



Last week, we each used  
**169 L a day**  
Look after what makes the Tweed  
the Tweed. *Our water.*



Pictured left to right: Artist: Luther Cora – *Sovereignty* from the *Breast Plates* series 2023, digital print on photographic paper, Image courtesy of the artist ©; Artist: Krystal Randall – *Dyinda on Country* 2024, raffia, emu feathers, paper cortege © Photo Kate Holmes; Visitors at Tweed Regional Museum.

## Showcasing rich cultural diversity

Harmony Week runs from Monday 17 March to Sunday 23 March and is a celebration of Australia's rich cultural diversity. To mark the occasion, Council is highlighting exhibitions that embrace inclusivity, cultural expression and the rich cultural heritage of Bundjalung Country and beyond.

**Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre**

**Minghua Xiang: Finding Harmony in Hope**  
14 February – 22 June 2025

The solo exhibition *Finding Harmony in Hope* is the result of Xiang's residency at the Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio. By transcending the confines of traditional Eastern and Western aesthetics, Xiang looks to extend beyond the canvas and offer a glimpse into a future guided by cooperation and inclusivity.

**Bulaan Buruugaa Ngali Exhibition**  
22 February 2025 – 27 April 2025

This exhibition shares the histories and identities of women who bring forth ancient weaving practices and knowledge systems. Touring to three regional galleries located on Bundjalung Country (Grafton, Lismore and Murwillumbah), this groundbreaking exhibition presents new work by contemporary First Nations artists who have responded to their great grandmother's artistry of weaving.

**Breast Plates – Luther Cora**  
21 March – 28 September 2025

Breast Plates is a personal photographic series by Bundjalung and Yugambah Nation artist Luther Cora that delves into the intricate layers of history, culture, and colonisation impacting Australian Aboriginal peoples.

**Tweed Regional Museum**

**Land | Life | Culture** is a permanent exhibition at Tweed Regional Museum that introduces visitors to the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Tweed.

## General Manager finds local government is a small world

Tweed Shire Council General Manager, Troy Green has been incredibly proud of the number of staff who have gone above and beyond to help our community prepare for, and recover from, Ex-Cyclone Alfred.

After visiting worksites to see the impacts firsthand, Troy was particularly grateful to the clean-up crews for their dedication.

"The clean-up ahead of us is big – it will take a long time to recover, but I'm thankful for our crews who are working around the clock to tackle it day-by-day."

His gratitude was magnified after he reached out to fellow NSW councils to lend a helping hand—a call swiftly answered by Maitland City Council and Tamworth Regional Council.

That Tamworth Regional Council was so generous was particularly special to Troy because of his connection to the Tamworth local government area, having grown up on a farm outside Manilla.

His first question when he welcomed and thanked the visiting tree gang from Tamworth last Thursday was: "Is Michael Singh here?"

Troy was looking for his old schoolmate who still works for Tamworth Regional Council. He learnt that Michael's son, Craig (pictured with Troy), was in fact in the crew, and that Michael would be visiting the Tweed himself the following week to assist the tree gang.

In a further coincidence, Troy grew up with Craig's mother as their family farms were just down the road from each other.

That so many great connections could come from a generous act of assistance seems fitting – and is further evidence that it really is a small world!



## Avoid sewage in your home: check your stormwater connection

Wastewater and stormwater belong in different pipes. Wastewater comes from sinks, toilets and showers, flowing to one of Tweed's 8 wastewater treatment plants via our sewerage system. Stormwater drains off roofs and driveways through stormwater pipes into local drains and waterways. But in some homes, stormwater downpipes are illegally connected to sewer pipes – causing serious issues when it rains.

Water and Wastewater Operations Manager, Brie Jowett said these faulty connections can lead to sewage overflows, harming both homes and the environment.

"Our crews use visual inspections and smoke testing to detect incorrect connections," Ms. Jowett said.

"If your downpipe connects to a sewer pipe, get a licensed plumber to fix it."

Ms Jowett also highlighted the importance of overflow relief gullies, which prevent sewage from backing up inside homes.

"If your gully is covered by pot plants, mats or concrete, it can't do its job. Keeping it clear reduces the risk of a messy and potentially costly overflows inside your house."

Find out more at [tweed.nsw.gov.au/keep-stormwater-out-of-your-sewer-pipes](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/keep-stormwater-out-of-your-sewer-pipes)

## In brief ..

### Bulky goods collection service

A free residential kerbside collection for tree debris and legitimate cyclone-damaged waste from Cyclone Alfred is underway. The residential clean-up is for cyclone affected waste only and is being completed suburb by suburb.

