



Soldiers help in the clean-up at Tumbulgum after the February 2022 flood. Approximately 500 homes have been declared uninhabitable in the Tweed following the deluge. (Photo credit: ADF).

Housing, roads, flood resilience and mitigation top wish list

Temporary and permanent accommodation, rebuilding the battered road network and funding to support flood resilience and mitigation activities top the list of priorities as the Tweed moves into the post-flood recovery phase.

Council is advocating strongly to all levels of government for additional support in the wake of the devastating flood of February 2022, which inundated thousands of homes and damaged more than 2,100 properties, rendering 500 uninhabitable.

The record flood has left a damage bill of an estimated \$80 million on Council infrastructure, including more than \$50 million in damages to the road network. This figure does not include the cost of damage to businesses and private homes in the Tweed – estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

These figures follow the announcement earlier this month of an additional [\\$855 million joint flood recovery support package](#) from the NSW and Federal Governments, as well as an additional [\\$350 million package from the NSW Government](#) for temporary housing for flood-affected communities in the Northern Rivers.

The NSW Government also last week announced the creation of the [Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation](#) to oversee recovery of the region.

Council has listed the following issues in need of urgent attention, in some order of priority:

1. Housing

- An incentive scheme to encourage owners of short-term holiday rental properties to provide longer-term temporary accommodation to flood victims.
- Purchase of flood-free land for relocation of industrial and residential properties via land swap arrangements or voluntary relocation plans.
- Expansion of current voluntary house purchase and voluntary house raising schemes.

2. Roads

- Support with repair and rebuilding of roads impacted by significant landslides, particularly with those heavily used such as Scenic Drive at Bilambil, Tyalgum Road and Reserve Creek Road.
- Funding for improved reconstructions that are more resilient to

future floods such as Tweed Valley Way at Blacks Drain and Kyogle Road rather than replacing the original infrastructure like-for-like.

- Review of Pacific Highway accessibility during flood events to prevent the roadway being inundated at Chinderah and cutting the Tweed LGA in half as occurred during this flood event and in 2017.

3. Flood mitigation

- Funding for a review of the Murwillumbah CBD Levee and Drainage Study and the recommendations which come from that which are likely to include improved flood pumping systems along with support for greater community and business preparedness.
- Repair and improvement of the Murwillumbah CBD flood levee.
- Review of impacts of M1 on flooding.

4. Rivers and riverbanks

- There was extensive damage and flood scouring of riverbanks (up to 30m deep in places) that is significantly impacting and putting at high risk key infrastructure, such as Kyogle Road, Tweed Valley Way and others.
- Support for cleaning-up rivers and restoration works.

5. State Emergency Services

- Funding support for the building / rebuilding of new SES unit facilities in Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads.
- Upgrade of evacuation centres.
- Membership drive to increase active members of the SES/ Rural Fire Service, e.g. through payroll concessions.

6. Community support

- More funding assistance for organisations supporting communities.

7. Rebuild and repair costs

- Assistance for local government with the significant cost to repair buildings and infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Council is working on its submission to the 2022 NSW Flood Inquiry – and is encouraging residents, businesses and community organisations in the Tweed to do the same.

The deadline for inquiry submissions is Friday 20 May 2022, with late submissions considered by people directly impacted by the floods. For more information, visit www.nsw.gov.au/floodinquiry

See related story above right.

Candidates reminded to comply with electoral material guidelines

As the Federal election campaign moves into full swing, candidates and their supporters are reminded they must comply with State and Council regulations when erecting political signage.

With nominations due to close tomorrow ahead of the poll on Saturday 21 May 2022, Council is reminding candidates of the strict rules governing the erection and display of political signage.

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 corflute 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 (28 May 2022) will be removed and impounded.

Electoral material

Candidates are responsible for complying with their electoral material obligations under the [Commonwealth Electoral Act](#). Additional information on electoral material can be found in the [Candidates Handbook: February 2022 Federal elections and By-elections](#) published by the Australian Electoral Commission.



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as at 25 April 2022

In brief ...

Flood Inquiry meeting

The NSW Flood Inquiry will host a community meeting for the Northern Rivers on Tuesday 3 May in Lismore.

Any member of the public can attend to share their views.

The meeting details are:

- When: Tuesday 3 May
- Time: 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
- Where: Whitebrook Theatre (Y205), Southern Cross University, Military Road, Lismore.

The independent inquiry is being led by Professor Mary O'Kane AC and Michael Fuller APM.

People attending should [register](#).

More information about the Inquiry, including when future virtual community meetings will be held and how to make a submission, is available at www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/projects-and-initiatives/floodinquiry

Keep your dollars local

Are you having trouble deciding what to buy Mum for Mother's Day? Why not spoil your Mum with a #LoveTheTweed gift card.

The #LoveTheTweed program is designed to keep money in the local community by encouraging people to shop locally.

