

Annual Report

2024-2025





Acknowledgment of country

Bundjalung Country Statement of Acknowledgement

Tweed Shire Council acknowledges the Ngandowal and Minyungbal speaking people of Bundjalung Country, in particular the Goodjinburra, Tul-gi-gin, and Moorung-Moobah clans, as being the traditional owners and custodians of the land and water within the Tweed Shire boundaries.

We also acknowledge and respect 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.

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 acknowledge 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 Tweed.

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

This period, Council reviewed its Aboriginal Statement of Commitment and delivered tailored cultural workshops for staff and business partners. These workshops strengthened respectful relationships and highlighted the role of Indigenous Knowledge and Intellectual Property in maintaining Aboriginal Cultural Integrity.

Council created an Aboriginal-identified Catchment and Land Management trainee position through the NSW Office of Local Government's Fresh Start program, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment pathways.

Cultural initiatives included:

- Bulaan Buruugaa Ngali exhibition at Tweed Regional Gallery in partnership with Arts Northern Rivers featuring historic ancestral woven objects from the Australian Museum collection and contemporary works by local artists including Kyra Togo.
- Breast Plates exhibition by Luther Cora at Tweed Regional Gallery.
- Black Excellence – You can't be what you can't see Museum on Wheels display, celebrating local Aboriginal achievements during National Reconciliation and NAIDOC Weeks.
- Bundjalung graphic artist, Christine Slabb, designed promotional shirts featuring a story of place, people, and Country, proudly worn by Council staff at key events.

This RAP builds on the work completed under Council's original RAP launched in 2018 and continues to reflect Council's ongoing commitment to advancing reconciliation. For more information visit [Council's website](#).

Translation information

If you need assistance with reading and understanding this document, Council staff are available to arrange assistance including if required an interpreter service. To arrange assistance, please call Council on 02 6670 2400 or visit one of Council's Administration Buildings.

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 2024/25 financial year.

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Projects Funded from Developer Contributions for 2024/25											
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	104000102	Leisure Darlington Greenway Drives Upgrade (101700)	Roads	763,000.00	0.00	0.00	763,000.00	0.00	Ongoing	100%
4	Roads	104000102	Tweed Coast Road Upgrade (102527/103323/104484)	Roads	311,802.56	0.00	0.00	311,802.56	0.00	Ongoing	100%
4	Roads	104000102	Old Lismore Road North Arm Rd (102469)	Roads	29,422.94	0.00	0.00	29,422.94	0.00	Ongoing	100%
4	Roads	104000102	West End St Land Purchase (103427)	Roads	7,449.22	0.00	0.00	7,449.22	0.00	Completed	50%
13	Cemeteries	113000111	Tweed Valley Crematorium Upgrade (102490)	Cemetaries	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	Ongoing	30%
13	Cemeteries	113000111	Cemetaries - Loans Repayments (103574)	Cemetaries	18,077.99	0.00	0.00	18,077.99	0.00	Ongoing	100%
18	Council Admin/Tech Support	118000113	Depots - Loan Repayments (103581)	Community Facilities	8,341.81	0.00	0.00	8,341.81	0.00	Ongoing	100%
18	Council Admin/Tech Support	118000113	Civic Centres - Loan Repayments (100259)	Community Facilities	384,965.00	0.00	0.00	384,965.00	0.00	Ongoing	56%
23	Carparking	123000141	Hastings Rd Multi Storey Carpark (101245)	Traffic Facilities	21,391.45	0.00	0.00	21,391.45	0.00	Ongoing	100%
23	Carparking	123000144	Murwillumbah Carpark - Loan Repayments (100259)	Traffic Facilities	361,819.19	0.00	0.00	361,819.19	0.00	Ongoing	24%
26	Shire Wide Open Space	126000115	Tweed Regional Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre Feasibility (103522)	Open Space	159,217.75	0.00	0.00	159,217.75	0.00	Ongoing	100%
26	Shire Wide Open Space	126000116	Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (100754)	Open Space	13,908.85	0.00	0.00	13,908.85	0.00	Completed	100%
28	Seaside City	128000116	Depot Road Sportsfield Complex (103320)	Open Space	89,149.61	0.00	0.00	89,149.61	0.00	Ongoing	100%

Voluntary Planning Agreements

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.

There were no projects that were funded by developer contributions received through VPAs in the 2024/25 financial year.

Capital works

Council has complied with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines for capital expenditure relating to projects valued over \$1 million.

Companion Animals Act and Regulations

Statement on activities relating to enforcing and ensuring compliance with the Companion Animals Act and Regulation.

1. Lodgement of pound data collections forms with OLG (survey of council seizures of cats and dogs)

Pound data collection returns for the period were submitted to the Office for Local Government on 1 July 2025. The details of those returns are:

Dogs		Cats	
Impounded	123	Impounded	77
Returned to owner	73	Returned to owner	22
Transferred to other organisation	38	Transferred to other organisation	30
Euthanised	13	Euthanised	25

2. Lodgement of data about dog attacks with OLG.

For the 2024-2025 year, Council received 140 reports of alleged dog attacks. Following investigation, 26 attacks were substantiated. A consolidated report of those incidents was submitted to the Office of Local Government.

3. Amount of funding spent on companion animal management and activities.

Having regard to the administrative and operational needs that relate to animal management, it is estimated that these activities account for 80 percent of annual expenditure for the Ranger Team. Accordingly, an amount representing 80% of the salary and vehicle costs for the Ranger team has been included in the amount in the following table.