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The NSW Electoral Commission's Tweed Returning Officer Lisa Murray explains the final results of the Tweed poll.

# New team of Councillors for the Tweed

The results are in for the 2024 Tweed Shire Council election, with a new group of Councillors confirmed following the distribution of preferences this week.

The NSW Electoral Commission declared the results of the 14 September 2024 poll on Tuesday following distribution of preferences by the Tweed Returning Officer, with six returning representatives and one new Councillor elected.

Elected Councillors for the upcoming term are: Chris Cherry, Reece Byrnes, James Owen, Rhiannon Brinsmead, Kimberly Hone (new to Council), Meredith Dennis and Nola Firth.

A total of 54,589 ballots were cast in the Tweed, representing a voter turnout of 76%, with 71,582 electors registered in the Shire ahead of the poll. Council's General Manager Troy Green

acknowledged the efforts of all candidates and was

excited for the term ahead.

"On behalf of Council staff, I extend my congratulations to all those elected and welcome our newest Councillor," Mr Green said.

"We are eager to work collaboratively with the new team as we navigate the opportunities and challenges of the coming term.

"We have more than \$1 billion in capital infrastructure works planned over the next five years, including the raising of the Clarrie Hall Dam wall, major housing and retail developments in the pipeline, and continuing our significant flood recovery works program."

The newly elected Councillors will take their oaths or affirmations of office next Thursday 10 October, followed by an Extraordinary Meeting at 3:30 pm where they will vote to appoint the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. For full election results, visit <u>elections.nsw.gov.au</u> or call 1300 135 736.

## Construction underway on Budd Park revitalisation

Work has begun on the upgrade of Budd Park at Murwillumbah, with the flood-impacted Visitor Information Centre to be demolished to make way for new parkland and barbecue facilities.

Work started this week on the upgrade of the eastern car park, adjacent to the Riverview Hotel, which will include a new entry and exit onto Tweed Valley Way. This stage of the project will continue until mid-November 2024.

From early October to early November, the floodprone World Heritage Rainforest Centre – once home to Murwillumbah's Visitor Information Centre – and the internal access road linking the two existing car parks will be removed to create space for new parkland.

This follows damage sustained by the building and surrounds during the 2017 and 2022 floods.

From January to April 2025, the parkland between the two car parks will be upgraded to include new

shelters, barbecues, picnic tables, seating, drinking fountains, bins, pathways, bike racks and public art. This area will be closed for refurbishment.

The redevelopment will not only enhance the aesthetic and recreational value of Budd Park but will also create a dynamic community hub that promotes outdoor activities and social interaction.

In addition to the works at Budd Park, Council will upgrade 14 other flood-impacted car parks across the Tweed over the next year.

The upgrades include internal access road repairs, drainage improvements, car park pavement repairs and resealing, pathways and access enhancements, including accessible parking bays, and tree planting.

For more information on these projects, please visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/community-assets-program

## Cudgera Creek Road flood works completed ahead of schedule

Flood restoration works on Cudgera Creek Road have been completed by contractor PCA a month ahead of schedule.

The \$1.5 million project involved repairing a 25 m landslip, pavement rehabilitation and improving drainage. The road is once again open to traffic in both directions.

PCA Project Manager Josh Hoar thanked both Tweed Shire Council for its collaborative delivery approach and residents and road users of Cudgera Creek Road for their patience while the project works were underway.

"All told it was a great project that generally went to plan from our perspective," Mr Hoar said. PCA is currently working on the flood restoration site on Tweed Valley Way, north of Burringbar.

To find out more on the Tweed's flood restoration roads program, visit

tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-restoration-works



Works have been completed early on Cudgera Creek Road.

## In brief ...

## Murwillumbah CBD survey closing soon

## Do you want to see improvements to Murwillumbah's CBD?

There's still time to provide your feedback to Business Murwillumbah about their project to revitalise the town's central business district.

