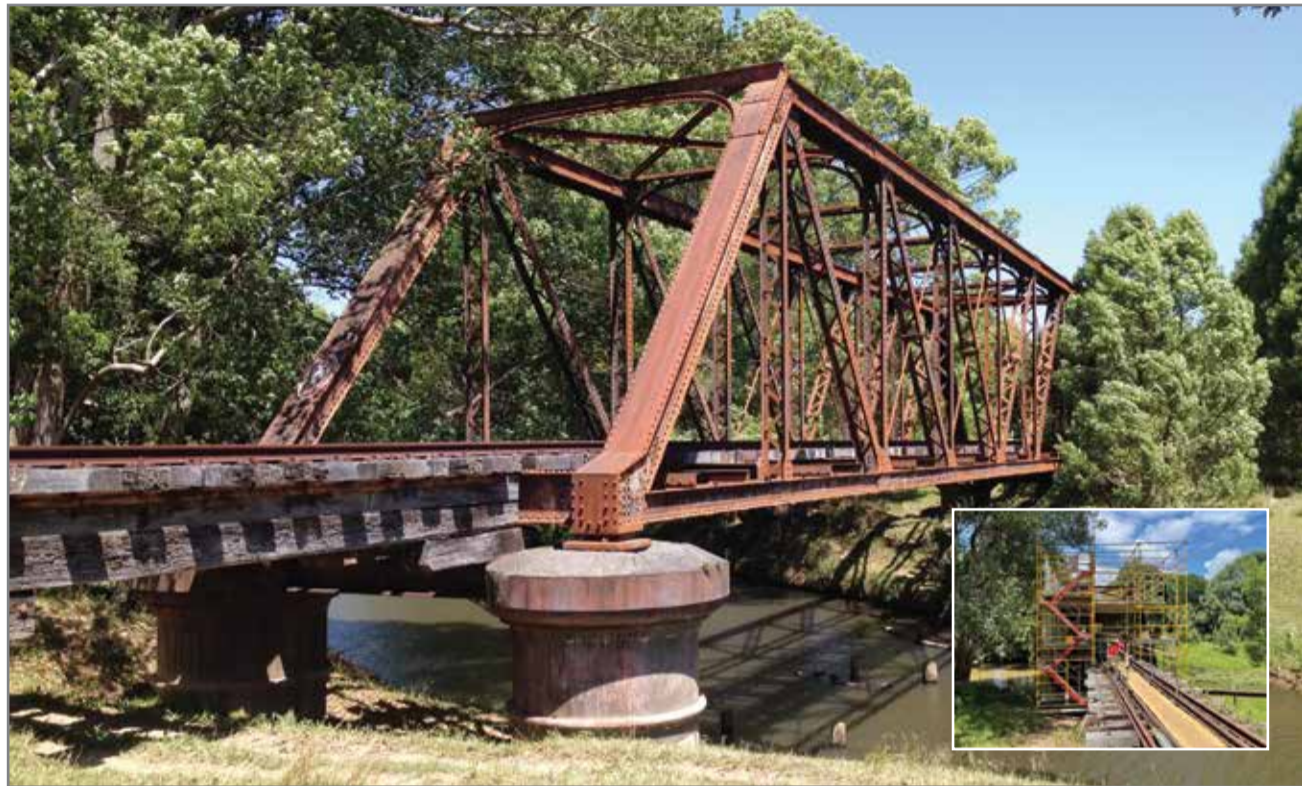


Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional custodians of these lands.



Dunbible Bridge is one of 5 bridges to be restored as part of the construction of 24km Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

## Historic bridge restoration underway

Work has begun to restore Dunbible Bridge, one of 5 bridges to be restored as part of the construction of 24km Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

Much of the rail and bridge infrastructure along the trail is significantly damaged and decayed, making it unsafe and unsuitable for public use. These restoration works will see some bridges receive a much-needed facelift including removing the old lead paint and repainting.

