



Wheelie wheelie good turn out... Tweed Shire Council, Transport for NSW and NSW Police working together to provide information all about e-bikes.

## Big numbers turn out to learn about e-bike safety

More than 350 people turned out to 3 pop up events around Tweed last week which raised awareness about the rules for e-bikes and safe riding.

Tweed Council came together with Transport NSW and NSW Police to answer questions and provide information to the community.

Council's Road Safety Officer Lily Morgan said the Tweed offers beautiful riding routes but that

means we're also seeing more bikes, e-bikes, and illegal e-scooters out on our shared paths and roads especially during school holidays. The pop-up events offered a great opportunity to address community questions and provide up-to-date information.

"Both riders and pedestrians were keen to hear the information firsthand and asked questions to understand expectations. This included where cyclists can ride, how to have conversations as a family about rules and regulations, what 'safe speed' looks like in different conditions and the importance of safe passing distances," Ms Morgan said.

"We will continue to work with NSW Police and Transport for NSW to educate the community about safe road use. While many riders follow the rules, incidents involving e-bikes and e-scooters are on the rise and we don't want to see anybody getting hurt."

The pop-up events took place ahead of a blitz this week where NSW Police will be actively patrolling and issuing fines for e-bike and illegal e-scooter violations. For more information, visit [tweed.nsw.gov.au/e-bikes](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/e-bikes) or [transport.nsw.gov.au/ebikes](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/ebikes).



A Pottsville family making the most of their e-bike adventures on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

## Vote to crown Kingscliff as NSW's Top Tourism Town

Sun, surf and serious seaside charm – Kingscliff really has it all. And now, it's officially a finalist in the 2025 NSW Top Tourism Town Awards. All that's left? Putting the cherry on top with the crown of winner – and that's where you come in!

Whether you're a local or just love visiting this laidback coastal gem, it's time to show some love and cast your vote before Sunday 4 May.

General Manager of The Tweed Tourism Company Sally Scott said that Kingscliff was a worthy finalist in the Top Tourism Town category.

"We're proud to be supporting the many Kingscliff businesses that contribute to the visitor experience across The Tweed and, while we already know it's a top tourism town, we would love to make it official – jump online now to vote Kingscliff, NSW Top Tourism Town for 2025," she said.

Winners will be announced on Tuesday 27 May at the LGNSW Destination & Visitor Economy Conference

which is being held in The Tweed and hosted by Tweed Shire Council.

Vote before Sunday 4 May at: [nswtourismassoc.kartra.com/survey/TopTourismTown](https://nswtourismassoc.kartra.com/survey/TopTourismTown).



Be sure to vote for local gem Kingscliff in the NSW Top Tourism Town awards of 2025.

## In brief...

### MisterChef – calling older Tweed men

Council is calling on older men in the Tweed to take part in its next MisterChef program, starting Monday 5 May.

The 6-week program is designed for men who are new to cooking, whether they've recently started preparing meals for themselves or their partner. No prior experience is needed.

Participants will gain practical skills in meal planning, grocery shopping, and cooking nutritious meals, all in a relaxed and supportive environment.

To register your interest or for more information about this program, please contact Community Services on 07 5569 3110 or via email [communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au).

The MisterChef program runs at South Tweed Community Centre each Monday from 9 am to 12 noon from Monday 5 May until Monday 16 June. The total costs is \$20—all materials supplied.



Local youths enjoying the recently upgraded facilities at Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

## Youth Outdoor Recreation Plan adopted after strong community input

Council has officially adopted the Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2025–2035, a major step forward in improving outdoor spaces, facilities and activities for young people in the Tweed.

The draft plan was developed following initial community consultations where locals shared ideas for new outdoor recreation spaces, events and activities.

In October and November 2024, Council invited feedback from young people and the broader community to make sure the plan reflected local needs.

Council engaged with the community at the Murwillumbah Show, Kingscliff Markets and five local schools, collecting 517 survey responses.

This feedback helped shape the final plan, which was adopted at the March 2025 Council meeting. Now, with the plan in place, it's time to put the ideas into action. To view the plan, visit:

[tweed.nsw.gov.au/young-people](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/young-people).



Birds eye view of Depot Road Sports Precinct looking north across the main oval with the clubhouse and hard courts in the background.