With the support of Council, Business Murwillumbah recently secured a \$316,666 grant through the NSW Government's Community Improvement District (CID) Pilot Program.

This program aims to enhance local trading environments and encourage people to get into their neighbourhoods and retail centres to enjoy local goods, services and activities on foot.

Residents are invited to complete the online survey by Monday 7 October 2024.

For more information and to complete the survey visit <u>yoursaytweed.com.au/murwillumbah-cbd</u>

## Free beeswax wrap workshops for kids

# Looking for a fun, inclusive and feel-good school holiday activity?

Council is hosting free beeswax wrap-making workshops at the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads libraries on Tuesday 8 October.

Beeswax wraps are an eco-friendly, reusable alternative to plastic wrap.

Participants will be provided with all the tools and guidance to make their own wrap. Information will also be provided on how to make the wraps at home.

Locations and times below:

- Murwillumbah Library, Tuesday 8 October, 10 am
- Tweed Heads Library, Tuesday 8 October, 2:30 pm

Both these workshops support the community to work together to reduce our impact on the natural environment.

Workshops are suitable for ages 5 and above. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

Spots are limited. Secure your booking at tweed.nsw.gov.au/recycling-reducing-waste



Join one of our beeswax wrap workshops these holidays.

## Apply now for Australia Day event funding

Council is offering financial assistance to community organisations across the Tweed who plan to hold small community events 3 days either side of Australia Day 2025.

If your community-based organisation is planning an Australia Day event for the public to enjoy, you may be able to apply for funding support from Council.

Financial assistance is only available for Tweed-based community organisations who are an incorporated body and hold public liability insurance.

To apply for the event funding, please complete the application form at <u>tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day</u> by midnight Friday 11 October 2024.

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.

## Calling all pet owners: New registration requirements introduced across New South Wales



Ruff ruff... don't forget the registration stuff.

The NSW Office of Local Government has introduced new registration requirements to improve pet management and help reunite lost animals with their owners.

All cats and dogs must be microchipped by 12 weeks of

Cane toad control

in the Tweed

age, or when sold/given away, whichever comes first. Once microchipped, pet owners must register their pets on the NSW Pet Registry by 12 weeks of age. This

pets on the NSW Pet Registry by 12 weeks of age. Thi involves a once-only lifetime payment for the pet, even if ownership changes within NSW.

Dog owners will face a once-only additional fee if their pet is not desexed by 6 months, while cat owners will incur an annual permit fee if their cat is not desexed by 4 months. If your vet recommends delayed desexing for medical reasons, have them

update the NSW Pet Registry by your pet's relevant desexing age.

Pet owners can register their pets online at <a href="petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au">petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au</a> or in person at Council's Customer Service Centres.

Required documents include microchipping paperwork, proof of desexing (if applicable), and a pension card (if applicable).

For more information visit

tweed.nsw.gov.au/microchipping-pet-registration

## **Tweed Cane Toad Challenge**

For the fifth year running, Council is focused on reducing cane toad populations in the Tweed with a range of educational events and community toad busting initiatives.

Council is once again partnering with not-for-profit community environment group Watergum to run the Tweed Cane Toad Challenge, which aims to stop the advance of cane toads on the Tweed Coast before they have a chance to breed and multiply.

The first free event of the season is an online webinar on Tuesday 8 October from 6 to

8 pm (NSW time). The engaging session will teach the community about cane toads, their impacts and effective techniques to reduce their numbers.

This webinar will also introduce the new citizen science study, where the community can actively contribute to advancing cane toad control and shaping future strategies.

The Tweed Cane Toad Challenge highlights Council's commitment to working with the community to reduce our impact on the natural environment and to take action as caretakers for our internationally significant environment.

