



Eucalypt root balls and rock placed on the river bank at Murwillumbah to prevent further erosion and to provide fish habitat. Inset: Logs installed to stabilise the river bank along the Tweed River at Murwillumbah.



## Erosion repair and fish habitat rehabilitation

**A project to restore a 500-metre section of river bank at Murwillumbah is nearing completion, and includes installation of rock revetment, logs and tree root balls to stop further erosion and improve fish habitat.**

Large eucalypt root balls and logs have been embedded into river banks to create overhangs, snags and areas of intertidal vegetation while 250 metres of rock revetment works will stabilise the river bank. The bank will also be fenced and revegetated with native trees, creating additional long term benefits and a positive flow on effect for the Tweed River.

Funding of \$127,000 from the Australian Government's Fisheries Habitat Restoration program secured in 2021 made the project a reality.

The site adjacent to Tumbulgum Road has been one of the most visible and active erosion sites in the Tweed estuary for years.

Council's Waterways Program Leader Tom Alletson said erosion accelerated after the 2017 flood when scouring led to the deepening of the river bed at the site.

"Recent flooding has again resulted in significant bank loss, while wake waves and cattle grazing has hindered natural revegetation and river bank recovery," Mr Alletson said.

"It's great to see this project take shape with dual benefits for river health. By stabilising erosion we can reduce the amount of mud slipping into the river, assisting with water clarity. This benefits fish in the upper estuary and habitat such as seagrass beds downstream."

This project is supported by North Coast Local Land Service, through funding from the Australian Government's Fisheries Habitat Restoration Program.

Find out how Council looks after the Tweed's rivers and creeks at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks)



Last week we each used

**181L a day**

as at 20 June 2022

### In brief ...

#### Upcoming ePayment and Property Services outage

**Council's ePayment and Property Services portal will be unavailable from 4 pm Wednesday 29 June to Friday 1 July.**

During the outage, Council's customer Contact Centres at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads will remain open during business hours to process payments and support application lodgements and enquiries.

Online eProperty Section 603 certificates will not be issued until the 2022-23 rate levies have been calculated on Monday 11 July. Levy information will be available after this date. Please refrain from lodging applications from Friday 1 July until Tuesday 12 July.

#### Global recognition for response to climate change

**Tweed Shire Council has received global recognition for the strong foundations put in place to tackle climate change.**

Tweed is one of just 11 councils in Australia to achieve full compliance in the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy program (GCoM) for its work in 2021.

GCoM is the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, with more than 11,700 cities and local governments – representing more than 1 billion people across 6 continents – committing to act collectively to reduce global emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.

To be fully compliant, Council has received mitigation and adaptation badges after demonstrating meaningful action in:

- **Mitigation (reducing emissions):** Tweed Shire Council has developed an emissions inventory, set emissions reduction targets and is developing and implementing emissions reduction actions in accordance with this plan. Action includes cost-saving solar installations at Council facilities, switching street lighting to LEDs and holding workshops to help the community reduce energy bills and shift to solar.
- **Adaptation (improving resilience to climate change):** Council is currently updating the Tweed's climate risk assessment, setting adaptation goals and putting plans in place to meet those goals. For example, Council has led a mosquito monitoring and response program to improve resilience to the climate change-driven threat of increased mosquito-borne disease in the Northern Rivers.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/climate-change) to find out more about Tweed's greenhouse gas emissions and Council's response to climate change.

For more information about the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy visit [globalcovenantofmayors.org](http://globalcovenantofmayors.org)



## Your Tweed flood recovery update for 22 June



### Recovery Assistance Point, Kingscliff

**A Recovery Assistance Point (RAP) will operate at Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club on Friday 24**

**June, providing access to a range of flood recovery support and services for permanent residents of nearby caravan parks.**

The RAP will operate between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm and people will be able to access Service NSW, legal aid and mental health services onsite.

To ensure staff are able to assist you, everyone is reminded to bring two forms of identification such as a driver's licence, Medicare card, passport, birth certificate or Australian citizenship certificate.

Up to \$20,000 is available through support programs such as the Back Home grant, with new guidelines making it easier for caravan park residents to access the financial assistance.

To check eligibility, Service NSW has released a new guideline at [service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-flood-recovery-back-home-grant](http://service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-flood-recovery-back-home-grant)

A shuttle bus service will run hourly on the day from the following caravan park entry points:

- Ingenia Holiday Park
- Royal Pacific Tourist Retreat and Caravan Park
- Chinderah Village Tourist Park
- Tweed Ski Lodge Caravan Park
- Tweed River Hacienda Holiday Park
- Tweed Shores
- Homestead Holiday Park
- Chinderah Lake Caravan Park.

A free barbeque will be held at the Surf Life Saving Club at 12 noon on the day.

For more information, contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

### Scenic Drive update

**Council has awarded Australian Marine and Civil Pty Ltd the contract to design and construct Scenic Drive land slip and embankment restoration works.**

Funding for the contract, worth more than \$2.5 million, has been sourced through Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) with approval from Transport for NSW.

