



Tweed locals Helen, Mike and Sue enjoying an African drumming workshop at last year's festival.

## Tweed Seniors Festival: It's Time to Shine!

The 2025 Tweed Seniors Festival will run from 3 to 16 March, offering a huge lineup of more than 40 events designed to inspire, connect, and celebrate the Tweed's older community members.

This year's program is packed with creative workshops, music and dance classes, a health and wellness expo, guided tours and more.

The festival kicks off with a special opening ceremony on Monday 3 March at Tweed Heads Civic & Cultural Centre, where the winners of the Tweed Local Achievement Awards will be announced.

These awards recognise local seniors who go above and beyond to make the Tweed a diverse, active, and inspiring place to live.

The opening ceremony is a free event open to the

whole community, but bookings are essential. It will feature live performances from ballroom dancers and traditional old-time music via the Fiddle Faddle band. Guests will also enjoy a complimentary morning tea prepared by the Tweed Hospital Auxiliary.

Tweed Seniors Festival aligns with the NSW Seniors Festival, the largest event of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. This year's festival theme is 'Time to Shine!'.

**Festival program:** Check out the full Tweed Seniors Festival program at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival). Book your free tickets to the opening ceremony at [events.humanitix.com/opening-ceremony-25](http://events.humanitix.com/opening-ceremony-25). Bookings essential.

## MisterChef cooks up skills and confidence

Do you know an older man who could do with some cooking confidence? Council's Community Care team is inviting interested men to take part in its next MisterChef program, starting Monday 10 March.

This popular 6-week program is designed for men who are new to cooking—whether they've recently started preparing meals for themselves or their partner. No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to learn!

Participants will gain practical skills in meal planning, grocery shopping, and cooking nutritious meals, all in a relaxed and supportive environment.

The program runs at South Tweed Community Centre each Monday from 9am to 12 noon. The total costs is \$20 and all materials are supplied.

To register your interest or for more information about this program, please contact Community

Services on 07 5569 3110 or via email [communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au)



MisterChef participants Charles and Tony from last year's program, mastering delicious mini pies.

## Wollumbin Steet footpath upgrade – traffic and parking information

The footpath upgrade along Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah is scheduled to begin the week of Monday 24 February.

The work will start in the area in front of Mitre 10 and then the rest of the path between Brisbane Street and Factory Lane will be completed as part of the Footpath Rehabilitation Program.

Work will be carried out on weekdays from 7 am to 5 pm, with some Saturday work from 7 am to 1 pm.

There will be lane closures or narrowing, which may cause brief traffic delays. Traffic controllers and electronic signs will be on site to manage traffic flow.

Pedestrian access through the active part of work

site will not be allowed but the work will be done in sections so only small parts will be barricaded at any one time. Pedestrians will be directed by Council staff onsite.

Some car parks will be unavailable during the works, but not all car parks will be blocked at once.

Please avoid parking near barricaded areas during work hours.

We appreciate your patience as we carry out these important upgrades.

Updates will be available on our website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks).



## In brief ...

### Your thoughts on insurance cost and availability

The NSW Government is seeking views from community members in the Northern Rivers about the cost and availability of insurance.

The information collected will support the NSW Government to address insurance affordability stress and underinsurance but first, they need your help.

They are inviting participants from flood impacted areas to complete a 15-minute survey to share their views.

Local residents may be contacted via phone or text message, inviting them to participate, or you can click [here](#) to complete this survey by the end of February. Participants will also be entered into a prize draw.

### Thank you for your feedback Council engaged with the community about the future use of Salt Surf Life Saving Club.



The draft Plan of Management for Salt Surf Life Saving Club was on public exhibition from 23 October to 4 December 2024. During this time, 85 submissions were received, and a public hearing took place on 6 November 2024.

At the Council meeting on 6 February 2025, the *Plan of Management* was adopted and is now in effect for the land.

Council values your input and encourage you to get involved in Council decision making. Register to be involved at [yoursaytweed.com.au/login](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/login)

## Join us at Limpinwood farm walk and talk

Council's Sustainable Agriculture team is excited to kick off the first farm walk and talk of 2025 with a guided tour of an egg and cattle farm near Tyalgum.



The event will be held on Wednesday 5 March from 10 am to 12 noon at the Waldron's property at Limpinwood (near Tyalgum).

Local farmers and land managers are encouraged to come along to tour the farm and hear the Waldron's story, including how they set up their free-range egg production business, Limpinwood Layers.

The walk will include information about techniques to manage creek erosion and discussion around current farming issues and opportunities with Council's team and other growers.