To register to attend the free webinar, visit <a href="tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads">tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads</a>

For more information, email <u>canetoads@watergum</u> or visit <u>watergum.org</u>

## **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

**DA24/0243** - Partial above ground swimming pool and associated decking

Lot 70 DP 819520, No. 116 Ash Drive,  ${\bf Banora\ Point}$ 

**DA24/0060** - Partial demolition, alterations and additions including swimming pool and carport within the front building line

Lot 12 Section 3 DP 3123, No. 84 Charles Street, Tweed Heads

**DA24/0346** - In ground swimming pool

Lot 80 DP 262417, No. 17 Caloola Drive, **Tweed Heads** 

**DA24/0389** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including front fence and carport within the front building line Lot 211 DP 249155, No. 7 The Bowsprit, **Tweed Heads** 

**DA24/0395** - Use of partially constructed fence and completion of same fence

Lot 7 DP 834860, No. 291 Upper Crystal Creek Road, **Upper Crystal Creek** 

**DA24/0173** - Alterations and additions to existing bulky goods retail development including use of unauthorised (internal) works and signage

Lot 1DP 832676, No. 51 Greenway Drive, Banora Point

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 <a href="mailto:datacker.tweed.nsw.gov.au">datacker.tweed.nsw.gov.au</a>

## **Current vacancies**

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

WATER WEEK Week1starts 9 OCTOBER 2024 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading



## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

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Proposed road closing under section 38B Roads Act 1993

In pursuance of the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, Tweed Shire Council proposes to close a section of the Council public road listed below:

493 Clothiers Creek Road, **Nunderi** (adjacent to Lot 34 DP838583)

Upon closure of the road, Council intends to sell the land to an adioining landowner.

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal by 5 pm on Wednesday 30 October 2024 via:

- Mail: PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484
- Email: tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- Online: yoursaytweed.com.au/proposed-road-closure-493-clothiers-creek-road

Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the public notice period is completed, Tweed Shire Council will consider all submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

Council Ref: Clothiers Creek Road Closure

For any enquiries please contact Technical Officer – Property, Sally Curran on:

Phone: 02 6670 2400

Email: propertyofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au



#### Environmental Impact Statement on raising Clarrie Hall Dam now on public exhibition

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has placed Council's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on raising Clarrie Hall Dam on public exhibition.

Raising the dam by 8.5 metres would almost triple its storage capacity and secure the Tweed's water supply until at least 2065. This would ensure Council can continue to provide a safe, sustainable and affordable water supply for decades to come.



We're running information sessions for anyone keen to learn about the EIS, including how to make a submission. Simply turn up and ask questions of Council staff and project experts.

- Kingscliff Bowls Club: Wednesday 23 October, 5 to 7 pm
- Murwillumbah CWA Hall: Thursday 24 October, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- Holy Trinity Church Uki: Thursday 24 October, 5 to 7 pm

Or, join us online. You'll need to register in advance using the link below.

- Online, daytime: Friday 25 October, 10 to 11:30 am
- Online, evening: Monday 28 October, 5:30 to 7 pm

For more info, head to  $\underline{yoursaytweed.com.au/clarriehalldame is}$ 

## Make a submission

Review the EIS and make a submission to the department by Wednesday 6 November 2024 through the NSW Planning Portal: planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/clarrie-hall-dam-raising. Council cannot receive submissions on the department's behalf.

View a hard copy of the EIS at our face-to-face information sessions, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads offices, and the Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah libraries.

The NSW Government will consider all submissions received before making a recommendation to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, who will make the determination on whether the proposal can go ahead and what conditions would apply.

Help us make decisions with you Register at yoursaytweed.com.au

## Development proposal for public comment

The following Development 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 14 days from Wednesday 2 October 2024 to Wednesday 16 October 2024.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
Zask Pty Ltd	Street, <b>Murwillumbah</b>	two (2) stages incorporating nine (9) retail tenancies	DA24/0441
		and café (stage 1) and addition of second storey for use as a medical centre (stage 2)	

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

# Mark your calendars - discover Savour The Tweed this Spring

Food lovers are in for a treat, with 25 events spread over 5 days showcasing the best of the Tweed's gourmet offerings as part of the new Savour the Tweed signature event.

