

Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2025-2035

Engagement Report





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Introduction

The draft Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2025-2035 (YORAP) aims to improve outdoor recreation facilities and activities for young people across the Tweed over the next decade.

Council engaged the community and sought feedback specifically from young people aged between 12 and 24 years. The aim was to gather feedback on its 10-year action plan and confirm that the key actions identified in the plan resonate with young people, and whether there are any additional improvements they would like to see.

Over the next decade, our focus will be on achieving outcomes in the following four key priority areas, identified through extensive community engagement with youth:

- Youth friendly parks and open spaces
- · Skate and scooter facilities
- Bike facilities (including mountain bike trails, BMX, pump tracks, skills parks)
- Outdoor events, programs and activities

Young people and the wider community were invited to complete a community survey to understand if the draft YORAP is in line with what young people want.

The draft Action Plan was on public exhibition from 30 October to 27 November 2024. During that time, several engagement activities were undertaken including a free youth event at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in Murwillumbah.

This report is a compilation of the community feedback received during this period and is divided into two sections:

- Section 1: Community survey responses; and
- Section 2: Other community feedback received in-person, by email or direct mail

Community survey

A total of 518 surveys were completed. Of these, 64% were from young people aged 12-24 years, 6% were from under 12 years, and 30% were from persons aged 25 years and older. This report summarises the collected feedback and will contribute to shaping the final Action Plan.

Youth event - Splash, Movie 'n' DJ Night

As a thank you to young people who completed the survey, they received free entry to a Splash, Movie 'n' DJ Night at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (Murwillumbah Pool) held on Friday 22 November, from 6 to 10 pm.

The event aimed to bring young people together for a fun night of music, swimming, and a movie, while also providing an opportunity to engage with Council staff about the Action Plan.

Over 200 young people registered for the engagement event, and approximately 80 young people attended.

Other community engagement activities

In addition to the community survey and youth event, Council organised several pop-up stalls at local events, offering community members the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the draft Action Plan. The following table outlines our community engagement approach, including how and who we engaged.

Prior community engagement that shaped the Action Plan

In 2020, 550 young people aged 12 to 24 completed youth surveys and participated in codesign workshops to generate ideas for new outdoor youth spaces, recreation facilities, events, and activities in the Tweed. The feedback provided by young people about their vision for the Tweed helped shape the draft Action Plan.

The Action Plan also builds upon the extensive community engagement conducted for the development of Council's Open Space Strategy 2019–2029 (OSS) and its Sports and Active Recreation Strategy 2023–2033 (SARS), which involved children, youth, sport organisations and the broader community.

Several key actions from the OSS have already been implemented, offering opportunities for young people to stay active and healthy, including a new mountain bike park in Uki, the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, and a youth recreation area at Jack Evans Boat Harbour and Recreation Ground in Tweed Heads.

All information regarding the project and community engagement outcomes has been made available through the draft YORAP 2025-2035 project page on yoursaytweed.com.au/youth-voice.



Image: During Stage 1 engagement, youth vox pops were conducted to collect important feedback from young people, offering insights and perspectives that contributed to the development of the draft Youth Outdoor Recreation Plan 2024-2034.

Communications and engagement approach

	How we engaged	Who we engaged
Your Say Tweed online engagement platform	Draft Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2025-2035 (YORAP) Your Say Tweed page yoursaytweed.com.au/youth-voice	Young people aged 12 to 24 yearsTweed Shire residents
Community survey	A community survey could be completed online or as a hard copy. The survey opened 30 October and closed 27 November 2024	 Young people aged 12 to 24 years Tweed Shire residents and visitors 518 surveys responses received
Social media	Three (3) posts on Facebook & Instagram. Facebook posts were shared with up to 35 community groups promoting the exhibition period and community survey Facebook and Instagram stories Facebook event for the Splash, Movie 'n' DJ night	 Young people aged 12 to 24 years Tweed Shire residents and visitors Targeted paid advertising (demographic 18-24 years, under 18's cannot be targeted)
Youth event	A Splash, Movie 'n' DJ Night was held at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (Murwillumbah Pool) on Friday 22 November with 80 young people in attendance. Youth completed mini feedback notes at the end of the night.	 Young people aged 12 to 24 years Parents/guardians'/ carers
Pop-up events	Murwillumbah Show Friday 1 November (4.00 pm to 7:30 pm) and Saturday 2 November 2024 (8 am to 5 pm) Jack Evans Boat Harbour Night Market Friday 8 November 2024 (4.00 pm to 8.00 pm) Cancelled due to weather Kingscliff Markets: Saturday 9 November 2024 (8 am to 1 pm)	 Young people aged 12 to 24 years Tweed Shire residents

High school Council's Recreation Planner and Community Young people aged visits Development Officer - Youth, visited the 12 to 24 years following schools and engaged over 120 high Teachers school students: Tweed River High School Mount St Patrick's College Sathya Sai College St Joseph's College Banora Point Note: Kingscliff High School was invited to participate, but the workshop did not proceed. Media release Media release issued 31 October 2024 Young people aged promoting the exhibition period and 12 to 24 years community survey · Tweed Shire residents Media Tweed Link A Tweed Link advertisement published 30 Young people aged advertisement October 2024 and editorial published 12 to 24 years and editorial 6 November and 20 November 2024 Tweed Shire residents **TRAC** Young people aged TRAC e-newsletter special edition published e-newsletter 30 October 2024 promoting the community 12 to 24 years survey and the Splash, Movie 'n' DJ event TRAC members Your Say Tweed Your Say Tweed newsletter special edition Young people aged newsletter published 5 November 2024 promoting the 12 to 24 years community survey and the Splash, Movie 'n' DJ • Tweed Shire event residents Registered participants on Council's Your Say Tweed platform Staff Weekly Council's internal staff newsletter and Intranet Council staff and published 31 October and 14 November 2024 their families promoting the community survey and the Splash, Movie 'n' DJ event

Plan on display, posters and postcards

The draft Action Plan was on display at the Tweed Shire Council administration building at both Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads

Flush Media advertisements at Tweed Regional • Tweed Shire Aquatic Centres, displayed at Murwillumbah and Tweed's Council Offices and on community noticeboards

Displayed at community venues, youth and outreach services and recreation centres (PCYC, Headspace, community centres)

- Youth and families connected to services
- residents access these services

Image: Youth Engagement event, Splash, Movie 'n' DJ Night at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre, Murwillumbah



Section 1: What you said

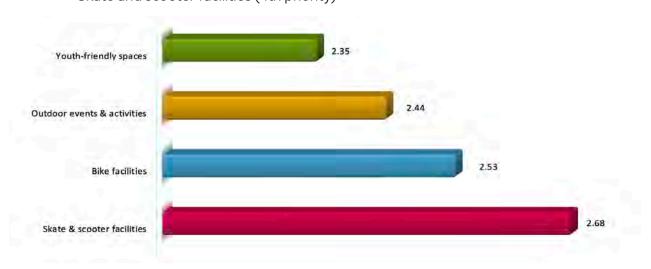
The draft Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2025-2035 (YORAP) focuses on 4 priority areas. Respondents were asked to rank the 4 priorities areas in order of importance (1 = most important).



