

Tweed Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the Ngandawal and Minyungbal speaking people of the Bundjalung Country, in particular the Goodjinburra, Tul-gi-gin and Moorung – Moobah clans, as being the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters within the Tweed Shire boundaries. Council also acknowledges and respects the Tweed Aboriginal community's right to speak for its Country and to care for its traditional Country in accordance with its lore, customs and traditions.



Members of the fire ant detection team carrying out a search on Sunday 26 November. Inset: Fire ant close-up.

Fire ant update: What you can and can't do

Significant progress has been made since the detection of red imported fire ants at South Murwillumbah on Friday, with a team of leading NSW Government and national experts on the ground, supported by Council.

Treatment

All fire ant nests detected on site at the vacant industrial lot in Quarry Road, South Murwillumbah have been treated, with surrounding land on the sub-division baited to help prevent any further outbreak.

Surveillance

A team of inspectors, accompanied by 2 detection dogs, have checked the lot for any further fire ant activity and are now conducting surveillance of nearby properties identified as most at risk. Nearby businesses identified as most high risk have been notified and surveillance teams will visit individual properties as soon as possible.

Once this is completed, inspectors will move outwards from the epicentre, contacting residents and businesses and doorknocking where necessary.

Investigation

While surveillance continues on the ground, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) investigators are continuing to trace the source of the outbreak, believed to have come from SE Qld.

Compliance

The NSW Government issued a new Biosecurity (Fire Ant) Emergency Order on Monday night, which combines the

existing NSW and Qld orders, reflecting the lower risk profile of the Tweed outbreak compared to SE Qld.

This emergency order (including a plain English summary) can be found at dpi.nsw.gov.au/rifa. A detailed map of the 5 km biosecurity zone is also published here.

The new order clearly outlines what activity is permitted within a 5 km radius of the fire ant infestation site at Quarry Road in South Murwillumbah. This includes:

- How to treat or clean fire ant carriers such as organic mulch, soil, compost and manure, soil samples, growing media, hay, potted plants, turf, and mining or quarrying materials.
- How to follow cleaning requirements for agricultural equipment and earth moving equipment and dump trucks and bins.
- Information on how to complete a record of movement declaration form.

The new order also outlines activities around organic waste collection (green bins) by Council, with these activities permitted to be collected by Council's waste management services as per normal.

Residents within the 5 km biosecurity zone are permitted to take their own vegetation waste to the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre (the tip), however they must ensure the vegetation is covered to prevent fire ants crawling into or landing on it. Any potential need for treatment of green waste will take place by authorities at the tip.

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Help shape the future of the Tweed's housing

Where will we live? As the Tweed population continues to grow, Council is inviting the community to think about what the Tweed may look like in the future and share their thoughts at yoursaytweed.com.au/futuretweed

Feedback will help inform the next phase of the draft *Growth Management and Housing Strategy* for the Tweed.

It is estimated more than 12,000 new dwellings will be needed by 2041. These future housing options need to be

suitable for people in all stages of life and offer security, comfort and independence.

Housing should also be available to people in crisis, those in need of social housing, private rental tenants, first home buyers and those with changing circumstances such as a growing family or later life.

Get involved in the conversation on the Your Say Tweed website at yoursaytweed.com.au/futuretweed

Vote for your favourite tree in the Tweed

It's time for the community to vote – which tree will be 'crowned' the Tweed's favourite urban tree?

Residents recently submitted to Council 20 photos of trees and streetscapes from all over the Tweed, including Banora Point, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Bilambil, Kingscliff, Tumbulgun and Cudgen.

Go to yoursaytweed.com.au/cool-towns to browse the photos. To vote, select the heart symbol.

Do you notice any familiar trees from your daily routine? You can comment on, or share photos too!

The campaign is part of Council's Cool Towns Urban

Forest Program which aims to plant more trees in the Tweed to provide increased shade and cooling in settings where concrete, bitumen and built structures absorb and reflect heat.

Trees in urban areas bring a multitude of benefits to the community, the environment and the economy. This project is one way Council is working to protect the Tweed's internationally significant environment for a sustainable future.

