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Look after what makes the Tweed
the Tweed. *Our water.*



The Tweed Patchwork Group is marking 30 years of bringing creativity, connection and colour to the Tweed. Moira Haywood pictured far right.

Stitch by stitch: 30 years of patchwork and connection

For 3 decades, the Tweed Patchwork Group has been weaving more than fabric – they've been stitching together friendships, creativity and community spirit.

Meeting twice a month at the Tweed South Community Hall, the group brings together people of all skill levels to share in patchwork, knitting and needlework crafts. Each session runs from 9 am to 12 noon on the first and third Wednesday of the month, with a \$7 fee covering room hire and a cuppa for morning tea.

But the group's work goes far beyond the hall. In a heartfelt act of giving, members recently donated 56 handmade quilts to the Tweed Valley Hospital and local disability organisation Shaping Outcomes, offering warmth and comfort to those who need it most.

Group organiser Moira Haywood said the mornings

were as much about connection as they are about craft.

"It's a great place to meet people and learn new skills over a cuppa," Ms Haywood said.

With 30 years behind them, the Tweed Patchwork Group continues to welcome new members. There's no need to book – just turn up, bring your enthusiasm and join in.

The group meets at Tweed South Community Hall, one of many venues available for hire through Council. These spaces play a vital role in helping community groups thrive – providing room for people to meet, learn and support one another across the Tweed.

To find out more about hiring any of the available community spaces, visit:

tweed.nsw.gov.au/community-centres-venue-hire.

For details about local social groups for seniors, email: communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au.

Community feedback sought on draft policies

Tweed residents are invited to share their views on 2 draft policies: one relating to how Council works with developers, and the other addressing the replacement of high-value trees and vegetation.

The draft Planning Agreement Policy aims to improve transparency and consistency in how development contributions are managed. The policy explains how Council negotiates voluntary agreements with developers to deliver public benefits like infrastructure, land or community assets.

The draft Compensatory Planting Policy explains how important trees and vegetation are to be replaced when approved



for removal. The Policy details how Council calculates replacement planting and outlines the options for delivery.

Community members, developers and stakeholders can review the policies and complete a short survey on Council's Your Say Tweed website: yoursaytweed.com.au

The policies are on public exhibition together because they are often applied in tandem as part of the development assessment and approvals process. Exhibiting them at the same time allows the community to consider how they work together to support sustainable growth and environmental protection.

Feedback closes Wednesday, 22 October 2025.

Protecting our rivers for generations to come

Last Sunday was World Rivers Day – a day for celebrating the value of rivers and the importance of protecting them.

Like rivers all over the world, the Tweed's waterways face pressures from poor water quality, erosion, loss of vegetation and extreme flood events.

Council is proud to support local land managers who are restoring and protecting our creeks and rivers. Healthier waterways mean stronger flood resilience, better water security and lower treatment costs for our community.

With support from the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative, 3 new projects are underway to:

- restore 5+ hectares of river and creek banks
- plant 12,000 trees along 1.5 km of the Tweed and Oxley Rivers and Woodlands Creek
- control invasive Cats Claw Creeper vines.

Council's River Health Grants program has been running for nearly 20 years. This program continues to support projects like stock exclusion fencing, erosion control and revegetation to protect the health of our rivers.



Woodlands Creek will have new trees planted alongside it thanks to the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative.

Council trivia



Did you get last week's question right?

Answer: true. Tweed Shire Council's tap water often scores better than leading bottled brands in lab tests. Thanks to our dedicated teams, it meets or exceeds the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) for safety and quality.

Read next week's edition for a new question

Thank you for being part of your everyday.

Learn more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/part-of-your-everyday

In brief...

Community appeal: help stop theft of public plants

We are saddened to report that more than 50 newly-planted trees and shrubs have been stolen from Budd Park, Buckley Park and Murwillumbah Railway Station since recent upgrades.

These parks have been revitalised to create beautiful, welcoming spaces for everyone to enjoy, not for individuals to take plants for themselves. Every tree, shrub and plant is part of a bigger investment in our public spaces, improving biodiversity, providing shade and creating community pride.