A total of 518 people responded to this question.

Ranked in order of priority:

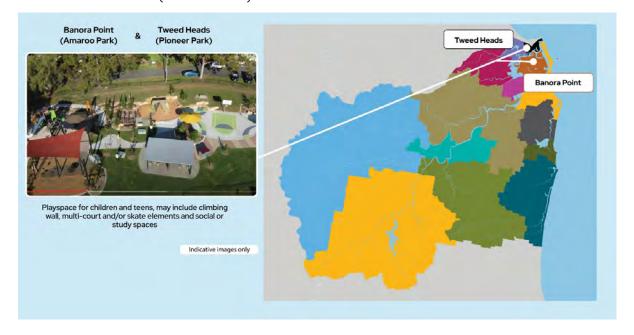
- Youth friendly spaces (highest priority)
- Outdoor events, programs and activities (2nd priority)
- Bike facilities (3rd priority)
- Skate and scooter facilities (4th priority)



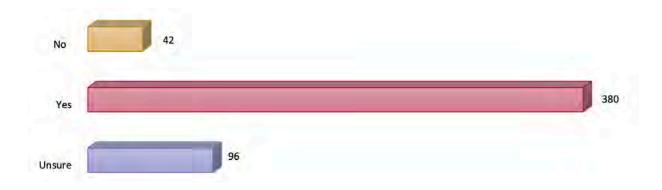
In the graph above, the number on the bar refers to the average ranking. This means that if an option shows a value of 2.35, then on average this option got ranked in 2.35th position. In other words, the lower the value, the more preferred the option. In the graph below the smallest bar graph is actually the top priority area.

Respondents were asked whether they agreed with our plan for new parks and playgrounds for teens and youth in the following 2 locations across the Tweed.

- Banora Point (Amaroo Park)
- Tweed Heads (Pioneer Park)



- 42 respondents or 8% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan for new parks and playgrounds for teens and youth.
- 380 respondents or 73% responded 'Yes' they agree with the plan for new parks and playgrounds for teens and youth.
- 96 respondents or 19% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.



Respondents were asked if they had any ideas/thoughts related to the proposed actions and were asked to include details and location.

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General support (42)	• Support for this action and the parks proposed (25), promotes youth participation in sport (1), provide more parks of this scale across the Tweed (1)
	Ensure adequate car parking at both locations (3)
	• Avoid removing any trees (1), retain trees to balance nature and play (1), keep the open space (1)
	In the parks, include a bike park with mini bumps and jumps (1)
	These locations should have been chosen based on the distribution of Tweed's youth and the existing gaps in facility provision. Tweed Heads has a large senior population and offers plenty of activities for youth, especially with the beaches, however additional facilities are still needed (1)
	Partially support this action, consider the Riverbend Park in Tasmania; something like this would be amazing (1)
	Add a half-netball court (1), include basketball courts (1)
	Include low sensory spaces and play for people on the spectrum (1)
	• Ensure these parks meets the needs of older kids (1), spaces for youth are super important (1), there should be age restrictions (1)
	Plan and design parks for wet weather (1)
Amaroo Park, Banora Point (31)	• Support for Amaroo Park (6), there is a large dog park, kids need a park too (1), prioritise it (1), will be great for young people (1), to meet needs of teens (1)
	• Include a pump track for bikes (2), scooters (1) and skate elements (2), include a bike park like Uki Mountain Bike Park (1), a rocking climbing wall (1)
	Unsure of this location (2), but support a decent playground and skate facility near the Darlington Drive dog park for all the families in the area (1)
	Amaroo Park and John Baker Reserve on Darlington Drive are both spacious and highly visible (1)
	• Include a full-size basketball court (2) or half-basketball court and a skate park (1), a basketball key is not big enough and does not cater for multiple users (1)
	Add a badminton court in Banora Point, as there are already tennis courts available (1), a volleyball court (3), and ping pong (2)
Pioneer Park, Tweed Heads West (4)	The proposed park should be moved from Tweed Heads West to Clarrie Englert Park, as it's more appealing to youth, closer to residents, and offers better access to public transport (1)
	Support for one of these in the west of the shire (1)
	Pioneer Park is on a busy road (Kennedy Drive), make sure it's safe for kids on bikes (1)
	The Historical Society building is located in that park, will it remain and will parking be adequate (1)
No support for the actions in the plan (6)	Teenagers are not interested in playgrounds (3) they want skate parks and basketball courts (1), these parks are for under 13-year-olds not 23-year-olds, not planning for the right demographic (1), there are already enough parks and playgrounds in Tweed (1)

Provide a park of this scale in different locations (77)