Cast your vote before midnight on Sunday 10 December.



Save water
now

Last week we each used too much!

182 L a day

Meet Target 160 L

Save 22 L a day to delay water restrictions

In brief ...

Thinking of raising your home?

A free workshop about house raising will be held at the Murwillumbah Community Centre on Wednesday 6 December from 10 to 11 am.

Ideal for those who are thinking about protecting their homes from future floods by raising them, the workshop aims to help residents better understand the steps required for a successful house raising.

Everyone is welcome, however places are limited and registration is essential.

Email livinglabnr@scu.edu.au to register.

Community cane toad bust at Pottsville

Don't forget to sign up for the next community cane toad bust to be held on Tuesday 5 December at Pottsville (Koala Beach estate) from 6:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join this fun activity for the whole family. After a brief educational talk, people attending will be invited to collect as many cane toads as they can find.

Toad busting kits will be awarded to the teams that collect the most toads on the night.

Go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/cane-toads to find out more and register.



The harbour management plan aims to maintain existing public facilities for the safe use and enjoyment of the harbour.

Proposed Anchorage Island Harbour fees

A draft harbour management plan for Anchorage Island outlining proposed fees for vessel berths is open for feedback on the Your Say Tweed website until 5 pm on Wednesday 10 January.

Council will licence private facilities located within the public harbour, such as pontoons, and charge fees for using public facilities such as swing moorings and jetty berths.

Among other things, the management plan outlines a vessel berth fee that creates a revenue stream to maintain and renew harbour facilities.

Go to yoursaytweed.com.au/anchorageisland to have your say.

All comments will be reviewed and a report prepared for Council to consider in early 2024.

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.

Sign up at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe

Celebrating people with disability

It's International Day of People with Disability on Sunday 3 December – a chance for everyone to celebrate the Tweed’s diverse community, especially those living with disability.

This year marks a significant milestone with the release of an outcomes report from the Tweed’s recent Disability Inclusive Emergency Planning Forum, held on 28 June. The forum focused on building community resilience during emergencies for people with disability and prioritising their support needs in future emergency planning.

An initiative between Council and the University of Sydney, the forum put people with disability at the centre of emergency planning.

Go to tweed.nsw.gov.au/people-with-disability to find out more about access and inclusion in the Tweed.



Members of the Tweed Equal Access Advisory Committee at Goorimahbah – Place of Stories in Tweed Heads earlier in the year.

Fire ant update (continued)

Engagement

Community outreach is ramping up, with a NSW DPI drop-in information hub opened at the front of Council’s offices in Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah to provide support to businesses and residents.

Additional NSW DPI communications are also underway including SMS blasts to businesses within 500 m of the affected site, email newsletters to local businesses and residents, and digital road signage.

How you can help

Residents within this control area have a biosecurity duty not to spread fire ants as well as to report fire ants. Information on how to identify fire ants is available on the DPI website at dpi.nsw.gov.au/rifa

Anyone who suspects fire ants on their property is urged not to disturb the nest but to report the activity to the NSW DPI by calling **1800 680 244** or visiting dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/forms/report-exotic-ants

More detail on the National Fire Ant Eradication Program can be found online at fireants.org.au



Fire ants are 2–6 mm long with a range of sizes in one nest. Image: National Fire Ant Eradication Program.

Current vacancies

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/job-vacancies to view current vacancies. Subscribe to receive **Job Vacancy Alerts** via email at tweed.nsw.gov.au/subscribe



Check when your water meter is read at
tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading



Paddling on one of the Tweed’s many pristine waterways is a great way to explore the coastal region. Photo: The Tweed Tourism Co.

Plan for Tweed as sustainable tourism destination

Tweed Shire Council is inviting the community to provide feedback on the revised *Tweed Destination Management Plan 2024 – 2030* (DMP) which provides a framework and actionable plan to position the Tweed as one of Australia’s top sustainable tourism destinations.

