

*Tweed Shire Council wishes to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Tweed 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 custodians of these lands.*



An updated artist's impression of the start of the Rail Trail at Murwillumbah Railway Station. The Tweed's newest must-do attraction is set to open in March 2023.

## Opportunity to participate in Rail Trail Partner Program

**Tweed Shire Council is calling for businesses to register their interest in joining the Rail Trail Partner Program in advance of the 24km Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail opening in March.**

Council and its tourism partner The Tweed Tourism Company will work with operators interested in commercial partnerships to offer guest experiences across the areas of: **Taste** (food and beverage); **Stay** (accommodation); **Move** (travel and transport options); **Explore** (education and recreation) and **Enjoy** (entertainment and events).

Manager Destination, Communication and Customer Experience Tiffany Stodart said adjoining landowners and businesses who want to be part of the region's newest must-do experience should register their interest now.

"We are ready to hear from our business community, adjoining landowners and those interested in making the rail trail a great experience," Ms Stodart said.

"The opportunities are many – cafés and coffee, ice cream and gelato, gourmet hampers and picnics, bike hire and shuttle services, education, recreation and cultural tours and so much more."

The Rail Trail Partner Program provides adjoining landowners and

businesses the opportunity to progress to commercial partnerships to make the most of the economic benefits of the rail trail.

The easy-to-use online form requires basic business details, what type of experience businesses are offering, and a summary as to how they will align with the trail's values of Discovery, Connection, Freedom, and Fun.

Visit [northernriversrailtrail.com.au/register-interest-partner-program-tweed](http://northernriversrailtrail.com.au/register-interest-partner-program-tweed) to register your interest in becoming a business partner of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

A new and comprehensive rail trail website also is on track to launch in early February 2023 and will provide a wide range of trail information and experiences. The new site will replace the existing page at [northernriversrailtrail.com.au](http://northernriversrailtrail.com.au)

Funding for the Tweed section was provided by the Australian Government under its Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Package Fund, and from the NSW Government under its Restart NSW fund.

To stay informed, subscribe to the rail trail's news and follow Northern Rivers Rail Trail on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

For enquiries regarding the operations of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail call 02 6673 0404 or email [hello@northernriversrailtrail.com.au](mailto:hello@northernriversrailtrail.com.au)

## Tweed Seniors Festival back with bumper program

**Tweed seniors, you have reason to celebrate. This year's festival, which runs from the first to 12 February is our biggest yet, with a full program of more than 40 exciting events.**

The festival's theme for 2023 is Celebrate Together, a wonderful theme that promotes Council's goal of fostering an inclusive community where we care for each other.

The festival will showcase a range of community groups, services and fun activities that allow people to learn a new skill, enjoy themselves and socialise with others.

It also involves our Local Achievement Awards, which celebrate seniors in our community who have gone above and beyond to help make the Tweed a diverse, active, and inspiring place to live.

The opening ceremony for the festival will be held on Wednesday 1 February at the Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centre Auditorium from 10 to 11:30 am.

The ceremony is a free event, open to all in the community, and will include music by the Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir and Coolangatta Ukulele Player, followed by a presentation of our Local Achievement Awards.

A morning tea will be provided at the ceremony by the Murwillumbah

Country Women's Association (CWA). There will also be information from service providers related to programs and services for people aged 65-plus.

Transport to the event on the day will also be available from Tweed Heads and Banora Point.

Other events throughout the festival include morning tea and tours of Tropical Fruit World, chair yoga, indoor bowling, croquet – even a country music concert!

There will be bus day trips, art-making sessions as well as volunteer opportunities.

Council's Community Care Coordinator Joanne Watters encouraged all local seniors to join in the fun.

Every year, the Tweed Seniors Festival is run in conjunction with the NSW Seniors Festival – the biggest celebration of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

For more information and a full program, please visit Council's website at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival)

To book a spot at the opening ceremony (and transport) please contact [communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au), phone 07 5569 3110 or visit [tweed\\_seniors\\_2023.eventbrite.com.au](http://tweed_seniors_2023.eventbrite.com.au)

## Reminder – save money on your power bills



**Don't forget to register for the 2 free events to help you save money on your power bills as part of Seniors Week 2023.**

The events will be held on Wednesday 8 February from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Banora Point Community Centre and Friday 10 February from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Kingscliff Bowls Club.

Attendees will go in the draw for a free home energy assessment (valued at \$250) to receive personalised advice about saving money on energy bills.

Light refreshments provided and places are limited.

Register for either session by 9am Monday 6 February at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/saving-energy](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/saving-energy)

**Left: Retiree Brenda Taylor from Hastings Point saved money after winning a free home energy assessment.**



Last week we each used

**175L a day**

as at 23 January 2023

### In brief ...

#### Residents honoured in Tweed awards

**Who are our Tweed Shire Australia Day award winners?**

Due to the timing of the publication of the Tweed Link, we are unable to include details of the winners at the ceremony held on Thursday 26 January. There will be full details in next week's issue.