- Provide a park of this scale in Kingscliff (17), on the foreshore (2), away from built up areas (1), include swings (2), with a full basketball court or basketball precinct (1), a pump track and a skate park to meet growing demand (2), a fenced playground (1), avoid building concrete youth facilities that disrupt the natural environment of the foreshore (1), provide one in Kingsforest (1)
- The proposed parks are quite close to each other (1), provide one in Murwillumbah (12), more for teens (1), add to the existing facilities in Murwillumbah (1), other areas have the beach (1), Knox Park is only good for young kids and skating is not for everyone (1)
- Provide a park of this scale in Pottsville (13), to support youth and teenagers (2), and Hastings Point (1)
- Provide a park of this scale in Cabarita (5) to appeal to youth (1)
- Provide a park of this scale in Tweed Heads South (3), that is child and youth friendly (1), consider Arkinstall Park (1)
- Provide a park of this scale in Casuarina (3), with basketball courts (full), a pump track and skate park to meet growing demand (1), a large flagship park at Main Beach, Casuarina would be ideal as it's an underused area with good facilities and a great location (1)
- Provide a park of this scale in Bilambil Heights (1) and Terranora (3), there isn't anything for teens (1), open the park at Altitude Aspire (1)
- Provide a park of this scale on the Tweed Coast (1)
- Provide a new park in Sovereign Heights, Murwillumbah (1)
- Provide more of these parks across the Tweed and Byron Shires, in Murwillumbah, Burringbar, Pottsville, Bogangar, Brunswick Heads and Coolangatta (1)
- Tweed and Banora have enough parks; it's better to add new ones in rural villages where children lack nearby options (1)
- Include this scale of facilities in areas like Burringbar or Huonbrook. Most facilities are concentrated in the northern most section of the Tweed Shire, mainly Tweed Heads. It would be great to see it spread throughout the hinterland region too (1)
- Nunderi urgently needs a playground or basketball court. With many kids in the village, no way to get to town without driving, and limited activities and the current park only has one swing (1)

Skate facilities (28)

- Build a skatepark in Kingscliff (6), and a pump track (2)
- More skate facilities generally (2), small skateboard trail like Lismore (1)
- Referring to skate elements for youth is misleading; you either need a proper skate park or nothing at all. As seen at Jack Evan's, the skate elements are ineffective. This is about teenagers, not children! Murwillumbah is an example of the bare minimum for a skate park (1)
- Skate facilities should be designed by well-regarded companies, such as Convic, and include input from the skate community, as well as advice from experienced skateboarders who can provide professional recommendations (1)
- Light the skate park in Murwillumbah (2), and improve the existing skate park (1)
- In parks of this scale, ensure better skate parks for youth (1), provide a larger skate park like Pizzy Park (2), an Olympic standard skate park (1)
- Build a skate park in Pottsville (4), at Pottsville Memorial Oval (1)
- Build another skate park between Kingscliff and Pottsville (1)
- Provide a larger skate park in Banora Point (1)
- Build a skate park in Casuarina (1)

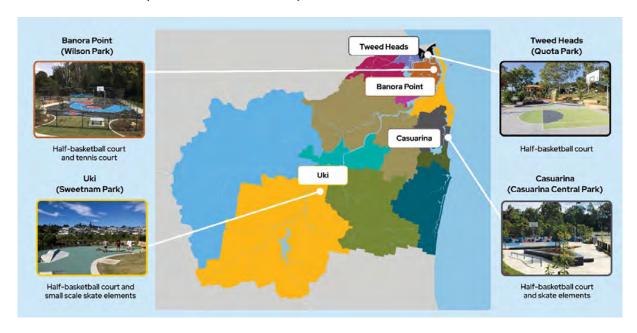
Park facilities (23)		rubbish bins (3), bubblers (7), toilets (5), seating (2), picnic tables (1), vith seats on both sides (1), barbeques (3), and lighting (1)
Water park and pool (16)	area, sh	a water park in the Tweed (9), with splash buckets (1), a small splash allow pool with fountains (1), consider Lismore's Heritage Park (1) and on Parkland Yarrabilba Water Park (though there's a bit too much e) (1)
		er Springwood as an example; given our hot summers, these facilities e highly beneficial (1)
	Upgrad	e the pools (1), provide a kids pool in in Knox Park, that is free to use (1)
Basketball facilities (17)	courts, Evan's v	basketball courts (5), preference for full basketball courts over half to accommodate more players (2). This is particularly evident at Jack where the court is busy and crowded all the time, with younger players off the court (1)
		door basketball courts (3), in Murwillumbah (2), basketball courts with), basketball courts that are free to access (1)
		basketball courts in Tweed, they can be used for everything from riding s to full games, for young and old (1), a half-court in Arkinstall Park (1)
Bike facilities (15)		ump tracks (4), build a pump track in Pottsville (3), get kids off the road d more in Pottsville (1)
	More bi	ke tracks in Murwillumbah (1), a bike park in Murwillumbah (3)
	Provide	a park for all wheeled sports between Pottsville and Chinderah (1)
	Include	a bike park in Central Tweed, and Banora Point (1)
Other facilities or activities (37)	trampo	of this scale include flying foxes (5), swings, roundabouts (1), in-ground ine (1), a larger nest swing (1), a spider web and a place to sit on top of ler web (1), include nature play (1)
	Volleyb	all courts (4) and other sports courts (1), tennis courts (2)
	Climbin	g frame/wall (4), monkey bars and pull up bars (1), large slide (1)
	Area fo	soccer in the park (3)
	Paths fo	or skating, scootering and riding (1)
	Include	a dirt box track in Tweed Heads (1)
		nurch in NZ has an awesome park/playground that appeals to teenagers, splaygrounds cater for little kids only (1)
	For teer hangou	ns include table tennis, jumping pillow, an outdoor pool and areas to t (1)
	Include	a box rack in the proposed parks (1)
	Include	a dog park (1)
		social spaces with grass and trees, not study spaces (1)
	Kickbox	
		more free music clubs etc. (1)
		Parks are unusable most of the day during summer and will not attract ay from their devices. Indoor facilities for youth should be provided (1)
	the Gol	needs an indoor sports facility, like Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium on d Coast, to boost participation in various sports for all ages. Instead of g on skate parks and pump tracks, combine resources to create a world-ulti-purpose sports centre that the entire community can be proud of (1)
		e tennis court at Wilson Park, as there are no other free facilities available for Arkinstall Park and Terranora (1)
	More ev	vents for older teens (1)
	Provide	areas to graffiti as a public art project (1)

