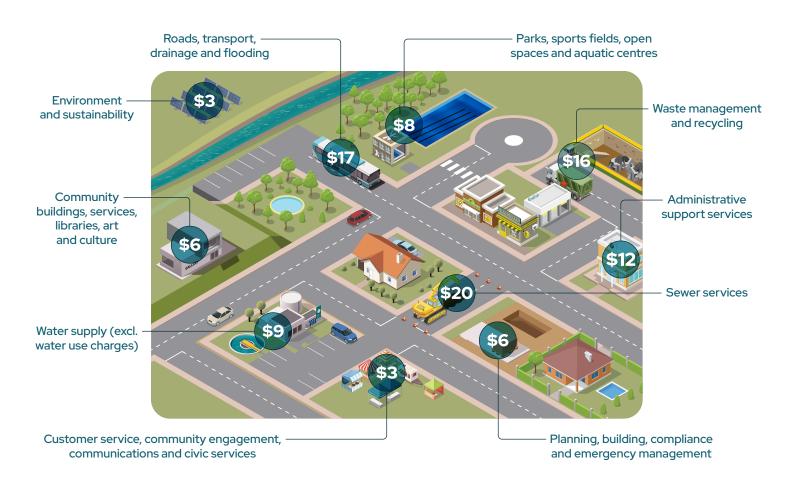
Council Matters



July 2024

How every \$100 you pay in rates and annual charges is spent

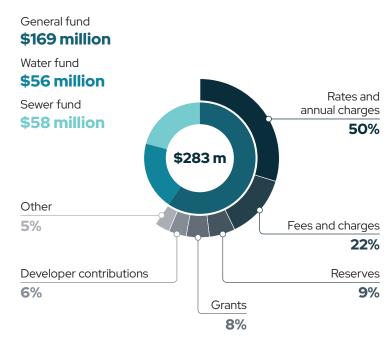


Council's \$283 million budget for 2024–25 is comprised of 3 funds: \$169 million from general funds, \$56 million from water funds and \$58 million from sewer funds.

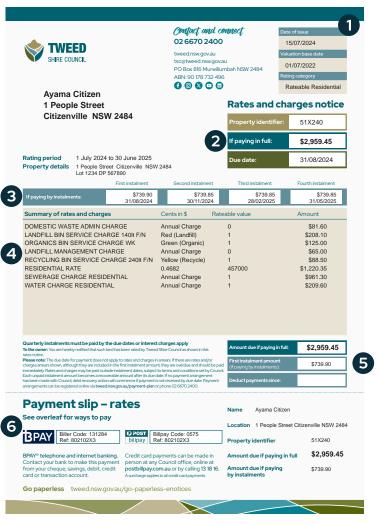
Major capital works projects for the coming year are:

- \$15.7 m sewer infrastructure
- \$15.6 m resource recovery infrastructure
- \$14.9 m various capital roadworks
- \$12.4 m water infrastructure
- \$2.9 m depot relocation
- \$2.6 m fleet purchases
- \$1.6 m technology upgrades and implementation

In addition to these projects, Council delivers more than 50 essential services to residents, including parks and gardens, roads, water and sewerage, waste and recycling, development assessment, animal and pest management, cemeteries, public toilets, aquatic centres, libraries, holiday parks, sporting fields as well as the Art Gallery and Museum.



About your rates notice



- Date of issue: Council issued your rates on this day.
 Valuation base date: The date used by the Valuer to determine the land value. To find out more, visit valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 110 038.
 Rating category: For rating purposes, Council categorises land as Residential, Business, Farmland or
- Mining. This determines the rate you are charged.
 Property identifier: A unique property number identifies your rates account. Please quote this number when making enquiries about your rates or water account.
 Total amount due: This is the amount due, if paying in full.
 Due date: Your rates are due this day, either in full or the first instalment (see 3).
- 3. Instalment dates and amounts: If you pay quarterly instalments, these are the amounts due and the dates on which they are due. Council will send reminder instalment notices for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th instalments 30 days before they are due.
- 4. Summary of rates and charges: This section lists the rates on your land and service charges, which include waste management, water supply and sewer services payable on your property. See detailed explanation at the bottom of this page.
 - **General rate:** This is calculated by multiplying your land value by the rate set by Council. If your rate calculation is less than the minimum rate, you will be charged the minimum rate.
- 5. Amounts payable: The amounts due, set at the date rates information was extracted from Council's database (the date of issue). Any transactions occurring after this date will not show on your notice.
- Payment options: Some of the ways you can pay your rates are outlined here. See the back page of your rates notice for the full list.

Your rates notice includes a list of service charges for your property.

Water access charge: Applies to all land within 225 m of a water main and able to be connected (whether connected or not).

Sewerage access charge: Applies to all land within 75 m of a sewerage main and able to be connected (whether connected or not).

