

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.



One of the Beltana koalas in a forest red gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*) – one of their favourite food trees.

Improving the habitat for koalas at Bilambil

A koala tree planting day held recently at a property in Beltana Drive, Bilambil was well attended by local residents and landowners looking to improve the lifestyle of resident koalas.

Tweed Shire Council's Biodiversity Officer Jo Green said this particular part of Bilambil was a refuge for local koalas as it had a special pocket of trees and no through traffic.

"Beltana Drive has a significant and important koala breeding population. Our aim is to build up the numbers of koalas in the area and protect the koalas that are there," Ms Green said.

"There are a lot of old forest trees which is wonderful. There have been many sightings of koalas in the past few months, including a mum with young joey."

To increase the habitat, another koala tree planting on the Beltana community land is being planned for late November. This is the start of a bigger koala corridor project to plant specific koala food trees in the local area on private and public land.

"In the past few weeks the residents of Beltana have heard male and female koala breeding noises in the trees around the area," she said.

The project is part of the implementation of the Tweed Coast Koala Plan of Management (KPoM) where staff from Council's Sustainability and Environment Unit are working with the 'Saving our Koalas' community group and talking with landholders to identify potential planting sites.

Koala conservation organisations are also monitoring the area to check on the health of the koalas. Council is urging local residents to grab their binoculars and get a close look at the Beltana koalas. Healthy koalas have clear eyes and a clean bottom. If there are any concerns call 'Friends of the Koala' on 02 6622 1233.

If you would like further information about the tree planting day, contact Jo Green at tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Report sightings and find out more about the Tweed's koala population and what you can do at tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas

How to vote early in upcoming Council election

Tweed residents can vote early in the upcoming NSW Local Government election, with pre-polling starting on Monday 22 November across 5 venues.

A total of 58 candidates will contest the Tweed Shire Council election on Saturday 4 December following finalisation of the ballot sheet. The candidates make up 13 grouped tickets, with 2 candidates running on their own as individuals. For details on the candidates, visit the NSW Electoral Commission webpage at <https://fal.cn/lgelections>

Voting is compulsory in local government elections, with early voting or pre-polling available from 9 am to 5 pm from Monday 22 November to Saturday 27 November and from Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December 2021. Any person enrolled to vote may vote by pre-poll.

The NSW Electoral Commission, which is conducting the election on behalf of councils across NSW, will operate 5 pre-polling venues across the Tweed at:

- NSW Electoral Commission Returning Office: Seagulls Club, Gollan Drive, Tweed Heads West
- The Hub Baptist Centre, 19/20 Corporation Circuit, Tweed Heads South
- Twin Towns Masonic Centre, 8 Boyd Street, Tweed Heads
- Canvas and Kettle Room, Murwillumbah Civic Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah
- Casuarina Beach Hockey Club, Barclay Drive, Casuarina.

To find out your nearest polling venue, visit the NSW Electoral Commission's Find My Electorate page at elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Find-my-electorate/Councils/Tweed. Polling venues will be open from 8 am to 6 pm on election day.

Postal voting has also been expanded for this election. Applications for postal voting have opened, and close at 5pm on Monday 29 November. Applications received after this time will not receive a postal vote pack. The deadline for returning completed postal votes has been extended this year as a result of COVID-19, with completed postal vote certificates being accepted up until 6 pm on Friday 17 December.

Similar iVote arrangements as exist for state elections will apply for this election, with iVote applications and voting to open on Monday 22 November. To check your eligibility for postal and iVote arrangements, visit the NSWEC website.

Meanwhile, the NSW Electoral Commission is seeking additional workers at the polling booths this year, with increased staff required to help implement their COVID-Safe plan.

Anyone interested in working at the election is invited to register their interest with the NSW Electoral Commission at elections.nsw.gov.au/About-us/Work-with-us/Work-at-an-election

For more information, visit the NSW Electoral Commission at elections.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 135 73.



Last week we each used

149L a day

as at 15 November 2021

In brief ...

Pottsville Community Recycling Station

The team at Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre have a new community recycling station (CRS) in their Technology Centre.

The new recycling station can only accept mobile phones and accessories and household batteries during opening hours. Other household items cannot be brought to this location. For opening hours, visit pbnc.org.au/technology-centre

Pay It Forward to help others

The simple gesture of a free cup of coffee can really 'make someone's day'.

The Pay It Forward scheme is a way for the community to show it cares for those people who are doing it tough.

Initiated by the Red Cross, the scheme assists vulnerable members of the community through participating businesses by providing free drinks or food. It also promotes kindness, it isn't judgemental and is open to anyone in need.

Many businesses in the Tweed are part of the scheme and among them is the Starting Block Café at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC), Murwillumbah.

Café Operations Officer Katrina Mudge said many people who visited the pool have donated to the scheme by paying for an item on the café.

"Like many businesses who are part of Pay It Forward, we display a blackboard showing just what is available from our café, from a coffee to a snack or a meal," Mrs Mudge said.

"All someone needs to do is come to our café and ask if we have Pay it Forward credits on our blackboard."

