

Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the 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 owners and custodians of these lands.



From left: Dr Prishani Venetas BVSc MRCVS, Wildlife Recovery Project Coordinator World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia, Senior Veterinarian and General Manager, Dr Michael Pyne from Currumbin Wildlife Hospital and Senior Program Leader – Biodiversity Scott Benitez Hetherington from Tweed Shire Council at a recent visit to the Tweed Coast Koala Research Hub.

Award nomination for Tweed Coast Koala Research Hub

Tweed Shire Council has been nominated as a finalist in the Local Government NSW's Excellence in the Environment Awards for the Tweed Coast Koala Research Hub (TCKRH).

The TCKRH is a finalist in the Natural Environment Protection and Enhancement On-ground Works category and is one of 35 finalists across 14 award categories statewide.

The facility provides high quality accommodation for koalas participating in research trials for a chlamydia vaccination being carried out by Currumbin Wildlife Hospital (CWH).

Council and CWH, with the support of the NSW State Government and the World Wide Fund for Nature, have designed and constructed the facility which comprises 9 enclosures, storage room and site office and is adjacent to a koala food tree plantation of 1800 trees.

CWH data collected over the past 5 years for Tweed Shire Council identifies more than 50% of koalas coming into care are a result of chlamydia. This is clearly a significant threat to koala conservation, making vaccination research a critical aspect of koala recovery efforts. The current vaccination requires 2 shots, 30 days apart.

The opportunity for koalas to participate in this trial was previously limited by a lack of a suitable facility.

Council and CWH identified the opportunity to construct the facility Council-owned land at Pottsville on the Tweed Coast.

The land forms part of an extensive network of bushland reserves

and nature refuges managed by Council and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The TCKRH and the accompanying food tree plantation address this essential requirement, making the facility the most tangible and practical action currently being undertaken to address the key threat of chlamydia to koalas in NSW.

The facility began operating in February 2021 with the arrival of Anne Chovee, the first occupant of the facility.

Anne Chovee was a wild koala from the Gold Coast who was captured for the research trial, vaccinated and cared for at the facility before being successfully released in March 2021.

A further 18 koalas have been vaccinated and held at the facility between February and June 2021 (a total of 373 overnight stays).

The food tree plantation is growing exceptionally well, with some trees reaching more than 3 metres since being planted in July 2019.

Construction of the \$541,000 facility was partly funded (\$341,000) by the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund, with the remainder provided by Council.

Purchase of the land was also funded by the NSW Government in 2017 in response to a nomination by Council for acquisition to protect and increase koala habitat.

The awards will be announced at an online ceremony on Tuesday 16 November 2021.

Candidates reminded to adhere to election signage rules

With just under 4 weeks to go until the NSW Local Government election, candidates and their supporters are reminded they must comply with State and Council regulations when erecting signage.

A total of 58 candidates will contest the Tweed Shire Council election on Saturday 4 December 2021 following finalisation of the ballot sheet by the NSW Electoral Commission last week.

The candidates make up 13 grouped tickets, with 2 candidates running on their own as individuals. To view the candidates visit <https://fal.cn/3jFVF> and select 'Councillor'.

Council officers will undertake a program of compliance and monitoring to ensure all posters and signage containing electoral material comply with the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* Division 2, Subdivision 13 - Election signs.

As part of these regulations, election signs must be no more than 0.8 square metres in area.

No signs are allowed to be displayed on Council's road reserves, either free-standing pole signs or those affixed to trees or street furniture.

Signage is also not allowed to be displayed on a trailer parked on a road or road-related areas.

Election signs can be affixed to private telegraph poles, however the owner needs to be certain the pole is not owned by an electricity provider as legal action has occurred elsewhere in NSW.

Council officers will remove signs from public property if they are not standard-sized corflutes with appropriate content, or if they are in a dangerous location. All signage connected to power poles will be reported to Essential Energy for their attention and action.

Signs can be attached to the walls of houses or commercial buildings, as long as they adhere to size limitations in State regulations and are not attached to heritage or draft heritage items.

Any signs that do not comply with the above rules may be impounded by Council officers and will attract a Council fee for retrieval. Any signs remaining one week after the election (11 December 2021) will be removed and impounded.

Electoral material

Candidates are responsible for complying with their electoral material obligations under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. Additional information on electoral material can be found in the [Candidate Handbook: 2021 Local Government Elections](#) published by the NSW Electoral Commission at www.elections.nsw.gov.au



Last week we each used

148L a day

as at 8 November 2021

In brief ...

Cane Toad Busting event at Pottsville

Join forces with your community to control cane toads.

Cane toads are highly toxic, presenting significant danger to pets, wildlife and agriculture.

Come along to this educational toad busting session – a great activity for the whole family. The skills you acquire can be put into use on your own property – reclaim your gardens from cane toads!

