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## Let's give the Tweed a festive glow-up!

**Council is thrilled to bring back The Tweed Festive Glow Guide, the much-loved interactive map that showcases the region's most dazzling Christmas displays.**

Residents are invited to get into the festive spirit once again by decorating their homes and registering their displays online for the whole community to enjoy.

You're encouraged to walk or bike to see displays in their local area, but also to think about taking a festive adventure to explore other towns and villages across the Tweed.

Kingscliff local Steve Bass, who has already registered his home on the Glow Guide, said he had been decorating his front garden at Christmas since he could remember - and that it was a wonderful time

of year for local families.

"The kids just love it when the street lights up. I do it for them, really. Everyone gets involved and it's just a wonderful time of year," he said.

"It's great to be able to share the festive spirit with others and connect with people."

Register your home's festive decoration via the Tweed festive Glow guide at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/christmas](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/christmas). Simply add your details and upload a pic of your display so it can feature on the Tweed Festive Glow Guide interactive map.

The Tweed Festive Glow Guide can be accessed via any internet or mobile device.

For more information visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/christmas](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/christmas)

## Northern Rivers Rail Trail claims Gold in tourism awards

**The Northern Rivers Rail Trail (NRRT) has claimed Gold in the Tourist Attractions category at the prestigious NSW Tourism Awards, cementing its place as one of the State's most outstanding visitor experiences.**

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail won Gold in just its first year of entering the awards, after opening in March 2023.

The win is a welcome boost for the ongoing work to complete and connect the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, ensuring it reaches its full potential as a landmark experience. The Lismore to Bentley section opens in less than two weeks, on 14 December.

The NRRT's Gold win was part of an incredible night for The Tweed at the NSW Tourism Awards, with fellow local winners including:

The Tweed Tourism Co. - Gold, Tourism Marketing & Campaigns,

Potager - A Kitchen Garden - Gold, Tourism Restaurant & Catering Services, now entering the Hall of Fame

Husk Farm Distillery, Pipit Restaurant, and Hirehood also took home Silver awards in their respective categories.



Tweed Shire staff and local businesses celebrate award wins.

## Vic Bianchetti sports ground flood restoration project update

**The Vic Bianchetti restoration and resilience project at Uki continues to progress well and is currently around 75% complete.**

The clubhouse restoration (pictured), worth more than \$1.1 million, is being carried out by Desire Contractors Pty Ltd and is funded by the Office of Sport's Sports Priority Needs Program and Essential Community Sport Assets.

The 2022 floods saw the facilities completely devastated, with metres of water flowing through the building.

The project is incorporating many flood resilience measures including a second-storey meeting room and storage area.

Works completed recently include the completion of internal rendering, most lower-level internal walls painted, main room floor epoxy coated with a fleck finish, internal ceiling sheeting completed and doors and windows installed to have the clubhouse to lock-up stage.

Rendering of external walls will be completed before Christmas, upper-level internal wall sheets will be installed and painted and exterior cladding installed.

The remaining fascia, gutters, downpipes and flashings will be installed, the floor coatings will be completed, back drainage improvements will be completed and stainless-steel benches, sinks and shelving will be installed.

Other works will include internal ceiling flashing and internal and verandah lighting. A 10KW solar inverter / system installation will be completed with a solar hot water system to be installed. Externally, assessable concrete footpaths and ramp works should be completed, weather permitting.

Follow Council's flood recovery works at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update)



## In brief ...

### Front counter closure on 12 December

**Council's front counters at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah will be closed from 11 am on Thursday 12 December.**

Please phone 02 6670 2400 for any urgent matters or visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/contact-us](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/contact-us) for other ways to contact us. The front counter will re-open at 9 am on Friday 13 December.

### Don't miss out on being part of Tweed Seniors Festival 2025

**Residents have until Friday 13 December to register an event or nominate a local achiever - and be part of Tweed Seniors Festival 2025.**

Council is inviting organisations to hold a special event between Monday 3 and Sunday 16 March 2025. Events will feature in the official Tweed Seniors Festival 2025 program - past events have included morning teas, tours, concerts and leisure activities.

Residents can also nominate a local senior - an older person doing great things for their community - who could win a Local Achievement Award. The awards will be presented at the festival's opening ceremony on Monday 3 March 2025.

Tweed Seniors Festival celebrates the role and contributions older people make to our community. It runs as part of the NSW Seniors Festival, which is the largest celebration of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

For more information on registering an event or nominating for the Tweed Local Achievement Awards, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival)



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.



## New food safety requirements apply soon

There are just days remaining for local school canteens, childcare centres, supermarkets and coffee vendors selling food to prepare for a new food safety standard enforceable in NSW from 8 December 2024.

The standard introduces three new requirements for businesses depending on their food handling activities: appointing a Food Safety Supervisor, ensuring food handlers are trained, and being able to show safe food practices.

The national standard applied to most food businesses from 8 December 2023 however some business types in NSW received a further 12 months to comply.

For more information, visit the NSW Food Authority website [foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools](https://foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools) or contact Council's Building and Environment Health at [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au) or phone 02 6670 2400.



