

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.



How did your local waterway score in Council's annual report card on water quality?

Interactive tool showcases the Tweed's waterway health

Council's annual report card on water quality in the Tweed has just been released and residents are invited to view the results via a new online interactive tool.

As well as providing a summary of water quality from the creeks and rivers across the Tweed, the online platform allows the audience to view the report, images, videos and graphs in a strikingly laid out and

interactive medium.

The waterway report card scores are based on data collected between April 2020 and May 2021, a period characterised by higher than average rainfall in the Tweed.

View the report and interactive tool at tweed.nsw.gov.au/rivers-creeks and the full story at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news



Council festive break closures

Council offices at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads will close for a short period over the holiday season but essential services will continue to operate as per usual.

Council will shut its offices at Murwillumbah Civic Centre and Tweed Heads Administration Office from Monday 27 December 2021, and reopen again on Monday 10 January 2022 at 9 am.

In the event of any Council-related emergencies during this time, residents can phone 02 6670 2400, any time of the day or night.

Head to tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem to report any non-urgent matters.

Essential services will continue throughout the closure period including water and sewage treatment and waste collection, with bins continuing to be collected on public holidays as scheduled, including Christmas Day.

The Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre will be open every day, except Christmas Day on 25 December.

For details on the Tweed Regional Gallery, Tweed Regional Museum, Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre and Richmond-Tweed Regional Library, visit their websites.

This is the last Tweed Link for 2021. Subscribers, we'll see you back on 12 January. For those reading in the Tweed Valley Weekly, the first issue of the Tweed Link for 2022 will be on 13 January.

In the meantime, you can subscribe at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe so you never miss news from Council. Happy holidays!

Reduce your festive footprint

Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and creating memories with family and friends. It's also the time of year we tend to go a little overboard on buying gifts, food and other festive items we didn't really need.

On average, our waste increases 30% over the festive season – wrapping paper, packaging and uneaten food are the main offenders. It's estimated that Australia generates 125,000 tonnes of plastic packaging waste and 150,000 kms of wrapping paper during the festive season.

Council's Resource Recovery Education Officer Tarra Martel said there's so many ways to reduce our festive footprint at Christmas time.

"The biggest tip is to ditch single-use items such as wrapping paper, disposable plates and cutlery. And make sure you give a gift that is wanted or useful, otherwise it could be thrown away making the waste toll even higher," Ms Martel said.

So, if you're dreaming of a green Christmas this year, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news for our top tips to plan a waste-wise approach to the busy holiday period.

And don't miss our free make-your-own gift coupons [overleaf!](#)



Last week we each used

154L a day

as at 13 December 2021

In brief ...

How Council works to maintain safe roads

Council is working to build, upgrade and maintain a safe and connected local road network in the Tweed.

To do this, we're building and upgrading local roads for our growing population; investing \$20m+ each year on maintaining around 1200 km of local roads; responding to traffic hazards caused by weather events; and supporting the community to stay safe on our roads.

With a wetter than average storm season in the Tweed, we are likely to experience an increased number of potholes and other hazards across the road network. Learn more about what we do and how we do it at tweed.nsw.gov.au/roads

Christmas at Brett Street CAFE

Season's greetings are being served up with a smile at the Brett Street CAFE (Community Access For Everyone) with the release of its Christmas menu.

The café, located in the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre plaza is offering a delicious take away menu.

As a special service, the Brett Street CAFE is also offering a traditional Christmas-themed meal to go which can be prepaid and ordered by Monday 20 December.

As a bonus, the Brett Street CAFE accepts NSW Government Dine and Discover vouchers for menu items and also for Meals to Go. So why not spoil yourself with some Christmas treats.

To order your Christmas Special Meals To Go, call 07 5569 3110 or email brettstreetcafe@tweed.nsw.gov.au. Read more about the meals at tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news

Rail Trail goes full steam ahead

Anticipation is building for local businesses, cycle enthusiasts and walking groups after crews started construction works at a number of locations along the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail this month.

Thanks to input from industry experts and stakeholders including traditional owners, local residents, businesses, community and interest groups, the trail's construction will see heritage bridges and railway station buildings restored, local places of cultural significance acknowledged and celebrated, and will deliver an accessible community resource for people for all abilities to enjoy.

Project Director Iain Lonsdale said the construction works on the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail are progressing well and are on schedule to be finished December next year.

The Australian Government's Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Package Fund and NSW Government's Restart NSW program have provided the funding required to construct the trail.

