



Council's Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose explains flood mitigation strategies to Fijian delegates during a hands-on tour along the Tweed River, highlighting levees, early warning systems and resilience planning in action.

## Fijian delegation visits the Tweed to learn about flood resilience

**A delegation of Fijian government officials recently visited the Tweed to learn firsthand how the region tackles flood risks.**

The visit, part of a knowledge exchange tour organised by the International Water Centre at Griffith University and supported by the Australian Government, aimed to help Fiji develop strategies for the Nadi Flood Alleviation Project.

Council's Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose welcomed the delegation and highlighted the importance of strategic planning in flood-prone areas. "We've learned a lot over the years about integrating flood mitigation into our infrastructure and planning frameworks," Mr Rose said.

"The members found great value in seeing the flood mitigation systems in Murwillumbah firsthand, as they are very similar to the concepts being considered for the Nadi Flood Alleviation Project."

While the delegation is travelling around several parts of south-east Queensland and the Northern Rivers on their study tour, Murwillumbah was a key stop for them, due to its similarities with Nadi. Both towns are positioned at the confluence of three

river systems, surrounded by sugar cane fields and tourism developments and have a history of severe flooding.

Seeing the Tweed's flood mitigation systems in action, including levees, pump stations, early warning systems and planning policies, provided the delegation with real-world examples of how flood risk can be managed.

"It's rewarding to share our experiences and see how these lessons might be applied in Nadi," Mr Rose said.

"We see value in knowledge-sharing initiatives and look forward to supporting Fiji if needed as it works to mitigate flood risks and safeguard its communities and infrastructure."

For the Fijian officials, the visit was an invaluable opportunity to explore flood resilience measures that could help protect Nadi, home to around 50,000 people and the country's main international airport.

Protecting the airport from flood damage is crucial for Fiji's economy, which relies heavily on tourism.

The visit fostered a meaningful exchange of ideas between both parties and these discussions will help shape future collaboration possibilities.

## Your opportunity to help shape climate action in the Tweed



**There's still time to register for Tweed's Climate Action Cafes – they're fun, informal workshops designed to inspire decision-making on local climate priorities.**

Come along to the Murwillumbah Services Club on Wednesday 19 February or Cabarita Beach Bowls and Sports Club on Saturday 22 February to be part of the conversation.

Hear from a panel of community members already turning ideas into action and vote for your favourite climate initiative. Each session will explore themes of biodiversity, transport, food systems, energy and

water, circular economy and climate conversations.

These events are open to everyone and are part of Council's commitment to work with the community to mitigate and adapt to climate change for a sustainable future.

Registrations are essential. Light refreshments will be provided. Book your spot at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-action](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-action)

Already registered? Share your idea for a local climate project or vote for an existing initiative at [yoursaytweed.com.au/community-climate-action-group](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/community-climate-action-group)

## Register now for Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 2 March

**Clean Up Australia Day is just weeks away – will you step up to make a difference?**

Clean Up Australia Day is an opportunity for residents, schools, and community groups to come together to take action to clean up our local environment.

Registrations for this year's clean-up events are now open and Council's Resource Recovery Officer Yvette van Amstel is encouraging everyone to get involved.

"It's simple and easy to sign up", Ms van Amstel said.

"Last year, we had around 700 community members collecting litter at different clean-up locations across the Tweed. If you have a favourite spot that you'd like to sparkle, register a clean-up today and get your friends and family to come along."

To register your own clean-up event, visit the Clean Up Australia Day website: [cleanup.org.au/register](https://cleanup.org.au/register)

For more information on responsible waste disposal in the Tweed and to learn about what goes in which bin, visit: [tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling)

### In brief ...

#### Storm clean-up progress update

Following the two severe storm events in January 2025, Council has received over 700 tree related customer service requests (CSRs), a significant increase compared to the usual 1,800-2,100 requests received annually.

The Parks and Active Communities team has been working around the clock to address the clean-up, and while they have made good progress, there are still multiple weeks of work remaining to complete all requests. Council appreciates your patience as crews continue their efforts.

#### Calling all mini museum explorers!

Join the Museum team for an immersive journey of exploration, curiosity and discovery with their new Mini Museum Explorers program for children aged 3+ and their families (infant siblings welcome).



The program will run every Thursday of the school term, starting Thursday 13 February from 10 am – 10.30 am.

Through storytelling, sing-along, craft activities and role play mini explorers will explore the prehistoric world of dinosaurs and the imaginative exhibition How to Draw a Dinosaur

It is a free event with no bookings required.