To register for the walk or find out more about Council's Sustainable Agriculture Program, visit: [tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming)



Limpinwood Layers egg and cattle farm, where the first farm walk and talk of 2025 will be taking place.





## Arkinstall Park unveils \$825,000 netball amenities building ahead of season

The official opening of the new netball amenities building at Arkinstall Park in Tweed Heads South took place on Saturday 15 February as netball players signed up for the new season.

Located on Cunningham Street, Tweed Heads South, the Arkinstall Park netball complex serves as the hub for netball in the Tweed Shire and surrounding areas, supporting the Tweed Netball Association and 9 affiliated clubs.

The previous building was no longer able to meet the needs of the growing netball association, its member clubs, players, coaches, volunteers and spectators.

The new building includes change rooms, toilets, storage facilities as well as an umpire and first aid room.

The amenities building was constructed using funding from the Stronger Country Communities Round (\$400,000), Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting upgrades (\$225,000) and Tweed Shire Council (\$200,000).

The project incorporates fully accessible and equitable access for all members of the club and community, casual users, relevant sports clubs and schools.

By enhancing safety, privacy, and comfort, the upgrade provides modern, female-friendly facilities that play a vital role in encouraging more women to participate in sports.

Find out more about Council's Tweed Shire Sport and Active Recreation Strategy at [yoursaytweed.com.au/activer recreation](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/activer recreation)



Tweed Netball committee members, netballers and Council staff at the official opening.

## Road resealing on Tweed Valley Way

We are continuing road resealing works on Tweed Valley Way. These works have already started at Tumbulgum between Bartletts Road and the southern entrance to Riverside Drive and will be ongoing for the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Riverside Drive south will be temporarily closed from Government Road for the duration of the works. Consider using Terranora Road through to Dulguigan Road or Clothiers Creek Road as alternatives.

In addition, road resealing will also take place at Chinderah between Melaleuca Station and the Cudgen Road intersection.

Resealing works are expected to start on Monday 24 February and should be completed in 3 days.

This will be followed by sweeping, line-marking and other related work over the next 2 to 3 weeks (weather permitting).

All traffic will be directed into one lane, in each direction, throughout the work which may cause delays of up to 15 minutes.

Please use alternative routes like Terranora Road and Clothiers Creek Road where possible.

In both cases work will be done on weekdays from 7 am to 5 pm.

Some weekend work (7 am to 5 pm) and nightworks (6 pm to 6 am) may be needed to reduce traffic interruptions.



Minghua Xiang at the Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio in 2024. His solo exhibition *Finding Harmony in Hope* will be on display at Tweed Regional Gallery until 22 June 2025.

## Artists in Focus: Gallery unveils Autumn exhibitions

Tweed Regional Gallery has opened their autumn exhibition program with 3 new exhibitions featuring artists Zion Levy Stewart and Dawn Walker, alongside Sydney-based artist Minghua Xiang.

Minghua Xiang's solo exhibition *Finding Harmony in Hope* is the result of his 2024 residency at the Gallery's Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio. Xiang explores the interplay between Eastern and Western aesthetics, offering a vision of cooperation and inclusivity. His exhibition is part of the Tweed Regional Gallery – National Art School Master of Fine Art (Painting) Residency Award program, celebrating emerging artists in honour of Margaret Olley's legacy.

Regional artist Zion Levy Stewart presents *Life is Art*, a vibrant collection of acrylic paintings that reflect his joyful personality and unique perspective. An artist with Up Syndrome (commonly known as Down Syndrome), Stewart's works capture whimsical people, birds, and animals, inviting viewers into his world of optimism and creativity.

Dawn Walker's *Porcelain Places* expands on her previous work from the 2022 Wollumbin Art Award. Exploring antique souvenirs from the Tweed region, her detailed oil paintings evoke nostalgia while reinterpreting the significance of these treasured keepsakes. For more details, visit the Tweed Regional Gallery website [gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au).

## Share with us why you are proud to live in the Tweed

There's something special about living in the Tweed, and we all feel it. Whether you call one of our stunning coastal towns or a quiet rural village home, the Tweed offers a lifestyle that's second to none.



Tell us what makes you proud to live in the Tweed.

Maybe it's the beaches, the hinterland or maybe it's the close-knit communities, where neighbours look out for each other, and everyone is welcomed with open arms.

There's a sense of pride in our local businesses, our schools, and the vibrant community events that bring us together.

Share your reasons to be proud and celebrate the spirit that makes the Tweed such an incredible place to live.

