

Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Tweed 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.



Kids can join in the Museum on Wheels Scavenger Hunt this weekend at the Murwillumbah Railway Station.

Celebrate the Rail Trail this weekend

Visit the Museum on Wheels at the Murwillumbah Railway Station this weekend and explore historic photographs of the former North Coast Line dating back to the early 1900s.

It's part of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail Community Celebration. Little explorers can embark on their very own Rail Trail journey with a specially-designed Scavenger Hunt and uncover hidden stories with

family and friends.

Celebrate the rich history and cultural influences of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, as you experience the new Rail Trail and the beauty of the natural world around us.

To view the whole program, check out the full-page program in this issue of the Tweed Link.

Good news for Tyalgum and other slip repairs

Work to repair the significant landslip on Tyalgum Road is set to progress, with a \$16 million contract awarded to local construction company SEE Civil Pty Ltd.

SEE Civil is also the preferred contractor for the \$2.3 million project to restore the two slips on Limpinwood Road – the main alternative access route to Tyalgum village. Transport for NSW is currently assessing the proposed works prior to Council awarding of the contract.

Tyalgum Road is one of several major landslips in the Tweed that occurred during last year's record flood, with the others including Scenic Drive, Reserve Creek Road, Kyogle Road, Mt Warning Road and Limpinwood Road.

At its meeting on 2 March, Council selected a preferred contractor which will allow work to commence on completing designs and construction of the landslips on Kyogle Road and Mt Warning Road.

Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd has been selected for three contracts worth more than \$28 million to restore three sites on Kyogle Road and also the contract to restore Mt Warning Road worth more

than \$11 million. Transport for NSW is currently assessing the proposed works prior to Council's awarding of the contract.

Combined, these works represent \$61 million – or almost half – of the Tweed's \$125 million total repair bill following the 2022 flood.

Work is already underway to complete designs for the restoration of Reserve Creek Road (\$6 million) expected to be completed after Easter when on-site work will commence, with the goal of establishing temporary access by mid-year. This is another contract awarded to SEE Civil.

And construction to restore two slips at Scenic Drive, Bilambil Heights was completed in February at a cost of \$4 million.

All of these flood recovery works are funded through the Australian and NSW Governments' Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Follow Council's Flood Recovery works program at tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-works. To read more about the Tyalgum Road and other slip announcements, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news

Call for interest in 2 Council Management Committees

Council is seeking expressions of interest to join 2 Management Committees.

They are the Rural Land Industry Management Committee and the Koala Beach Wildlife and Habitat Management Committee.

Management Committees play a significant role by giving advice, recommendations and support to achieve important sustainability and environment outcomes in the Tweed.

Express your interest at yoursaytweed.com.au by 19 April 2023.

Development proposal for public comment

The following Development 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 for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 22 March 2023 to Wednesday 5 April 2023.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Mr R Smith	Lot 2 DP 1040576; Leisure Drive, Banora Point	change of use from a registered club to a centre based childcare facility including building alterations and signage	DA23/0066

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



Last week we each used

175L a day

as at 20 March 2023

Pottsville Environment Park repairs

Pottsville Environment Park will soon undergo some repairs and upgrades to deteriorating walkways and platforms, increasing access for people of all abilities, and improving the visitor experience.

Many of the timber footbridges and platforms which elevate the tracks above wet ground were built in the 1980s and are due to be replaced.

Council is currently assessing the park's infrastructure, costing repairs and replacements and investigating options for sustainable materials to better cope with the environmental conditions in the park.

Areas of highest deterioration will be prioritised for immediate repairs, with longer term upgrades and visitor experience improvements to follow. Keep an eye out for future editions of Tweed Link and Council's Facebook page at facebook.com/tweedshirecouncil for updates.

Tip: If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still view Council's Facebook feed at tweed.nsw.gov.au/council/news-updates

Vouchers to keep cats safe

In an effort to encourage cat owners to keep their cats safe from harm at home, 36 Tweed residents with feline pets will be eligible for a \$500 voucher to purchase a cat haven or other forms of cat enrichment.

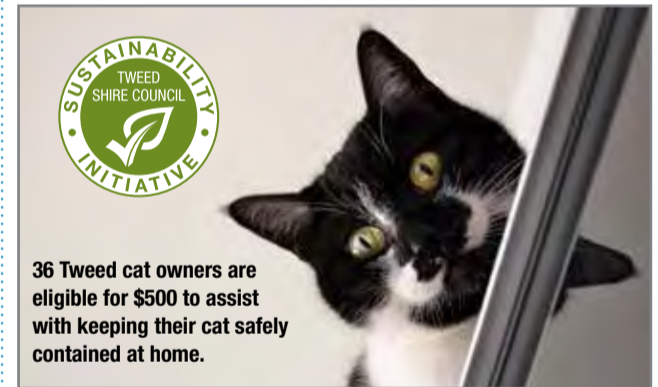
Tweed Shire Council has partnered with RSPCA NSW on its Keeping Cats Safe at Home campaign about loving cats, celebrating the people who love their cats and motivating cat lovers to keep their feline companions safe and fulfilled.