American-inspired steel through-truss bridges became a hallmark of the North Coast Railway Line, which first opened in 1894.

Tweed Regional Museum Director Molly Green said the Dunbible Creek Railway Bridge was a good example of a steel through-truss bridge.

"This is a fascinating restoration process and it is great the project team is prioritising documentation of the changes to contribute to the ongoing story of our rail history," Ms Green said.

Since construction of the trail began in late 2021, contractors have completed an archival record of 11 bridges across the length of the Tweed section of the trail to ensure these records will be shared with Tweed Regional Museum to add to their collection.

Other preliminary works also underway include the completion of a Geotechnical and Foundation Study, clearing works and the installation of a trial surface which has required rails to be removed.

Project Director, Iain Lonsdale said the rail infrastructure was in a state of disrepair.

"While its condition is unsuitable for its intended purpose, it is important to us that we reuse, recycle and to minimise waste," Mr Lonsdale said.

"It is likely that the majority of rails removed during construction works will be repurposed as pylons within the foundations for new building construction overseas."

"We are retaining a small length of reclaimed rail to potentially incorporate into infrastructure such as seating, sign/fence posts, or tables along the rail trail and have earmarked metal sleepers, plates, clips and bolts to be recycled at the Newcastle Steel Mill."

As contractors continue construction and restoration works along the trail, there may be traffic delays in the following locations in the next few weeks:

- Dunbible – Stokers Road
- Stokers Siding – Stokers Road, The Bloodwoods Road and Tunnel Road
- Mooball – Tweed Valley Way
- Crabbes Creek – Tweed Valley Way

For project updates and more information about the Northern Rivers Rail Trail visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/railtrail](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/railtrail)

## Catch up on Tweed's 2022 Australia Day ceremony

Did you miss the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony?

You can still catch up, as the event was held virtually. It's available to view online at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day). In a first for the Tweed, the event was held online to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

You can see videos featuring all the Australia Day Award winners:

- **Citizen of the Year** – Amanda Philp
- **Community Event of the Year** – Murwillumbah Arts Trail
- **Sporting Achievement** (individual) – Madison and Savannah Fitzpatrick (joint winners)

- **Young Achiever in Community Service** – Sven Loemker
- **Volunteer of the Year** (individual) – Grant 'Jack' Frost
- **Volunteer of the Year** (group) – Tweed Broadwater Village Craft Group

The recording also features our 35 newest citizens, from 18 countries across all continents of the globe, who became part of the Australian community.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/citizenship-ceremonies](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/citizenship-ceremonies) to find out the dates of upcoming ceremonies and how to apply to become an Australian citizen.

## Cabarita Beach viewing platform temporary closure



The viewing platform at Cabarita Beach in front of the surf club is temporarily closed after routine maintenance works found the timber substructure to be in poor condition.

An assessment is being undertaken on the extent of works required to make the structure safe again, and associated costs.

Council is working to resolve the matter as soon as it is practical. Alternative accessible locations to take in the ocean view are at Faulks Park, Rowan Robinson Park and Murphys Road at Kingscliff and the boardwalk at Ambrose Brown Park in Pottsville.

For further information contact Council's Coastal Project Officer on 02 6670 2400.

Left: The viewing platform at Cabarita Beach is currently closed due to safety concerns.



Last week we each used

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as at 7 February 2022

### In brief ...

#### Last chance for toad busting

A reminder about the toad busting session in Murwillumbah (exact location to be provided upon registration) this Thursday 10 February from 7:45 to 9:30 pm.

It will be followed by a tadpole trapping information session on Tuesday 15 February from 7 to 9 pm at the Murwillumbah Showgrounds.

Register your place for free at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads) or for more information email [canetoads@watergum.org](mailto:canetoads@watergum.org)

### In brief ...

#### Council meeting now earlier at 3 pm

Thursday 3 February was a significant day, with the first Planning Committee and Council Meeting for the newly-elected Council being held at the Harvard Room at Tweed Heads.