The Why Leave Town program was successfully launched in Murwillumbah in August 2021, and is now being expanded across the Tweed, with the name changed to #LoveTheTweed.

There has never been a more crucial time to spend locally and support local businesses impacted by flooding.

Buy online, or pop into the The Foundry Murwillumbah or the Starting Block Cafe at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres to purchase the card. Then Mum can shop at one of the many (60+) local businesses participating in the program.

Are you a business that wants to be a part of this great program keeping local dollars local? [Register your business](#).



It's a great time to find out more about composting.

Have you tried composting at home?

International Compost Awareness Week Australia (1 – 7 May) is an opportunity to improve awareness of the importance of compost, a valuable organic resource.

Composting at home is a great way to add nutrients to your soil for your garden, lawn or pot plants. All you need is a place to put your compost bin, tumbler or bay.

Find out some great composting tips and more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/green-lid-bins

Get the Tweed Link early by email

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

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A feral deer captured by a local resident at Cudgen in 2021, proving the species have made the Tweed their home.

Feral deer in Tweed: 50 reported sightings in past year

Feral deer are now in the Tweed, posing a serious problem if local populations establish and grow. The breeding season or rut has begun for Fallow and Red deer, which is the time of year when they are most active.

Six species of feral deer have been introduced in Australia and they are fast becoming one of the nation's most concerning pest animals as they breed quickly and become difficult to manage as populations grow.

There have been 50 confirmed sightings of feral deer reported in the Tweed since the Northern Rivers Feral Deer Alert program was launched in May 2021.

Council's Feral Deer Management Officer Rachel Hughes said there are indications of numbers increasing, and to expect the unexpected.

"It is likely recent flooding will have dispersed feral deer into new areas. Be on the look-out not only in rural areas but also in urban areas," Ms Hughes said.

"Deer are renowned for jumping out from roadsides and bounding across roads. Some feral deer weigh up to 240kg – almost as much as a Harley Davidson motorbike – and 3 times the weight of a male red kangaroo! That's not something you want to see on the road in front of you, especially in the dark.

"They can also reduce the ability of farmers to earn a living and cause significant environmental damage.

"Feral deer are most active at dawn and dusk which coincides with peak periods for road users."

Along with reported sightings in the Tweed – including at [Terranora](#) earlier this month – there have been 2 recent sightings in the neighbouring Byron Shire.

Council is urging local residents, farmers, landholders, bushwalkers and motorists to report any feral deer sightings on FeralScan to help stop populations establishing in the Northern Rivers.

"We need the community's help with this. We need these reports so we can understand where the deer are, their movements and how to best manage them," Ms Hughes said.

"If we don't have reports, feral deer will get out of control which is happening in nearby shires and across the country."

Feral deer hunting in NSW is controlled and regulated and it is illegal to hunt in National Parks and on public land.

Prevent feral deer getting out of control by reporting all sightings at www.feralscan.org.au/deerscan or phone Local Land Services on [1300 795 299](tel:1300795299). For more information go to: www.feraldeeralert.com.au or tweed.nsw.gov.au/deer

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

DA21/1002 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 1 DP 118788, No. 134 Terranora Road, **Banora Point**

DA21/0790 – Two Storey dwelling with basement and in-ground swimming pool
Lot 87 DP 1264557, No. 46 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

DA22/0054 – Two storey dwelling, rooftop deck, attached garage and inground swimming pool
Lot 80 DP 1264557, No. 41 Black Wattle Circuit, **Casuarina**

DA22/0089 – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 6 DP 1260065, No. 1454 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**

DA22/0021 – Plumbing and drainage works for use of two existing sheds with fixtures
Lot 3 DP 705781, No. 158 Hawkens Lane, **Eviron**

DA22/0173 – Retaining walls
Lot 4 DP 772154, No. 402 Fernvale Road, **Fernvale**

DA22/0105 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and retaining walls
Lot 521 DP 1275215, No. 4 Kosciuszko Street, **Terranora**

DA21/0962 – Use of commercial premises for beauty salon including internal alterations and additions
Lot 15 SP 70762, Lot 16 SP 70762, Unit 15/No. 18–20 Enid Street, **Tweed Heads**

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

Resident and Ratepayer Association meetings

Banora Point & District Residents Assoc. Inc. meet Monday 2 May 2022 at the South Tweed Sports Club commencing at 6:30 pm. Contact 0428 332 819 for further information.

Chinderah Districts Residents Association meet Tuesday 3 May 2022, 7 pm at Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff Street, opposite nursing home Kingscliff.