The event will be held on Thursday 18 November, from 6:45 to 8:45 pm at Koala Beach Estate, Pottsville (exact location will be provided upon registration).

Enjoy a friendly cup of tea and biscuits afterwards for a chat and counting of the toads.

This will be a COVID-safe event. For more information and to register visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads



Recycling processed at local Chinderah facility

It's National Recycling Week (8-14 November) which is a perfect time to celebrate our recycling achievements, brush up on our recycling skills and dispel some of the uncertainty around what we can recycle and where it's actually going.

Council's Resource Recovery Unit Coordinator Rod Dawson said recycling can be confusing, given the ever-changing nature of the industry.

"What we can recycle and where it is processed relies on manufacturing companies being able to use our recycled content. And for people to buy recycled items, there needs to be a market for it," Mr Dawson said.

"It's important for our community to know our recycling facilities have made great pathways and opportunities to process and use recyclables right here in Australia.

"What people don't realise is that small recycling efforts make a huge difference. There are 2 people at the Chinderah Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) who sort the recycling by hand. If recycling is done correctly it means less contamination and a better outcome for the recycled material to be used again," he said.



Staff sorting through recycling at the MRF in Chinderah.

So what can we do as a community?

- Keep recycling and keep buying recycled products – Planet Ark's Recycled Product Directory has it all and you can find it at www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/education/recycledproducts
- Waste Wizard search tool – search to find out 'what goes where' at tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-wizard
- Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) – This special label on packaging provides easy-to-understand recycling information. Visit planetark.org/programs/australasian-recycling-label to find out more.

For further recycling and waste information or tips, visit newaste.org.au/recycleright and tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling

Watch the video of what happens at the recycling facility at tweed.nsw.gov.au/recycling-reducing-waste

Get the Tweed Link early by email

Be one of the first to see all the latest news from Tweed Shire Council each week.

Subscribers to the Tweed Link receive it by email each week on Wednesday mornings, in addition to it appearing in print in the Tweed Valley Weekly on Thursdays.

But that's not all – you can also subscribe to Council job alerts, media releases and a range of e-newsletters and Council facility program alerts.

Sign up at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe



Tweed Shire Council elections will be held on **Saturday 4 December**

To find out more about how and where to vote, visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au

Voting is compulsory.



Reopening of Council quarry saves on earthwork costs

The reactivation of a Council-owned quarry at South Murwillumbah has produced a significant windfall for Tweed ratepayers.

The site on Quarry Road (pictured) is again being utilised to produce quarry materials for use across the Tweed Shire and also facilitate the completion of an industrial subdivision, resulting in significant cost saving for the Tweed.

Manager Land and Economic Development Ray Musgrave said Council had entered into a contractual arrangement with a local family business to reactivate the quarry and this reactivation has saved the community around \$1.5 million in earthworks costs.

The subdivision will provide an allotment for Council's new Animal Rehoming Facility which will include a Friends of the Pound shelter.

Mr Musgrave said that it was hoped that the subdivision construction phase could be completed by April 2022.



Bitou bush control notice

Council appointed contractors will be undertaking bitou bush control works along foreshore/dunes between Hastings Point and Cabarita Beach, commencing Monday 15 November and completed by Friday 17 December 2021.

The whole of the Tweed Coast falls within the Bitou Bush Biosecurity Zone. Within the Bitou Bush Biosecurity Zone, Council must take action to control bitou bush on its land as per the NSW *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

For further information please contact Council's Bushland Officer on 02 6670 2400.

DID YOU KNOW...

The average person in New South Wales donates

31kg

of goods for reuse to charity each year.

Waste matters

Drop off your household problem waste



Community Recycling Centres

Your local Community Recycling Centre is open. You can drop off:

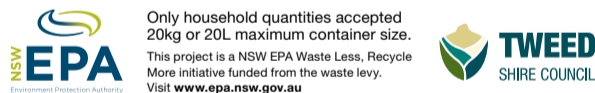
FREE SERVICE



Your Community Recycling Centre is located at:
Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre
Leddays Creek Road, Stotts Creek

Hours: Monday to Friday: 7am–3.45pm
Weekends and public holidays: 9am–3.45pm
(closed Good Friday and Christmas Day)

For more information call Tweed Shire Council on 02 6670 7400 or visit www.newaste.org.au



Naming of roads in subdivision

Notice is hereby given that Tweed Shire Council, in pursuance of Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, has approved the name of the roads dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lot 1 in DP167380, Lot 5 in DP1117326, Lot 2 in DP1098348, Lot 1 in DP134787 and Lot 2 in DP961928 (DA09-0527 and DA15/0042) in **Bilambil Heights**, Tweed Shire as shown below:

- Glider Ridge
- Coast View
- Nature Valley Loop
- Serenity Court
- Seasons Chase

Authorised by the delegated officer, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484.