A survey of cat owners in the Tweed Shire in 2021 found that some people need support to set up a safe home environment for their cats.

Cat owners who need support to improve the health and welfare of their cats, by transitioning them from roaming to being safe at home, are encouraged to submit an expression of interest to be awarded a \$500 voucher from Catnets to buy a cat haven or cat enrichment products.

The NSW-wide project is funded by a \$2.5 million grant from the NSW Environmental Trust.

Complete the expression of interest form online in 5 easy steps before midnight on Sunday 21 May 2023. See terms and conditions and apply online at tweed.nsw.gov.au/cats



36 Tweed cat owners are eligible for \$500 to assist with keeping their cat safely contained at home.



Flood Recovery update

Building and facilities restoration
Restoration work at the Murwillumbah Community Centre continues to progress well with contractors.

New flood resilient epoxy floor covering is complete and internal painting has commenced.

The next stage of works include installation of glass walls and bi-fold doors in the main meeting room, which is another flood resilient measure.

Other flood recovery works in progress include clubhouse repairs to the Murwillumbah netball clubhouse and Brian Breckenridge Fields and structural investigations at Vic Bianchetti sports facility.

Planning is underway for flood damage repairs to Tumbulgum Hall, Murwillumbah Sale Yards, Barracks, and sports facilities Barrie Smith Hockey, Bilambil Sports Complex East and West, Jim Devine, John Rabjones/Les Cave, Murwillumbah Tennis, Stan Sercombe and Murwillumbah netball courts.

Storm Recovery update

The floods of 2022 muddied the waters of the main 50m pool at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah. Stormwater also damaged the indoor facilities at the centre.

Areas which were affected include the reception area, staff room and offices, main meeting room, the swim school office and the first aid room. Works have commenced at the centre which will continue to operate as normal.

Storm damaged community centres Crabbes Creek Hall, Nullum House, Old Doon Doon Hall have all been repaired and back in operation. As well as Murwillumbah Fire Control centre

To follow other flood recovery works, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update

NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WEEKEND!

Walk, ride and explore the regions latest recreation and nature trail. Across the weekend, enjoy the Rail Trail, free activities and live music for everyone.

SATURDAY 25 MARCH

Murwillumbah

Museum on Wheels and Kids' Scavenger Hunt
9 am - 2 pm, Railway Station

Stokers Siding

Community Printmakers Open Day
10 am - 4 pm
Hosanna Farm Open Day
1 pm - 8 pm, Live music

Burringbar

Hoopla Circus Interactive Toys
9 am - 1 pm, Masterton Park
Community cake stalls and BBQ
9 am - 3 pm, Masterton Park

Mooball

The Wildlife Twins
10 am - 11 am, Bernadette Kelly Park
Victory Hotel
2 pm - 5 pm, Music and BBQ

Crabbes Creek

Voting open and BBQ
10 am - 4 pm, Crabbes Creek Community Hall

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

Murwillumbah

Museum on Wheels and Kids' Scavenger Hunt
9 am - 1 pm, Railway Station

Stokers Siding

Community Printmakers Open Day
10 am - 4 pm
Hosanna Farm Open Day
All day

Burringbar

Cultural Immersion
10 am - 1 pm, Ancient stories, songs and community art, Masterton Park

Mooball

I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!
9 am - 1 pm, Bernadette Kelly Park

Crabbes Creek

Brekkie BBQ
8 am - 12 pm, Crabbes Creek Community Hall

Plan your weekend and find program information at northernriversrailtrail.com.au/plan/events



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Northern Rivers
RAILTRAIL

Walk ~ Ride ~ Explore

Miconia: Have you seen this invasive weed?

This is Miconia - an aggressive and invasive weed tree that quickly dominates rainforests, destroying habitat and causing landslides. In Tahiti it's known as the 'green cancer', and in Hawaii they call it the 'purple plague'. Just as it has destroyed island forests internationally, Miconia is a huge threat to our beautiful rainforests here in the Northern Rivers.

Luckily, Miconia is only present in NSW in low numbers, and we still have a chance to eradicate it. We need your help to find every last Miconia plant in our region!

So how do you spot this weed

- The leaf is very distinctive with its unique three lateral veins and bright pinky purple underside. These can grow up to 80cm in length.
- Fruit are small round berries that are less than 1cm across and contain up to 200 seeds.
- Flowers are small and white and grow in dense clusters.



Miconia (*Miconia calvescens*).