Current vacancies

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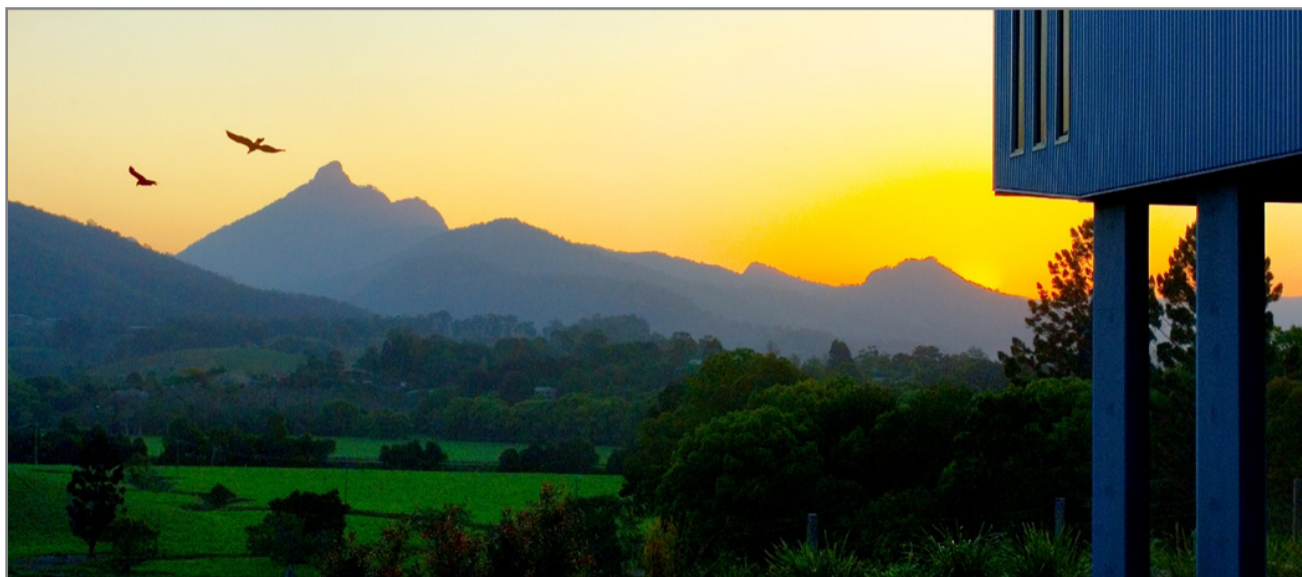
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Tweed Regional Gallery overlooks the incredible vista of Wollumbin - the inspiration behind the new Wollumbin Art Award.
Photo courtesy Ray Richardson.

Major new art prize a boost for artists of the region

Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is thrilled to announce the establishment of a new major art prize, **Wollumbin Art Award (WAA), with a total prize offering of \$30,000.**

The award, named for the sacred mountain which the Gallery overlooks, will be held biennially and is open to artists living and working in the Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Kyogle and Scenic Rim shires, as well as Lismore and Gold Coast cities.

The award offers a first prize of \$15,000 and a two-week residency at the Gallery's Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio. The Gallery has also established a \$10,000 First Nations Bundjalung Award, which includes a solo exhibition in the Gallery and a \$5,000 Emerging Artist Award.

Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said: "We are so thrilled to be able to present this new award, which reflects the calibre of talented artists we have living in our region. Launching the Bundjalung Award, with the support of the Gallery Foundation, is an important, timely and critical addition to the prize."

Ms Muddiman said the Gallery was committed to supporting regional artists.

"Initiating the Emerging Artist Award, as well as the opportunities provided through a residency and exhibition are all key strategies in supporting an artist's career at any stage," Ms Muddiman said.

"Announcing the award at this time is bittersweet as we are also keenly aware that many artists would have lost work and materials during the recent floods. We are grateful to be able to offer opportunities for artists at a time like this."

The inaugural judge for WAA 2022 is writer, curator and editor of VAULT Magazine, Alison Kubler.

"Alison brings a wealth of knowledge, from art history to contemporary practice, and as a resident of the Gold Coast region she is the perfect choice for an award that celebrates the visual arts on both sides of the border," Ms Muddiman said.

For young artists aged between 5–18 years living in the identified areas, the Wollumbin Youth Art Award (WYAA) will also be calling for entries.

Entries for the WAA 2022 open on Wednesday 27 April 2022 and close at 5pm, Sunday 17 July 2022.

See gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/prizes-awards for Conditions of Entry.

Notification of integrated development application

Development Application No. DA22/0152

A development application has been lodged by Newton Denny Chapelle seeking development consent for additions to Lindisfarne School including senior student centre, food technology classrooms, increased student and staff numbers and associated car parking and vehicular access at Lot 2 DP 1018747; No. 86 Mahers Lane, **Terranora**. Tweed Shire Council 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
Section 100B of the <i>Rural Fires Act 1997</i>	General approval	Rural Fire Service

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 14 days from Wednesday 27 April to Wednesday 11 May 2022.

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 developments 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.

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