



The Tweed Tourism Company Industry Liaison Officer Sally Scott with Council Senior Economic Development Officer – Kym Kranen showcasing the new award.

## Nominate now for the Tweed Sustainability Awards

**There's not much time left to nominate for the 2021 Tweed Sustainability Awards, with less than 3 weeks to go.**

The awards are held every 2 years and celebrate local sustainability champions and eco-friendly initiatives across the Tweed community. This year, Council is excited to announce a new category – Tweed Tourism and Hospitality Sustainability.

You can nominate an individual, school, local business, a tourism or hospitality provider, club, group or event which is helping to protect and enhance the Tweed's internationally significant environment.

There are 4 award categories:

- **Regenerative Agriculture:** Recognising outstanding contributions to the restoration of soils, waterways and biodiversity in agriculture.
- **Wildlife and Habitat Conservation:** Recognising outstanding contributions to the protection and conservation or active

management of wildlife and native habitat.

- **Tweed Tourism and Hospitality Sustainability:** Recognising outstanding contributions by tourism and hospitality operators who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the environment, community and economic development of the region.
- **Tweed Sustainability:** Recognising outstanding contributions to improve sustainability across multiple impact areas by individuals, schools, community groups and businesses.

All nominees will also be invited to a sustainability masterclass designed to support participants' skills and opportunities for existing or new environmental initiatives.

Nominate online at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-sustainability-awards](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-sustainability-awards) by 4 pm on 6 September 2021.

The award winners will be announced at a showcase event on 12 November 2021.

## More Council closures during stay-at-home restrictions

**Council has temporarily closed the remainder of its non-essential services in keeping with the NSW Government's latest COVID-19 restrictions for regional NSW.**

The NSW Government announced on Saturday that all people who live in regional NSW, including the Tweed, would be subject to stay-at-home orders from 5 pm Saturday 14 August until 12:01 am on Sunday 22 August as part of measures to limit the spread of the virus.

As a result, Council has shut its customer-facing facilities including:

- Customer Service counters at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads
- Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre (tip) closed to residents, except for essential and commercial waste disposal or waste that may become a public health issue
- Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres
- Starting Block Café at TRAC Murwillumbah – only open for takeaway meals and beverages
- Tweed Holiday Parks, with some exceptions, including for permanent residents, overnight travellers, persons working

in the local area and persons who have no other place of permanent residence.

These closures and additional details are listed on Council's COVID-19 Emergency Dashboard and are in addition to those already announced last week, including Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed Regional Museum, Tweed JUNKtion Tip Shop, library branches at Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff, Visitor Information Centres, Council events and Council-approved community markets on Council-owned land – Kingscliff, SALT Village, Pottsville, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads (the Murwillumbah Farmers' Market is not held on Council-owned land).

Essential services including water and kerbside waste collection services will operate as normal.

The Council meeting on Thursday 19 August will be a virtual meeting only – for Councillors, staff and the general public – and will be livestreamed. For details on how to join go to [tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings)



Last week we each used

**180L a day**

as at 16 August 2021

### In brief ...

#### Grants open for local producers

**Council's 2021/2022 Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program is now open for local producers.**

Through the program, local landholders are supported to use land management practices which benefit the farm, community and the environment.

If you are a primary producer, market gardener or small lot farmer, a limited number of grants of up to \$4,000 are available for eligible activities.

Applications are now open for 2021/2022 and close on 10 September 2021. More information on the grants can be found at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-farming)

Contact the Program Leader – Sustainable Agriculture on 02 6670 2400 for further information.



Summit Organics' Rod Bruin was successful in applying for the Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Program last year.

### In brief ...

#### Community grants open

**The Northern Rivers Community Foundation's 2021 Grants Round is now open.**

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations across the 7 LGAs of the Northern Rivers to support those in your community who need it the most. Applications close 6 September 2021.

For more information, FAQs, grant guidelines and the application form go to [nrcf.org.au/grants/community-grants-program](https://nrcf.org.au/grants/community-grants-program) or contact Kyla White at [grants@nrcf.org.au](mailto:grants@nrcf.org.au) or 0499 862 886.

## We want to hear from you – tell Council your pedestrian and bike network ideas

**Council is hosting a series of interactive surveys and workshops to seek community input on shaping the Tweed's future pedestrian and bike network.**

The feedback will be used to inform the development of a new *Tweed Pedestrian and Bike Plan* – a 10-year action plan for delivering pedestrian and cycling infrastructure across the Tweed.