## Fishers urged to help prevent bird entanglement

**Council and Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers are making an urgent appeal to all residents and visitors to take extra care when using our waterways, especially when fishing, to prevent bird entanglements and deaths caused by discarded fishing debris.**



This follows the sad loss of a female Pied Oystercatcher in Cudgera Creek at Hastings Point in December, after she became entangled in

fishing line. Last month, two more of these birds were found caught in discarded fishing line and tackle around Cudgera Creek.

Council's Coast and Waterways Team Leader Tom Alletson said Tweed's unique coastal birdlife was at serious risk from fishing debris.

"This is a sad story for our community and the threatened population of Pied Oyster Catchers in NSW," said Mr Alletson.

"Pied Oyster Catchers face many dangers and are highly vulnerable to disturbance by dogs and people, however fishing line entanglement is a deadly yet preventable danger.

"Council and Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers are calling on all waterway users, but particularly fishers, to take more care."

How you can help:

- Clean up after fishing and dispose of waste tackle properly.
- Don't leave lines unattended. Unattended lines entangle birds.
- Watch kids while fishing and ensure their lines are safely retrieved, and any snags dealt with effectively.
- Avoid fishing in areas where your line is likely to get snagged.

Find out more about how Council is helping to conserve threatened birds at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/conserving-threatened-birds](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/conserving-threatened-birds)



## Embankment repairs to protect Church Street



After being damaged during the 2022 flood event, repairs have recently begun to the embankment below Church Street in Murwillumbah, to stabilise the embankment to prevent its further deterioration and protect Church Street.

The contract was awarded to PCA Ground Engineering Pty Ltd at the December 2024 Council meeting.

The project involves installation of 650 12-metre long soil nails with a total length of 7,800 lineal metres, that will then be covered in shotcrete. The soil nails and shotcrete will be sequentially built in 5 rows and then the area above and besides this shotcrete will be revegetated.

Due to the challenging location, near vertical slope and limited access, the project will use steep slope construction techniques that will require about 9 months to complete, weather permitting. Project work hours are Monday to Friday, from 7 am to 5 pm, with some Saturday work between 8 am and 2 pm.

To enable access for specialised construction equipment and work crews, Church Street will be closed during project work hours, except for local traffic access and Queen Street will have traffic control measures in place.

Council understands this work will cause temporary disruptions, including noise, dust and minor adjustments to bin collection services. However, the construction contractor will actively minimise any inconvenience to nearby residents and businesses.

Council appreciates the community's patience while these essential repairs are carried out to protect Church Street and ensure the long-term stability of this embankment.

Keep up-to-date with flood restoration roadworks, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-restoration-works](https://www.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

**DA24/0558** - Change of use to dwelling and attached secondary dwelling  
Lot 99 DP 1301249, No. 17 Sugar Mill Road, **Cudgen**

**DA24/0162** - Alterations and additions to an existing semi detached dwelling  
Lot 11 DP 1290023, No. 2A Kingscliff Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA24/0420** - Alterations & additions to existing dual occupancy (attached) including new carport and tree removal  
Lot 1 SP 20377, Unit 1/No. 8 Gaggin Way, **Kingscliff**

**DA24/0169** - Alterations and additions to existing shopping centre and signage  
Lot 2 DP 709231, Lot 6 DP 612898, No. 42-56 Wollumbin Street, **Murwillumbah**

**DA24/0397** - Use of alterations and additions to an existing dwelling, decommission of existing building to outbuilding (workshop), and swimming pool  
Lot 1 DP 622760, No. 162 Hulls Road, **Crabbes Creek**

**DA23/0569** - Staged light industrial development including twenty (20) units, demolition, earthworks, signage and strata subdivision  
Lot 412 DP 859933, Lot 5 NPP 270419, Lot 1 NPP 270419, No. 30 Enterprise Avenue, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA24/0580** - Alterations and additions comprising of a rooftop terrace  
Lot 49 DP 1066506, No. 23 North Point Avenue, **Kingscliff**

**DA24/0489** - Relocated dwelling and alterations and additions to that dwelling  
Lot 5 NPP 286231, No. 7 Mebbin Drive (Private Road), **Kunghur**

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#### Refused

**DA24/0157** - Secondary dwelling

Lot 215 DP 787100, No. 5 Paperbark Court, **Banora Point**



## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed



### Proposed easement over Council owned land at Holden Street, Tweed Heads South

Essential Energy has requested access through Council-owned land (Lot 6 in DP237093 - at the end of Holden Street) to their Depot in **Tweed Heads South**.

#### Have your say

**Reference PN:84610** - Provide your feedback by Wednesday 12 March 2025, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/holden-street](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/holden-street) Phone: Emily Rockliff, Technical Property Officer on 02 6670 2400 or email: [propertyofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:propertyofficer@tweed.nsw.gov.au)



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