For any non-cyclone related bulky rubbish you can book a free kerbside collection. Council's bulky goods collection service is available to households with a domestic red wheelie bin twice a year (financial year), up to 2 cubic metres each.

When using this service, we suggest you first consider whether the items could be donated to a recycling or op shop. To book in a collection visit: [tweed.nsw.gov.au/on-call-kerbside-collection](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/on-call-kerbside-collection) or call 02 6670 2400.

### Care Convoy on the Move!

The clean-up from Ex-Cyclone Alfred is huge, and Council crews, together with help from Tamworth Regional Council and Maitland City Council, are working around the clock.

To keep them powered up, we've been running a care convoy—dropping off chocolate, energy drinks and bananas to keep spirits high and energy levels up.

The team has been out to crews across the Tweed, from suburban streets to country roads, parks and sports fields, sewerage treatment plants, the resource recovery centre, the coastal strip and along the river.

The gesture was much appreciated by recipients in the warm and humid conditions post cyclone.

The teamwork shown by Tweed Shire Council staff and our visiting colleagues has made a huge difference to the speed of the clean-up.



### Guide to tree removal on private property

In the wake of Ex-Cyclone Alfred, residents might be unsure about what to do around fallen or damaged trees on their private property. Council's tree removal regulations have not changed. Here are some tips to assist landowners.

#### Do you need a permit?

In most cases, landowners are required to obtain a permit to remove trees on private non-rural land. However, Council has outlined exceptions for those affected by the storm:

- **No permit for fallen trees:** You do not need a permit to remove trees that have already fallen on your property.
- **Imminent risk trees:** If a tree on your property is storm-damaged and poses an immediate risk, Council may grant rapid approval for removal. To apply, send clear photos of the tree showing the damage to [treepermits@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:treepermits@tweed.nsw.gov.au). Additionally, contact a local Level 3 accredited arborist for an assessment. The arborist should email their findings to the same address.
- **Pruning guidelines:** Minor pruning, up to 20% of the tree's living canopy, does not require a permit. However, it must be performed by a Level 3 accredited arborist and comply with the Australian Standard.
- **Trees near your house:** Trees located within 5 metres of your home may also be removed without a permit. This exemption does not apply to trees on Council property, threatened species, koala food trees or trees over 800mm in diameter at chest height.

#### Need More Information?

If you're still unsure whether a permit is required, visit Council's website [tweed.nsw.gov.au](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au) or call Council on 02 6670 2400 for more information and advice.

## Council Meeting Agenda Thursday March 2025

The Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 6 March 2025 is available on Council's website [tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings](https://tweed.nsw.gov.au/councillors-meetings). The meeting will be at the Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah held commencing at 3:30 pm.

### Agenda

#### Reports for consideration

##### Confirmation of Minutes

1. Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Thursday 20 February 2025
2. Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Thursday 6 March 2025

##### Schedule of outstanding resolutions

1. Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions as at 7 March 2025

##### Mayoral minute

1. Mayoral Minute for February 2025

##### Receipt of petitions

1. Receipt of Petitions as at 7 March 2025

##### Reports from the general manager

1. Industry Central: Notice of Intention to Dispose; Lots 701, 705, 707 and 708 in DP1307254 (Lundberg Drive, South Murwillumbah)

##### Reports from the director planning and regulation

1. Development Application DA25/0057 for construction of a 13 storey residential flat building to be used for affordable housing comprising of 80 apartments, a ground level community room and bicycle storage area, landscaping and two basement carparking levels for 66 vehicles (SSD-72700708) at Lot 1 DP 843470 No. 25-27 Boyd Street, Tweed Heads
2. Business Investment Policy Review

##### Reports from the Director Sustainable Communities and Environment

1. Volunteer Management Policy
2. Draft Depot Road Sports Precinct Master Plan
3. Endorsement of the Ageing Well in the Tweed Strategy
4. Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2025-2035 (YORAP)
5. Draft Compensatory Planting Policy
1. Planning Agreement Policy
2. Industry Central: Boundary adjustment for sewer pump station; Council-owned operational land; Lundberg Drive, South Murwillumbah; Lot 226 DP1122768 and Lot 705 in DP1307254; Classification of land parcels created through boundary adjustment as operational
3. Land Classification Council Owned Land - Operational, 22-26 Durrington Street, South Murwillumbah (Lot 1 DP1141351)
4. Unconfirmed Minutes of the Floodplain Management Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 13 December 2024
5. Unconfirmed Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held Thursday 13 February 2025
6. RFO2024168 Cabarita Beach Public Carpark