Invasive weeds like Miconia threaten our local communities, industries, environment and way of life. The only way to stop them is if we work together!

If you would like to learn more about Miconia or would like to report a suspected sighting, please phone Rous County Council's weed biosecurity team on 02 66 233 800 or send us an email.

Together we can keep the Northern Rivers beautiful, productive and free of Miconia.



For assistance in identifying a weed or to report a weed go to rous.nsw.gov.au/report-a-weed or call us on 02 6623 3800.

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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

DA22/0531 - Shed within the front building line
Lot 239 DP 31042, No. 52 Lakeview Terrace, **Bilambil Heights**

DA23/0025 - Carport within the front building line
Lot 167 DP 31041, No. 21 Yvonne Crescent, **Bilambil Heights**

DA22/0512 - Detached extension and use of completed alterations to existing dwelling
Lot 61 DP 1027531, No. 1 Harper Court, **Casuarina**

DA22/0762 - Use of existing pergola
Lot 86 DP 1030322, No. 2 Eclipse Lane, **Casuarina**

DA22/0407 - Dwelling, garage, carport, in-ground swimming pool, fire bunker and demolition of existing dwelling
Lot 14 DP 261108, No. 36 Hammond Drive, **Clothiers Creek**

DA22/0702 - Alterations and additions including inground swimming pool and house raising
Lot 1 DP 597175, No. 65 Eviron Road, **Eviron**

DA23/0069 - Alterations and additions
Lot 1 DP 597097, No. 92 Bartletts Road, **Eviron**

DA22/0582 - 1.8 metre high front fence and gatehouse
Lot 140 DP 1202149, No. 58 Seaside Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0783 - Inground swimming pool
Lot 88 DP 1186189, No. 355 Casuarina Way, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0052 - In-ground swimming pool
Lot 185DP 1232786, No. 23A Nautilus Way, **Kingscliff**

DA22/0820 - Demolition of existing structures
Lot 6 DP 521828, Lot 1 DP 524512, No. 63 Commercial Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA22/0836 - Two storey dwelling with attached garage and associated earthworks
Lot 131DP 1284746, No. 1 Mount Ernest Crescent, **Murwillumbah**

DA23/0040 - In-ground swimming pool
Lot 129DP 1284746, No. 51 Castle Field Drive, **Murwillumbah**

DA23/0053 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 14 DP 17936, No. 27 George Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA22/0810 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and carport within the front building line
Lot 249 DP 818258, No. 36 Edward Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA22/0800 - Verandah addition to existing dwelling
Lot 6 DP 521908, No. 77 Tweed Valley Way, **South Murwillumbah**

DA22/0581 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 10 DP 1014723, No. 17 Cudgen Road, **Stotts Creek**

DA23/0028 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 6 DP 807165, No. 10 Dalton Street, **Terranora**

DA22/0753 - Carport within the front building line
Lot 49 DP 245048, No. 5 Meridian Way, **Tweed Heads**

DA22/0552 - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport within the front building line and use of unapproved dwelling additions
Lot 466 DP 30961, No. 19 Riviera Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

DA22/0744 - Conversion of two units into one dwelling including alterations and additions
Lot 511 DP 218598, No. 70 Sunset Boulevard, **Tweed Heads West**

DA23/0026 - Patio roof
Lot 1 SP 14812, Unit 1/No. 178 Kennedy Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

DA22/0761 - Internal kitchen fit out within existing Childcare facility
Lot 5 DP 1185359, No. 30 Naru Street, **Chinderah**

DA22/0445 - Secondary dwelling, carport, swimming pool and use of existing 1.8m boundary fence
Lot 25 DP 836271, No. 13 Vintage Lakes Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

Approved - Deferred commencement

DA20/1044 - Shop top housing comprising one commercial premises (use as food and drink premises) and three one-bedroom units and one four bedroom unit
Lot 17 DP 1145386, Lot 0 ROAD 2238, No. 65 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0582 - Demolition, subdivision of 2 lots into 4 lots, construction of 4 dual occupancies and strata subdivision
Lot 5 DP 23576, Lot 6 DP 23576, No. 7-9 Elanora Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA22/0742 - Use of two existing structures as expanded dwelling house
Lot 34 DP 755714, No. 2956 Kyogle Road, **Kunghur**

Refused

DA22/0566 - 4 lot subdivision
Lot 20 DP 1187413, No. 7-13 Broadway, **Burringbar**

DA22/0601 - Use of seven (7) existing farm buildings, demolition and on-site bottling of cannabis infused olive oil
Lot 34 DP 755714, Lot 3DP 1264574, No. 2956 Kyogle Road, **Kunghur**

DA22/0742 - Use of two existing structures as expanded dwelling house
Lot 34 DP 755714, No. 2956 Kyogle Road, **Kunghur**

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

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