The good news is you don't have to wait until then to find out. Follow Tweed Shire Council on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to hear more about the inspiring 2023 winners and the work they do in our Tweed community. We'll post as soon as we know the winners following the ceremony.

If you're not on social media, you don't miss out. You can view Council's Facebook feed 24/7 at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/news-updates](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/news-updates)



## Australia Day fun

**Council is sponsoring 2 Australia Day events in the Tweed on Thursday 26 January.**

At Tumbulgum, the Tumbulgum Community Association is hosting a free family fun day at Rangers Sports Club, Bawden St which starts at 8 am with a traditional Aussie breakfast barbecue.

There will be music, local awards, a children's craft session and displays of children's art and village photographs.

Finish the morning cheering along players in the traditional Cricket Match – Village People v. North Tumbulgum Cavaliers.

At Tyalgum, the Tyalgum District Community Association is hosting an event at the community hall from 9:30 am.

There will be a flag raising, Acknowledgement of Country and singing of the National Anthem followed by a decorated bike parade and community awards.

For more details on these events, visit [whatsontweed.com.au](http://whatsontweed.com.au)

## Free Australia Day event at Murwillumbah pool

**Come along to a free community event at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) on Thursday 26 January from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Bookings must be made via Eventbrite to enter the facility as numbers are limited.

The event is hosted by Rotary Club Mt Warning AM Murwillumbah in conjunction with National Australia Day Council.

Council is also offering free access to the Murwillumbah pool after the event from 2 to 5 pm. Check in at reception. No tickets required for the afternoon session. Come and enjoy Australia Day at TRAC!



**Join the cane toad busting challenge to make a positive impact on the environment and win prizes.**

## Tackling the Tweed's cane toad problem

**Toad busters of the Tweed – are you ready? The second week-long cane toad busting challenge starts on Monday 20 February.**

Join the Facebook event to register then get together with friends and family, get outside and collect cane toads from your local environment. Log your catch each day during the week and be in the draw to win a family pass to Tropical Fruit World plus more.

Council is working in partnership with Watergum and our community to rid this pest from the Tweed. Actions like this will help to protect our natural environment to pass onto our next generation.

Visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads) to find out more about cane toads and register.



# Flood recovery update – 25 January

## Community Recovery Sessions

### Scenic Drive

**Motorists using Scenic Drive will notice further changes to traffic conditions when contractor Australian Marine and Civil Pty Ltd seals the restored section of the site A slip site.**

Following the sealing of the restored lane at site A, traffic will switch lanes to allow for drainage work on the north side of Scenic Drive to be completed.

One lane of traffic will remain open, under the control of traffic lights while the work is completed.

The Scenic Drive section of the road across the major slip site remains in 'caretaker mode' with both lanes open for use, having water-filled barriers against the downside of the road and reduced speed to 40km.

The guard rails and line marking at site B have now been completed. Line marking at site A will be carried in early February.

### Limpinwood Road

**Short-listed construction contractors are underway with concept designs with the aim of having 30 per cent of the designs and tender pricing to Council this month.**

This includes the slips near Boxsell Road and Charbray Place. Once designs are complete, Council will select the most suitable contractor to carry out the work.

Transport for NSW has confirmed in-principle funding approval to cover the cost of repairs.

Patching works have been completed.

### Community Centre resumes service

**The Murwillumbah Community Centre (MCC) has resumed normal services for 2023 at the Coolamon Centre in Murwillumbah.**

The MCC service will also be operating from the Anglican Church at 41 Pearl St, Kingscliff.

For those seeking flood recovery support, bookings are required.

For more information contact the MCC on 02 6672 3003.

### Chinderah Donation Hub reopens

**The Chinderah Donation Hub, located at 23/18 Ozone Street, Chinderah, in the Chinderah Industrial Estate (behind the BP Service Centre), located between Supaloc and Chinderah Motors, has reopened.**

Then Hub is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Services NSW staff will continue outreach services resuming on Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm as numbers continue to be high and consistent.

### NSW Reconstruction Authority takes on resilience role

**Following the termination of Resilience NSW in December last year, the majority of functions of the agency have now been taken on by NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSW RA).**

The work of the former Resilience NSW remains a priority and is ongoing and will continue as part of the NSW Reconstruction Authority which is dedicated to assisting communities in flood-impacted regions.

The *NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022* establishes the agency as the lead agency for disaster prevention and preparedness and reconstruction and recovery following disasters and other emergencies.

While under the Act, NSW RA will continue key functions such as disaster prevention and preparedness, including:

- reconstruction and recovery following disasters and other emergencies
- to provide advice and support to local councils to help maximise the effectiveness of councils' disaster preparedness and reconstruction programs
- to lead public education on disaster risks and certain disaster preparations
- to assist with the development of flood plans.