To learn more, let us know your thoughts about how we can make the most of this new community resource or to register your business interest visit yoursaytweed.com.au/railtrail and tweed.nsw.gov.au/latest-news

Request for offer

RF02021140 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plants – Services Location, Vacuum Truck & CCTV

RF02021141 Supply of Wet Hire Mobile Plants – Pole Grab, Cranes & Profiler

RF02021142 Supply of Dry Hire Mobile Plants & Equipment

Offers close: Wednesday 12 noon (AEDT) 19 January 2022

Offers must be lodged as specified in the offer documentation.

Request for offer documentation is available at no charge from Council's website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/tenders-contracts

All offers will be opened at closing time and will be considered by Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. The lowest or any offer is not necessarily accepted and canvassing of Councillors or staff will disqualify.

For further information please contact Contracts Administration on 02 6670 2606.

Christmas waste collection and landfill times



Bin collection will continue as usual over Christmas and New Year – regardless of public holidays.

Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre will be closed Christmas Day. Tweed JUNKtion (tip shop) is closed public holidays.

For further information visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling

Keep our Tweed curlews safe

The Tweed Coast population of the Bush Stone-curlew, listed as Endangered in NSW, is growing and is one of the largest in NSW.

While the Tweed is one of the few places to see an annual increase in the breeding population, as ground nesting birds, they are constantly under threat of becoming critically endangered or even locally extinct.

Bush Stone-curlews are most at risk during their breeding season, from late winter until autumn.

Threats include: vehicle strike, habitat disturbance and loss, increasing recreational use of key nesting and roost sites, disturbance of nest sites by people and domestic dogs and cats and predation by foxes and cats.

As the holiday season starts, Council would like to remind everyone to please keep their distance from nest sites. Temporary fencing and signage is installed at known nesting sites on public land across the Tweed Coast to provide a safe space for the birds.

While much has been done by Council and the community to keep this unique species safe, many chicks and adult birds have already been killed on our roads this year.

Please slow down when driving – look out for the signs. It's also important to keep your pets away from the nesting birds and give them a wide berth when out walking. Disturbance from people and domestic animals can cause the birds to abandon eggs and chicks.

Council recently produced a short video to bring attention to the plight of Bush Stone-curlews. Learn more about the quirky birds and report sightings at tweed.nsw.gov.au/bush-stone-curlews

If you see an injured Bush Stone-curlew call Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers on their 24-hour hotline 02 6672 4789.

Snakes on the move

As we enter the summer months, Council is encouraging the community to be mindful of snakes and take precautions.

Some simple tips can help:

- it can be difficult to identify snakes – treat them all as venomous
- snakes will usually only attack if they feel threatened
- clean up dog kennels and poultry pens where food attracts mice
- remove debris and clutter from your yard, keep your lawn mowed
- keep your screen and garage doors closed
- seal gaps under doorways and any holes or gaps in walls
- don't try to catch or kill a snake – this is when 90% of snake bites happen.

If a snake enters your yard, leave it alone and generally it will move on. Relocation of snakes is not recommended unless they are really a threat to your safety.

In an event where a snake is a threat, call Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers (24 hours) on 02 6672 4789 (you will be asked for a donation for snake relocation) or search online for professional snake relocators.

For more information about the Tweed's native animals, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/native-animals or view a snake fact sheet at Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers twvc.org.au/wildlife-information

Chinese violet



Keep your eye out for this fast-growing perennial creeper!

Forming dense, smothering mats of foliage up to 1m high, or up to 3m when supported by other vegetation, Chinese violet (*Asystasia gangetica*) is identified as a 'National Environmental Alert' weed, meaning it has the potential to become a significant threat to biodiversity if it is not managed in its early stages.

Its dense foliage can block light to understorey vegetation – inhibiting germination and growth of native plants, gardens and lawns.

Overseas, Chinese violet has caused major devastation to agricultural crops and poses the same risk here. Currently there is only one known infestation in the Far North Coast which is being actively managed – but we are on the lookout for others!

Chinese violet has an attractive white bell-shaped flower, 20–25mm long, with distinctive purple blotches inside. Leaves vary greatly in size and can be between 2.5 to 16.5cm long. They are bright green with a paler underside, can be oval or triangular in shape and are covered in scattered hairs.

This weed spreads both by seed and vegetatively. Small fragments of stems can take root at each node when they come into contact with moist soil. Most infestations in Australia originated from dumped garden waste or garden escapees.

What should you do if you find this plant?