Council is keen to hear from cyclists with all levels of experience as well as all types of pedestrians, including people who walk, run, push a pram, use a wheelchair, mobility aid, mobility scooter, roller skates or skateboard.

A range of feedback is being sought, including on:

- where new footpaths, crossings or on-road cycle lanes should be upgraded or built
- where safety can be improved (visibility, separation from cars, lower speeds)

- where accessibility can be improved (access for prams, wheelchairs, mobility scooters)
- where comfort can be improved (shade, seating, water fountains).

Council's Road Safety Officer Alana Brooks said it was important the plan was developed in keeping with the needs of those who use the facilities.

"The Tweed is such an incredible place to live and visit and we know just how much the community loves to get outdoors and enjoy the magnificent scenery around us – especially now when we're under COVID-19 restrictions," she said.

"We're interested to hear from residents about their ideas on how we can improve our pedestrian and bike paths and facilities. We want to learn if there are any opportunities that would encourage people to walk or cycle more often."

To have your say and get involved, visit the project page at

[yoursaytweed.com.au/pedestrian-and-bike-plan](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/pedestrian-and-bike-plan) and:

- complete the pedestrian and bike online surveys
- share your ideas or highlight issues and challenges by dropping pins on the walking and bike plan interactive maps
- register to participate in an online workshop.

Registration is required to attend the online workshops. If your suburb is not listed, please select the closest locality. The topic of the first session is 'On-road cycling', to be held on Wednesday 25 August, 6 pm to 8 pm. For details on future sessions for cycling enthusiasts, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/pedestrian-and-bike-plan](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/pedestrian-and-bike-plan).

If you would prefer to send a letter to Council with your views, write to us at Tweed Pedestrian and Bike Plan, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484. Alternatively, call the project team on Wednesday 8 September or Thursday 9 September from 8 am to 4 pm on 02 6670 2586.





# Miconia weed discovered in the Lismore area

The highly invasive Miconia weed has been re-discovered in the Lismore area near Tunttable Creek. Also known as the 'Purple Plague' this tree invades rainforests, competes with native vegetation for resources and reduces habitat for native fauna. When established and in large numbers, Miconia can cause expansive hillside erosion due to its shallow root system.

The plant is easily identifiable by its very large leaves – between 20 and 80cm long, which are purple underneath.



This is the first Miconia plant to be found in the Far North Coast region in a few years. The reported tree was mature and fruiting, meaning seeds may have already been distributed by birds and mammals. Please be vigilant in checking your property and assessing for weeds, including Miconia. Your discovery can protect our environment and save our region millions of dollars.

This weed is classified as 'Prohibited Matter' under the *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015*, meaning any known plants must be reported to your local weeds authority – Rous County Council – immediately on 02 6623 3800.



For more information scan the QR code which will direct you to a full description of the plant via the NSW Department of Primary Industries 'WeedWise' app.

## Get your copy of the new Priority Weeds booklet

Interested in learning more about priority weeds in our region? Want to know more about what Rous County Council's current priority weeds are? Curious about learning correct control methods for these weeds?

Download your free copy of 'Priority Weeds – Far North Coast NSW' for answers to these questions and more at [rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-resources](http://rous.nsw.gov.au/weed-resources). This booklet is a user-friendly guide to the priority weeds in our region and includes details on identification and control as well as preferred habitat and environmental effects of weeds.

Together we can protect our region from the ongoing threat of new and emerging weeds. Your find matters!

For a hard copy visit Tweed Shire Council offices in Murwillumbah or Tweed Heads, or email [weeds@rous.nsw.gov.au](mailto:weeds@rous.nsw.gov.au).

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## Using your kitchen caddy what can you line it with?



A certified compostable liner?  
**YES**



Newspaper?  
**YES**



Nothing?  
**YES**

These do not break down in the composting process



Plastic, degradable & biodegradable bags  
**NO**

Let's all recycle our food and garden waste in our *green organics bins*.



[www.newaste.org.au](http://www.newaste.org.au)





Council's new website has been officially recognised with a Gold PlainLanguagePro certification.

## Council meeting agenda Thursday 19 August 2021

The Council meeting agenda for Thursday 19 August 2021 is available on Council's website [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings). The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 5:30 pm.