At an extraordinary meeting on 11 January, Council decided to move Planning Committee and Council meetings to the new time of 3 pm (rather than the previous 5:30 pm start).

The Planning Committee and Council meetings will be held in the Harvard Room until the end of March 2022 at which time a further report will be submitted for Council consideration of meeting venues.

Public Forums – where members of the public can book in to address Councillors on a particular topic on the agenda – will start from 2 pm on the meeting day.

You can tune into watch the livestream of Council Meetings or Planning Committee meetings through the Council meetings page at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings) or watch the recording the following day. When you watch the recording, you can use the bookmarks to go straight to the item you're interested in.

You'll also find agendas and minutes of meetings on this page.

### 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

- DA21/0918** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 81 DP 1003697, No. 7 Kelburn Close, **Banora Point**
- DA21/0935** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 258 DP 840595, No. 5 Forest Oak Crescent, **Bogangar**
- DA21/0894** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 72 DP 1264557, No. 30 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0916** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 506 DP 1137688, No. 4 Barrel Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA21/0940** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 2 DP 1253273, No. 35 Hindmarsh Road, **Nunderi**
- DA21/0867** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including conversion of attached garage to a bedroom and bathroom  
Lot 2 SP 36537, Unit 2/No. 21 Royal Drive, **Pottsville**
- DA21/0821** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 1 DP 335726, No. 439 Tweed Valley Way, **South Murwillumbah**
- DA21/0836** – Minor demolition, alterations and additions to existing dwelling, swimming pool, deck and garage  
Lot 14 DP 263200, No. 6 Carrington Court, **Terranora**
- DA21/0722** – Deck extension  
Lot 14 DP 1119209, No. 136 Riverside Drive, **Tumbulgum**
- DA21/1008** – Covered patio and deck  
Lot 507 DP 251298, No. 24 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**
- DA21/0789** – Carport addition and shed extension  
Lot 38 DP 1006260, No. 2 Stradbroke Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

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)

### Get the Tweed Link early by email

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

Subscribers to the 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.

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# Frogbit: Have you seen this invasive waterweed?

Frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*), is a fast-growing, floating aquatic weed that poses significant threat to our already struggling local waterways. Forming dense mats, Frogbit threatens native aquatic animals by reducing available food and shelter and inhibiting light to native water plants. It can block waterways and irrigation channels and limit recreational water activities.

There are currently three known locations in our region of this invasive water weed – at Chinderah, Dorrroughby and a recent sighting at Swan Bay which are being actively managed, but we need your help to find more! This weed is listed as **high risk** and is a state and regional target for **prevention**. It is therefore classified as **prohibited matter**.



Frogbit can be identified by its bright green, round fleshy leaves, up to 4cm across. Young leaves float flat on the water surface and have a spongy underside, and as they mature grow above the water surface and lose their sponginess. Flowers are small and white.

The fruit is a berry-like capsule that develops underwater, containing up to 100 floating seeds which are easily dispersed by water or wind once released and can remain viable for at least 3 years. Frogbit can also spread vegetatively, when fragments attach to animals or water equipment and are transported to new areas.

Similar looking plants include the native Frogbit (*Hydrocharis dubia*) – which also occurs in our region – but has larger leaves (up to 6cm long) and flowers are 2–3 cm across with 3 round white petals and yellow centres.



**Please do not attempt to treat or dispose of Frogbit yourself.** If you see this plant, report it immediately to Rous County Council on 02 6623 3800. We will lead an initial response for the treatment and disposal of the plant to stop it from spreading.



For more information scan the QR code to view a full plant profile via the NSW Weedwise app.

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## Council Meeting agenda – Thursday 17 February 2022

The Council Meeting agenda for Thursday 17 February 2022 is available on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings). The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 3 pm.

At its meeting on 18 March 2021 Council resolved to resume public attendance for Public Forums in line with the meeting room's COVID-Safe plan and this Council Public Forum is for speakers on agenda items being considered and will be held at 2 pm prior to the meeting. The agenda for the meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting 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 this meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meeting and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that this meeting is webcast and will be available on Council's website following the meeting.

