

# Wollumbin | Mount Warning



**Wollumbin / Mount Warning is the dominating geological feature of the Tweed Valley. The mountain is the remnant core of a shield volcano that was active 23 million years ago. The Tweed's low and wide shield volcano once covered an area of around 100km by 80km. Today it stands less than half its original height and a tiny fraction of its original volume.**

Wollumbin is highly significant to all language groups of the Bundjalung Nation.

The Aboriginal community continues to maintain a powerful cultural connection to the mountain and surrounding landscape.

The cultural stories connected to Wollumbin are wide and varied, and include: a mythological warrior, patriarch of mountains, cloud catcher, high place, and place of special significance for the brush

turkey. Other stories are held only by community members with appropriate cultural knowledge, are not shared publically or written down, and are passed on in accordance with oral traditions.

World Heritage-listed Wollumbin National Park, straddling Wollumbin / Mount Warning, is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. A focal point for the Tweed Shire, it epitomises our

internationally-recognised biodiversity.

Over 80 percent of the shire's bushland has high conservation status. It includes at least 50 distinct vegetation communities, at least 11 of which are Endangered. The region supports Australia's highest concentration of threatened plant species. Tweed Shire itself supports 207 significant plant species; 55 of these are essentially confined to the shire.

For the complete description and citation relating to Wollumbin / Mount Warning's World Heritage listing, visit [whc.unesco.org/en/list/368](http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/368)

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