Shade (15)	More shade (9), more trees (2)
	Large trees or other shade (1)
	Shaded areas with seating (1), more shelters (1)
	Undercover areas (1)
Accessibility (8)	 Ensure spaces can be accessed by footpaths, bike paths for scooters, electric wheelchairs and prams (3), ensure they are placed close to public transport (young people are without licences (2) Ensure access for all ages, cultures and abilities (3)
Safety (5)	Avoid putting basketball courts adjacent to a skate park with any barriers (1)
Salety (5)	
	• Fence the play spaces so the kids don't run on the skate park (1)
	Design safe and welcoming spaces, free of crime (1)
	Parks require regular monitoring, supervision, and maintenance. Engaging local services like Headspace and the Family Centre for activities and events, along with regular PCYC and NSW Police involvement, would be beneficial. However, with the current staffing shortage, organising youth events may be challenging. Ensuring youth spaces have responsible adults or teams to manage and maintain respect is crucial (1)
	Provide young adult spaces that are alcohol and drug free (1)
Maintenance (2)	Install equipment away from salt air (1)
	Clean these parks weekly, remove rubbish and graffiti (1)
Other (10)	Fix potholes (1)
	Build a hobby store (1)
	Drive in cinema (1)
	Sky surf ride is fun (1)
	Tweed Heads and Banora desperately needs a local pool (1)
	Longer library opening hours for Murwillumbah (1)
	Kingscliff Library is in desperate need of funds (1)
	These parks don't meet the needs of youth; provide a motocross park, kids have to drive minimum of 2 hours to get to the closest motocross park and we wonder why there is a growing illegal dirt bike problem (1)
	Race car track in Murwillumbah (1)
	These facilities are 'nice to have', but Council should take better care of rate payers (1)



Respondents were asked if they agree with our plan for new half-basketball courts and/or skate elements in these 4 locations across the Tweed?

- · Banora Point (Wilson Park), half-basketball court and tennis court
- Tweed Heads (Quota Park), half-basketball court
- Uki (Sweetnam Park), half-basketball court and skate elements
- Casuarina (Casuarina Central Park), half-basketball court and skate elements.



- 33 respondents or 6% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan for new half-basketball courts and/or skate elements in the proposed 4 locations
- 421 respondents or 82% responded 'Yes' they agree with the plan for new halfbasketball courts and/or skate elements in the proposed 4 locations
- 64 respondents or 12% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.



Theme	Comments and number of responses
General support (34)	 Overall support for the proposed actions (22), great for kids (2), enjoyed by all (1) encourages social gatherings (2), facility at Jack Evans Boat Harbour is great (1), encourages kids to get off their phones (1), Recreation Ground in Tweed Heads is well used by teens and adults (1) Add a pump track for bikes and scooters (1), place in accessible locations (2) Use industry professionals to design these spaces (1)
Wilson Park, Banora Point (13) Half-basketball court and tennis court	 Support for new basketball courts and skate elements (5), the existing tennis court is underutilised (1), do not expand the park into the green space, families use the green space for ball games (1), ensure it is child and youth friendly (1) Install one at Oyster Point Park (1) Fix the tennis courts, new fencing and add toilets (1) Expand facilities in Amaroo Park, rather than Wilson Park (1) Extend and revamp the basketball area at John Baker Reserve (next to dog park) instead (1) No support for this action (1)
Quota Park, Tweed Heads (1) Half-basketball court	Add netball hoops in Quota Park and the park near Seagulls, and a dog park (1)
Sweetnam Park, Uki (15)	Support for the half-court and skate elements at Uki (4), provide a half basketball court, not just a key (1)
Half-basketball court and small scale skate elements	 Provide toilets in Sweetnam Park, Uki (3), and spray for mosquitoes (1) Uki is a long way from anywhere (1) Provide more facilities at Uki (2), the facilities at the school are not publicly accessible (1) Sweetnam Park will get too busy, detracting from the green space (1) Provide a footpath/bike path to Uki Mountain Bike Park along Smiths Creek Rd (1)
Casuarina Central Park, Casuarina (22)	Support for providing these facilities at Casuarina (2), full size basketball court and a pump track (1), a skate bowl (1), provide more at Casuarina to meet demand (1), include a skate circuit (1)
Half-basketball court and skate elements	 Prefer facilities to be in Casuarina Central Park not Salt Central Park (3), Salt Central is not suitable, it is for holidaying not skating (2), locate closer to a residential area, not near a restaurant precinct (2), using the market area would impact the 60 stallholders and those staying in the tourist accommodation (1)
	 Leave the open space and just add trees and picnic tables (5), Casuarina doesn't need a half basketball court and skate elements (2)
	For Salt Central Park, selective tree planting and more shade in the park would create a relaxing atmosphere for all ages. Could include a smaller skate park or a basketball court at one end (1)
	Please note: Council is proposing the facilities for Casuarina Central Park, not the location of the markets and the tourist accommodation, which is known as Salt Central Park.

Basketball courts (56)

- Support for more basketball courts (7), full size (12), half-court (7), install half courts, not just basketball keys (10), install 10-foot hoops (1)
- Installing basketball courts next to skate elements causes conflict between users (5), unsure about the safety of mixing two sports like this (1), basketballers get annoyed with small kids or skaters using the court (2), combining tennis/basketball courts works better than skate/basketball (1)
- Build separate, high-quality basketball and skate facilities in distinct locations to attract users, as their quality will draw people regardless of the site (2)
- Install lights for playing at night (2)
- Use grip material unlike the one in Tweed (1)
- Prioritise new basketball courts over tennis courts. There are plenty of tennis courts in Banora, Tweed and Terranora (1)
- Remove nets overnight to avoid vandalism (1), nets damaged in Knox Park (1)
- Not many people play basketball (1)
- More fighting sports not basketball (1)

Skate facilities (20)

- Support for skate facilities and upgrades generally (4), build away from the ocean (1), invest in other areas that don't have anything (1)
- Small skate parks are used for short periods, while full skate parks keep people there for hours. Jack Evans skate park is fun for about 30 minutes, but lacks a fly-out (1), prefer dedicated skate parks (1), small-scale facilities are useless (1)
- No support for hybrid facilities; a dedicated skate and BMX park is needed, not a mixed space like the one recently installed in Tweed (3), and to meet increased demand (1)
- Skate elements should be a priority, not just an optional addition, as current ones are often inadequate (2)
- These parks attract all levels of competency and multiple sports not just skate and provide an awesome family atmosphere and attracts revenue for local businesses (1)
- Include a vert ramp (skate/BMX), the nearest one is Upper Coomera (2)
- Deliver a proper skate hub like Pizzey Park, Byron Skate Park, and the skate park in Coffs Harbour (1)
- The small skate area at Jack Evans is a nice combination of basketball and skating. The mini ramps are great for skaters with a range of abilities (1)