Report it immediately to Rous County Council, on 02 66 233 800. For more information, please scan the QR code which will direct you to a full description of the plant via the NSW Department of Primary Industries Weedwise app.



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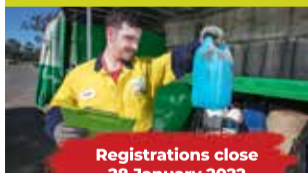
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Development application determinations

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

DA21/0291 – Secondary dwelling
 Lot 8 DP 548737, No. 61 Terranora Road, **Banora Point**

DA21/0826 – Front fence
 Lot 100 DP 263367, No. 9 Commodore Court, **Banora Point**

DA21/0856 – Carport within front building line
 Lot 147 DP 1011335, No. 66 Botanical Circuit, **Banora Point**

DA21/0798 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
 Lot 203 DP 31041, No. 1 Diane Crescent, **Bilambil Heights**

DA21/0477 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including in-ground pool and spa
 Lot 2 DP 864843, No. 384 Carool Road, **Carool**

DA21/0746 – Pool deck and widening of carport
 Lot 11 SP 80883, Unit 11/No. 2–8 Beech Lane, **Casuarina**

DA21/0148 – Twenty-four (24) warehouses, three (3) self-storage units and twenty-seven (27) lot strata subdivision
 Lot 4 DP 849369, No. 18 Ozone Street, **Chinderah**

DA21/0668 – Ancillary studio to dwelling
 Lot 4 DP 700772, No. 360 Cobaki Road, **Cobaki**

DA21/0072 – Indoor recreation facility (Tenancy 6) and associated minor fitout works and signage
 Lot 4 DP 1256458, No. 62 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0638 – Carport addition forward of the building line and alterations to existing dwelling
 Lot 8 DP 30498, Lot A DP 449631, No. 39 Sutherland Street, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0657 – In-ground swimming pool, retaining walls and roofed deck
 Lot 13 DP 30845, No. 8 Herford Street, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0683 – Shed and carport
 Lot 2 SP 16632, Unit 2/No. 18 Ocean Street, **Kingscliff**

DA21/0823 – Carport within the front building line and garage conversion
 Lot 17 DP 873094, No. 5 Pitta Court, **Kingscliff**

DA20/0998 – Use of existing secondary dwelling
 Lot 4 DP 736987, No. 3 Kyndalyn Court, **Nunderi**

DA21/0730 – Swimming pool and deck forward of the building line
 Lot 539 DP 1076975, No. 9 Marsupial Drive, **Pottsville**

DA21/0608 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including swimming pool
 Lot 70 DP 224871, No. 86 Elanora Avenue, **Pottsville**

DA21/0680 – Dwelling with attached carport
 Lot 4 DP 1012390, No. 2429 Kyogle Road, **Terragon**

DA21/0524 – Two storey dwelling attached garage and retaining walls
 Lot 124 DP 1233026, No. 10 Bartle Frere Close, **Terranora**

DA21/0688 – Two storey dwelling with attached garage and in-ground swimming pool
 Lot 452 DP 1270825, No. 6 Darro Road, **Terranora**

DA21/0200 – Detached dual occupancy
 Lot 7 DP 1264394, No. 87 Henry Lawson Drive, **Terranora**

DA21/0269 – Detached dual occupancy
 Lot 6 DP 1264394, No. 85 Henry Lawson Drive, **Terranora**

DA21/0761 – 1.8 m high front and side fence
 Lot 1 SP 17077, Unit 1/No. 7 Crystal Waters Drive, **Tweed Heads**

DA20/0871 – Residential flat building (comprising 16 × 2 bedroom units, 1 × 3 bedroom units)
 Lot 1 DP 345976, No. 20 Recreation Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0528 – Alterations and additions to commercial building (retractable awning over deck)
 Lot 709 DP 726652, Lot 437 DP 755740, Lot 2 DP 1045752, No. 156 Wharf Street, **Tweed Heads**

DA21/0283 – Signage: one business identification sign for Tenancies 2–3
 Lot 120 DP 817783, No. 54–58 Greenway Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA21/0815 – Alterations and additions to office premises (office fitout), small goods assembly, signage
 Lot 2 DP 790968, No. 13–17 Rivendell Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

DA21/0866 – In-ground swimming pool
 Lot 120 DP 701433, No. 35 Tringa Street, **Tweed Heads West**

DA21/0890 – Deck
 Lot 28 DP 264646, No. 50 Plover Place, **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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