Your thoughts and experiences shape the Tweed we all love. Let's keep the conversation going and continue to build the kind of community we can all be proud of.

What makes you proud to call the Tweed home? We want to know.

Tell us your reasons at:

[yoursaytweed.com.au/reasons-to-be-proud](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/reasons-to-be-proud)

## Biosecurity Emergency Order for fire ants extended

The NSW Government has extended its Biosecurity (Fire Ant) Emergency Order for another 6 months.

This is in recognition of the fact that there is still a very real risk of fire ants moving in and establishing in NSW, and allows the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to continue its efforts on prevention, surveillance and tracing.

There are no changes to the carrier requirements in the current order.

There are no changes to the boundaries of the NSW Fire Ant Infested Area or the Fire Ant Movement Control Areas (Murwillumbah and Wardell). There are no changes to the boundaries of the Qld Fire Ant Infested Area.

To find out more about the Emergency Order, visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) website, at [dpi.nsw.gov.au/rifa](https://dpi.nsw.gov.au/rifa).

**How you can help**

Anyone who suspects fire ants on their property is

urged not to disturb the nest but to report the activity to the NSW DPIRD by calling 1800 680 244 or visiting [dpi.nsw.gov.au/report-exotic-ants](https://dpi.nsw.gov.au/report-exotic-ants).

Together we can keep the Tweed Shire fire ant free and protect our healthy, natural environment for future generations.



Fire ants are still a risk for the Tweed Shire and residents are urged to stay vigilant and report any sightings.



# Have your say and help shape the Tweed

Over 8,600 Tweed residents are already shaping the future of their community through the Your Say Tweed platform.

In 2024, Tweed Shire Council worked closely with local residents to drive key projects and gather valuable feedback on important issues.

One standout initiative was the Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan, where local schools, events and pop-up events resulted in great engagement and community participation.

The Growth Management and Housing Strategy also drew significant interest, with the community providing input on the future of housing in the region.

The Tweed Coastal Creeks Flood Risk Management Study, benefited from extensive community involvement, with 97 online survey responses and 20 paper submissions. This feedback will directly shape how Council addresses flooding in the region.

Council also adopted the Affordable Housing Strategy, which was driven by input from residents. This strategy aims to address the growing need for affordable housing, with only 2.9% of homes in the Tweed currently meeting that need.

As we move into 2025, there are more opportunities for Tweed residents to get involved. Visit Your Say Tweed today to register and have your say on the future of our community.

Your ideas matter—together, we can create a better Tweed! Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au](https://yoursaytweed.com.au) and sign up today.



Kate Betts (Acting Operations Coordinator – TRAC), Jodie Hewitt (Program Sponsor – CAP), and Tarra Martel (Recreation Planner) at the Splash 'n' Dive movie night, part of the Youth Outdoor Recreation Plan.



## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

### Have Your Say

#### Register with Your Say Tweed

Your voice matters in shaping the future of our community. By joining Your Say Tweed, you'll have a direct impact on local decisions and stay informed about projects that matter to you.

Why register?

- Influence local decisions
- Stay updated
- Create a better Tweed

#### How to join:

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au](https://yoursaytweed.com.au) and sign up today.

**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.

Help us make decisions with you  
Register at [yoursaytweed.com.au](https://yoursaytweed.com.au)

## Council meeting agenda – Thursday 20 February 2025

The Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 20 February 2025 is available on Council's website

[tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings).

The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 3:30 pm.

### Agenda

#### Reports for consideration

##### Confirmation of minutes

- 5.1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Wed 11 December 2024
- 5.2. Confirmation of minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held Thursday 19 December 2024
- 5.3. Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Thursday 6 February 2025

##### Schedule of outstanding resolutions

- 8.1. Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions as at 7 February 2025

##### Mayoral minute

- 9.1. Mayoral Minute for December 2024 and January 2025

##### Receipt of petitions

- 10.1. Receipt of Petitions as at 7 February 2025

##### Orders of the day

- 11.1. Earth Moving Monitors to be Installed at Landslip of Council/Public Land Behind Illawong Crescent, Terranora
- 11.2. Exclusion of the Provision of Alcohol for Councillors and Tweed Shire Council Staff
- 11.3. Increased Waste Services Collection for Christmas / New Year Holiday Period
- 11.4. Assistance with Green Waste Management and Removal Following Severe Storms and Extreme Weather Events
- 11.5. E-Bike and E-Scooter Mayhem
- 11.6. Dangerous Trees
- 11.7. Zhuzhing Up Kingscliff
- 11.8. Newcomer access to land management advice

