



Tropical Cyclone Alfred temporarily knocked out a good portion of the Tweed's water supply, but Council's Water and Wastewater crews weathered the blows to get infrastructure back on its feet.

## Council victors in the cyclonic showdown to keep taps flowing

It was Tropical Cyclone Alfred in the blue corner and Council's Water and Wastewater crews in the red, when much of the Tweed's water infrastructure braved a hard pummeling nearly three weeks ago.

Despite fallen trees, extreme winds, flash flooding and widespread power outages, Council staff fought tirelessly during and after the storm to ensure the community had access to safe water and sewerage services.

Manager of Water and Wastewater Operations Brie Jowett said at one stage nearly two-thirds of Council's 220 water and sewage pump stations lost power.

"It's hard to believe that just three weeks ago, we had the majority of our pump stations offline, along with treatment plants disrupted and entire suburbs under Boil Water Alerts," Mrs Jowett said.

"While we were able to power some of our critical stations with generators, the widespread damage posed a huge challenge.

"The quick action and dedication of our teams were crucial in restoring services so quickly."

In Bilambil Heights, the situation became particularly complex. A burst water main drained the local reservoir and a power outage disabled the pump station supplying it.

"We couldn't find the location of the leak in the hazardous conditions before it drained the reservoir," Mrs Jowett said.

"When we can't 100% guarantee our water's safety, we must take immediate action, so we issued a Boil

Water Alert to protect the community from potential contamination."

A similar issue arose in Terranora and parts of Banora Point, where power loss affected the main pump station.

Staff worked in extreme conditions to manually monitor water levels, even climbing into the reservoirs during the storm. But again, when the water ran out and there was no pressure in the pipes, the water quality couldn't be guaranteed, prompting an additional Boil Water Alert.

Mrs Jowett said once the weather passed and crews were able to repair water pipe bursts, Council had to conduct comprehensive testing to guarantee water safety before lifting the Boil Water Alerts.

"We are regulated to the highest standards to guarantee that water is safe to drink. These processes take time and rigorous testing," she said.

Mrs Jowett said looking ahead, Council was advocating the government to secure funding for generators at critical pump stations, improve emergency communications and enhance community resilience for future disasters.

"Although no system is 100% bulletproof, we are working closely with Essential Energy and the state government to improve our resilience and to safeguard the community," Mrs Jowett said.

Council remains committed to providing safe, sustainable and affordable water supply and wastewater services as the foundations of a healthy community.

## Free workshop - navigating event funding and running successful events



Event organisers in The Tweed are invited to a free workshop designed to boost their confidence in navigating changes to the funding application process and running successful events.

Whether you're an experienced event organiser or just starting out, the workshop will equip you with the knowledge and tools to navigate changes to the event funding process and deliver safe, sustainable and uniquely Tweed events.

The workshop will help you understand recent changes to the Events Sponsorship Policy, give you practical guidance on applying for funding under the 2025 - 2026 Events Sponsorship Funding Round and highlight opportunities in the Tweed Events Strategy 2024 - 2028.

When: Wednesday 9 April, 4:30 - 6 pm  
Where: Canvas and Kettle room at the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre  
RSVP: Essential, by Monday 8 April 2025 via [whatsontweed.com.au](http://whatsontweed.com.au)

## In brief...

### Feral deer community workshop

Local landholders and community members are invited to a free workshop about feral deer management at Tyalgum Community Hall on Friday 28 March from 10 am to 12 noon.

Feral deer threaten the Tweed's ecosystems, agricultural land, and local biodiversity. By learning how to recognise and report deer activity, you can help control their spread.

The workshop will cover:

- how to spot signs of feral deer
- how to report sightings
- ways to monitor and manage feral deer.

Light refreshments provided. Find out more and register at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/deer](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/deer)

This workshop is being run as part of Council's commitment to working together with the community to reduce our impact on the natural environment in the Tweed.



A free workshop for local landholders will be held on Friday 28 March in Tyalgum, to educate people on the risks of feral deer.

