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the Tweed. *Our water.*



Be inspired by the 2024 Festive Shopfronts winner for the Tweed Coast – Noy's Nic Nax Convenience Store – festive and full of local spirit!

Celebrate Christmas with Tweed's Festive Shopfronts

This Christmas, Tweed Shire Council, local business chambers and the Tweed Valley Weekly are inviting local businesses to celebrate the festive season with creativity and community spirit.

The Tweed 2025 Festive Shopfronts campaign encourages business to get festive and residents to shop close to home.

By decorating their shopfronts, local businesses help bring festive cheer and vibrancy to our precincts and streets. As a bonus, they will have the chance to win 1 of 3 business prize packs valued at \$1,000.

All participating stores will be featured on the Tweed Festive Shopfronts map. This makes it easy for locals to discover and support businesses across the region. Getting involved is simple. Just follow these 3 steps:

1. Decorate your shopfront.
2. Take a photo of your festive display.

3. Submit your entry at tweed.nsw.gov.au/christmas (the competition terms and conditions are online).

The initiative is part of Council's Succeed in the Tweed business support program.

It is proudly supported by Tweed Valley Weekly, the Tweed Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Business Kingscliff and Business Murwillumbah. Representatives from these organisations will be visiting local stores to encourage participation and help spread festive cheer throughout the region.

Entries open on 1 December and close at 12 noon on Sunday 14 December. Winners will be announced in the Christmas edition of the Tweed Link, in the Tweed Valley Weekly, or direct to your inbox if you subscribe to the Tweed Link.

Get creative, get festive and help us celebrate and support the best of local business.

Get your rod ready! Annual Tilapia Buster – Sunday 23 November

Join us for a day of fishing, fun and action to protect our native fish at Tweed's annual Tilapia Buster.

Tilapia are a pest species in NSW, known for their rapid reproduction and the serious threat they pose to native fish populations. They degrade habitats for native fish and invertebrates by digging nests in riverbeds and uprooting aquatic plants that provide shelter and food for native species.

That's why Council has partnered with OzFish to raise awareness about the destructive effects of Tilapia – and we need your help! The day will include:

- educational information on the impacts of Tilapia
- a fishing competition to catch the biggest and largest numbers of Tilapia
- tips and tricks on how to catch Tilapia.

This event is for anyone – you don't need to be an expert angler to get involved.

Event: Sunday 23 November 2025

Time: 7 am to 12 noon (NSW time)

Where: 23 Willow Avenue, Bogangar

Please wear sun-safe clothing and closed-in shoes. Lunch provided. Registration is essential. Visit ozfish.org.au/event and search 'Bogangar'.

Council trivia



This week's question.

What's the biggest cause of potholes?

- a) Council forgetting to fix them.
- b) Poor driving habits.
- c) Tree roots pushing up from underneath.
- d) Rain and traffic.

Think you know the answer?

Read next week's edition to find out.

Thank you for being part of our everyday
Learn more at tweed.nsw.gov.au/part-of-your-everyday

Community feedback proves valuable for policy

A big thank you to everyone who shared their views on our draft Compensatory Planting Policy last month.

Your feedback will help ensure the policy is fair and clear and the compensatory options we provided make sense.

Thirteen people submitted feedback via our engagement platform Your Say Tweed and the draft policy was downloaded 67 times.

The policy outlines how trees and vegetation approved for removal will be replaced, either through onsite planting or a financial settlement. It applies only to regulated vegetation that is approved to be cleared through a tree permit or development approval and only when such clearing cannot be reasonably avoided or mitigated.

We're currently reviewing all submissions and will share the final policy once endorsed by Council.

Want to stay updated? Visit yoursaytweed.com.au to register.



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Recent upgrades at Murwillumbah Railway Station have made the precinct more inclusive than ever.

Rail trail upgrades a win for accessibility

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail (NRRT) and Tweed Shire Council have delivered a series of upgrades to make the popular 24km section between Murwillumbah and Crabbes Creek more accessible for everyone.

At Murwillumbah Railway Station, improvements include a fully accessible ground-level public toilet, an accessible parking bay with improved pedestrian crossings, and a new southern entry platform cut-through. Other upgrades include a smoother, step-free path to Prospero Street and the installation of new bike racks.

These improvements are part of the \$70 million Community Assets Program, jointly funded by the federal and NSW Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, following the 2022 floods.

Across the 24km section, additional enhancements

funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program include new bench seating and picnic tables, all designed with accessibility in mind.

The Rail Trail team have also improved their digital accessibility, with the NRRT website now offering features like adjustable contrast settings, dyslexia-friendly fonts, and a detailed accessibility statement to help visitors plan their trips.

The Tweed Equal Access Advisory Committee has formally endorsed the upgrades, recognising the NRRT's commitment to inclusion and accessibility. The NRRT team continues to welcome community feedback through its guest experience survey (northernriversrailtrail.com.au/share-your-experience) to guide future improvements.

Visit northernriversrailtrail.com.au/access-for-all to learn more about accessibility at the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.

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.



Naturalist and author Rusty Linnane in the field identifying plant seedlings.

Free workshop to help landholders combat weeds

Are you a landholder wanting to restore your patch of the bush? Council is hosting a free workshop on the fundamentals of bush regeneration and seedling identification.

The event will be held on Saturday 6 December from 9 am to 12:30 pm (NSW time) at the Pottsville Environment Centre.

