

*Tweed Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the Ngandawal and Minyungbal speaking people of the Bundjalung Country, in particular the Goodjinburra, Tul-gi-gin and Moorung – Moobah clans, as being the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters within the Tweed Shire boundaries. Council also acknowledges and respects the Tweed Aboriginal community's right to speak for its Country and to care for its traditional Country in accordance with its lore, customs and traditions.*



This is a river, not a creek – it's the Oxley River at Tyalgum and the flow has reduced to a trickle.

## Save water now to delay restrictions

**Following last week's El Nino declaration by the Bureau of Meteorology and less-than-average rainfall now forecast for the Northern Rivers, Council is urging everyone in the Tweed to save water now to prolong the Tweed's water supply.**

Water and Wastewater Business and Assets Manager Michael Wraight said without significant rain, the Tweed will head into water restrictions, with restrictions for Tyalgum looking likely in the next couple of weeks.

"We source our water from the Tweed River at Bray Park and Uki, plus the Oxley River at Tyalgum. The river flows are down and the weir pools at Bray Park and Tyalgum are drying up," Mr Wraight said.

"While Clarrie Hall Dam is currently sitting at 98% capacity, it will now drop about 1 to 1.5% a week as we start releasing water to supply the Bray Park Weir – the source of water for most of the Shire.

"We will trigger level 1 water restrictions when the Clarrie Hall dam level drops to 85%.

"Restrictions at Tyalgum will be introduced sooner. The flow of the Oxley River at Tyalgum is down to a trickle and the weir pool there is dropping fast."

Mr Wraight called on everyone in the Tweed to rally together to save water now, especially outdoors, where

water is typically used the most.

"If each of us is using less than 160 litres of water a day when we next introduce water restrictions, we delay the need to impose harsh restrictions during extended dry periods.

"Last week we used 170 litres per person a day so we still have a way to go.

"From today, please clean hard outdoor surfaces with a broom not a hose, mulch your garden, keep your showers to 4 minutes, do full loads of washing and fix your water leaks.

"Actions like these have the power to make our limited water supply last as long as possible."

Go to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-savings-restrictions](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/water-savings-restrictions) for more tips on saving water indoors and outdoors.

In 2020, Council permanently banned water carting from the Tyalgum and Uki water supply systems.

Whenever water restrictions are triggered, Council bans water carting from elsewhere in the Tweed to other local government areas.

Mr Wraight said measures such as these were helping delay the implementation of water restrictions.

Council is currently completing planning works for the proposed raising of Clarrie Hall Dam to increase the volume of water that can be stored, securing our water supply in the face of climate change and population growth.

## Nominate for Tweed Australia Day Awards

**This is your last opportunity so don't delay! Nominations are closing this Friday 29 September to recognise an individual or organisation doing great things in our community through the Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards. You can nominate in the following categories:**

- Arts and Culture Award
- Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

- Senior Ambassador
- Sporting Achievement of the Year (individual and group)
- Volunteer of the Year (individual and group)
- Young Achiever in Community Service

We strongly encourage your nomination. Nominate online by 4:30 pm Friday 29 September at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/australia-day).

## New program connects businesses to the Rail Trail

**Tweed Shire Council is inviting businesses and commercial operators to share in the success of the popular Northern Rivers Rail Trail (Tweed section) and sign up to its new Connect Program.**

Launched last week, the Connect Program is designed to connect commercial operators and businesses to the award-winning Rail Trail which opened in March. Figures show more than 70,000 people used the Rail Trail in the first four months of operation, with projections indicating it will attract more than 150,000 users and guests annually.

The Connect Program will enable business partners to

highlight their guest experience offerings, focusing on the ways users can taste, stay, move, explore and enjoy along the Rail Trail.

The Connect Program features:

1. **The Rail Trail Pass:** an affordable annual fee and other charges for commercial operators undertaking business and activities on and in association with the Rail Trail.
2. **The Marketing Program:** a tiered program offering a range of cooperative marketing opportunities with affordable gold, silver and bronze entry points to suit



Last week we each used  
**170L a day**  
as at 25 September 2023

### In brief ...

#### Last chance to vote in People's Choice

**With only days left, let's get behind our favourite Tweed Sustainability Award champions and vote. The People's Choice Award is chosen by the community and more than 1,000 people have voted so far – will you join them and vote today?**

See the full list of incredible nominees and vote at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityawards](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityawards).

Voting closes at midnight this Sunday (1 October). Only one vote per person is allowed.

The award winners will be announced at a showcase event on 11 October at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

#### Inbound lane only for bridge

**Council is urging motorists to plan ahead and consider alternative routes between the CBD and South Murwillumbah for about four weeks while essential upgrades to the town's sewer main are underway.**

Traffic delays and detours can be expected. The Wollumbin Street bridge will be reduced to a single lane, allowing one-way traffic only into the Murwillumbah CBD.

Detours are in place for outbound traffic via Cane Road, using Queensland Road or Tumbulgum Road, or Bakers Road and Mistral Road.

The works started this week, and the bridge is closed to outbound traffic during work hours (Monday to Thursday, 6 am to 6 pm), causing some delays. The other lane and footpath will remain open under traffic control.