For more information, visit the NSW Reconstruction Authority website at [dpie.nsw.gov.au/nsw-reconstruction-authority](http://dpie.nsw.gov.au/nsw-reconstruction-authority)

**To keep up to date on flood recovery works and community support, visit**

[tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-update)



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

**The Tweed community is invited to a free Community Recovery Session featuring one of Australia's leading natural disaster preparedness and recovery consultants, Dr David Younger.**

To be held at the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre on Friday, 3 February 2023 from 2 to 4 pm, this session will focus on wellbeing and disaster recovery.

Dr Younger is a Melbourne-based clinical psychologist who has dealt with major natural disasters such as the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, established community recovery initiatives and has an advisory role dealing with floods, droughts, cyclones, terror attacks and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Come along to understand more about personal and community recovery after a natural disaster like flooding.

Dr Younger will share key messages designed to help you understand more about coping with the challenges we are facing and, what you can do to maintain your overall health and wellbeing.

He will also talk about how communities can best support themselves.

This event is supported by headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation, NSW Department of Health and Australian Red Cross.

The free tickets are available on Eventbrite but places are limited so be quick – [tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-community-recovery-session](http://tweed.nsw.gov.au/tweed-community-recovery-session)

### Current vacancies

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

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

### 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

**DA22/0133** – Two storey dwelling with attached garage  
Lot 45 DP 1266201, No. 9 Evergreen View, **Bilambil Heights**

**DA22/0630** – Patio roof  
Lot 33 DP 1122779, No. 9 Mount Bilinga Circuit, **Bilambil Heights**

**DA22/0684** – Alterations and additions  
Lot 497 DP 222347, Lot 498 DP 222347, No. 8 Diane Crescent, **Bilambil Heights**

**DA22/0078** – Two storey dwelling and inground swimming pool  
Lot 15 DP 1231670, No. 11 Sea Eagle Court, **Casuarina**

**DA22/0303** – Use of retaining wall  
Lot 10 DP 1133087, No. 82 Riveroak Drive, **Murwillumbah**

**DA22/0420** – Two lot subdivision  
Lot 517 DP 1132400, No. 26–32 Honeyeater Circuit, **South Murwillumbah**

**DA22/0294** – Patio, swimming pool and 1.8m high front fence and use of alterations to the lower ground level  
Lot 1 DP 588564, No. 69 Ducat Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA22/0538** – In-ground swimming pool  
Lot 2 DP 332370, No. 10 Enid Street, **Tweed Heads**

**DA22/0070** – Use of home office and stairs  
Lot 2 SP 68842, Unit 2/No. 51 Panorama Drive, **Tweed Heads West**

**DA22/0058** – Two lot subdivision  
Lot A DP 103527, No. 2 Blacksmiths Lane, **Uki**

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](http://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)



## Have your say

### Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

#### Proposed naming of roads in Kings Coast subdivision, Cudgen

In accordance with section 162(1) of the *Roads Act 1993*, Council gives notice that it proposes to name the roads dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 in DP828298 (S93/0076.01) in Cudgen, Tweed Shire as shown below:

- Bowen Loop
- Sugar Mill Road

#### Have your say

You may lodge a written objection to the proposed naming stating the reasons for your objection by 5 pm Thursday 16 February 2023.

- **Email:** [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)
- **Online:** [yoursaytweed.com.au/subdivkingscoast](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/subdivkingscoast)
- **Mail:** General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484

Note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

**Submissions close:** 5 pm, 16 February 2023

**Council ref:** PN: 43230

**Enquiries:** Emily Rockliff, Technical Officer – Property

**Phone:** 02 6670 2400

**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.

#### Proposed resolution to classify land as operational, Commercial Road

Tweed Shire Council is in the process of acquiring Lot 1 in DP114799, 77 Commercial Road, Murwillumbah, for the upgrade to the flood pump station (image right). Council proposes to resolve to classify the land as operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



#### Have your say

You may lodge a written objection to the proposed land classification stating the reasons for your objection by 4 pm Wednesday 22 February 2023.

- **Email:** [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)
- **Online:** [yoursaytweed.com.au/commercialroad](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/commercialroad)
- **Mail:** General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484

**Submissions close:** 4 pm, 22 February 2023

**Council ref:** PN: 3827

**Enquiries:** Sally Curran Technical Officer – Property

**Phone:** 02 6670 2400

#### Proposed naming of roads in Mebbin Springs subdivision, Kunghur

Council gives notice that it proposes to name the private roads dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lots 1 and 27 in DP286231 (S94/0070.09) in Kunghur, Tweed Shire as shown below:

- Sisters Court
- Doughboy Close
- Panorama View

#### Have your say

You may lodge a written objection to the proposed naming stating the reasons for your objection by 5 pm Thursday 16 February 2023.

- **Email:** [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)
- **Online:** [yoursaytweed.com.au/subdivkunghur](http://yoursaytweed.com.au/subdivkunghur)
- **Mail:** General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484

Note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

**Submissions close:** 5 pm, 16 February 2023

**Council ref:** PN: 112624

**Enquiries:** Emily Rockliff, Technical Officer – Property

**Phone:** 02 6670 2400

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