### Tweed farmers urged to report storm damage in survey

Farmers in the Tweed are encouraged to complete the Primary Industries Natural Disaster Damage Assessment (PiNDDA) survey to help government agencies understand the impacts of recent storms on agriculture and animals.

Using the data collected from the survey, these agencies can better understand the extent and location of the damage and can target resources and assistance in the appropriate areas.

To report flood-related damage including stock and fodder losses, damage to crops, pastures, fencing and other farm infrastructure, go to:

[dpi.nsw.gov.au/damage](http://dpi.nsw.gov.au/damage).

It's free and takes just a few minutes.



Farmers can report storm damage in state-wide survey.





## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed



### Review the Tweed Coast Road Environmental Impact Statement

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) relates to a 250m length of proposed works, between Crescent Street and Cudgen Road, that is within a mapped Coastal Wetland area of the Tweed Coast Road upgrade. The EIS identifies potential environmental impacts to ensure they are properly managed. To review the EIS visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-coast-road-eis](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-coast-road-eis) and submit your feedback by 7th May 2025.

Or come along to one of our community drop-in sessions if you have any questions and would like to talk to one of our team.

- Kingscliff Community Hall - Wednesday 2 April, 3 - 4:30pm
- Kingscliff Bowls Club - Tuesday 8 April, 5:30 - 7 pm



### Share your thoughts on the Burringbar Village Character Statement

Council is seeking community feedback on the Burringbar Village Character Statement which is on public exhibition until 9 April 2025. The character statement identifies and advocates that the unique features which make Burringbar special be protected.

Join us Tuesday 1 April, 4 - 7 pm at the Burringbar School of Arts Community Hall to find out more, or to review the Character Statement visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/burringbar-3](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/burringbar-3) and submit your feedback by 9 April 2025.



### Have your say

Email: [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Mail: to The General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816 Murwillumbah, NSW 2484

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

### Get Tweed Link early

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

Subscribers to 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.

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# Nasty weed shows up in the Tweed

Tweed Shire residents are being asked to keep an eye out for the highly invasive weed *Miconia calvenscens* (Miconia) and to report any sighting of the weed if they come across it.

The warning comes after a cluster of 6 plants were recently discovered in Burringbar. The find was made by the Rous Weed Biosecurity Team during a routine inspection near a historical Miconia site.

The team is now monitoring the area for further Miconia plants, with searches ongoing to uncover the source of these seedlings.

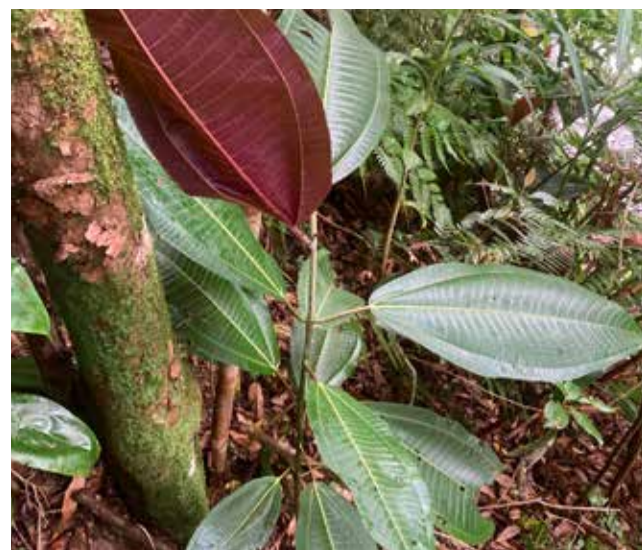
Miconia poses a serious environmental and economic threat through its ability to form dense monocultures within forest systems. It is also seeds prolifically, with a mature plant producing up to 5 million seeds per year.

Miconia thrives in tropical and subtropical environments, and the Northern Rivers region weather and terrain offer ideal conditions for its spread.

As the plants were found along a gully, there is a concern that the recent heavy rain and localised flooding may have helped disperse other seeds throughout the forest.