### Agenda

- 5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held Thursday 15 July 2021 and Thursday 5 August 2021
- 8.1 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions at 4 August 2021
- 9.1 Mayoral Minute for July 2021
- 10.1 Receipt of Petitions as at 9 August 2021

### 11 Orders of the day

- 11.1 Natural Play Equipment
- 11.2 Roadside Litter

### 15 Reports from the General Manager

- 15.1 Murwillumbah Airfield Redevelopment Feasibility Assessment
- 15.2 Applications for 2021–2022 Events Sponsorship Funding
- 15.3 Council Hosted Free Public Event
- 15.4 Tweed Tourism Company – March 2021 Quarterly Report
- 15.5 Tweed Tourism Company – June 2021 Quarterly Report

### 17 Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

- 17.1 Redevelopment of Goorimahbah – Place of Stories Inclusive Park and Playspace – Adoption of Draft Concept Plan.

### 19 Reports from the Director Corporate Services

- 19.1 Annual Loan Borrowing Report 2021/2022
- 19.2 Draft Investment Policy Version 2.0
- 19.3 Corporate Performance Report as at 30 June 2021
- 19.4 Legal Services Register for the period 1 April to 30 June 2021
- 19.5 Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2021
- 19.6 Monthly Investment Report for Period ending 31 July 2021

### 21 Reports from sub-committees/working groups

- 21.1 Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 18 June 2021
- 21.2 Minutes of the Koala Beach Wildlife & Habitat Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday 2 June 2021
- 21.3 Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 1 July 2021
- 21.4 Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 July 2021

### 23 Confidential items for consideration

### 24 Mayoral minute in committee

- 24.1 General Manager Annual Review for 2020/21 and determination of the General Manager's Performance Agreement for 2021/22

At its meeting on 18 March 2021 Council resolved to resume public attendance for Public Forum in line with the meeting room's COVID-Safe plan and this Council Public Forum is for speaker on agenda items being considered and will be held at 4:30 pm prior to the meeting.

People wishing to attend the meeting person must register their attendance online and will be required to check in and wear a mask. Attendance is subject to Public Health Orders in place at the time of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting and will be available on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings).

It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Also, the minutes of this meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meeting and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that this meeting is webcast and will be available on Council's website following the meeting.

## Current vacancies

View current vacancies at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies)

Subscribe to receive Job Vacancy Alerts via email at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe)

**WATER WEEK 7** Check when your water meter is read at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading)

# Tell us what you think of Council's new website

We are very proud to announce our new website has won gold!

Launched at the end of June, the freshly minted website has already been officially recognised with a Gold PlainLanguagePro certification.

Dr Judy Gregory, who assessed the website, said Council's approach to redesigning its website showed a genuine commitment to clear communication.

"Council used a robust process to understand residents' information needs and to provide information that's understandable, findable and usable," she said.

This means the real winners are you – Tweed residents and businesses – because the new website has made it much easier for you to find the information you need about the more than 50 services Council provides for the community.

To find out what all the fuss is about, please take a few minutes to visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au) to check it out.

Council's Program Leader Digital and Design Peter Mitchell said he is proud of the small in-house team that designed and built the website.

"From day one, we knew we had to put our residents, businesses and visitors at the heart of the project to help them find exactly what they're looking for regardless of location, age, ability or technology," he said.

The website has also been officially recognised for its commitment to ensuring that it is accessible to people with a disability.

Dr Scott Hollier, CEO of the Centre for Accessibility – who conducted an audit of the website – praised its accessibility and functionality.

"Overall the website is in a very good place – in fact I'd say it's one of the best we've ever audited," Dr Hollier said.

While the experts love our new website, Council would like to hear from Tweed residents – what do you think? Please share your feedback with us by visiting [tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au) by Monday 23 August and complete the survey at the bottom of the page.

## Museum shortlisted for Premier's History Award

The Tweed Regional Museum can add another feather its cap as a finalist in the 2021 NSW Premier's History Awards for the *Small Town Queer* online exhibition and collection project.

The exhibition is one of three finalists in the Digital History Prize, one of 5 categories.

The other contenders in the category are a documentary, *Freeman* by Laurence Billet on athlete Cathy Freeman and a documentary, *Women of Steel* by Robynne Murphy and Martha Ansara about the fight for women to have the right to work in the Wollongong steel industry.