### Agenda

#### Reports for consideration

- 5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Thursday 28 October 2021, Ordinary Council Meeting held 4 November 2021, Extraordinary Council Meetings held 11 November 2021, 29 November 2021 and 11 January 2022 and Ordinary Council Meeting held 3 February 2022
- 8.1 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 4 February 2022
- 9.1 Mayoral Minute for December 2021 and January 2022
- 10.1 Receipt of Petitions as at 4 February 2022

#### Orders of the day

- 11.1 Enhanced Landscaping
- 11.2 Amendment to Council Report Template – Climate Change
- 11.3 Disabled Access at Polling Booths

#### Reports from the General Manager

- 15.1 Request for Sponsorship of the 2022 Tweed Shire Business Awards
- 15.2 Request for Sponsorship of the 2022 Tweed Coast Pro
- 15.3 Request for Sponsorship of Golf NSW's 2022 Open Regional Qualifier Series
- 15.4 Tweed Tourism Company – December 2021 Quarterly Report

#### Reports from the Director Engineering

- 18.1 Drought and Water Restrictions Policy
- 18.2 Dam Safety Management Policy – Clarrie Hall Dam
- 18.3 Classification of Land as Operational for Waste Management Purposes – Lot 8 in DP564356, 233 Leddays Creek Road, Eviron
- 18.4 Adoption of Unauthorised Private Encroachments on Council Public Roads Policy Version 1.1

- 18.5 Adoption of Road Closures and Private Purchase Policy Version 1.3
- 18.6 RF02021119 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plant – Trucks, Single Axle, Tandem, Truck and Dog, Water Cart, Low Loader
- 18.7 RF02021077 Supply of Wet and Dry Hire Mobile Plant – Graders, Rollers and Backhoes
- 18.8 RF02021132 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plant – Excavator, Skid Steer and Tractor (Slasher and Flail)
- 18.9 RF02021140 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plant - Services Location, Vacuum Truck and CCTV
- 18.10 RF02021122 Panel Ecological Restoration and Management Services

#### Reports from the Director Corporate Services

- 19.1 Australian Local Government Association 2022 National General Assembly – Call for Motions
- 19.2 Advisory Committee Review and Recommendations
- 19.3 Corporate Quarterly Performance Report as at 31 December 2021
- 19.4 Quarterly Budget Review – December 2021
- 19.5 Special Rate Variation Application 2022/23
- 19.6 Waive Payment or Reduce Fee Category
- 19.7 Legal Services Register as at 30 September 2021
- 19.8 Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2021
- 19.9 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 30 November 2021
- 19.10 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 31 December 2021
- 19.11 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 31 January 2022

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

- 21.1 Minutes of the Tweed Regional Museum Advisory Committee Meeting held Thursday 30 September 2021
- 21.2 Minutes of the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management

- Committee Meeting held Wednesday 7 October 2021
- 21.3 Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 October 2021
- 21.4 Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 October 2021
- 21.5 Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 22 October 2021
- 21.6 Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 5 November 2021
- 21.7 Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 10 November 2021
- 21.8 Minutes of the Tweed Regional Gallery Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 17 November 2021
- 21.9 Minutes of the Tweed Regional Museum Advisory Committee Meeting held Thursday 25 November 2021
- 21.10 Minutes of the Tweed Coast Koala Management Committee Meeting held Tuesday 30 November 2021
- 21.11 Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 1 December 2021
- 21.12 Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 3 December 2021
- 21.13 Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 8 December 2021
- 21.14 Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday 8 December 2021

#### Confidential items for consideration

#### Reports from the Director Engineering in committee

- 29.1 Clarrie Hall Dam – Land Acquisition – Part 102 McDonalds Road, Terragon (Lot 1 DP814563)

**WATER WEEK 6** Check when your water meter is read at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading-billing-schedule](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading-billing-schedule)

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