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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.



Changes to what can be put in your green bin: Only food scraps and garden waste will be allowed in your green-lid bin from now on. Fibre-based products will no longer be accepted.

Green bin changes – less confusion and healthier soil

Changes to what can be put in green bins across the Tweed are now being rolled out, which will mean healthier soil and less confusion at the bin.

Following a directive from the NSW Environment Protection Agency (NSW EPA), fibre-based materials will no longer be able to be placed in residents' green bins, including products such as paper, cardboard and teabags.

This means green Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bins – the green-lid bins – will now be restricted only to food scraps and garden waste.

Council's Waste Education Officer Yvette van Amstel said while the changes might take some time to get used to, they would ultimately improve the quality of compost made from green waste collected from thousands of households across the Tweed.

"Unfortunately, too many fibre-based products now claim to be compostable but in reality, they aren't, and can contain harmful substances including chemicals that can damage our environment and affect our health," Ms van Amstel said.

"Keeping these potentially harmful items out of our green bins means we can create high-quality commercial compost to support soil health and any fresh produced that grows from it, such as fruit and vegetables."

Linda Tohver, from North East Waste, said the changes would take our green bins back to basics.

Under the new guidelines, products **that can** go in your green organic bin include:

- fruit and vegetable scraps
 - meat and bones
 - seafood and shells
 - pasta, bread, rice and cereal
 - eggs
 - dairy products
 - loose tea leaves and coffee grinds
 - garden waste (leaves, clippings, weeds etc).
- Products that **should not** go in your green organic bin are:
- fibre-based products (bamboo, cardboard, paper, etc.)
 - paper towels, serviettes, tissues, napkins
 - compostable or biodegradable products (excluding AS 4736-2006 kitchen caddy liners)
 - vacuum cleaner dust
 - washing machine and dryer lint
 - pet poo and poo bags
 - tea and coffee bags
 - treated wood and timber.

The only exceptions that will be allowed in the green bins include kitchen caddy liners made from newspaper or compostable liners that comply with Australian Standard AS 4736-2006.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/green-lid-bins for more information on these changes, including frequently asked questions.

To find out more about how your food and garden waste is turned into nutritious compost, visit the North East Waste website at newaste.org.au/scrap

Clarrie Hall Dam built for water storage, not flood mitigation



Clarrie Hall Dam's open, un-gated spillway safely allows water to safely flow out of the dam when the dam's capacity reaches 100%.

Clarrie Hall Dam is built with an open, un-gated spillway, reflecting its purpose – to store water for drinking.

When the dam reaches 100% capacity, water flows over the spillway and safely out of the dam.

Water and Wastewater Operations Manager Brie Jowett said this spilling couldn't be controlled.

"Clarrie Hall Dam wasn't built to mitigate floods. It was built solely for water supply purposes – it has very different design from a flood mitigation dam, which have gated spillways," Mrs Jowett said.

"The location of the dam on Doon Doon Creek is not well suited for flood mitigation.

"If a flood-mitigation dam had been built at Clarrie Hall Dam's location, even the closest downstream villages such as Uki would continue to flood during high-rainfall events due to the flows in the Tweed River.

"It's because the dam's catchment area takes in just 5.7% of the overall catchment area of the Tweed River and its upstream creeks and rivers."

Go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/clarrie-hall-dam#operations for more details.



Last week we each used

157 L a day

Thank you!

Save water, save money

In brief ...

Bee plastic free these school holidays!

North East Waste will run its popular beeswax wrap workshop on Tuesday 16 April at both Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads library.

Attendees will learn to say goodbye to single-use plastic wrap and have fun creating their very own beeswax wrap designs. During the workshop attendees will also learn about other plastic free options and about composting and recycling methods, all of which help the Tweed stay beautiful.

The workshop is suitable for ages 5 and above. Parental supervision is required.

Tuesday 16 April – Free beeswax wrap making workshop

Session 1 – Murwillumbah Library, 10:30 am

To book call the library on 02 6670 2427 or visit events.humanitix.com/wrap-workshop-murwillumbah

Session 2 – Tweed Heads Library, 2:30 pm

To book call the library on 07 5536 3672 or visit events.humanitix.com/wrap-workshop-tweed

Last chance for Rebate Swap for Solar program

Friday 5 April is your last chance to apply for the NSW Government's Rebate Swap for Solar program.