When plants are stolen, we all lose – the community and the environment.

We ask residents to help protect these spaces:

- stay alert and report any suspicious behaviour
- respect public assets, they belong to all of us
- share this message and help build a culture of care

To make a report contact council via our tweed.nsw.gov.au/report-problem - Illegal activities page on our website or call 02 6670 2400

Together, we can keep our parks beautiful and welcoming for everyone.

Stay smart online: new program for seniors

Shopping, banking, connecting with family and even keeping up with friends on social media – the online world can open new doors, but it also comes with risks.

To help older residents feel confident and safe online, Council's Community Care Team is launching a new 10-week 'Shop Don't Drop' program, designed to build practical digital skills for everyday life.

Participants will learn how to:

- recognise and avoid online scams
- use the basic functions of an iPad
- safely shop and pay bills online
- understand and engage with social media.

A limited number of iPads will be available at sessions, or participants can bring their own device. Program details:

- Starts Monday 13 October, 9 am – 12 noon
- Activities Room, South Tweed Community Centre 18 Heffron Street, South Tweed.

Council is committed to supporting older residents to live well, stay connected and remain active in the community.

To register your interest or learn more about this program and others like it, contact Community Care on 07 55 693 110 or email

communityservices@tweed.nsw.gov.au.



Tweed Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the Ngandowal 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.

Council meeting agenda
Thursday 2 October 2025

The Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 2 October 2025 is available on Council's website tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings. The meeting will be held at the Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads commencing at 3.30pm. (please note there is no Planning Committee this month)

Reports For Consideration

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation

11.1. Submission to the NSW MLC Parliamentary Inquiry into Rural Housing and Second Dwellings

Orders of the Day

- 17.1. NOR – Cr Hone, Cr Byrnes – Cr Brinsmead – NOM Cr Hone – Second Detached Dwelling on 5 Hectares (12 Acres) or More
- 17.2. NOM – Cr Hone – Second Detached Dwelling on 10 Hectares (24 acres) or More

Reports from the Director Planning and Regulation In Committee

- 24.1. Unauthorised Development at Lot 6 Section 3 DP 3123 No. 41 Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads
- 24.2. Unauthorised Development at Lot 2 DP 1159743 No. 10 Chinderah Road, Chinderah
- 24.3. Unauthorised Development at Lot 1 DP 803772 No. 764 Cudgen Road, Kingscliff

Late reports in Committee

Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment in Committee

29.1.1 Crisis Housing Opportunity

The agenda for this meeting, which may also include any late or supplementary reports, will be updated prior to the date of the meeting and is 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 this meeting will be available as soon as practical following the meeting 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.

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

- DA25/0083** – Use of land for agriculture and use of existing structure as an agricultural packing shed
Lot 101 DP 1134560, No. 540 Duranbah Road, **Duranbah**
- DA25/0091** – Secondary dwelling
Lot 72 DP 259616, No. 22 Blundell Boulevard, **Tweed Heads South**
- DA25/0357** – Inground swimming pool and retaining wall
Lot 3 NPP 286030, Unit 3/No. 36 Old Ferry Road, **Banora Point**
- DA25/0324** – Use of outbuilding (shed)
Lot 252 DP 241371, No. 92 Cabarita Road, **Bogangar**
- DA25/0205** – Inground swimming pool
Lot 30 DP 792161, No. 7 Clarke Street, **Cudgen**
- DA25/0404** – Swimming pool
Lot 8 DP 749384, No. 25 Reserve Creek Road, **Kielvale**
- DA25/0322** – Pool proposed for units 2 and 3
Lot 1 DP 378971, No. 90 Pearl Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA25/0389** – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling
Lot 239 DP 252131, No. 55 Vulcan Street, **Kingscliff**
- DA25/0415** – Enclosure of carport to garage with storage including driveway hardstand
Lot 459 DP 1185703, No. 217 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**
- DA25/0379** – Dwelling with attached garage
Lot 801 DP 1301190, No. 3 Bulla Court, **Terranora**
- DA25/0255** – Alterations and additions to the existing dwelling including use of open shed, deck extension and flyover roof
Lot 1 DP 1315437, No. 53-55 Bawden Street, **Tumbulgum**
- DA25/0286** – Use of deck and construction of new flyover roof
Lot 2 SP 13966, Unit 2/No. 54 Keith Compton Drive, **Tweed Heads**
- DA25/0351** – Swimming pool and 1.8m block wall
Lot 26 DP 803197, No. 54 Kiata Parade, **Tweed Heads**
- DA25/0262** – Use of existing deck and construction of deck extension and fly over roof
Lot 22 Section 13 DP 28390, No. 23 Seaview Street, **Tweed Heads South**