##### Reports from the Director Corporate Services

1. Disclosure of Interest Return
2. Making the Rate 2025/2026 - Change to date for Planning Committee and Council Meeting in July 2025
3. Legal Services Register Report - 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024
4. Monthly Investment Report for the Period ending 28 February 2025
5. Compliments and Complaints Analysis Report for the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024

##### Orders of the Day

1. FOGO Mandates and Rollout
2. Cyclone Alfred Recovery
3. Federal Funding for Option 5 - Hastings Point Wastewater Treatment Plant

##### Questions with Notice

1. Ongoing IT Issues
2. Knox Park Pond
3. Illegal Camping in the Tweed Shire
4. Cyclone Alfred
5. Depot Road Sportsfields
6. Beach Street, Kingscliff Roundabout

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 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 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.

## Industry Central already proving to be a winner



**The Industry Central land precinct in South Murwillumbah may not have officially opened, but it has already demonstrated its usefulness for flooding as Ex-Cyclone Alfred approached the Tweed.**

The innovative Industry Central project saw the development of flood-free land at Lundberg Drive (Industry Central) to be used for a land swap for flood-prone businesses.

The earthworks and infrastructure were completed at the beginning of March and an official function was planned to mark the opening of the area just before the cyclone approached.

Instead of opening festivities, Council invited businesses to move vehicles and equipment there (see photo above) to have risk free parking for the storm event. Council's decision was met with

enthusiasm by a range of businesses including JH Williams.

General Manager of JH Williams, Lyndon Poirrier shared his appreciation:

"The land at Lundberg Drive enabled us to move all our fleet to safety (which we struggled to do previously) ensuring we were able to save it all and re-establish our fleet and manufacturing capacity within a week of the end of the event," he said.

Tweed Shire Council General Manager Troy Green, who was instrumental in creating the Industry Central Land Swap project, said that although this was not what he expected the area's first use to be, it proved that the completion of the precinct was a significant step forward in building resilience into the Tweed economy.

Through a land swap agreement, 6 successful applicants will be relocating from flood-risk sites to the new precinct. The first to start building will be Tweed Shire Council's new Murwillumbah depot.

Council was able to acquire 14 ha of suitable and appropriately zoned employment lands thanks to \$11.3 million in funding from the NSW Government's Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (PIRD).

For more on Industry Central, visit Council's [website](https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au).

### 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

**DA24/0552** – Inground swimming pool and use of existing shed

Lot 181 DP 217678, No. 37 Kurrajong Avenue, **Bogangar**

**DA24/0517** – Removal of existing pontoon and construction of new pontoon

Lot 94 DP 263367, Lot 32 DP 263366, No. 21 Commodore Court, **Banora Point**

**DA24/0387** – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dual occupancy (attached)

Lot 466 DP 221546, No. 13 Rosewood Avenue, **Bogangar**

**DA23/0495** – Construction of residential unit to create dual occupancy (attached) and use of enclosed verandah to existing dwelling

Lot 4 DP 863372, No. 1154 Numinbah Road, **Chillingham**

**DA24/0587** – Two lot strata subdivision

Lot 368 DP 1196575, No. 5 Talganda Terrace, **Murwillumbah**

**DA24/0249** – Change of use of existing commercial premises to a medical centre (dental clinic) and associated works including signage

Lot 3 SP 44731, Lot 4 SP 44731, Unit 3/No. 139 Minjungbal Drive, **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](https://datracker.tweed.nsw.gov.au)



**YOUR SAY**  
*Tweed*

## Have your say

Add your voice to decision making in the Tweed

### Share your Tropical Cyclone Alfred experience

The people of the Tweed are no strangers to extreme weather events, but our region hasn't prepared for a cyclone for over 50 years. We want to hear about your experience of Tropical Cyclone Alfred, the immediate impacts you observed, the aftermath, stories of local community heroes, community spirit and resilience.

Submit your story at [yoursaytweed.com.au/cyclone-alfred-experience](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/cyclone-alfred-experience)

#### Have your say

Share your story about your Tropical Cyclone Alfred experience by 16 April 2025.

**Online:** [yoursaytweed.com.au/cyclone-alfred-experience](https://yoursaytweed.com.au/cyclone-alfred-experience)

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

**Mail:** General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah 2484

Please include your name, address and contact details with your email or mail submission. Note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW), such



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### Current vacancies

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