The workshop will cover the basics of bushland restoration, including:

- the definition of weeds and why we do bush regeneration
- foundational concepts such as disturbance and resilience
- site assessment methods
- best practice weed control techniques.

Since many common weeds have native plant look-alikes, telling the difference between the 2 will

also be discussed.

The workshop will be facilitated by bush regenerator, naturalist and author Rusty Linnane. Rusty has over 25 years' field experience and delivers engaging workshops on ecological restoration and native plant and weed seedling identification.

There will also be a short tour of a bushland site to assess its weediness and approaches to weed control and to discuss broader site management strategies.

Bookings are essential. To register, visit events.humanitix.com/bush-regeneration-tweed

Details of what to bring will be provided on registration. A light morning tea will be provided.

For more information, contact Council's Private Land Conservation Officer, Michael Corke on 02 6670 2400.

How water wise are you ... can you hit Target 160?

This summer, Tweed Shire Council is asking everyone to make every drop count by sticking to a simple goal: Use no more than 160 litres of water per person each day.

Council's Water Cycle Coordinator, Elizabeth Seidl says the Target 160 campaign is a timely reminder that our drinking water is a precious and carefully managed resource.

"Water doesn't just fall from the sky and flow straight into our taps," Ms Seidl said.

"It's collected, treated, and pumped through a complex system – all of which takes energy, resources and money. Even when it's raining, our supply of treated water is limited."

Saving water isn't just about doing the right thing – it's about protecting the Tweed's environment and saving money.

"Water is the lifeblood of our region – essential for people, wildlife, farms, forests, rivers and creeks," Ms Seidl said.

"We all need to do our part to make sure there's enough to go around."

So, how are your water habits?

Council is encouraging residents to take a moment to reflect and make small changes that add up. Here are 5 simple ways to help hit Target 160:

- 1. Fix those leaks:** A dripping tap can waste over 30 litres a day and running toilet can waste up to 260 litres.
- 2. Upgrade your fixtures:** Choose showerheads, taps and appliances with a 4-star water rating or higher.
- 3. Cover your pool:** You could save up to 82 litres a day just by reducing evaporation.
- 4. Be smart with your garden:** Water in the cooler parts of the day, and plant drought-tolerant natives. A hose can use 15–20 litres per minute.
- 5. Keep showers short:** Every minute you shave off saves around 9 litres. Aim for 4 minutes or less.

Ms Seidl said that while many Australians care deeply



about the environment and saving energy, we often forget that water use is part of that picture.

"Saving water helps protect our environment – and it lowers your water bill too."

Visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/target-160 to learn more.



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Recycling right matters.

Help get your recycling right:

- ✓ keep your recycling loose
- ✓ keep all soft, scrunchable soft plastics out of the recycling bin



Did you know?

Recycling that's tied up inside plastic bags can't be opened at the sorting factory due to health risks, and so goes straight to landfill.



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



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

DA25/0273 – Additional dwelling to create a dual occupancy (detached) including strata subdivision
Lot 8 DP 842627, No. 24 Bushland Drive, **Banora Point**
DA25/0435 – Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including swimming pool, 1.8m fencing with sliding gate and swimming pool
Lot 508 DP 857005, No. 14 Avondale Drive, **Banora Point**
DA25/0456 – Installation of fireplace
Lot 1 SP 18308, Unit 1/No. 10 Mibbin Parade, **Banora Point**
DA25/0346 – Patio roofs
Lot 14 DP 731767, No. 13 Warringa Drive, **Bilambil Heights**
DA25/0480 – Swimming pool
Lot 85 DP 776309, No. 26 Warringa Drive, **Bilambil Heights**
DA25/0412 – Use of front and return boundary fence
Lot 49DP 1264557, No. 6 Candlenut Street, **Casuarina**
DA25/0394 – Swimming pool, spa and associate retaining
Lot 1 DP 827559, No. 204 Glengarrie Road, **Glengarrie**
CDC25/0181 – Radio communication dish
Lot 1 DP 570460, No. 101 Tweed Coast Road, **Hastings Point**
DA25/0416 – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including detached pool house/gym
Lot 140 DP 263728, No. 6 Royal Drive, **Pottsville**
DA25/0320 – Swimming pool and use of 1.8m front and return boundary fence
Lot 61 DP 834646, No. 42 Kiata Parade, **Tweed Heads**

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

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

WATER WEEK 7



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tweed.nsw.gov.au/meter-reading

Public notice: Presentation of financial statements

General purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Presentation of financial statements as per Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), Tweed Shire Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on Thursday 20 November 2025 will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30 June 2025.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below:

	2025 \$ '000	2024 \$ '000
Income statement		
Total income from continuing operations	342,922	373,853
Total expenses from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	186,872	175,509
Operating result from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	156,050	198,344
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	70,596	61,054
Net operating result for the year	85,454	137,290
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	5,893	17,224
Statement of financial position		
Total current assets	571,700	441,866
Total current liabilities	(103,717)	(66,059)
Total non-current assets	3,745,113	3,719,187
Total non-current liabilities	(114,507)	(118,043)
Total equity	4,098,589	3,976,951
Other financial information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	5.04	5.43
Operating performance ratio (%)	3.65%	9.47%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	5.48	5.93
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	4.68%	4.95%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	233.38%	264.50%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	71.45%	61.41%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	31.51	30.94

In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports. Submissions close at 4:30 pm, Tuesday 18 November 2025. Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report, and a form to make a submission, can be viewed at yoursaytweed.com.au/financial-statements-2024-2025

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