Current vacancies

View current vacancies at tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

WATER WEEK 5 Check when your water meter is read at tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Community Information Sessions

Proposed Agricultural Food Hub

Cudgera Creek Developments has a Development Application with Tweed Shire Council for a 5.39ha Agricultural Food Hub at 931–1023 Cudgera Creek Road, Cudgera Creek, NSW.

Close to the junction of the M1 Pacific Highway and Cudgera Creek Road, the proposed design incorporates:

- agricultural produce, packaging and storage sheds of varying sizes
- ancillary offices and administration accommodation
- landscaping in the Northern Rivers style.

Construction of the whole facility is expected to be staged over a 5 to 10 year period and contribute to the expansion of the local and regional agricultural industry.

Have your say

Cudgera Creek Developments is seeking community feedback on the proposed project.

Cudgera Creek and neighbouring area residents are encouraged to attend one of three (3), one-hour Community Information Sessions.

Where: Onsite at 1023 Cudgera Creek Road, Cudgera Creek, NSW

When: Saturday 20 November 2021

Times: 3 sessions – 10 am, 11 am or 12 noon.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions it is important that you register your interest in attending by emailing Michael Lyons with your preferred session at michael@threeplus.com.au or by phoning 07 3167 1200 during business hours (Queensland time) by COB Thursday 18 November 2021.

Notification of integrated development application

Development Application No. DA21/0812

A development application has been lodged by Mecone seeking development consent for concept application for an agricultural food hub comprising of 19 industrial sheds, associated earth works and internal site roads (NRPP) at Lot 403 DP 1001046; No. 1023 Cudgera Creek Road and Lot 401 DP 1001046; No. 931 Cudgera Creek Road, **Cudgera Creek**. The Northern Regional Planning Panel is the consent authority for the application.

The proposed development constitutes 'Integrated Development' pursuant to Section 4.46(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The following approvals are required in this regard:

Provision	Approval	Authority
Sections 89, 90 & 91 of the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i>	Water use approval, water management work approval or activity approval under Part 3 of Chapter 3	Natural Resources Access Regulator

The development application and the documents accompanying it may be viewed on Council's DA Tracking site located at datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au

The documents will be available for a period of 35 days from Wednesday 10 November to Wednesday 15 December 2021.

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 for a period of 14 days from Wednesday 10 November to Wednesday 24 November 2021.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
Mr Sam Winters	Lot 1A Sec 2 DP 6696; No. 37 Broadway, Burringbar	Part change of use to home industry (micro distillery)	DA21/0846

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. Any submission objecting to the proposed development must state the ground upon which such objection is made.

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

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

DA21/0732 – Dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls Lot 44 DP 1266201, No. 7 Evergreen View, **Bilambil Heights**

DA21/0742 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 38 DP 1266201, No. 90 McAllisters Road, **Bilambil Heights**

DA21/0751 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 30 Section 10 DP 30043, No. 25 Hastings Road, **Bogangar**

DA21/0368 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 29 DP 1030322, No. 29 Collins Lane, **Casuarina**

DA21/0529 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 2 DP 1189943, No. 44 Collins Lane, **Casuarina**

DA21/0756 – Use of alterations and additions to existing dwelling Lot 11 DP 1077697, No. 745 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**

DA21/0839 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 64 DP 1186189, No. 327 Casuarina Way, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0602 – In-ground swimming pool and deck Lot 5 Section 30 DP 758739, No. 4 Waterloo Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0700 – Carport addition and alterations to existing dwelling Lot 1 DP 103659, No. 29 Tumbulgun Road, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0828 – Patio deck Lot 11 Section 30 DP 9506, No. 17 Hartigan Street, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0715 – In-ground swimming pool Lot 29 DP 870695, No. 7 Sassafra Street, **Pottsville**

DA21/0819 – Fibreglass in-ground swimming pool Lot 513 DP 1068516, No. 3 Brushtail Court, **Pottsville**

CDC20/0087.01 – Amendment to Complying Development Certificate CDC20/0087 for ensuite into existing floor space Lot 4 DP 17747, No. 428 Tweed Valley Way, **South Murwillumbah**

DA21/0550 – 1.5m and 1.8m high front fence Lot 205 DP 249155, No. 19 The Bowsprit, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0614 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including front fence, pool and carport within the front building line Lot 66 DP 841037, No. 4 Martel Place, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0817 – In-ground swimming pool and deck Lot 68 DP 260472, No. 7 Sandpiper Avenue, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0014 – Alterations and additions to an existing educational facility including earthworks and the removal of five existing trees. Lot 219 DP 755740, No. 4–10 Heffron Street, **Tweed Heads South**

DA21/0568 – Carport and patio Lot 38 DP 264646, No. 37 Plover Place, **Tweed Heads West**

DA21/0157 – Use of Tenancy 1A as a post office and signage Lot 5 DP 1121923, No. 11–13 Coronation Avenue, **Pottsville**

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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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