Although Miconia is not yet established in New South Wales, with ongoing outbreaks in Queensland it is crucial that Northern Rivers residents remain vigilant

To report potential sightings, the community is encouraged to call Rous on (02) 6623 3800 or visit: [rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-biosecurity/report-a-weed](https://rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-biosecurity/report-a-weed)



Recognise this plant? *Miconia calvenscens* is a highly invasive weed, please report any sightings to Rous.

## Dry Dock Road boat ramp upgrade set to begin



Works to enhance facilities at Dry Dock Road boat ramp will be commencing soon.

Construction to improve facilities at Dry Dock Road boat ramp will start on Friday 4 April and take around 3 months to complete - weather permitting.

The upgrade will allow the dock to accommodate a wider range of water-craft and enhance accessibility for users of all abilities.

During works, the boat ramp and jetty/pontoon immediately adjacent to it will be open, but the remaining area will be closed. Residents and visitors can expect some construction related impacts such as noise, dust and vehicle/machinery movement within the affected area.

The project is funded through a \$860,000 grant from the Australian Government as part of its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

For more information about the project, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/drydockroad](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/drydockroad)

## Tweed, proudly a Refugee Welcome Zone

Do you know that Tweed is formally acknowledged as a Refugee Welcome Zone? This means that our local government area has made a commitment-in spirit-to welcome refugees into the community, supporting their settlement and integration into local life.

Council works alongside organisations such as *Tweed Welcomes Refugees* and other service providers to foster an environment where everyone-regardless of background-feels a sense of belonging. This includes offering special welcome packs to refugees to help

them navigate local community facilities and know where to go for support.

For example, in 2023, the Tweed welcomed Mayra and Carmen from South America. *Tweed Welcomes Refugees* helped the couple resettle and find accommodation - and they continue to call the Tweed home.

For more information about Refugee Welcome Zones visit the Refugee Council of Australia.

To see how you can help support refugees locally, visit [Tweed Welcomes Refugees](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/drydockroad).



Council staff recently met with members of Tweed Welcomes Refugees (TWR) to deliver a welcome pack to the Tweed's newest residents - a family of refugees.

# Ex-Cyclone Alfred Community Clean Up

The Tweed Ex-Cyclone Alfred community clean-up is underway with new suburbs being added to the kerbside pick up schedule for cyclone-affected hard waste and green waste.

Residents are reminded that the clean-up is anticipated to take a minimum of 8 weeks to complete and the different forms of cyclone-affected waste will be collected at different times with different trucks.

To find out where the trucks are, visit: [tweed.nsw.gov.au/community-clean-up](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/community-clean-up) or call Council on 02 6670 2400.



Getting there... the clean up after Ex-Cyclone Alfred is underway and estimated to take a minimum of 8 weeks.

## 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

**DA25/0026** - Swimming pool and 1.8m front fence  
Lot 375 DP 715226, No. 15 Castlecrag Avenue, **Banora Point**

**DA25/0014** - Inground swimming pool and deck  
Lot 92 DP 1301249, No. 3 Sugar Mill Road, **Cudgen**

**DA25/0076** - Swimming pool  
Lot 84 DP 1305738, No. 11 Bowen Loop, **Cudgen**

**DA24/0280** - Use of unauthorised conversion of farm processing building to a dwelling and the use of a Shed  
Lot 68 DP 755710, No. 132 Nightcap Road, **Doon Doon**

**DA24/0333** - Demolition of existing dwelling, new dwelling and carports  
Lot 4 DP 1290843, No. 138 Hawken Lane, **Eviron**

**DA25/0005** - Swimming pool  
Lot 430 DP 1160908, No. 191 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

**DA24/0603** - Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling  
Lot 573 DP 218597, No. 91 Sunset Boulevard, **Tweed Heads West**

