



2022 flooding in Cabarita/Bogangar, looking west along Rosewood Avenue from Tweed Coast Road.

Coastal Creeks Flood Study and Risk Management Plan

Share your flood experiences to shape future flood management.

We want to hear from you! As part of the Coastal Creeks Flood Study and Risk Management Plan, we're gathering local insights to better understand flood risks in our community.

Council is inviting input on its Your Say Tweed Coastal Creeks Flood Study and Risk Management Plan page.

By sharing your flood experiences – whether it's photos, stories or data – you'll help shape the future of flood management in the Tweed coastal creeks catchments.

Community input is essential for the flood study as it

helps us to gather personal experiences and insights from past floods.

Historical flood data, including rainfall, water levels and survey marks, along with community experiences, are used to calibrate and verify our computer flood models to ensure they can accurately simulate historical and potential future flood events.

Your feedback is essential in developing effective strategies to reduce flood impacts and enhance resilience.

Take a few minutes to complete the survey on the [Your Say Tweed](#) by Sunday 19 January 2025 and make a real difference in how we manage floods together.

Dry Dock Road boat ramp to receive upgrade in 2025

Council is seeking community feedback on proposed designs to upgrade boat launching facilities at Dry Dock Road, Tweed Heads South.

These upgrades are designed to accommodate a wider range of water craft and enhance accessibility for users of all abilities.

Council's Coast and Waterways Team Leader Tom Alletson said the upgrade would ensure the facility is better performing and more inclusive for residents and visitors.

"The waterways in the Tweed are integral to our community's way of life, and the facilities we use to access them are well used and highly valued," Mr Alletson said.

"A key feature of the enhancements is a new hand launching ramp, specifically designed to meet the needs of Sailability, a volunteer organisation that meets at the site weekly to provide sailing opportunities for people of all abilities. Other improvements include widening the footpath and partial carpark resurfacing to make it easier and safer for the community to use.

"We know that Dry Dock Road boat ramp is an

extremely busy place during peak use times, and we want users to review these plans and provide us with feedback on how they could be improved."

The Draft Concept Plan is open for community feedback until Wednesday 29 January 2025.

View the Draft Concept Plan and have your say at yoursaytweed.com.au/drydockroad

For more information, contact Council's Coast and Waterways Team Leader Tom Alletson at tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 6670 2400.



Dry Dock Road boat ramp is set to undergo an upgrade in 2025, making it safer and welcoming for people of all abilities.



Mirabelle Vintage Van ready to serve up coffee, tasty treats and more at Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

Mirabelle Vintage Van set to charm locals at Jack Evans Boat Harbour

A new local gem is set to become a go-to spot for coffee lovers and foodies alike, as Mirabelle Vintage Van has secured a tender to trade at Jack Evans Boat Harbour until November 2025.

The vintage-style van, which offers a unique blend of specialty drinks and sweet treats, is an initiative under the Jack Evans Boat Harbour Plan of Management, to increase healthy use by providing high quality, inclusive spaces for the sporting, recreation, leisure and cultural pursuits of locals and visitors.

Now open daily, the Mirabelle Vintage Van offers a trading schedule tailored to suit early risers as well as those after a mid-morning or afternoon pick-me-up.

In brief ...

Multi-level car park update – repairs set for early 2025 following detailed review

Council is working with a team of experts to repair and restore the multi-level carpark in Murwillumbah after a fire damaged the middle level.

On 10 December 2024, the insurer provided the reinstatement scope of work and remediation design documents.

Council is now reviewing the documents and expects to finalise the scope with the insurer in January 2025. Once settled, a contractor will be appointed, and repairs are set to begin in March, after the busy swimming carnival period in January and February.

Council holiday season shutdown

Council's offices at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah will be closed from Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January and re-open at 9 am on Monday 6 January.

For anything urgent over this time please phone 02 6670 2400. Or report a non-urgent problem online at tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem

Earn while you learn – apply for new positions at Council

Are you or someone you know looking to gain a qualification in 2025? Council has opportunities for you to get paid while you learn on the job and complete a certificate, diploma or degree.

Applications are now open for people of all ages and abilities to paid work experience at Tweed Shire Council. A range of positions are available in fields such as trades, social media, building surveying, geographic information systems, land management and engineering.

Successful applicants can start or continue working towards an approved qualification, diploma or degree and have the costs of those associated courses covered – all while getting paid to learn on the job with experienced professionals.

Council's Manager People and Culture, Aimee Austin, emphasised the importance of nurturing local skills and helping people of all backgrounds to thrive in new careers.

"These roles are an exciting opportunity for people to learn on the job with talented professionals while setting their career up for success," Ms Austin said.

"We welcome applications from recent graduates, parents returning to the workforce, and individuals seeking a career change."

Applications close Tuesday 7 January 2025.

View the full list of positions and subscribe to jobs at tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies



Are you keen to join the Tweed Shire Council team?

Last Tweed Link for the year!

This is the final issue of the Tweed Link for 2024. Thank you to all our readers!

If you're already subscribed, tell your family and friends to sign up at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe to receive the Tweed Link direct to their inbox every Wednesday in 2025. You'll also find plenty of other free Council news options available for subscription, including job alerts.

