

Annual Report

2023-2024



Acknowledgement of country

Bundjalung Nation

Tweed Shire Council acknowledges the Ngandowal and Minyungbal people of the Bundjalung nation, particularly the Goodjinburra, Tul-gi-gin, and Moorungmoobah clans, as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and water within our Shire's boundaries. We also respect the Tweed Aboriginal community's right to speak for their Country and to uphold their traditions and lore in caring for their ancestral lands.

Commitment to reconciliation

In the Tweed, we aspire to a future where reconciliation is woven into the fabric of our community. Our goal extends beyond cultural acknowledgment; it is about living and loving the Tweed in a way that includes everyone.

We recognise and celebrate the rich heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and welcome their contributions to preserving, strengthening, and enriching the Tweed community and its identity.

We will continue to promote and advocate reconciliation initiatives, actions and events, with a focus on truth telling, cultural education and awareness.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2024–2026 reaffirms our respect and furthered understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique heritage, culture and connection to the region.

Launched in National Reconciliation Week celebrations, the RAP (May 2024 – May 2026) is part of Council's commitment to fostering an inclusive community and guides efforts towards reconciliation for the benefit of First Nations people.

This RAP highlights achievements like the creation of Livvi's Place – Goorimahbah Place of Stories, a playground and cultural space celebrating the Tweed Bundjalung Nation through artwork and storytelling. The recent phase of the project includes a vibrant youth precinct with a skate park featuring artwork by local Bundjalung artist Christine Slabb and wooden sculptures by Aboriginal artist Glenn Romanis.

Other achievements include the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Town Planner Development Program, developed in partnership with Griffith University, to support emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander town planners in Tweed, and the Hastings Point Headland Management Plan, which seeks to protect culturally significant sites like the Cudgera Creek fish traps.

This RAP builds on the work completed under Council's original RAP launched in 2016 and will reflect Council's ongoing commitment to advancing reconciliation across the organisation.

Appendix A – Protocol Extract

3.2.5 Modern Slavery

Council has responsibilities under the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW) relating to procurement. This includes:

- Taking reasonable steps to ensure that goods and services procured by and for the council are not the product of modern slavery within the meaning of the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW).
- Publishing a statement in the annual reports of the action taken by Council in relation to any issue raised by the Anti-slavery Commissioner during the year concerning the operations of the council and identified by the Commissioner as being a significant issue, and
- Publishing a statement of steps taken to ensure that goods and services procured by and for the council during the year were not the product of modern slavery within the meaning of the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW).

Developer Contributions

When new development takes place, Council charges developers local infrastructure contributions, also known as developer contributions. These are based on Section 7.11 (formerly Section 94) of the Land and Environmental Assessment Act, which allows Council to levy these contributions. They help pay for infrastructure such as parks, community facilities, local roads, footpaths, stormwater drainage and traffic management.

Developers contribute to these infrastructure projects by paying money, donating land, delivering works-in-kind (building pieces of infrastructure) or a mix of these.

The following is a summary of the projects that were funded by developer contributions in the 2023/24 financial year.

Tweed Shire Council – Developer Contributions Annual Reporting											
Projects Funded from Developer Contributions for 2023/24											
Contribution Plan No.	Contribution Plan	Project ID	Project description	The kind of public amenity or service	Monetary amount expended from development contributions	Value of land dedication	Value of material public benefit provided	Contribution expended to date	Temporary borrowing	Project status	% of cost funded by contributions
4	Roads	CP04-2014-060	Leisure/Greenway Dve Upgrade (A4029)	Roads	882,081.21	0	0	882,081.21	0	Completed	100%
4	Roads	CP04-2014-082	Tweed Coast Road Upgrade (A5251)	Roads	354,142.45	0	0	354,145.45	0	Ongoing	100%
4	Roads	CP04-2014-112b	West End St Land Purchase (A3219)	Roads	1,029,866.59	0	0	1,029,866.59	0	Ongoing	50%
7	West Kingscliff	CP07-2012-010	Land Contribution In Lieu	Drainage	0	771,893.13	0	771,893.13	0	Completed	100%
11	Libraries	CP11-2009-025	Libraries – Loan Repayments (A2295)	Community Facilities	68,040.33	0	0	68,040.33	0	Ongoing	30%
13	Cemeteries	CP13-2009-002	Tweed Valley Crematorium Upgrade (A2816)	Cemeteries	25,540.00	0	0	25,540.00	0	Ongoing	100%
13	Cemeteries	CP13-2009-003	Cemeteries – Loan Repayments (A2800)	Cemeteries	18,077.99	0	0	18,077.99	0	Ongoing	100%

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18	Council/Admin/ Tech Support	CP18-2009-000	Depots - Loan Repayments (A4905)	Community facilities	25,770.49	0	0	25,770.49	0	Ongoing	100%
18	Council/Admin/ Tech Support	CP18-2009-000	Civic Centres - Loan Repayments (A2135)	Community facilities	375,631.82	0	0	375,631.82	0	Ongoing	56%
23	Car parking	CP23-2013-040	Hastings Rd - Multi Storey Car Park (A3299)	Traffic facilities	68,253.06	0	0	68,253.06	0	Ongoing	100%
23	Car parking	CP23-2013-020	M'bah Carpark - Loan repayments (A1504)	Traffic facilities	361,819.19	0	0	361,819.19	0	Ongoing	24%
26	Shire Wide Open Space	CP26-2009-005	Pottsville Open Spaces Master Plan (A4481)	Open Space	36,385.48	0	0	36,385.48	0	Completed	100%
26	Shire Wide Open Space	CP26-2009-004	JEBH Goorimabah Playspace (A4253)	Open Space	400,057.14	0	0	400,057.14	0	Completed	40%
	Shire Wide Open Space	CP26-2009-004	JEBH Goorimabah Playspace (A4253)	Open Space	117,864.00	0	0	117,864.00	0	Completed	100%
26	Shire Wide Open Space	CP26-2009-999	Sports & Active Rec Strategy (A4482)	Open Space	86,361.00	0	0	86,361.00	0	Ongoing	100%
					3,849,893.75	771,893.13	0	4,621,786.88	0		

Note:
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Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA) are another method developers may contribute towards infrastructure. A local planning agreement is an agreement between Council and a developer that specifies how the developer will provide infrastructure for the benefit of the community. This type of agreement is usually made when a developer applies for a development approval or a change in land use. Planning agreements are a way of enabling Council and developers to collaborate on innovative infrastructure solutions.

The following is a summary of the projects that were funded by developer contributions received through VPAs in the 2023/24 financial year.

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Voluntary Planning Agreement	VPA Ref.	Project description	The kind of public amenity or service	Monetary amount expended from development contributions	Value of land dedication	Value of material public benefit provided	Temporary borrowing	Project status	% of cost funded by contributions
VPA Reserve - Altitude Aspire	VPA-001-02	Construction of Broadwater Parkway and Mahers Lane within Area E	Roads	1,878,879.80	-	-	0	Complete	100%
VPA Reserve - 74-76 Pearl St, Kingscliff	VPA-006-19	Environmental Restoration works	Environmental Management	7,000.00	-	-	0	Complete	100%
VPA Reserve - Ozone St	VPA-008-19	Regeneration and ongoing maintenance of an area of 5.25 ha at Cudgen Nature Reserve	Environmental Management	23,688.30	-	-	0	Ongoing	100%
VPA Reserve - Kudgerie Ave, Pottsville	VPA-003-19	Restoration works on Environmental Management Land	Environmental Management		-	-	0	Ongoing	100%
Total				1,912,368.21					

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