Outside of these work hours, the bridge will remain open to traffic in both directions.

For updates on traffic disruptions, please visit Council's roadworks and closures page at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/roadworks), as well as [Live Traffic NSW](https://www.live-traffic.nsw.gov.au).

#### Uki Mountain Bike Park

**The Tweed's first mountain bike facility, the Uki Mountain Bike Park, will host an official opening on Saturday 7 October.**

Unfortunately, due to limited space and parking at the facility, tickets for the event were capped and were snapped up quickly. However, a waitlist has been set up in case tickets become available.

Due to the event, the park will be closed to the non-ticket holders until 12 pm on Saturday 7 October, however, ticket holders can enter from 9:30 am.

For more information or to add your name to the waitlist, visit Uki Mountain Bike Park at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/uki-mountain-bike-park](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/uki-mountain-bike-park).

To stay up to date with park information, hear from other MTB users and add your experiences, join our Facebook community group Uki Mountain Bike Park at [facebook.com/groups/1757383738054050](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1757383738054050).



The official opening of Uki Mountain Bike Park will be held on Saturday 7 October.

Northern Rivers  
**RAIL  
TRAIL**

all budgets and marketing goals. This offers a wide range of benefits from website and map listings to social media exposure.

3. **The Signage Program:** available to Marketing Program members, the signage program provides opportunities for exclusive on-trail signage options and sizes within the rail corridor.

For more information or to join the Connect Program visit the [Northern Rivers Rail Trail website](https://www.northernriversrailtrail.com.au).

# October BUSINESS MONTH

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

NETWORK & CONNECT

October Business Month is an initiative designed to empower, connect and celebrate the thriving Tweed business community. The program is for business owners, operators, entrepreneurs, innovators and professionals across the region. Join one of our exciting events to network, develop or brush up on skills and celebrate success!

Register for events at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/october-business-month](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/october-business-month) • Registration is essential and spaces are limited.

## Free October Business Month events

### Putting Local Jobs First

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Regional Development Australia  
Thursday 5 October, 10:30 am to 12 noon  
Online webinar

### O'Connors Carrying Service Open Day

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O'Connors Murwillumbah  
Saturday 7 October, 12 noon to 3 pm  
67 - 69 Quarry Road, Murwillumbah

### Doing business in the Tweed - the planning framework

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Tweed Shire Council  
Wednesday 11 October, 3 to 4 pm  
Online webinar

### Local Consultant Breakfast Forum

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Tweed Shire Council  
Tuesday 17 October, 8:30 to 10 am  
Murwillumbah Auditorium

### Business information dinner

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TAFE NSW  
Tuesday 17 October, 5:30 to 7:30 pm  
Caldera Restaurant, Kingscliff TAFE

### Waste Reduction Methods for Tweed Businesses

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North East Waste  
Wednesday 18 October 10:30 to 11:30 am  
Online Webinar

### Mastering Marketing Magic

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Tweed Shire Council  
Thursday 19 October, 5 to 7 pm  
North Star Holiday Resort

This workshop has been made possible thanks to the support of the NSW Government as part of Small Business Month 2023.

### Back to Basics

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Destination North Coast  
Monday 23 October, 9 am to 12 noon  
Twin Towns, Tweed Heads

### Planning for potential water restrictions

23

Tweed Shire Council  
Monday 23 October, 4 to 5 pm  
Online webinar

### Food Fitouts - what you need

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Tweed Shire Council  
Tuesday 24 October, 10 to 11 am  
Online webinar

### Taking off at the terminal: Gold Coast Airport Tour

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Gold Coast Airport  
Wednesday 25 October, 12 noon to 2 pm (QLD time)  
Bilinga

### Cycling into success

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Tweed Shire Council with Blue Sky Trails  
Tuesday 31 October, 7 to 9 am  
Murwillumbah Services Club

Find all of these events and more at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/october-business-month](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/october-business-month)

October Business Month is a testament to the talent, resilience and vibrancy that defines the Tweed's business landscape.

Coinciding with the NSW Government's Small Business Month, October Business Month is delivered as part of the Succeed in the Tweed Program, an initiative of Tweed Shire Council.

Succeed in **THE TWEED**

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# Join a free wellbeing program for a lift

Council is pleased to partner with the Lift Project to bring residents a FREE wellbeing program to help take charge of your mental health, build resilience and live more.

The Lift Project is a lifestyle-based wellbeing adventure that is delivered online and involves 10 lessons taken over 10 weeks.

In each lesson you will explore a science-based way to lift your mood and your life, and at the end of each lesson you'll be given some simple challenges to try out for yourself.

Topics over the weeks include:

- speaking positively to yourself and others
- moving to move your emotions
- uplifting physical environments
- feeding your mood through food
- resting to feel your best; and lots more.