On-site sewerage management fee: Applies to properties with an on-site sewage management system (septic tank).

Domestic waste management charges: Applies to residential land within the service area and farmland with a waste management service.

Landfill management charge: Levied on all rateable properties. This helps cover the cost of landfill operations and the remediation of past, current and future landfills to minimise environmental impact.

Special rate – Koala Beach: Residents of the Koala Beach estate provide ongoing funding for local nature conservation through this special rate.

Special rate – Cobaki Lakes: Residents of Cobaki Lakes will provide ongoing funding for local nature conservation through this special rate.

Special rate – Kings Forest: A special rate for residents of Kings Forest to fund the ongoing maintenance and protection of environmental lands on the estate. This will include ongoing monitoring and reporting (fauna and water) and management actions including pest and animal control and fencing.



Do you need help understanding your rates notice or Council's rates and charges?

The pensioner rebate – are you eligible?

If you hold a current Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran Gold Card (stamped with TPI or EDA), you may be eligible for a rebate if you:

- are the owner, part-owner or life-tenant of the property, and
- reside at the property and it is your principal place of residence as shown on your concession card.

To apply for the rebate, complete the pensioner rebate form online at tweed.nsw.gov.au/pensioner-rebate-form or in person at a Council Contact Centre at Murwillumbah or Tweed Heads.

A new application is required if you move, as the pension rebate does not automatically transfer to a new property. Should you no longer be eligible for a concession card or your place of residence changes, you must notify Council immediately.

tweed.nsw.gov.au/pensioner-rebates



Samples of eligible Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Pension Card, Centrelink Pension Card and DVA TPI Gold Card.

DVA EDA Gold Cards are also accepted.

Creating a plan to provide safe and secure housing for everyone

In early 2024, a draft Options Paper proposing locations for additional housing and employment land across the Shire was released for community review. This document marks the third stage in the development of the Tweed's Growth Management and Housing Strategy.



A critical aspect of this strategy is tackling the need for more affordable and social housing. With 47% of households in the Tweed facing rental stress and a shortage of 4,485 dwellings for those with

low to very-low incomes, it is imperative we find ways to increase the supply of affordable housing for low-income and essential worker households. Some of these households are being forced out of the shire due to an undersupply and lack of diversity in current housing.

The Affordable Housing Strategy details specific key actions to address this housing crisis. Significant changes are necessary and Council is seeking community feedback on these actions. We encourage the community to share their support, concerns about feasibility or any other solutions we may have missed.

yoursaytweed.com.au/affordablehousing

Changes to your green lid bin

We are keeping it simple. Only food scraps and garden waste can go in your green lid Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin.

The exception to this rule is paper to line your caddy or Australian-Certified, Council-approved compostable kitchen caddy liners (AS4736).

These changes mean that compost created from the contents of our green bins is nutrient rich and helps create healthy soil.

For more information, call Council on 02 6670 2400, email resourcerecovery@tweed.nsw.gov.au or visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/green-lid-bins

What goes in each bin?



WEEKLY

Organics: All food scraps (including meat, bones, fruit/veggie scraps, pasta, bread, rice, dairy, coffee grounds and egg shells), garden waste and **only** Council-approved green compostable liners (AS4736).

No compostable packaging, tissues or paper towels







FORTNIGHTLY

Recycling: Glass bottles/jars, hard plastic bottles/containers, metal cans and clean paper/cardboard products.

No soft plastics or nappies







Landfill: Items that cannot be reused, recycled or composted. Nappies, soft plastics, soiled paper and cardboard, pet waste, tea bags and foam.





Meet your Councillors

Through the local government election in December 2021, 7 Councillors were elected and remain councillors until the NSW Local Government elections on 14 September 2024.

Please feel free to contact the Councillors direct. For specific enquiries, call the Mayor's Office on 02 6670 2402.



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You can also subscribe to job alerts and media releases.

tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

NSW Local Government elections Save the date! 14 September 2024

Local Government elections will be held across NSW on Saturday 14 September 2024.



Tweed Shire's current councillors will continue to hold their civic offices until the local government elections, when all 7 councillor positions will be open to the ballot.

The NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) administers the election on behalf of a majority of Councils across NSW.

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-elections to find out more.

Contact and connect



In person

9 am to 4 pm | Monday to Friday Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah Brett Street, Tweed Heads



On the phone

8:30 am to 4:30 pm | Monday to Friday 02 6670 2400



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Online and live chat

Live chat with us during business hours tweed.nsw.gov.au



After hours

Emergency after hours number for Council services 02 6670 2400



Report a problem

Non-urgent and general requests 24/7 online tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem



Social media





Connect, tag or message us on social media #tweedshirecouncil



Emergency Dashboard

The dashboard features links, useful information and contacts in an emergency emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au