This offer helps homeowners on low incomes reduce their electricity bills by installing a 3 kilowatt solar system on their homes, saving up to \$600 per year on your energy bills.

Don't miss out! Find out your eligibility and apply now energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/rebate-swap-solar-offer



Hurry to apply to save money on solar.

Complete survey on Tweed Affordable Housing Strategy

Council is seeking community ideas and solutions to guide the development of a new draft Affordable Housing Strategy to address the critical housing crisis facing the Tweed.

Council declared a housing emergency in 2021 in response to unprecedented pressures on housing affordability and accessibility to affordable rental and rent-to-buy housing.

It is now preparing an Affordable Housing Strategy to identify options to address the housing crisis facing the Tweed and to provide more sustainable, affordable housing for the community into the future.

The Tweed Affordable Housing Strategy is being formulated alongside a strategy for managing the Tweed's growth and housing, the Growth Management and Housing Strategy 2041, which identifies locations where housing diversity could exist, including affordable and social housing.

A discussion guide is available on Council's Your Say Tweed page. Complete the Tweed Affordable Housing Strategy survey online before 4 pm on 19 April 2024 at yoursaytweed.com.au/affordablehousing

Alternatively, provide your feedback by:

- email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au
- mail to The General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484
- in person to the Tweed or Murwillumbah Council offices.

Power survey reveals Tweed residents are feeling the pinch

It's no secret that many Tweed residents are feeling the squeeze from increasing electricity costs, but what may be surprising is the simple actions that could save you money.

Tweed Shire Council recently hosted a stall at Tweed City Shopping Centre providing free information about saving energy and money. Residents were surveyed about their experiences paying electricity bills and offered expert insights into options that could make a difference in the next billing cycle.

A steady stream of residents visited the stall with power bills in hand, revealing that many are paying a 'loyalty tax' for staying with their current electricity retailer.

Independent Home Energy Advisor Sebastian Crangle who provided support on the stall said it pays to compare rates and shop around.

"We saw a huge range in electricity supply charges and tariffs, even from the same provider," Mr Crangle said.

"The cheapest daily supply charge we saw was \$1.36, but it went as high as \$1.98 – that's a difference of more than \$55 for the quarter, without adding in usage charges."

Likewise, residents were paying a wide range of usage charges, with most on flat rates.

"Even if you stay with the same retailer, you can still ask them if you are on the best plan for your circumstances, or to match competitor rates," Mr Crangle said.

Council's Sustainability Education Officer Jane Moad recommended that everyone take these steps.

"First, get to know your bill and compare your rates with other providers. Websites like energymadeeasy.gov.au allows you to compare electricity plans and use the information to negotiate with your current retailer or to

Local seniors praised for community dedication

Seniors from across the Tweed were recognised for their dedication to the community at the recent opening ceremony of the Tweed Seniors Festival.

A presentation of the Local Achievement Awards – which took part during the opening ceremony – saw 9 local seniors commended for the way in which they go above and beyond in helping others. Those who nominated this year's winners often used the word "selfless" in their nominations.

Recipients of the award included those who volunteer their time with emergency services, helping local wildlife, those who support local seniors' groups as well as those who support people who are blind or have vision impairments.

Council's Coordinator Community Care, Joanne Watters said the awards show just how important older people are for their local communities.



Recipients of this year's Local Achievement Awards. From left: Colin Smith, Ian Simpson, Marlene Salkeld, John Rawson, Vickie Massio (on behalf of Julie Stephens), Sonia Trichter and Mary Grant. (Not pictured: Joseph Kerr and Liza Macmillan).

The 2023 Local Achievement Award winners include:

- **Colin Smith** – recognised for volunteering, particularly in emergency services with the Rural Fire Service.
- **Ian Simpson** – recognised for his volunteering with wildlife and for organising social events at his local bowls club.
- **John Rawson** – recognised for volunteering with the Australian Red Cross and in aged care facilities.
- **Joseph Kerr** – recognised for volunteering with the Banora Point Community Centre helping other seniors with technology.
- **Julie Stephens** – recognised for her passion and support of Fun Activities for Banora Seniors (FABS) at Banora Point Community Centre.
- **Liza Macmillan** – recognised for her volunteer work with Cavalier Rescue and other community activities.
- **Marlene Salkeld** – recognised for her promotion of inclusion and with her work through her local Blind and Vision Impaired Support Group.
- **Mary Grant** – recognised for her decades of work with Tweed Wildlife, particularly helping local native birds.
- **Sonia Trichter** – recognised for her work with Friends of the Pound, where she is president.