The contractor will now start design works which will include planning construction to commence on site as soon as possible after sufficient design is available, development consent is achieved and specialist plant, equipment and subcontractors are procured.

The proposed construction process for Scenic Drive will involve site establishment, excavation of slip areas, soil nailing, concrete shotcreting, foundation works, wall construction, backfill, drainage, road pavement, asphaltting, line marking and safety barrier works.

The contractor has provided an indicative timeframe, which aims at having works completed by the end of the first quarter of 2023. As the full design is completed, Council and the contractor will look to provide further updates and more accurate timeframes wherever possible.

### Beltana Drive update

**Council has received further expert advice from geotechnical consultants about the safety of Beltana Drive at Bilambil.**

They have advised further movement or collapse of the scarp is likely, particularly following wet weather.

To ensure the ongoing safety of road users, the road will be closed at the landslip site as soon as possible.

Further geotechnical investigation work is currently being organised.

This will allow design of restoration works to progress and construction to follow.

Unfortunately this is a complex and long process and given the wide

extent of damage throughout the Shire, it is difficult to give an accurate timeline at this stage however it is anticipated the road will be closed for at least 12 months.

Beltana Road is a loop road therefore access to all residents can be maintained, although some residents will be inconvenienced due to slightly longer travel times.

Council understands these works may cause disruption and inconvenience and ask for your patience as we respond to the additional damage caused to the local road network by 2 significant heavy rains in a month.

For more information on these and other repairs, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works)

Roads are closed to keep motorists safe. Please don't remove or tamper with road closure signs or barriers – it is a serious offence and could result in someone getting hurt or killed.

### Hickory Way, Hazlebrook Road and Balfours Road

**The current single-lane arrangement will remain. Council will continue to monitor conditions along these roads.**

A second more detailed assessment is expected in early October 2022.

### Smiths Creek, Palmvale, Road Mountain, Nimbin and Stokers roads and Richards Deviation

**There are approximately an additional 50 landslips which require geotechnical assessment, including the above roads.**

Council is progressively commissioning various geotechnical consultants to undertake the necessary investigations.

The geotechnical assessment is broken up into 2 stages:

- Stage 1 is a preliminary assessment to make recommendations about the short-term safety of the site and if required progressing to Stage 2.

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# Good response to Recreation Ground consultation



## Thank you for having your say on the upgrade of Recreation Ground located in Tweed Heads.

Community feedback was invited from 4 May to 1 June 2022. Council received 244 survey responses, held a community codesign workshop with young people and community members from local schools and received feedback via letters and emails.

The feedback will now be reviewed and will inform the development of the draft Recreation Ground Concept Plan. The draft document will open for public exhibition later this year.

Council is planning to host a family fun day in the park where you can learn more about what's planned for the park and speak to Council representatives in person about the project.

For more information visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/recreationground](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/recreationground) or email [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

If you'd like to get involved in projects like this one in the future make sure your register at [yoursaytweed.com.au/register](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/register)

**Left: Feedback from a recent consultation on the upgrade of Recreation Ground will be used in the development of the draft Recreation Ground Concept Plan.**

# Join Gallery Community Picnic and Artist Paint Out

Pack a blanket, a picnic basket and an appreciation of art and enjoy the annual community picnic afternoon in the beautiful grounds of the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre in Murwillumbah this Sunday (26 June).

Held from 2 pm to 5 pm, the afternoon will include live music, artists at work outdoors inspired by the glorious views, free art activities for the kids and, as an added bonus, a fashion clothing swap hosted by the Gallery to celebrate the current exhibition *Pattern and Print: Easton Pearson Archive*.

Contemporary Aboriginal artist from the Tweed Caldera, Michael Philp will be a special guest onsite during the afternoon.

His works explore themes around identity, connection to land, connection to his people and his personal memories of his family history within the Tweed.

The picnic gathering provides a unique opportunity to watch artists in action, discover what is their inspiration and perhaps purchase a

piece created onsite.

If you are after a 'fresh' addition for your wardrobe, bring along some special items to swap.

You can bring up to 6 items for the fashion swap, collect your token and then browse what's on offer.

Please ensure that items you bring are clean and in good condition. Clothes drop off is at 1 pm and the swap starts at 2:30 pm.

All clothing remaining at the end of the day will be donated to Tweed Palliative Support Op Shop.

Why not spoil yourself and order a picnic hamper in advance through Café Bacaro on 02 6672 5088.

This will be an ideal opportunity to come together as a community, sharing a wonderful afternoon of art, music, food, fashion and fun and then take in the sunset from a beautiful location.

For more information, contact the Gallery on 02 6670 2790 or visit [gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Flood recovery update (cont.)

- Stage 2 involves boring holes to investigate the soil in and around the slip including scientific testing – this information is used to determine options to fix the slip.

Once the geotechnical testing is complete Council can progress onto the next stages involving design of restoration works then onto construction.