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.

Drivers urged to slow down to protect koalas this breeding season

Koalas are on the move this breeding season, travelling further in search of mates and new territory – often crossing busy roads and putting themselves at risk.

More than 67 koalas were killed on Northern Rivers roads in 2024 alone, highlighting the dangers these endangered animals face.

Council's Conservation Planning Officer Marama Hopkins said the community had an important role to play.

"This is one of the most dangerous times of year for

koalas," Ms Hopkins said.

"They're following their instincts, but our roads cut through their habitat. We all need to be extra vigilant on the road."

Drivers are urged to slow down, particularly in Koala Zones and at dawn and dusk when koalas are most active.



Road resealing works to deliver safer roads

Parts of the Tweed's road network are getting a fresh new surface, with Council's annual road resealing program now underway. Over the next 3 months, drivers can expect to see resealing crews across the Shire – from Burringbar to Chinderah and beyond.

Resealing might not look dramatic, but it's a vital investment in road safety. By resealing before serious wear appears, Council can prevent potholes, extend the life of local roads and give drivers better grip.

Manager Roads and Stormwater Danny Rose said the program is all about staying ahead of bigger problems.

"Road resealing can look simple and sometimes it may appear we're fixing good roads, but it plays a vital role in keeping our network safe and reliable for the community," Mr Rose said.

"Carrying out this road maintenance now, prevents potholes and bigger problems down the track, while also improving skid resistance so drivers have better grip."

Works are carried out in short sections under traffic control. On wider roads this may mean lane closures and short waits, while on narrow rural roads where the full width is sealed at once, delays of up to 15 minutes are possible.

Mr Rose acknowledged the impact on motorists:

"We know traffic delays can be frustrating, so we really appreciate the community's patience while

crews carry out this important work."

Where you'll see the crews in the next few months:

- Burringbar Road, Burringbar – between Broadway Street and Glenvale Court
- Burringbar Road, Upper Burringbar – east of Binalong Court including the Rail Trail crossing
- Upper Burringbar Road – between the Rail Trail crossing and Ophir Glen Road
- Jowetts Road – from Upper Burringbar Road to the end of the bitumen
- Geles Road – from the bridge to the end of the bitumen
- Dulguigan Road, North Tumbulgum – between Terranora Road and McAuleys Road plus a section near Brady Place
- Mayes Hill Road, North Tumbulgum – several sections
- Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah – between Melaleuca Station and Riverside Drive south.

Details of current and upcoming works are available on Council's roadworks and closures page, along with a fact sheet explaining how resealing works and what to expect when crews are on site.

The resealing program is part of Council's Delivery Plan and helps maintain more than 1,200 kilometres of local roads, keeping them safer, smoother and stronger for the future.

Learn more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/roads.

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WATER WEEK
Week 1 starts
08 October 2025

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

Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed



Policy Review

Council is reviewing a number of existing policies and we'd like your feedback. The draft policies open for comment are:

- Community Halls Policy
- Compliments and Complaints Handling Policy
- Community Grants Policy
- Managing Unreasonable Conduct Policy
- Alcohol-Free Zones Policy
- Donations and Subsidies

Have your say

Go online, find out more and share your feedback by 4 pm 28 October 2025 in one of the following ways:

- **Online:** yoursaytweed.com.au
- **Email:** tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au Subject: *Name of the relevant Policy*
- **Mail:** Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484 Subject: *Name of the relevant Policy*



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