If you would like to be a part of Pay it Forward in the Tweed Shire, simply stop into one of the participating businesses and make a donation towards a \$5, \$10 or \$15 meal credit.

Pay it Forward at TRAC is available 7 days a week during café opening hours. For details visit trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au/facilities



Red Cross Community Engagement Officer Tammy Jones and Starting Block Café Operations Officer Katrina Mudge promote the Pay it Forward scheme available at the café.

Give your feedback on Wollumbin St improvements

One of Murwillumbah's busiest thoroughfares is set for a facelift thanks to funding from the NSW Government's Your High Street program.

Council has received a grant of \$589,963 to improve pedestrian amenity and boost local businesses through improvements to Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah, with the community now invited to provide feedback on the plan.

Enhancements will take place along a 300-metre section on the southern side of Wollumbin Street, between Commercial Road and Brisbane Street.

Concept plans developed as part of the funding bid will be further advanced, with the project expected to be completed within 12 months. Council will work closely with businesses and the community to design and deliver the project.

There will be a staged approach to construction in order to minimise the extent of impact on any one area at any one time.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/wollumbinstreet to view the draft plan and provide your feedback. Submissions close on Wednesday 24 November.

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.

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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.



Seeded banana ... seriously lacking in appeal

Not to be confused with the variety in your fruit bowl, seeded banana are inedible and highly invasive. At present there are four known locations of this weed in our region, one in the Tweed Shire and 3 more in the Lismore area. The seeded banana weed has the potential to out-compete native vegetation, alter soil nutrient levels and threaten the commercial banana industry, acting as a vector for pests and diseases.



Seeded bananas have similar foliage to edible banana plants. The *Musa ornata* and *Musa velutina* varieties of seeded banana have been produced as ornamentals due to their palm-like foliage and eye-catching bright pink fruit on upright stalks.

The *Musa acuminata* variety produces fruit that can contain up to 200 seeds which may be spread by birds and wildlife into our environment. Additionally, plants may propagate when parent plants shoot out suckers from their roots.

This weed is classified as 'High Priority' for our region with the goal of complete eradication.

If you suspect you have seen this weed, please report your sighting immediately to Rous County Council on 02 6623 3800.



For more information scan the QR code which will direct you to a full description of the plant via the Weedwise app.

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Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

Draft Dam Safety Management Policy

On exhibition from 17 November 2021 to 18 February 2022

You're invited to comment on Tweed Shire Council's *Draft Dam Safety Management Policy*. Dam safety in NSW is now regulated under the new *Dam Safety Act 2015* and the *Dam Safety Regulation 2019*. Tweed Shire Council is responsible to ensure prescribed standards and requirements relating to safety, operation and maintenance of the dam are achieved. Council has prepared a new *Dam Safety Management Policy* to address the regulation. This policy will formalise Council's position on and commitment to dam safety management.

Have your say

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au to review the draft policy and provide your comments.

Council confidentiality policy: On request, any submission including identifying particulars will be made public. Council will give consideration to the 'Public Interest' and requests for confidentiality however, the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* may require confidential submissions to be released to an applicant.

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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 17 November to Wednesday 1 December 2021.

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

Applicant	Location	Proposal	Application no.
Newton Denny Chapelle	Lot 18 DP 1145386; No. 67 Cylinders Drive, Kingscliff	Multi-dwelling housing comprising of three (3) × 3-storey dwellings with rooftop terraces	DA21/0893

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

DA21/0548 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 563 DP 755740, No. 22 Laura Street, **Banora Point**

DA21/0534 – In-ground swimming pool, deck, retaining wall and front fence

Lot 309 DP 31042, No. 49 Lakeview Terrace, **Bilambil Heights**

DA21/0801 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 1 DP 569834, No. 432 Carool Road, **Carool**

DA21/0840 – In ground swimming pool

Lot 28 DP 1198266, No. 25 Dianella Drive, **Casuarina**

DA21/0253 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool

Lot 17 DP 1252272, No. 5 Denman Drive, **Cudgen**

DA21/0313 – Installation of an LED sign at the front of the Cudgen School

Lot 71 DP 755701, No. 11 Collier Street, **Cudgen**

DA21/0503 – Garage and deck addition to existing dwelling

Lot E DP 10132, No. 2 Boomerang Street, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0647 – In-ground swimming pool and 1.8 m high front fence

Lot 1 SP 96447, Unit 1/No. 14 Somerville Circuit, **Murwillumbah**

DA21/0613 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

Lot 2 DP 788837, No. 4 Elfran Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA21/0633 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 10 DP 1062854, No. 183 Cudgen Road, **Stotts Creek**

DA20/0690 – Use of existing secondary dwelling

Lot 2 DP 1268169, No. 3 Fig Tree Road, **Terranora**

DA20/0493 – Office premises

Lot 100 DP 1233712, No. 52 Wharf Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0523 – Carport, gatehouse, front fence and swimming pool

Lot 13 DP 243479, No. 58 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0663 – In-ground swimming pool

Lot 2 SP 13010, Unit 2/No. 1 Red Bass Avenue, **Tweed Heads West**

DA21/0731 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling (balcony extension to existing balcony)

Lot 121A DP 30960, No. 13 Gollan Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

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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