## Depot Road Sports Precinct Master Plan unveiled

Tweed Shire Council is seeking community feedback on plans for a new sports and recreation hub at Kings Forest.

The Depot Road Sports Precinct Master Plan outlines a 10-year vision for the 8-hectare site, which will offer much-needed facilities for AFL, touch football, Oztag and other activities.

Proposed developments include:

- Two AFL-standard ovals
- Multi-use fields for touch football and Oztag
- Multi-purpose hard courts for netball and pickleball

- A clubhouse with amenities and viewing areas
- A youth precinct with features like a skate park and pump track
- An active travel network, car parking, a dog park, and environmental protection measures.

With Kingscliff and surrounding areas expected to grow, this precinct will help meet the demand for sports infrastructure.

The draft plan is open for public exhibition from 2 April to 7 May 2025. To provide feedback, visit [yoursaytweed.com.au/depot-road](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/depot-road).



Tweed Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the Ngandowal and Minyungbal speaking people of the Bundjalung Country, in particular the Goodjinburra, Tul-gi-gin and Moorong – 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.

# Cyclone waste becomes biomass fuel

Council is turning more than 4,000 tonnes of green waste from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred into renewable energy through a partnership with Cape Byron Power.

As part of the Shire-wide clean-up, Council crews are collecting and chipping green waste from local suburbs and transporting it to the Condong Cogeneration Plant, where it is used to generate electricity from biomass, a sustainable energy source. Council's Manager of Sustainability and Environment, Jane Lofthouse, explained that green waste and garden organics are usually processed at Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre but the sheer volume of green waste meant from the cyclone required a change in approach.

"Since Monday 17 March, the community clean-up has collected around 4,000 tonnes of green waste which is equivalent to the weight of around 2,000 cars. This has demonstrated the need for an alternative solution."

This partnership with Cape Byron Power supports Council's commitment to reducing waste and reusing resources. Council already implements circular economy principles, including the reuse of road materials, garden waste, and the responsible disposal of recyclables.

To learn more, visit: [tweed.nsw.gov.au/cyclone-waste-to-renewable-energy](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/cyclone-waste-to-renewable-energy).



Chipped green waste from the residential clean-up is ready for use at the Condong Cogeneration Plant.

## Safety warning: keep batteries out of your bin

Imagine being responsible for a bin – or waste truck – catching fire! If you put batteries or other harmful items in your bin, this is a real risk.

Just last month there was a fire in a Tweed waste truck which was probably caused by a butane canister being thrown into a home bin.

Council's Resource Recovery Unit Manager Rodney Dawson said the fire put workers and the community at risk.

"The fire forced the load to be dumped and extinguished by the fire brigade," Mr Dawson said. "It could have been avoided – that item could've been dropped off at the tip for free."

Batteries, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, paint and other dangerous items should never go in household bins. The can be taken to the Stotts Creek Resource Recovery Centre free of charge.

"Don't let your rubbish bin start a fire. Take your batteries and other hazardous waste to the tip instead."

To see a full list of what you can drop off safely, visit: [tweed.nsw.gov.au/tip-resource-recovery](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/tip-resource-recovery).



Batteries and hazardous waste items in kerbside bins are causing dangerous fires, forcing waste operators to dump loads. Image supplied by North East Waste.



Blacks Drain located in South Murwillumbah was severely damaged by the 2022 flood. Council will be asking for tenders from contractors interested in completing the reconstruction works.

## Early tender notification: Blacks Drain reconstruction works

Tweed Shire Council is giving early notice of an upcoming tender for the reconstruction of the pavement, drainage, and traffic safety infrastructure at Blacks Drain located on Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah.

The work site is about 2 km south of Murwillumbah town centre. Blacks Drain is an important concrete culvert that helps drain water from nearby agricultural land, including sugar cane fields to the east of Tweed Valley Way.

The area was rebuilt after the 2017 flood, but the February 2022 flood caused serious damage to the pavement and severe erosion nearby. Temporary

emergency repairs were done quickly to restore access.

The planned works include a temporary traffic diversion, building kerbs and footpaths, installing rigid concrete pavement, and adding traffic barriers. Erosion protection will also be put in place.