The 10-week program will kick off on Sunday 8 October 2023. Register now at [theliftproject.global/lift/register-northernrivers](https://theliftproject.global/lift/register-northernrivers)



## 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

**DA22/0784** – Secondary dwelling and shed  
Lot 2 NPP 285382, Unit 2/No. 114B Broadwater Esplanade,

#### Bilambil Heights

**DA22/0060** – Attached dual occupancy  
Lot 4 DP 134983, No. 6 Dixons Road, **Burringbar**

**DA21/0893** – Multi-dwelling housing comprising of 3 x 3 storey dwellings with rooftop terraces

Lot 18 DP 1145386, No. 67 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

**DA22/0738** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and use of unauthorised deck structures

Lot 402 DP 1097757, No. 17 Fairy Bower Street, **Kingscliff**

**DA23/0232** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including house raising

Lot 4 DP 624447, No. 8576 Tweed Valley Way, **Tumbulgum**

**DA22/0546** – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 12 light industrial units

Lot 1 DP 542273, Lot 2 DP 542273, No. 1-9 Ourimbah Road, **Tweed Heads**

**DA22/0770** – Installation of pontoon, removal of existing revetment wall and construction of new revetment wall

Lot 2 DP 1088612, Lot 365 DP 30960, No. 5a Gollan Drive,

#### Tweed Heads West

#### Refused

**DA23/0302** – Caravan park (112 long term sites), reception, managers residence and pool

Lot 2 DP 815370, No. 1126 Pottsville Road, **Pottsville**

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)

## Request for offer

### RFO2023169 License to Operator Murwillumbah Railway Station Retail Shops

**Offers close:** Wednesday 12 noon (AEDT) 11 October 2023

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts)

All offers will be opened at closing time and will be considered by Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. The lowest or any offer is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify. For further information please contact Contracts Administration on [adminidu@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adminidu@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

## Community notice

**Chinderah Districts Residents Association** meet Tuesday 3 October 2022, 7 pm (AEDT) at Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff Street, opposite nursing home Kingscliff.

## Current vacancies

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies) to view current vacancies. Subscribe to receive **Job Vacancy Alerts** via email at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

WATER WEEK 12



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

## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

### Places to Swim program

We are seeking community input on a draft concept plan that aims to improve water access for swimming and water-based recreation at Jack Evans Boat Harbour in Tweed Heads.

The draft concept plan is on exhibition until Wednesday 25 October 2023.



Community feedback will inform the final concept plan, with construction expected to commence in January 2024.

### Have your say

To view the draft concept plan and comment on the proposed designs, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/goorimahbah](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/goorimahbah)

You can also leave a comment in one of the following ways:

- Email to [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au) **Subject:** Places to Swim
- Mail to General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484
- General enquiries, call 02 6670 2400

This project is funded through the NSW Government's Places to Swim program.



**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)

## Development proposal for public comment

The following development application has been received by Tweed Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at [datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for a period of 14 days from Wednesday, 27 September to 11 October 2023.

### Application details

**DA23/0440** – Change of use to recreation facility (indoor) and addition of deck to existing bowls club  
Lot 1 DP 726492, Lot 1 DP 657257, Lot 443 DP 755740, Lot 7 DP 820613, Lot 1 DP 250454, Lot B DP 444682, Lot 9 DP 30842,  
No. 4 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**  
The Trustee for Newton Denny Chapelle Unit Trust

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 at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications)

## Viewing platform re-opens

After some much-needed care and improvement, the viewing platform at Fingal Foreshore Park has now re-opened.

Not only is the platform looking better than ever, it is now accessible for everyone to use including people with a disability, impaired mobility and prams.

Access to views have been improved and the path widened with more comfortable seating including back and arm rests.

As part of Council's commitment to reducing its impact on the natural environment the old timber decking has been replaced with long-lasting decking made from a combination of recycled plastics and wood waste that is extremely resistant to the harsh weather conditions.

Other recycled elements of the project included re-using quality timber from the Anchorage Islands Harbour Project at Tweed Heads and re-using fibreglass from Jack Evans Boat Harbour for the platform foundation.

The new viewing platform was funded through the NSW Government's Environmental Trust as part of the NSW Environment Protection Authority's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

Find out more about the Fingal Foreshore Park project and its history at [yoursaytweed.com.au/fingal-foreshore-park](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/fingal-foreshore-park).



The upgraded viewing platform.

## First cane toad event

Cane toads are a damaging invasive pest that cause declines in native wildlife, can poison domestic pets and impact local agricultural industries.

Council has partnered with experts Watergum to launch the 2023/24 cane toad season filled with a range of information sessions and community cane toad busts across the Shire.

Residents are invited to the first event of the season - a free information session on Wednesday 4 October from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Pottsville Beach Community Hall to learn how to protect the biodiversity within your own backyard.

Community participation in cane toad control is critical to reducing cane toad numbers. Events like these are part of Council's commitment to working with the community to look after the Tweed's natural environment for current and future generations. Register for the free event and find out about upcoming events at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads)

## Draft Data Breach Policy on exhibition

A draft Data Breach Policy that informs the public of Council's procedure for identifying, responding to and reporting data breaches of Council held information is on public exhibition from 27 September to 25 October 2023.

This Policy will assist Council to meet its legal obligations in respect of mandatory reporting of data breaches under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PIPP Act) and Privacy Act 1988 and complies with best practice guidelines.

For more information on this project and to share feedback visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/databreachpolicy](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/databreachpolicy)

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