##### Questions with notice

- 12.1. Flood Preparation for the Tweed
- 12.2. Private-Public Partnerships for Pool Operations
- 12.3. Plans for Aquatic Facilities
- 12.4. Integrated Coaching and Pathways Program
- 12.5. Safety Audit Jack Evans Boat Harbour
- 12.6. Bus Stops Tweed CBD
- 12.7. Norries Headland Fee Charge
- 12.8. When Will Transport for NSW Undertake Drain Cleaning Work
- 12.9. Jack Evans Boat Harbour Toilet Closed
- 12.10. Clearing and Cleaning Schedule for Stormwater Drains
- 12.11. Reducing duck and duckling fatalities around Market Parade Terranora

##### Reports from the director planning and regulation

- 16.1. Opportunity to establish a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) for the Tweed City Centre under the Kickstart Grant Program

##### Reports from the director sustainable communities and environment

- 17.1. Pursued Investigation Option of Stairs with Handrail Identified for Public Access at Frangela Drive Reserve in Response to a Community Petition to Provide Users a Safe Way of Moving Between the Upper and Lower Sections
- 17.2. Terranora foreshore rehabilitation works - update from community consultation
- 17.3. Tweed Energy Access and Poverty Plan adoption
- 17.4. Procurement Exemption sought under section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for Multi-Storey Car Park Repairs

##### Reports from the director engineering

- 18.1. Hastings Point Wastewater Treatment Plant Performance Upgrade Options Peer Review
- 18.2. Notice of Intention to dispose of Lots 5 and 6 in DP1303298 (39 and 41 West End Street, Murwillumbah)
- 18.3. E-Bikes and E-Scooters
- 18.4. Private application for road closure and purchase of the unnamed Council road adjacent to Prince Street, Murwillumbah (adjoining 38 Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah; Lot 1 in DP524512)
- 18.5. Dulguigan Road Traffic Survey Report - 4th Quarter 2024

##### Reports from the director corporate services

- 19.1. Northern Regional Planning Panel - Expressions of Interest
- 19.2. Northern Regional Planning Panel - Fees for Members Appointed by Council
- 19.3. Regional Capitals Australia
- 19.4. Monthly Investment Report for the Period ending 30 November 2024
- 19.5. Monthly Investment Report for the Period ending 31 December 2024
- 19.6. Monthly Investment Report for the Period ending 31 January 2025
- 19.7. Disclosure of Interest Return

19.8. Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024

19.9. Corporate Performance Report as at 31 December 2024

19.10. Quarterly Budget Review - December 2024

19.11. Code of Meeting Practice Policy - off exhibition

19.12. Submission on Code of Meeting Practice

##### Reports from sub-committees/working groups

21.1. Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 12 December 2024

21.2. Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 December 2024

21.3. Audit Risk and Improvement Committee quarterly report for the quarter ending 31 December 2024

##### Reports from the director engineering in committee

33.1. Acquisition of Easement and Land for a Flood Pump Station - Lot 6 in DP524303 and Lot 2 in DP810786 (George Street, Murwillumbah)

The agenda for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings and is available on Council's website. It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Also, the minutes of these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

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### 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

**DA24/0513** - Change of use of detached rumpus room to secondary dwelling

Lot 222 DP 806528, No. 89 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA23/0567** - Residential flat building (8 units), demolition and strata subdivision

Lot 24 Section 1 DP 8568, No. 49 Recreation Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA24/0501** - Dwelling with attached garage and tree removal

Lot 643 DP 216389, No. 70 Tamarind Avenue, **Bogangar**

**DA24/0593** - In ground swimming pool

Lot 60 DP 1264557, No. 6 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

**DA24/0557** - Carport within the front building line

Lot 484 DP 1069888, No. 7 Forresters Court, **Kingscliff**

**DA24/0518** - Dwelling with attached garage and associated earthworks

Lot 26 NPP 286231, No. 17 Mebbin Drive (Private Road), **Kunghur**

**DA24/0534** - Use of 1.9-2.9m blockwork boundary fence and associated works

Lot 424 DP 1052083, No. 53 Sassafraas Street, **Pottsville**

**CDC24/0172** - House removal/relocation

Lot 7 Section 7 DP 2974, No. 25 River Street, **South Murwillumbah**

**DA24/0421** - Swimming pool

Lot 17 Section 5 DP 1223, Lot 18 Section 5 DP 1223, No. 10 Gray Street, **Tumbulgam**

**DA24/0541** - Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling

Lot 13 Section 5 DP 759012, No. 12 Wollumbin Street, **Tyalgam**

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