The event will highlight the incredible food on offer in the region and those who bring it to life - from First Nations storytellers and passionate chefs to talented distillers, brewers and baristas, cheesemakers, farmers and artisan producers - all brought together under one umbrella from 30 October to 3 November. Some of the highlights on offer include:

### **Connecting with Culture**

Explore a deeper connection to Country with Bundjalung chef Mindy Woods, and acclaimed chef and First Nations ally Christine Manfield, at Yarung Guung Nuninj - a Welcome to Country Dinner. Or settle into a yarning circle with Bundjalung elder and custodian of food culture, Uncle Franc, for the Jubei Chilli Crab Feast event at Apex Dining.

### Food for thought - Classes and conversations

At Women Leading: Author Book Chat hear fascinating conversations on writing about food with culinary authors Mindy Woods, acclaimed chef and author Christine Manfield and Magdalena Roze, journalist, reporter and creator of captivating food podcasts.

If you've ever felt lost when it comes to cooking seafood, Demystifying Seafood with Fin's Steven (Snowy) Snow is for you, or for little chefs, join chef Samantha Gowing, a Le Cordon Bleu Master, at a fun cooking class called Eat the Rainbow.

At the Cheese & Saison Brew Masterclass join cheesemonger and cheesemaker Kat Harvey and Nick Loeve from Caldera Brewing & Blending Co as they talk and taste you through local small batch saisons matched with Kat's cheese selection.

## Dinner events and degustations

A Fire to Fork Feast awaits at Potager with bites that are flame-grilled, smoked and charred to perfection. Up at Fins at Plantation House enjoy a seafood feast



Potager restaurant at Carool is hosting a Fire to Fork Feast as part of the event.

at the Wood Fired Dinner Under the Stars. Or for Argentinean cuisine, take a seat at Francisco's Long Table Dinner with classic bites such as empanadas, ceviche and asado.

#### Farm to fork - tasting The Tweed's terroir

At Tweed River House, Hinterland on a Plate serves Tweed Valley produce, from the paddock and from the earth, while at The Farm Kitchen, Farm & Co Restaurant joins up with and cookbook writer and TV presenter Belinda Jeffery, to celebrate plant-based

At the Murwillumbah Farmers Market, Raes at Wategos chef Jason Saxby is at *Taste the Market* - Just Ask Jason, with tastings and advice on using local food products, joined by Northern Rivers Food. Or head to Teakwood Cafe for a Seasonal al fresco Brunch, with local produce dishes and sips from Burringbar's Natural Wine Shop.

Take a Bay Street Pilgrimage with Bunya Nut Rum by Birds of Isle, charcuterie products by Salumi Australia and fresh sourdough by Bread Social, plus wine and

sweet treats by Rob Roy Deli & Drinks.

Ventura Brewing's Kombucha Brewery Tour and Tasting shares the artistry and craftsmanship of making alcoholic kombucha while For the Love of Coffee at Old Quarter Coffee Merchants is a handson session with coffee tasting and knowledge sharing.

### The future of sustainable and regenerative food

Pipit's chef Ben Devlin collaborates with Algamarine for Ocean to Plate Dining, showcasing creative uses of edible seaweeds over 4 courses and at Raven Place Farm Open Day learn about regenerative farming while exploring vegetable gardens, a native food forest and 'kimchi' garden.

#### Party people

At Husk Farm Distillery's Ink Gin Flamin' Negroni & Pasta Party enjoy a negroni on arrival, Italian inspired canapes and pasta from the Pasta'bah team or grab a ticket for *Addio: spuntini e vino e musica* at No 35 Kitchen - that is Farewell: with snacks, drinks and

For a full calendar of events and to purchase your tickets visit savourthetweed.com.au

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