### 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

- DA24/0401** - Secondary dwelling  
Lot 228 DP 840595, No. 10 Grass Tree Circuit, **Bogangar**
- DA24/0325** - Two lot strata subdivision  
Lot 103 DP 263154, No. 22 Victoria Avenue, **Pottsville**
- DA22/0364** - Single dwelling  
Lot 1 DP 1293203, No. 729 Smiths Creek Road, **Stokers Siding**
- DA23/0205** - Alterations to existing light industry building, including the use of enclosed mezzanine and demolition of existing ancillary structures  
Lot 28 DP 258721, No. 28 Industry Drive, **Tweed Heads South**
- DA24/0139** - Alterations and additions to an existing food and drink premises (including signage)  
Lot 1 DP 1008592, No. 112-140 Minjungbal Drive, **Tweed Heads South**
- DA24/0417** - Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including spa  
Lot 1 DP 829440, No. 131 Hammond Drive, **Clothiers Creek**
- DA24/0274** - Use of shed and shipping containers including construction of viewing deck associated with a tennis court  
Lot 101 DP 1134560, No. 540 Duranbah Road, **Duranbah**
- DA24/0392** - Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including carport forward the building line  
Lot 233 DP 252131, No. 67 Vulcan Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA24/0531** - Use of masonry garden beds and garden shed  
Lot 60 DP 854533, No. 28 McKenzie Avenue, **Pottsville**
- DA24/0503** - Construction of lift for disability access and alteration of an existing staircase  
Lot 5 DP 9871, No. 147 River Street South, **Murwillumbah**
- DA24/0375** - Inground swimming pool and external roofed living area  
Lot 55 DP 792238, No. 33 Market Parade, **Terranora**

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)

### 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 9**



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

## Making Tracks Street Party goes off with a bang

Despite inclement weather, the Making Tracks Prospero Street Party on Saturday brought the community together to celebrate Murwillumbah's rich history and vibrant culture.

Activities along Prospero Street and the Rail Trail at the Heritage Murwillumbah Railway Station included everything from skateboarding workshops for kids and vintage treasure hunts to captivating street art, historic exhibitions, and classic cars.

Business Murwillumbah Treasurer Phillip Hepburn said the live music, delicious food, and infectious community spirit made for an unforgettable afternoon of fun and connection.

"A huge thank you to the NSW Government, Tweed Shire Council, Northern Rivers Rail Trail (NRRT), and CMC for sponsoring this event, as well as our incredible local businesses whose support and participation helped make the day so special," Mr Hepburn said.

"We look forward to the possibility of making this celebration an annual tradition for everyone to enjoy!"

The event was organised by Business Murwillumbah. Further information on their upcoming events can be found

at [businessmurwillumbah.com.au/events](https://businessmurwillumbah.com.au/events)



## Council is here to help get your waste sorted this Christmas

Bin collections will continue as usual with no changes, even on public holidays. Please remember to place your bins on the kerbside the evening before your regular collection day.

Check out the opening times and information about waste drop-off and the Tip Shop below:

#### Stotts Creek Resource Recovery hours:

- Monday to Friday - 7 am - 3:45 pm
- Weekends and public holidays - 9 am - 3:45 pm
- Christmas day - CLOSED

#### The JUNKtion Tip Shop hours:

- Wednesday to Friday - 8:30 am - 3 pm
- Saturdays - 9 am - 3 pm
- Last day of trade - Saturday 21 December 2024
- Reopens - Wednesday 8 January 2025

#### Bin survival tips for Christmas:

- FREEZE** your seafood and meat leftovers and place them in the green organic bin the day before collection. Go gentle on the nose in the hot weather!
- SORT** while opening gifts and presents with a very special elf to help you! Have a box for each: recycling and landfill. Remember wrapping paper, clean cardboard and hard plastic in the yellow

recycling bin. Polystyrene, soft plastics, ribbons and fairy lights in the red landfill bin.

- FREE** drop off at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre for the usual recycling items that go into your yellow recycling bin when under 60kgs including oversized cardboard.
- FREE** drop off at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre for old TVs, computers, mobiles, tablets, and accessories, household batteries and smart watches.
- RED** landfill bin waste charged as per Council fees when visiting Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre.
- MONEY** in your pocket and free up space in your yellow bin by taking cans and bottles to your local Return & Earn.
- POST** old items on community buy, swap, sell sites for money back in your pocket.
- TOYS** in good and clean condition can be recycled at Big W Tweed City Big W Toys for Joy Free Recycling Program.

Need to find information about waste and recycling? Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling)

## Recycled concrete helping to build Tweed's roads

In an effort to reduce landfill waste, Council is using recycled concrete to deliver sustainable infrastructure for the Tweed.

Samples of crushed concrete are sent to the lab to make sure it meets NSW EPA and construction standards.

Over the last month, the crushed concrete has been used in the construction of an internal haul road between Tweed's main recycling and landfill facility, Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre, and the site of a new landfill which is yet to be built.

Council's Resource Recovery Unit Coordinator Rodney Dawson said the initiative shows Council's commitment to work towards a zero-waste future by reusing valuable resources that would have previously gone to waste.

"As part of our Towards Zero Waste strategy, we're working towards a circular economy where materials are repurposed, processed and reused, resulting in less to landfill," Mr Dawson said.

"Since 2019, we've been recycling concrete that has been disposed of by Tweed residents and businesses. We've been receiving and processing about 10,000 tonnes per year and have reused around 8,000 tonnes of this concrete for the construction of the haul road.

"Construction and demolition waste is responsible for 45% of Australia's total waste. By exploring new



Crushed concrete has been used in the construction of an internal haul road at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre.

methods to reuse construction and demolition waste, Tweed can create opportunities for recycling and reuse, ultimately reducing both our need for new materials and our reliance on landfill."

Tweed's Towards Zero Waste strategy aims to maximise the recovery of resources and ensure nothing is placed in landfill that doesn't need to be. Find out more about the Tweed Towards Zero Waste Strategy and Action Plan at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/towards-zero-waste](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/towards-zero-waste)

Guidance on how you can reduce your waste can also be found at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/recycling-reducing-waste](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/recycling-reducing-waste).

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