Nominations for next year's Local Achievement Awards will open later in the year.

See tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival for more information.

switch," Ms Moad said.

"Second, check your bill to see if you're receiving any rebates you may be eligible for. The NSW government offers rebates for low-income earners, seniors, families, people with medical conditions and others. There's also a one-off National Energy Bill Relief payment people in these groups can receive, with up to \$700 available for eligible households this year."

Residents can find out more about rebates online at energy.nsw.gov.au/national-energy-bill-relief

Council is inviting feedback to its Home Energy Bills Survey to further understand the issues facing Tweed residents and the types of support that would be most useful. Residents can complete the survey at yoursaytweed.com.au/home-energy by Tuesday 30 April. Read the full story at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news



Some Kingscliff residents taking the survey at the recent stall at Tweed City Shopping Centre with Council's Sustainability Education Officer Jane Moad.

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

DA23/0648 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 10 DP 1273771, No. 1 Kanooka Crescent, **Bogangar**

DA22/0769 – Detached addition to an existing dwelling and a new carport

Lot 15 DP 1027531, No. 728 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA23/0517 – Dwelling with attached garage, associated earthworks and the use of existing retaining

Lot 2 DP 1244626, No. 1466 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**

DA24/0003 – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling

Lot 36 DP 25777, No. 26 Creek Street, **Hastings Point**

DA22/0771 – Change of use of Tenancy 19 from office to business premises (cosmetic injectables) and use of additional floor area

Lot 3 SP 74283, Unit 3/No. 49–61 Bells Boulevard, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0352 – Use of alterations and additions and construction of new alterations and additions to an existing dwelling

Lot 14 DP 30845, No. 6 Herford Street, **Kingscliff**

DA24/0047 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 20 DP 1107929, No. 48 Starlight Way, **Pumpenbil**

DA22/0352 – Four additional workshops, alterations to office area, signage, demolition and resurface of carpark and driveway to existing vehicle repair station

Lot 1 DP 779893, No. 210 Tweed Valley Way, **South Murwillumbah**

DA23/0616 – Demolition of existing dwelling, new dwelling, swimming pool and tree removal

Lot 1 DP 546566, No. 835 Smiths Creek Road, **Stokers Siding**

DA24/0051 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage

Lot 722 DP 1291069, No. 6 Mawson Peak Boulevard, **Terranora**

DA23/0544 – Continued use of a commercial premises (shop) for flower and gift shop, use of minor alterations and additions, and use of ancillary signage

Lot 76 SP 101962, Unit 2/No. 9 Enid Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA23/0413 – Alterations and additions to existing commercial building, associated signage and change of use to wellness centre

Lot 20 DP 23512, No. 47–49 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA23/0537 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including a swimming pool and carport forward of the building line

Lot 111 DP 255387, No. 5 Sunset Place, **Tweed Heads West**

DA24/0052 – Swimming pool

Lot 35 DP 863486, No. 9 Stott Street, **Tweed Heads West**

DA23/0374 – New dwelling with attached garage and decommission existing dwelling

Lot 11 DP 1143906, No. 265 Warwick Park Road, **Wooyung**

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

Section 4.56(1) modification application for public comment

The following Section 4.56(1) 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 for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 3 April to Wednesday 17 April 2024.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	File no.
The Trustee for Allera Cabarita Beach Unit Trust	Lot 26 DP 1253093; No. 2–6 Tweed Coast Road, Cabarita Beach	Amendment to Development Consent DA21/0517 for the demolition of existing structures, construction of a four storey residential flat building with basement carpark, swimming pool and landscaping	DA21/0517.01

Proposed modification

Amendments to the internal configuration to the basement, communal space (internal and external) and unit layout, alterations to external façade and landscape plan.

In accordance with Clause 118 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, there is no right of appeal under Section 8.8 of the Act by an objector.

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Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
Newton Denny Chapelle	Lot 169 DP 1075495 & Lot 930 DP 1079118; No. 4–8 Bells Boulevard, Kingscliff	16 lot subdivision, new road and associated works	DA24/0089

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.

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* – GIPA 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

Never bin your batteries

Did you know that putting batteries in your bin is a fire risk? Doing so can cause fires in waste trucks and facilities – and is a danger to workers' lives.