A formal Request for Tender (RFT) will be issued soon, inviting qualified contractors to submit their bids. This notice is to give potential tenderers a heads-up about the upcoming work. More details, including the scope, specifications, and evaluation criteria, will be provided in the official RFT.



## Tweed Shire explores new indoor sports facility

What kinds of sports facilities will the Tweed need in years to come as the population continues to grow and change? Tweed Shire Council is undertaking a study to assess the need for a new Regional Indoor Sports Facility. This is in line with its 10-year Sport and Active Recreation Strategy.

As the first step, a Project Reference Group was set up to guide the study. This group, comprising a range of members with connections to different local sports, will make sure the proposed facility meets community needs and is financially viable.

The study will look at the demand for a new indoor facility, potential locations, and the option to upgrade existing venues such as the South Tweed Aquatic Centre, which is over 50 years old and may require extensive repairs. The study will also consider the addition of new aquatic facilities.

The next phase will involve consulting the community and local user groups to ensure the facility reflects the needs of Tweed residents. This feasibility study, which will be presented to Council, is a key step in

determining whether a new indoor sports facility would be an asset for the region.

At this stage, the facility is unfunded, and Council will seek financial support from state and federal governments as well as contributions from developers.

For updates or to have your say, visit: [yoursaytweed.com.au/indoor-sports-facility](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/indoor-sports-facility).



What's the score? Tweed Shire Council undertaking study to assess future sporting facility needs.

### Join the Northern Regional Planning Panel

Complete an expression of interest to join as a paid member of the Council-appointed team. Help shape major developments in our area.

## Apply now

Submit your expression by Friday 2 May 2025 at [yoursaytweed.com.au/nrpp-eoi](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/nrpp-eoi)

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

**DA24/0529** – Dwelling and attached secondary dwelling  
Lot 41 DP 1300756, No. 38 Bowen Loop, **Cudgen**

**DA23/0652** – Amalgamation of two (2) existing lots and re-subdivision into two (2) Torrens title lots (stage 1); alterations and additions to existing dwelling including attached garage and effluent disposal upgrade (stage 2) and associated works  
Lot 204 DP 1002166, Lot 2 DP 1179049, No. 250 Pottsville Road, **Mooball**

**DA24/0246** – Alterations and additions to existing mixed use development (M’Arts) in 2 stages

Lot 1 DP 439512, Lot 3 DP 772263, Lot 4 DP 772263,  
Lot 1 DP 123065, Lot 1 DP 202712, No. 1 Brisbane Street,  
**Murwillumbah**

**DA24/0394** – Mixed use development comprising general industry and warehouse use including fencing, earthworks and retaining wall (proposed Lot 706)

Lot 604 DP 1244954, No. 208 Lundberg Drive, **South Murwillumbah**

**DA23/0642** – Demolition of existing structures and construction of four light industrial units  
Lot 34 DP 258721, No. 40 Industry Drive, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA24/0159** – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling and detached secondary dwelling, including tree removal

Lot 1 DP 230634, No. 120 Dry Dock Road, **Tweed Heads South**

**DA24/0347** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and pool

Lot 62 DP 740854, No. 21 Karingal Avenue, **Bilambil Heights**

**DA25/0103** – Flyover roof

Lot 214 DP 867487, No. 16 Lake Tahoe Drive, **Bilambil Heights**

**DA25/0041** – Use of existing 1.8m high front fence and construction of an inground swimming pool and 1.8m masonry front fence

Lot 397 DP 216708, No. 125 Hastings Road, **Bogangar**

**DA25/0001** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including inground swimming pool

Lot 21 DP 25749, No. 45 Wommin Bay Road, **Chinderah**

**DA24/0632** – Dwelling with attached garage and inground swimming pool

Lot 13 DP 1295758, No. 75 Bowen Loop, **Cudgen**

**DA25/0077** – Swimming pool and associated decking  
Lot 1 DP 844301, No. 182 Marine Parade, **Kingscliff**

**DA25/0012** – Detached addition

Lot 251 DP 818258, No. 32 Edward Avenue, **Pottsville**

**DA25/0055** – Dwelling, swimming pool and ancillary development

Lot 3 DP 1059139, No. 149 Pumpenbil Road, **Pumpenbil**

**DA24/0418** – Use of sheds  
Lot 102 DP 1255992, No. 141 Sleepy Hollow Road, **Sleepy Hollow**

**DA25/0046** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including house raising

Lot 6 DP 9871, No. 149 River Street, **South Murwillumbah**

**DA25/0082** – Swimming pool

Lot 451 DP 1270825, No. 8 Darro Road, **Terranora**

**DA24/0530** – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling  
Lot 87 DP 246488, No. 16 Meridian Way, **Tweed Heads**