### Expression of interest – Shared Risk Contract

**Council's expression of interest (EOI) for the restoration of major slips including Tyalgum, Limpinwood, Kyogle, Mount Warning and Reserve Creek roads is out to tender.**

A pre-tender briefing was presented by Council staff on Friday 17 July 2022 to all interested construction companies. Good interest was shown from the market.

The time line for tenders is:

- Expressions of interest close – 1 July 2022
- Evaluations completed – 6 July 2022
- Successful applicants notified – 7 July 2022
- Request for tender documents issued – 8 July 2022
- Tenders close – 29 July 2022
- Contract awarded – 19 August 2022
- Work completed – finalise as much as possible by December 2023

### Flood repairs on-ground progress

**The gabion wall installation at Tomewin Road is complete with pavement repair to follow.**

Work on Kyogle Road continues with pavement patching, kerb repairs, removal of trees and debris and also of landslip material.

Pavement patching in the Booka Road area continues.

There are 15 flood restoration teams currently working on the smaller and less complicated repair works across the Shire.

### Flood Recovery Centre

**The main Tweed Flood Recovery Centre, run by Resilience NSW, has relocated to the Canvas and Kettle venue at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre.**

The centre has new hours and operates from Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm.

They can provide assistance from Service NSW, Services Australia, Legal Aid NSW mental health support, insurance advice and claims help.

To stay up to date visit Council's Recovery Dashboard at

[tweed.nsw.gov.au/recovery-dashboard](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/recovery-dashboard)

**WATER WEEK 12** Check when your water meter is read at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading)

## 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

- DA22/0045** – Two lot subdivision  
Lot 2 DP 521256, No. 10 Seaview Road, **Banora Point**
- DA22/0234** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 1012 DP 804509, No. 77 Glen Ayr Drive, **Banora Point**
- DA22/0285** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 2 SP 44928, Unit 2/No. 26 Woodlands Drive, **Banora Point**
- DA21/0639** – Use of alterations to existing garage  
Lot 446 DP 31998, No. 127 Peninsula Drive, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA22/0143** – Partially out of ground swimming pool  
Lot 453 DP 31998, No. 113 Peninsula Drive, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA22/0229** – Carport within the front building line  
Lot 208 DP 241367, No. 5 Kurrajong Avenue, **Bogangar**
- DA22/0158** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 10 DP 261790, No. 10 Dignan Street, **Burringbar**
- DA21/0850** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including garage and pool  
Lot 30 DP 30845, No. 17 Oceanview Crescent, **Kingscliff**
- DA22/0182** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 271 DP 1145129, No. 11 Somerville Circuit, **Murwillumbah**
- DA22/0207** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 87 DP 1057733, No. 9 Riverbend Way, **Murwillumbah**
- DA22/0217** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 716 DP 1078611, No. 9 Bandicoot Street, **Pottsville**
- DA21/0243** – Alterations and additions to existing warehouse  
Lot 23 DP 838868, No. 25 Lundberg Drive, **South Murwillumbah**
- DA22/0238** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls  
Lot 516 DP 1275215, No. 14 Kosciuszko Street, **Terranora**
- DA21/0994** – Alterations and additions to commercial premises (install an internal doorway between Shop 1 and Shop 2)  
Lot 1 SP 93739, Lot 2 SP 93739, Unit 1/No. 29 Wharf Street, **Tweed Heads**
- DA22/0254** – Patio roof  
Lot 1 SP 19930, Unit 1/No. 34 Caloola Drive, **Tweed Heads**

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

View current vacancies at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies)  
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# Help shape the future of the Tweed's natural environment

## What is your favourite plant and animal of the Tweed?

Vote for your favourite plant or animal species and Council will use it as the emblem for the new Conservation Strategy.

Council is partnering with the community to develop a new Conservation Strategy that reflects the current conservation issues, threats to the environment and positive land management opportunities.

Council's Strategy will talk about how we can:

- protect our natural environment
- manage and improve our land
- deal with conservation issues.

Your feedback will be used to help Council develop the best possible conservation strategy for our unique natural environment.

Input from the community is essential for the preparation of the draft strategy. We encourage you all to get involved by completing the short 10-minute survey.

To get involved, do the survey and quick poll and to learn more, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/conservationstrategy](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/conservationstrategy)



**Wollumbin / Mount Warning, in the World Heritage-listed Wollumbin National Park, is the remnant central vent of an ancient volcano.**

Photo credit: Michael Corke



## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

### Proposal to classify land at Tamarind Ave, Bogangar as operational

#### On exhibition from 22 June to 20 July 2022

Tweed Shire Council has acquired Lot 641 in DP216389 (74 Tamarind Avenue, Bogangar) for stormwater drainage purposes. The lot is outlined in the location diagram shown below. Council proposes to resolve to classify the land as 'operational land' in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



#### Have your say

Visit [yoursaytweed.com.au](https://yoursaytweed.com.au) to learn more and make a submission.

Submissions can also be made to:

General Manager, Tweed Shire Council  
PO Box 816 Murwillumbah 2484

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

**Council ref.:** PN: 16705

**Enquiries:** Emily Rockliff, Technical Officer – Property  
02 6670 2400

**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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