Basketball, skate Provide a skate facility in Kingscliff (9), and a pump track (2), provide something in and pump tracks Kingscliff (1), a full sized basketball court (1) in other locations Provide a pump track in the Tweed (1) (49)• Increase the size of the skate park in Murwillumbah (2), add a dirt jump park in Murwillumbah (1), add two half-courts in Murwillumbah (1), the netball hoops get in the way of the full-sized basketball court (1), the Tweed Valley Basketball Club has no club house. Basketball is more popular than netball, and they have 7 to 8 dedicated courts in Knox Park (1), provide new basketball courts to address overcrowding and late playing times (1), add more courts (2), the basketball sessions at the youth service in Murwillumbah (at the church) are well attended (1) Provide a regional skate park in Tweed Heads (1), with toilets (1), a half-basketball court at Tweed Heads (1), and full-size court (1) • Provide a half-basketball court and skate elements in Pottsville (7), with toilets (1), we need something local, we don't have shops, a cinema and need lifts to get anywhere (1), we don't have skate facilities, a pump track or basketball courts (1), ensure it is a good-sized skate park in Pottsville, a small skate park is useless (2) · A full-size basketball court in Banora Point (1), a skate facility in Banora Point (2), and Tweed Heads South (1) Provide a half-basketball court at Cabarita (1), the skate park at Cabarita is poorly designed, improve these facilities (1) • Install a court and skate elements near the Rail Trail (1) More green space and trees (1) • Install a pump track in Casuarina (1), and a skate park in Casuarina (2) Park facilities (13) • Provide drinking fountains (6), water refill stations (1), dog drinking stations (1) • Include toilets at parks (3) More barbeques (1) • Install a shower and tap at Johannson Park in Cabarita (1) • Support for volleyball courts (2) in Murwillumbah and Pottsville (1) Other facilities or activities (9) • Include a futsal court (1) Install a trampoline in Tweed Heads (1), climbing frame/wall (1) • Install netball courts as well as basketball courts (1) • Include table tennis or single court tennis (1) • Include a space to kick a soccer ball (1) • More dirt jumps and pump tracks, like other areas are providing (1) • Include a dog park (1), make areas pet-friendly (1) Indoor stadium Tweed needs an indoor sports facility (2), like Gold Coast, to support a range of (9) sports that can be played indoor and for all ages. Provide a world-class, multipurpose sports centre for schools, clubs, businesses, and residents, rather than just investing in skate parks and pump tracks (1), so sport can be played indoor when it is raining or too hot (3), a stadium is needed for youth (1) Provide a multi-purpose indoor sports complex in Murwillumbah for youth to rollerskate, roller derby, hockey, basketball and events like discos, and bands (1) Pottsville has a vacant block that could be used for an indoor stadium or 50m pool (1) • More shade (6), provide areas for parents to sit in the shade (2) Shade (8)

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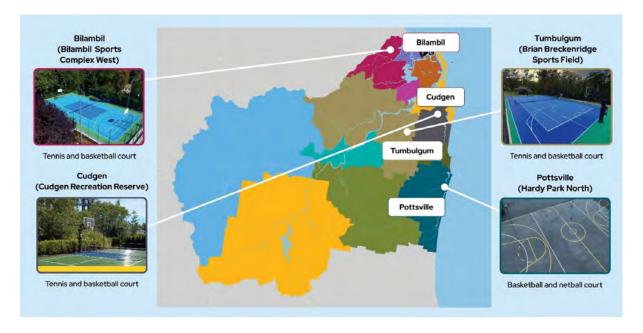
Safety (6)	Ensure areas are safe and secure (3)
	 Install fencing around the proposed areas with gates for child safety, reduce balls going astray, and keep out dogs (1)
	Include lighting at all locations (2)
Maintenance (2)	Improve cleanliness (1), manage graffiti and rubbish (1)
Other (10)	More markets in showgrounds (1)
	Fix the potholes (1)
	The areas are too cramped (1)
	These facilities are underused when installed (1)
	A pool in Tweed Heads West (1)
	 Council increases rates every year because spending is out of control. Stop spending on 'nice-to-haves' and take care of rate payers (1)

Recreation Ground, Tweed Heads



Residents were asked if they agree with Council's plan for new or improved multi-courts in these 4 locations across the Tweed

- Bilambil (Bilambil ars Complex West), tennis and basketball court
- Tumbulgum (Brian Breckenridge Sports Field), tennis and basketball court
- · Cudgen (Cudgen Recreation Reserve), tennis and basketball court
- · Pottsville, (Hardy Park North), basketball and netball court



- 20 respondents or 4% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan for new or improved multi-courts in these 4 locations across the Tweed
- 426 respondents or 82% responded 'Yes' they agreed with the plan for new or improved multi-courts in these 4 locations across the Tweed
- 72 respondents or 14% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.



THEME Comments and number of responses • Overall support for these actions (29), support for combining basketball courts (3), provide for free (3), provide basketball hoops in each location encourages participation in sport (2)	11.75
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 Promote the facilities we have, some young people don't even know the 	y exist (1)
 Provide basketballs at each site so you don't have to bring your own (1), the equipment needed to play the sports (1) 	provide
 Must provide full-size basketball courts (1), courts should be dedicated basketball, as netball and tennis players already have facilities at Arkinst Tweed Heads South (1) 	-
Ensure they can be enjoyed by all ages (2)	
Clarify the lines to make it easier to distinguish which are for each sport	(1)
More grass and trees (1)	
 It would be great for youth to have a place to meet friends and play netl basketball, promoting social interaction and physical activity (1) 	ball and
Multi-court at Bilambil Sports Complex West (6) • Support for this action (1), include a basketball court (3), would get a lot • Avoid disturbing the Bilambil community park (1)	: of use (1)
Tennis and basketball	
Multi-court at Cudgen Recreation Reserve (4) Upgrade all the facilities in this reserve (3) including the cricket nets and sprint track (1)	d the
Tennis and basketball	
Multi-court at Brian Breckenridge Sports Field, Tumbulgum (4) Support for this action (2), child and youth friendly (1), we would use the was a basketball court (1)	e court if it
Tennis and basketball	
Multi-court at Hardy • Support for Pottsville (4)	
Park North, Pottsville (6) Question its value (1)	
 The facility should be relocated from Hardy Park to Sugar Glider Drive I Koala Beach, Pottsville (1) 	Park,
• Install a multi-court in the western part of the Tweed (3), Banora Point (Heads South (1)	(1), Tweed
 More basketball courts in Murwillumbah (5), with lights for night-time us install a multi-court near Taylors corner and Mt St Pats (1) 	se (1),
Provide a better court or more multi-courts in Kingscliff (4), Kingscliff r more courts to meet demand, there is never enough space (1)	needs
Need something in Cabarita (2)	