**DA24/0379** - Secondary dwelling  
Lot 2 DP 236889, No. 23 Anthony Avenue, **Banora Point**

**DA23/0571** - Residential flat building consisting of 5 units over four storeys and at grade carparking including a swimming pool and associated demolition, earthworks and tree removal  
Lot 8 Section 6 DP 30043, No. 44 Hastings Road, **Bogangar**

**DA23/0502** - Demolition of existing structures and the construction of a mixed use development comprising of two levels of basement car parking, ground level retail and food and drink premises, two levels of shoptop housing (12 apartments), rooftop swimming pool and landscaped area, 18 lot strata subdivision and associated signage  
Lot 1 Section 5 DP 29748, Lot 2 Section 5 DP 29748, No. 34 Tweed Coast Road, **Cabarita Beach**

**DA25/0056** - Two (2) lot strata subdivision  
Lot 4 DP 1291087, No. 59A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

**DA24/0549** - Pontoon  
Lot 310 DP 30961, Lot 488 DP 30961, No. 35 Gollan Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

**DA23/0592** - Proposed use of existing earthworks, retaining walls, change to ground level, water tanks, dog kennels and establishment of an animal boarding and training establishment for animal breeding and keeping of dogs only.  
Lot 1 DP 803784, No. 274 Zara Road, **Zara**

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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

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# Remember to keep a watch out for hazards at the beach!



Be cautious at the beach. Hidden dangers like logs in the water remain after Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

Tweed residents and visitors should be cautious at the beach after Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Hidden dangers like logs and other debris may still be in the water and heavy rainfall can impact water quality.

Council is working to restore beach access in most areas, but some entry points remain closed due to damage.

For your safety, please:

- **Be cautious at the beach and coastal areas.** Watch out for large logs, fallen trees and damaged fencing or access tracks.
- **Stay off beach erosion cliffs.** These are highly unstable and could collapse at any time, causing serious injury or death.
- **Exercise caution when swimming.** Following heavy rain, rivers and creeks contain higher levels of pathogens which can be carried to ocean beaches.

If you spot a hazard, please keep your distance and report it online at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem) or call Council on 02 6670 2400.

## Section 4.55(2) Modification Application For Public Comment

The following Section 4.55(2) 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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 26 March 2025 to Wednesday 9 April 2025.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
The Trustee For Andary Capital Investments Family Trust	Lot 58 DP 1264557; No. 9 Grand Parade, <b>Casuarina</b>	Amendment to Development Consent DA22/0108 for shop top housing comprising of 8 commercial tenancies, 16 residential units, basement parking and includes a 24 lot strata subdivision.	DA22/0108.03

### Proposed Modification

- Design modifications to ensure compliance with NCC (as far as location and design of fire stairs, provision for basement circulation and egress stairs, provision of amenities, and the provision of additional fire sprinklers);
- Layout changes to apartments with consequential changes to window locations/sizes;
- Changes to the skylights to provide ventilation in all skylights except 2;
- Changes to the residential lobby entries;
- Changes to Unit Type 4 entry;
- Adjustment to floor-to-floor heights on Level 1 and Level 2;
- Increase in overall height by 0.9 metres to accommodate the enclosed Upper Ground storage rooms in Tenancies 02 and 07. Overall increase in building height from 11.95m to 12.85m;
- An increase in approved Gross Floor Area (by 32sqm) resulting in an increase in Floor Space Ratio for the development from 1.85:1 to 1.91:1;
- Additional box gutter is included to reduce stormwater catchment which results in a minor change to the roof pitch;
- Provision of mechanical exhaust vents at ground level;
- Replacing the solar powered gas hot water system;
- Reduced length of planters on Level 1 to allow for concealment of external A/C units – design still being resolved.

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

In accordance with *Clause 107 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, there is no right of appeal under Section 8.8 of the Act by an objector.

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 Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)

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Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
HPC Planning Australia Pty Ltd	Lots 2-4 DP 618703; No. 95-99 Ducat Street, <b>Tweed Heads</b>	Demolition of existing structures and erection of a centre based child care facility including associated signage	DA25/0119

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### WATER WEEK 12



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