Here's what to do instead:

- remove from appliance
- tape terminals with clear sticky tape to prevent short circuiting
- place in ventilated glass container
- drop off promptly at your nearest B-cycle drop-off point or Community Recycling Centre (CRC).

Council's Community Recycling Centre (CRC) is located at Stotts Creek Recourse Recovery Centre – or at one of Council's drop-off stations located at the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Council Administration buildings.

B-cycle drop off points are available at many large local retailers. To find one, visit bcycle.com.au/drop-off

Disposing of our batteries correctly is just one way we can work together to reduce our impact on the natural environment and adapt to a more sustainable future.

To find out more visit newaste.org.au/crc or contact Tweed Shire Council on 02 6670 7400.

Feasibility study into new indoor sports complex

Council will press ahead with plans to investigate construction of the Tweed's first indoor sports centre – including a 50 metre Olympic-sized pool.

A confidential report endorsed by Councillors at the March Council meeting gives the green light for Council to undertake further investigations and analysis for a regional indoor sports facility, including the feasibility of a 50m Olympic-sized pool.

The regional indoor sports facility is highlighted as a priority in the *Draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2023–2033*, which underwent extensive community consultation last year and was endorsed by Councillors for final public consultation.

Council's Director Sustainable Communities Naomi Searle said the need for an indoor sports centre, as well as a new 50-metre pool for the Tweed, had long been identified as a priority, with a proposal outlined to Councillors at a workshop in February this year.

Under the current proposal, the new indoor sports facility would include up to six multi-use courts to support sports such as basketball, and a new aquatic space.

Ms Searle said the next step would be to commission a feasibility study into the scope, location, and financial analysis for the new centre, with four options on the table including locations at the current Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) at South Tweed, Arkinstall Park also at South Tweed, Kings Forest subdivision, and Depot Road at Kings Forest.

"We are keen for the feasibility study to get underway as soon as possible. We are looking at locations in the northern end of the Tweed for this facility due to the population base, good public transport and need for a new aquatic centre in this area," she said.

"Council owns and operates the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in South Tweed which is more than 50 years old and approaching its end of useful life. There will be a need to undertake significant upgrades or complete refurbishment of this facility, which is why it is one of the locations we will be investigating for this new centre."

The proposed centre is currently unfunded and dependent upon support from the State and Federal governments as well as developer contributions.

For more information on the *Draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2023–2033* visit yoursaytweed.com.au

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WATER WEEK
Week 1 starts
6 April 2024

Check when your
water meter is read at
tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Community Recycling Stations

The right place for your small problem waste



It's FREE to drop off:

Household batteries • Mobile phones • Ink cartridges

Collection of these items will vary by location.

To find your nearest Community Recycling Station and the items accepted, call **Tweed Shire Council** on **02 6670 7400** or visit newaste.org.au/crs



Planning Committee meeting agenda Thursday 4 April 2024

The Planning Committee meeting agenda for Thursday 4 April 2024 is available at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 3:30 pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

- 8.1** Development Application DA22/0457 for farm stay accommodation (1 cabin) at Lot 10 DP 711758 No. 363 Cobaki Road, Cobaki

The agenda for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings and are 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 these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that meetings are livestreamed, and video recordings will be available on Council's website following the meeting. A person's image and/or voice may be broadcast. Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and/or voice being webcast.

Council meeting agenda Thursday 4 April 2024

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 4 April 2024 is available at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1** Adoption of Recommendations from Planning Committee meeting held 4 April 2024



Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Draft Scenic Landscape Protection Policy on public exhibition

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Tweed's unique scenic landscape qualities are recognised and steps taken to identify and protect them to assist landowners in understanding the impacts, if any, of their development on the wider scenic environment.

Changes have been made to the draft policy to ensure it provides landowners with clear guidelines, proponents of development and the language required when considering visual impacts of development.

Have your say

You can make a submission up to 4 pm, 15 May 2024 in one of the

following ways:

- online at yoursaytweed.com.au/sceniclandscape
- email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au Subject: Scenic Landscape Protection Policy
- mail to The General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, Civic and Cultural Centre, 10-14 Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484.

All submissions must include the contributors name, address, phone and email details (optionally marked 'in confidence').

Enquiries: Sian Young Strategic Planner, phone 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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