Developed in partnership with Council, its tourism partner The Tweed Tourism Company, and industry, the draft DMP builds on the 2019 DMP to adapt to the changing needs of the community and ensure sustainable tourism growth over the next 6 years.

The revised draft plan speaks to a vision for the Tweed to be recognised as one of Australia’s leading sustainable destinations celebrated for its nature and outdoor recreation and its cultural, culinary and creative experiences.

It further speaks to a commitment to focus on sustainable growth of visitation, quality products and experiences and to safeguard the Tweed’s natural environment while celebrating the Tweed’s destination strengths.

- To achieve this, the plan focuses on 5 key pillars and goals:
- Beyond recovery
 - Build the Tweed brand
 - Showcase the Tweed’s strengths

Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting agenda

Thursday 30 November 2023

The Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for Thursday 30 November 2023 is available on Council’s website at tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah commencing at 3:30 pm.

Agenda

Reports for consideration

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

- 8.1** Review of Determination of Development Application No. DA22/0088 for a telecommunications facility at Lot 2 DP 815370 No. 1126 Pottsville Road, Pottsville

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Agenda

Reports for consideration

Confirmation of minutes

- 3.1** Adoption of recommendations from Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting held Thursday 30 November 2023

The agenda for these meetings, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meetings and are available on Council’s website. It should be noted that confidential items are considered in closed session, which excludes media and public. Also, the minutes of these meetings will be available as soon as practical following the meetings and are unconfirmed until they are formally adopted at the next Council meeting.

Please be aware that meetings are livestreamed, and video recordings will be available on Council’s website following the meeting. A person’s image and/or voice may be broadcast. Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and/or voice being webcast.

- Invest in uniquely Tweed events
- Facilitate sustainable growth.

The Tweed Tourism Company Director Robbie Cornelius said it was timely the DMP was reviewed to recognise the recent challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, border closures and floods and consider the NSW Government’s Destination North Coast DMP and NSW Visitor Economy 2030 strategies.

“It’s been 4 years since the 2019 DMP was adopted and a lot has changed in the tourism industry in that time,” Mr Cornelius said.

“Tweed’s tourism sector should be credited for how well they’ve navigated the economic and social impacts of a global pandemic, cross-border closures and major floods.

“Our thanks go out to all participants who have shared their insights and contributed to informing this review and we encourage the wider community to have their say on the draft Tweed DMP 2024-2030.”

The revised DMP is on exhibition until 4 pm on Friday 10 January 2024.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/destination for more information and to view the plan.

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

DA22/0366 – Installation of a 1.8 m diameter satellite dish including associated cabinet, external air conditioner, cabling, fencing and tree pruning at existing telecommunication facility
Lot 20 DP 244460, No. 9 Pioneer Parade, **Banora Point**

DA23/0276 – Pontoon
Lot 128 DP 263367, Lot 32 DP 263366, No. 26 Captains Way, **Banora Point**

DA23/0322 – Extension to existing seniors housing – new communal recreation structure and parking spaces
Lot 1 DP 787944, No. 26 Winders Place, **Banora Point**

DA22/0616 – Construction of a residential unit to create an attached dual occupancy and a boat storage addition to approved dwelling.
Lot 7 DP 233498, No. 9A Terranora Parade, **Bilambil Heights**

DA23/0432 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling
Lot 6 Section 2 DP 7309, No. 22 Seaview Street, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0459 – Alterations and first floor addition to existing dwelling
Lot 356DP 1087716, No. 29 Cylinders Drive, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0479 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 64 DP 249140, No. 27 Surf Street, **Kingscliff**

DA23/0484 – In-ground swimming pool
Lot 459 DP 1185703, No. 217 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

DA23/0454 – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including attached carport
Lot 1 DP 1048645, No. 16 Irving Street, **Tumbulgum**

Approved – deferred commencement

DA21/0829 – Staged development comprising of (Stage 1) two storey dwelling, swimming pool and retaining wall, (Stage 2) two lot subdivision and (Stage 3) two storey dwelling with attached secondary dwelling
Lot 1 DP 1264394, No. 75 Henry Lawson Drive, **Terranora**

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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