The judges' comments said *Small Town Queer* presents an engaging multimedia history of regional Australia. Its online exhibition, combining

podcasts, interviews, objects, and an interactive story map of queer histories of the Northern Rivers is an example of how to produce high quality digital history.

Setting out to 'queer' the collections of the Tweed Regional Museum, the creators uncover rich artefacts and regional stories of small-town identities, showing how queer communities developed and adapted to local environments and cultures.

*Small Town Queer* is accessible history made more meaningful by its grounding within the diverse communities it showcases.

The winners will be announced in an online presentation of the NSW Premier's History Awards on 3 September 2021.

To learn more about the exhibition, visit [museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://museum.tweed.nsw.gov.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 18 August 2021 to Wednesday 1 September 2021.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application No.
Urbex 117 Pty Ltd	Lot 26 DP 1253093; No. 2–6 Tweed Coast Road, <b>Cabarita Beach</b>	Demolition of existing structures, construction of a four (4) storey residential flat building with basement carpark, swimming pool and landscaping	DA21/0517

Any person may, during the period specified above, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development 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* – 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 on Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](https://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

- DA21/0435** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 403 DP 1029368, No. 5 Newfarm Place, **Banora Point**
- DA21/0452** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 72 DP 1006590, No. 2 Kakadu Court, **Banora Point**
- DA21/0165** – Two storey dwelling with attached triple garage  
Lot 21 DP 1266201, No. 76 McAllisters Road, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA21/0414** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 822 DP 31041, No. 61 Simpson Drive, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA21/0493** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 24 DP 1266201, No. 4 Evergreen View, **Bilambil Heights**
- DA20/1000** – Secondary dwelling, use of an existing bedroom within the dwelling and widening of driveway crossover and provision of additional car parking space  
Lot 234 DP 217679, No. 14 Banksia Avenue, **Bogangar**
- DA21/0374** – Swimming pool  
Lot 5 DP 703085, No. 929 Brays Creek Road, **Brays Creek**
- DA21/0336** – Two storey dwelling with in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 20 DP 1264557, No. 13 Blue Horizon Drive, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0369** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage, fence and in-ground swimming pool  
Lot 73 DP 1264557, No. 28 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0375** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage  
Lot 63 DP 1264557, No. 12 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0400** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage  
Lot 88 DP 1264557, No. 48 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0451** – In-ground swimming pool and spa  
Lot 52 DP 1191156, No. 653 Casuarina Way, **Casuarina**
- DA21/0085** – Secondary dwelling  
Lot 93 DP 1031933, No. 30 Kamala Crescent, **Casuarina**

- DA21/0378** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 22 DP 704246, No. 11 Ozone Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA21/0483** – In-ground swimming pool and alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 139 DP 1066504, No. 8 Narrabeen Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA21/0348** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including carport and shed extension  
Lot 5 DP 17590, No. 7 Eveleigh Street, **Murwillumbah**
- DA21/0163** – Demolition of existing shed and erection of new crushing shed ancillary to existing distillery  
Lot 4 DP 600065, No. 592 McAuleys Road, **North Tumbulgum**
- DA20/0467** – Dual occupancy (attached)  
Lot 11 DP 1024121, No. 757 Round Mountain Road, **Reserve Creek**
- DA20/0993** – Use of existing dwelling and sheds  
Lot 2 DP 586912, No. 224 Sleepy Hollow Road, **Sleepy Hollow**
- DA21/0338** – Carport within the front building line  
Lot 13 DP 212092, No. 25 Dobbys Crescent, **Terranora**
- DA21/0380** – Dwelling with carport and retaining walls  
Lot 602 DP 1266799, No. 43 Ossa Boulevard, **Terranora**
- DA21/0420** – Swimming pool, deck and 1.8 m high timber screen  
Lot 2 DP 1129291, No. 29 Dobbys Crescent, **Terranora**
- CDC21/0084** – Lift installation  
Lot 12 DP 803451, No. 22–38 Florence Street, **Tweed Heads**
- DA21/0129** – Pontoon  
Lot 15 DP 260432, Lot 35 DP 260432, No. 39 Shearwater Parade, **Tweed Heads**
- DA21/0353** – Patio roof  
Lot 25 DP 250884, No. 71 Jacaranda Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**
- DA20/0659** – Change of use to respite day care centre  
Lot 217 DP 1001447, No. 24–28 Corporation Circuit, **Tweed Heads South**

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)

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