No support (11)	Most tennis courts are underutilised (1), not necessary (1)
	No support for multi-court at Bilambil (1), or Tumbulgum (1)
	It's not an efficient use of funds for sports with limited participation (1)
	Not essential works (1)
	• Questioned whether there is room for 2 sports to be played on one court (2)
	These parks are usable most of the day during summer, but they don't attract kids away from their devices. Indoor facilities for youth should be provided (1)
	There are enough tennis and basketball courts (1)
	Tennis is for old people (1)
Other facilities or	Add a pickleball court (9), netball courts (2) and badminton courts (1)
activities (40)	Volleyball courts (5), the courts at Chinderah closed (1), combine a volley and basketball court (1)
	Kingscliff is way overdue for a state-of-the-art skate park that is of Olympic standard (2)
	Add a climbing wall in Murwillumbah (1)
	More skateboarding facilities generally (2), additional skate facilities in Murwillumbah (1), a skate facility in Pottsville (4), at the Pottsville Memorial Oval (1), we sick of talking about, build it (1)
	More tennis courts (2), support Pottsville tennis courts (1)
	Provide a free tennis court and skate park in Pottsville (1), that can be used after school and at night (1)
	Upgrade the old box track in Murwillumbah (1)
	Build a skate park and pump track in Cudgen (1)
	Build a skate, bike, and scooter park in Bilambil for young teens and preteens. They are riding on the road, which aren't the flattest or safest. The Bilambil Sports Complex has enough space for both (1)
	More shaded outdoor fitness equipment (1)
Indoor sports facilities (10)	Support for an indoor sports complex in Tweed Shire (3) or Bilambil (1), in Murwillumbah, which could be used for roller-skating, roller derby, inline hocky, basketball and holding events like discos, and music. Murwillumbah's youth have to travel to anything like this (1)
	Consider indoor facilities to account for the area's weather conditions (1)
	These parks are usable most of the day during summer, but they don't attract kids away from their devices. Indoor facilities for youth should be provided (1)
	A bowling alley (1)
	An indoor stadium for basketball (1)
	Indoor volleyball courts that are easily accessed in or from the Tweed (1)
Access (9)	• Install facilities close to public transport (3) and regular bus times (1), plan in areas that are easy to get to (3), these spaces are hard to find (1). Kids living in the hinterland can't get to facilities like this (1)
Park facilities (9)	More seating areas (1), around the perimetre of courts (1) water bubblers (3), toilets (1), barbecues (2), and more shade (1)

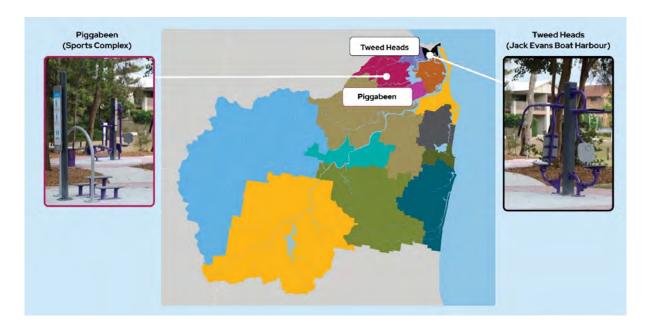
Other ideas (7)	•	Provide a better pool in Tweed (1)
	•	Upgrade Bilambil Sports Complex West clubhouse, include toilets and water bubbler (1)
	•	A skate park and bike park in Cudgen (2), will benefit communities nearby (1)
	•	Fix the potholes (1)
	•	These facilities are nice to have, Council should take better care of rate payers (1)
Basketball courts (5)	•	Add an adjustable hoop height so instead of the teenagers bringing down the nets from hanging off it, they can dunk without being able to touch (10 ft) (1)
	•	Build basketball courts to NBA specification (1), half court is all you need (1)
	•	Install a basketball court in Pottsville (1), in Bilambil with toilets (1)
Basketball facilities (1)	•	No double rim (1)
Maintenance (1)	•	Ensure weekly checks on rubbish and graffiti in these areas (1)

Multi-court, Port Macquarie

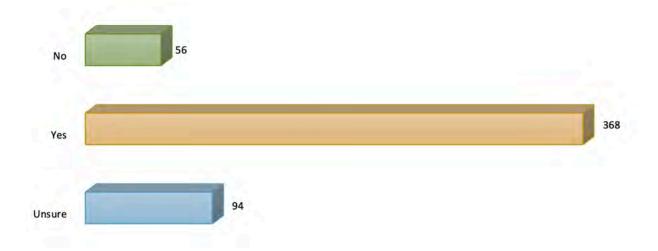


Residents were asked if they agree with Council's plan for new outdoor fitness equipment in these 2 locations across the Tweed.

- Piggabeen (Piggabeen Sports Complex)
- Tweed Heads (Jack Evans Boat Harbour)



- 56 respondents or 11% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan for new outdoor fitness equipment in these 2 locations across the Tweed
- 368 respondents or 71% responded 'Yes' they agreed with the plan for new outdoor fitness equipment in these 2 locations across the Tweed
- 94 respondents or 18% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.

