by visiting the NSW Electoral Commission's Find My Electorate page Polling venues will be open from 8 am to 6 pm on election day.

Applications for postal voting have opened, and close at 5 pm on Monday 9 September. Applications received after this time will not receive a postal vote pack. Completed postal votes must be received by the NSW Electoral Commission by 6 pm on Friday 27 September. To check your eligibility for postal voting, visit the NSWEC website



Visit the NSW Electoral Commission webiste to find out if you're eligible for pre-polling.

Flood restoration kicks off at Vic Bianchetti Sports Grounds

Work is progressing well on flood restoration works at Vic Bianchetti Sports Grounds at Uki.

Funded by the NSW Office of Sport's Priority Needs Program and Essential Community Sport Assets Program, the first phase of the \$1.2 million restoration and resilience project is well underway.

Electrical isolations have been completed and will ensure works to repair damage caused by the 2022 flood - which saw the clubhouse inundated by up to



Demolition works are underway at the Vic Bianchetti Sports Grounds at Uki.

4m of water - will not interfere with operations at the tennis club, sports field lights or sewer pump station. This will allow the grounds to continue to host soccer competitions and touch football in the off-season.

Completed demolition work includes the removal of all doors and windows, electrical fittings, internal block walls, toilets and partitions, timber ceiling battens, veranda ceiling sheets, timber fascia, all wall and floor tiles, all cabinets, plumbing fixtures and fittings, including kitchen equipment and the large exhaust fan.

The existing concrete slab has been cut up and removed and the main concrete structural pour has also been completed following the installation of steel cages and plumbing rough ins. Blockwork to support the construction of the new flood-free second level is underway.

In keeping with a strong recycling commitment, all concrete, blocks, tiles, partitions, aluminium door and window frames, electrical wiring, timber beams, plumbing fixtures, copper pipe, and roof sheets will be recycled.

This substantial project is due for completion by February 2025.







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