Our first issue for 2025 is 15 January for subscribers and 16 January in the Tweed Valley Weekly. Council wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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

DA24/0407 - Retaining forward of the building line and associated works

Lot 2 DP 1278593, No. 25A Bione Avenue, **Banora Point**

DA24/0520 - Swimming pool

Lot 621 DP 839039, No. 50 Honeymyrtle Drive, **Banora Point**

DA24/0320 - Two storey dwelling and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 261 DP 31998, No. 80 Broadwater Esplanade, **Bilambil Heights**

DA24/0439 - Additions to an existing dwelling

Lot 439 DP 221546, No. 17 Mimosa Avenue, **Bogangar**

DA24/0474 - Outbuilding (shed)

Lot 1 SP 81119, Unit 1/No. 18 Silver Ash Court, **Bogangar**

DA24/0206 - Decommission of existing dwelling to machinery shed, construction of new dwelling, and use of earthworks, existing retaining and outbuilding

Lot 5 DP 801245, No. 33 Yandala Place, **Clothiers Creek**

DA24/0400 - Dwelling with attached garage

Lot 62 DP 1300756, No. 59 Bowen Loop, **Cudgen**

DA24/0411 - Swimming pool

Lot 46 DP 1300756, No. 28 Bowen Loop, **Cudgen**

DA24/0472 - Swimming pool & deck

Lot 8 DP 755685, No. 133 Dulguigan Road, **Dulguigan**

DA24/0231 - Demolition of existing structures, two storey dwelling, carport, garage and in-ground pool

Lot 7 DP 22438, No. 27 Queen Street, **Fingal Head**

DA24/0371 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including demolition of existing pool and new pool

Lot 45 DP 1066506, No. 15 North Point Avenue, **Kingscliff**

DA24/0497 - Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 4 DP 1302899, No. 3A Kingscliff Street, **Kingscliff**

DA24/0498 - Swimming pool

Lot 4 DP 1302899, No. 3A Kingscliff Street, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0525.01 - Amendment to Development Consent for two storey dwelling with attached garage and swimming pool

Lot 518 DP 1275215, No. 10 Kosciuszko Street, **Terranora**

DA24/0423 - Addition of a fireplace to an existing dwelling

Lot 608 DP 1266799, No. 33 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA24/0433 - Proposed shed

Lot 270 DP 253915, No. 12 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA24/0069 - Demolition of existing dwelling, new dual occupancy (attached) and strata subdivision

Lot 25 DP 18026, No. 3 King Street, **Fingal Head**

DA22/0844 - Multi dwelling housing comprising nine dwellings including associated earthworks, tree removal & strata subdivision

Lot 1 DP 831503, No. 28-34 Riverview Street, **Murwillumbah**

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

Current vacancies

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

WATER WEEK 11



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

Kyogle Road flood restoration works now complete

Christmas has come early for the Uki community and motorists using Kyogle Road with the completion of major flood restoration works.

In 2022, the Tweed River ripped a trail of destruction along the road resulting in 3 major land slips and washing away a large section of Mount Warning Road.

Kyogle Road was reduced to one lane in three locations between Uki and Byangum Bridge and a temporary track was required on Mount Warning Road.

Contractor CMC was engaged to restore the 4 sites and this week, the flood restoration of all sites will be completed.

Traffic lights that have controlled passage through the work sites will be removed with the road open to dual lanes of traffic – just in time for the holiday break.

Mount Warning Road has also reopened on its original road alignment.

Council congratulates CMC for their work in completing the project prior to Christmas.

These works are jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments under the Disaster Recovery

Funding Arrangements.

An official acknowledgement of completion of the flood restoration is scheduled for early 2025.

For more information of Tweed's flood restoration works, go to:

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



Recently completed flood restoration works at Kyogle Road.



Tweed's tap water: tested, trusted and always high quality

We're committed to delivering safe, high-quality drinking water across the Tweed.

Recently, NSW Health recommended all water authorities test for PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), and we're happy to say the Tweed's tap water is not only safe to drink but well below the strict limits for PFAS set by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG).

Independent testing of water from all three Tweed water supply systems – the Tweed District (Bray Park Water Treatment Plant), Uki village and Tyalgum village – showed no detectable or very low levels of PFAS, including PFOA, PFOS, and PFHxS.

For more on how we keep your tap water clean, safe and tasting great, and to see our most recent drinking water quality analysis, go to

tweed.nsw.gov.au/drinking-water-quality

Keep the Tweed free of fire ants

With the recent heavy rain, Council is urging residents to keep an eye out for fire ants in the region.



Fire ants become active following rain. Like many ant species, their nests will be higher and more obvious after rain.

Reproductive fire ants tend to fly in the days following rain.

Fire ants are also capable of 'rafting,' or joining together to form a floating mass to escape flood waters.

If you see nest mounds, floating rafts of ants, or ants that match the description of fire ants, please report them immediately.

How you can help

Check for fire ants, especially in border regions near the infested areas of southeast Qld.

Keep an eye out for:

- mounds of soil reaching 40cm high, with no obvious entrance/exit holes
- loose or crumbly soil on the surface, honeycomb appearance inside
- aggressive ants swarming quickly and in high numbers when disturbed, stinging simultaneously
- ants with different sizes within the nest, between 2 to 6mm
- dark reddish-brown ants with a darker brown-black abdomen

If you suspect the presence of fire ants, call the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) helpline on 1800 680 244 or submit an online form at dpi.nsw.gov.au/fire-ants



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Tweed Regional Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre

Shape the Future of Sports in the Tweed

We're looking for passionate community members and stakeholders to join the Project Reference Group (PRG) for the proposed Tweed Regional Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre. Whether you're a local resident, sports enthusiast, facility user, or represent a community group, this is your chance to contribute to the planning of an exciting new project. Share your insights, provide feedback and help ensure the project reflects the needs of our diverse community.

Have your say

Be part of the early planning phase and help shape a vision for the future. Register your interest to join the PRG by Saturday 25 January online: yoursaytweed.com.au

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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