**DA24/0465** – Dwelling including carport and front fence  
Lot 4 Section 12 DP 759012, No. 27 Wollumbin Street, **Tyalgum**

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

Current vacancies

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WATER WEEK 2



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

Local Koalas found in distress after storms

**Little Milly (pictured here) is a brave joey who was found in distress after Tropical Cyclone Alfred. A koala rescuer made sure she got the help she needed at Northern Rivers Koala Hospital in Lismore.**

Council’s Conservation Planning Officer Marama Hopkins said that Tweed residents need to keep a special eye out for koalas like Milly at the moment. “Following the recent weather events, our koalas may find themselves injured from falls or by falling trees, disoriented after losing their favourite shelter trees, or just stressed and sick,” Ms Hopkins said. “If you see a koala sitting curled on the ground, looking confused, unresponsive or approaching people, this is not normal – it needs help,” she said. If you find a sick or injured koala, call a 24/7 wildlife rescue hotline:

**Friends of the Koala:** (02) 6622 1233  
**Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers:** (02) 6672 4789  
“Your actions could save a koala’s life – and that can make a real difference for the local population,” Ms Hopkins added.

This awareness campaign is part of the Northern Rivers Regional Koala Partnership, supported by six

local councils, the NSW Government and Friends of the Koala. Learn more at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/koalas)



Milly was found in distress and in need of help following ex-Cyclone Alfred. Image credit: Friends of the Koala

Spotted a sick or injured koala?

CALL 24HR HOTLINE  
(02) 6622 1233  
(02) 6672 4789



Naming of roads In subdivision – Ducat Court, Bray Park

In accordance with section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, Council has approved the names of the road dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lots 4 in DP381676 (DA12/0528) in Bray Park, Tweed Shire as:

- Ducat Court

Authorised by the delegated officer, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484.

Naming of roads in subdivision - Kings Forest Precinct 4

In accordance with section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993*, Council has approved the names of the roads dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lot 7 in DP1270901 (MP08\_0194) in Kings Forest, Tweed Shire as shown below:

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| • Boiling Pot Street | • Merewether Street   |
| • Burleigh Way       | • Narrow Neck Lane    |
| • Burnie Drive       | • Point Danger Road   |
| • Cow Bombie Street  | • Red Bluff Way       |
| • Curl Curl Way      | • Seal Rocks Lane     |
| • Freshwater Street  | • Strickland Bay Lane |
| • Gracetown Street   | • Super Bank Road     |
| • Guillotines Street | • Waits Drive         |
| • Jan Juc Lane       | • Winki Pop Street    |

Authorised by the delegated officer, General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484.

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Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed



Proposed Licence Of Council-Managed Crown Land

In accordance with section 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), Tweed Shire Council as Crown Land Manager under the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016* (NSW) proposes to grant a licence in respect of Council-managed Crown land.

The land has previously been managed by the Pottsville Beach Community Hall Inc, and the previous agreement has expired. Council now proposes to enter into a new one-year licence agreement with them for their use of the premises. Under the *Crown Lands Management Act*, Council is currently only able to offer a one-year licence of the premises.

Property: Lot 447 in **DP755701**, Crown Reserve 63717 as outlined in the location diagram shown below.

Term: 1 Year.

Permitted Use: Public Recreation and Resting Place (as per Crown Reserve dedicated purposes).

Licensee: Pottsville Beach Community Hall Incorporated.

Written submissions relating to this proposal are to be made by no later than 5pm on 14 of May 2025 to Council via:

**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



**Online:** [yoursaytweed.com.au/pottsville-community-hall](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/pottsville-community-hall)

**Mail:** PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484

**Email:** [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

**Council Ref:** PN: 23512 Licence – Pottsville Beach Community Hall Inc.

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**Phone:** 02 6670 7412.

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