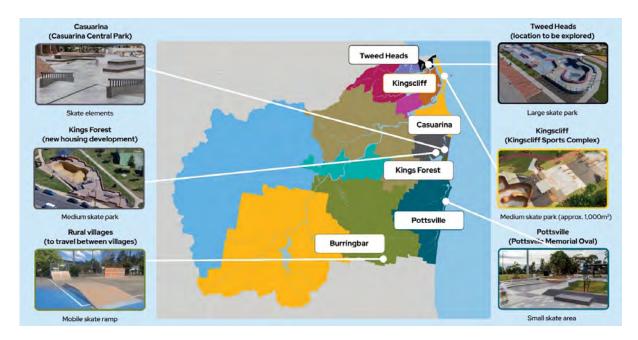


Theme	Comments and number of responses
general support for actions (38)	General support for the actions (22), install more outdoor fitness equipment (4), undercover (1), allow options for easy, medium, and hard levels (1), ensure they are accessible to everyone (1)
	• Encourages people to exercise (2), they are fun (1), they are free for those who can't afford going to a gym (2), place along paths to combine walking and weights (1), support the equipment but protect the green space (1)
	The equipment in Murwillumbah and Pottsville is well used (1)
	Support only if data proves their value, and if not, spend money elsewhere (1)
Piggabeen Sports Complex (6)	Piggabeen is not accessible to most people in the Tweed (3), it is too far away from where we live so it wouldn't be used (3)
Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed	Jack Evans Boat Harbour is already full of stuff (2), no support for equipment at JEBH (2)
Heads (10)	• Support its location (3), but the presence of intoxicated homeless individuals is discouraging families and young people from visiting the space, as it doesn't feel safe (1)
	Consider its placement; the current setup is overcrowded, and you've made a mess of this area, especially with so much available land (1)
	• It's close to the Gold Coast and there's already plenty there - consider a different location in Tweed Heads (1)
No support (43)	Children/kids and youth only play on them, they don't use them as gym equipment (6), not used (16), equipment is for adults/older people or others not youth (5), good for bone density (1), need to make it more fun (1), young people are more inclined to have gym memberships or go to the gym indoors (4), give children something else to do (1), prioritise other facilities more likely to be used by youth (1)
	Group the equipment together like the muscle beach in California, USA (1)
	There is enough outdoor fitness equipment already (1), Pottsville does not get used (1), the equipment at Murwillumbah and Banora Point is not used much (1), facilities like the Kingscliff exercise trail are underused. With e-bikes and more focus on walking and bodyweight exercise, older people would benefit from more cycleways (1)
	Not confident working out in public (1)
	Outdoor fitness machines are not good, I have used the ones at Nimbin and they don't work (1), they are not effective or safe (1)
Recommend additional locations	Provide more facilities in Murwillumbah (4), along the river (1), and villages (1)
(30)	• Install between Casuarina and Kingscliff, the area is well lit, wide and with space either side, but only after the boardwalk has been repaired (1), in Casuarina (3), in Bogangar/Cabarita (2), Pottsville (3), in Seabreeze (1), in Kingscliff (5) in Salt area (1), Terranora (1), Tumbulgum (1), Tweed Heads West, Banora Point (2), more equipment in Recreation Ground and Pioneer Park (1), Sweetnam Park, Uki (1) and Tweed Heads South (1)
	Locate in areas that are easy to access (1)

Add specific elements (28)	• Pull up/chin up bars (6), dip bars (2), rings (1), benches (1), sit up stations (1), balance beams (1), stretching bars (1), generally install better equipment (1), more diverse equipment (2), should be able to add more resistance (1)
	• Calisthenic areas would be so much better for teens and young adults (3), like the one at Burleigh Heads (1), with soft sand to land on (1)
	Incorporate in-built weights to reach higher exercise and weight levels (1)
	Prefer monkey bars (1)
	 Provide equipment that is relevant to the users in the area, rather than just what has been installed up to this point (1)
	Install a parkour course (1), one in Pottsville (1)
	Include drinking fountain (1)
Other ideas (8)	Pottsville needs a skate park (1) and Kingscliff (1), more skate facilities generally (1)
	Think outside the box (1)
	Provide more activities that appeal to teens during school holidays including pool activities, social events at night e.g. outdoor cinema, markets and food stalls in Tweed Heads (1)
	More basketball facilities (1)
	Subsidise gyms for people who are less affluent (1)
	They are always busy and the people on them aren't friendly (1)
Indoor sports	Provide an indoor skate facility (1)
facilities (4)	Support an indoor sports facility (1) in Tweed Heads, like Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium on the Gold Coast. Focus on promoting indoor sports for all ages, like cricket, soccer, netball, basketball, bouldering, squash, and badminton. Rather than the current plan, combine resources to create a world-class, multi-purpose sports centre for the entire community to enjoy (1), with a gym (1)
Maintenance (3)	Outdoor fitness equipment needs to be clean (1), they are grimy and germy, provide something to clean the equipment (2)
Safety (2)	Ensure the areas are well lit for safety (1)
	Install cameras and signs to monitor damage and vandalism (1)
Other (7)	Shark proof Jack Evans Boat Harbour (1)
	Continue the Rail Trail beyond Crabbes Creek (1)
	• Fix the potholes (1)
	Dog park on the hill in Murwillumbah (1)
	Council increases rates every year because spending is out of control. Stop spending on 'nice-to-haves' and take care of rate payers (1)
	 Install a large water park at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, like there used to be in the 80's (1)
	Protect biodiversity instead (1)

Respondents were asked if they agree with Council's plan for new skate facilities in these locations across the Tweed.

- Casuarina (Casuarina Central Park), skate elements
- Tweed Heads (location to be explored), large skate park
- Kings Forest (new housing development), medium skate park
- Kingscliff (Kingscliff Sports Complex), medium skate park
- Rural villages (to travel between villages e.g. Burringbar, mobile skate ramp
- Pottsville (Pottsville Memorial Oval), small skate area pending approvals

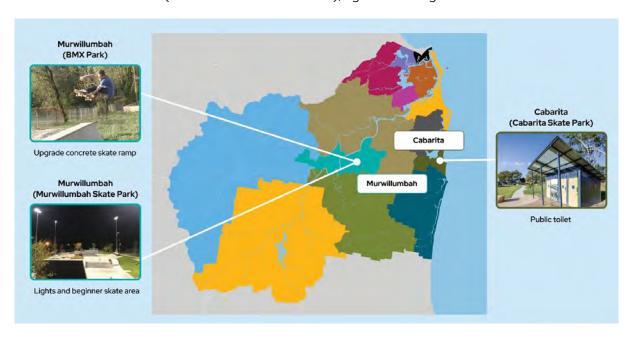


- 34 respondents or 7% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan for new skate facilities in these locations across the Tweed
- 424 respondents or 82% responded 'Yes' they agreed with the plan for new skate facilities in these locations across the Tweed
- 60 respondents or 11% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.



Respondents were asked if they agree with Council's plan to improve existing skate and park facilities in these locations across the Tweed.

- Murwillumbah (BMX Park), upgrade concrete skate ramp
- Cabarita (Cabarita Skate Park), public toilet
- Murwillumbah (Murwillumbah Skate Park), lights and beginner skate area



- 22 respondents or 4% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan to improve skate and park facilities at these existing skate locations
- 444 respondents or 86% responded 'Yes' they agreed with the plan to improve skate and park facilities at these existing skate locations locations across the Tweed
- 52 respondents or 10% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.



All feedback regarding new skate facilities and improvements to existing skate parks has been combined and summarised in the following table.

Theme	Comments and number of responses
General support for new skate facilities in the Tweed (50)	 Broad support for new skate facilities (31), except in Pottsville (1) Provide better skate parks in convenient, central locations (3), where people live (2), making them enjoyable for everyone (1), across all ages and skill levels (1), including younger kids and beginners (2) Skate parks offer numerous benefits to the community (1), and skate culture should be promoted (1) Prioritise Kingscliff and Tweed skate parks (4) due to their location and design (1) There is an urgent need for more activities for kids, as Tweed is lacking opportunities compared to Queensland (1) Stage the implementation of skate parks to allow people to continue skating (1)
General support for improving existing skate facilities in Murwillumbah and Cabarita (25)	Support for enhancing existing skate and park facilities (24), including improvements to current facilities and the addition of more skate and park areas (1)
Skate elements in Casuarina Central Park, Casuarina (21)	 Support for a skate facility in Casuarina (3) and for this specific location (2), suggest adding a half pipe to the Casuarina facility, as skate elements are not fully utilised (1) No support for skate facilities in this location (3), the green space is highly valued, and it is surrounded by tourist accommodation. A noisy concrete recreational area would be inappropriate here and ruin the peaceful ambience (1), the area is not large enough (1), and there are concerns about where markets would go (1), consultation with stallholders is needed (1), as well as considering where bands and team sports would take place (1) No support for a skate facility in Salt Central Park (2). It is meant for holidaying, not skating (2). Locating a skate park within an expensive tourist precinct would be too noisy (2), and using the market area would impact the 60 stallholders (1). Note: The proposed facilities are for Casuarina Central Park, not the location of the markets or tourist accommodation, which is Salt Central Park, Kingscliff.
Large skate park in Tweed Heads (location to be explored) (22)	 Support for a large skate park in Tweed Heads (8), with a suggestion to avoid using bricks in the design (1), suggestion to upgrade the existing skate park (1), or build a medium-sized skate park instead of a large one, as Tweed already has Jack Evans (1) and a pump track (1) Suggestion to build it at the beach, like in Newcastle and Bondi, or look to Byron for inspiration (1) No support for a regional facility at Tweed (1), instead, a new skate park could be built at Arkinstall Park (2), Ducat Park (1) or Ebenezer Park, near Duranbah Beach (1), as these are located within a growth area (1) Youth currently use the Coolangatta Skate Park and South Tweed Skate Park (1) Find a central location that can also serve Banora Point and Terranora (1) This is the only realistic proposal, as children use smaller skate parks and elements, but youth is the primary focus of this plan (1)

Medium skate park in Kings Forest (a new housing development) (2)	Support for this location (1)
	Removing bushland at King Forest makes no sense, protect nature (1)
Medium skate park at Kingscliff Sports Complex, Kingscliff (42)	• Support for a skate park in Kingscliff (19), support for this specific location (2), the location seems to be a good compromise for residents and is accessible to youth (1), select a central location (2), it's important to be close to other facilities to attract families and promote public surveillance (1), the area is growing (1), isolated skate parks attract not only skaters but also those who may cause trouble (1), only older people live in this part of Kingscliff (1), this is an opportunity to create a healthy surf/skate culture (1), kids from Kingscliff currently have to travel to Tweed or Cabarita and rely on their parents for transportation (1)
	Include a BMX track (1) and a pump track (2)
	Include a full-sized basketball court and splash park in Kingscliff (1)
	Some don't support the location (2), suggesting it should be built on the foreshore, like Scarborough, WA (2), or near the Bowls Club (2)
	Questions about who will oversee maintenance and removal of rubbish and graffiti. For the peace of local Kingscliff residents and ratepayers, the skate park should be located near areas frequented by users, such as Salt, Casuarina, or Cabarita, rather than in Kingscliff (1)
	This location doesn't meet the security, safety, or usability criteria in your plan: it's inactive outside of weekend sports, lacks nearby facilities, and has limited visibility for surveillance. Consider the area behind the old VMT tower, near the playground and basketball court, where a 1000m² park could fit. It's far from houses and close enough to the beach for surf noise to mask skateboard sounds (1)
Mobile skate ramp (to travel between rural villages e.g. Burringbar) (12)	Support for a mobile ramp (3)
	Do not use prefabricated/portable ramps, as they are often unreliable, break easily, and don't engage skaters (1), these ramps don't hold user's attention (1)
	No support for mobile skate facilities (2), mobile ramps won't be popular; it would be better to allocate the budget to permanent skate facilities and more frequently used options (1), prefer a permanent skate facility along the Rail Trail at Burringbar, rather than a mobile ramp (1)
	Consider the rural villages and ensure facilities are child and youth friendly (1)
	Advise the community on when and for how long the ramps will be in each rural area (1), make it an event with food trucks, coffee trucks, and DJs (1)

Small skate facility at Pottsville Memorial Oval, Pottsville (pending approvals) (28)

- Support for this location (5), if approved (1), with suggestions to incorporate a bike track (1), the oval is underutilised, so consider building a bigger skate park at this location (1), add transitions and a bowl at Pottsville (1)
- The proposed skate park should be larger (7), either medium (1) or large (1), a small skate park won't attract enough users, as it's a hub for skateboard talent (1), and it will remain underused if too small (1)
- · Include a drinking fountain and water play (1)
- Some oppose the location, as a skate park there might block the footpath, creating safety issues, especially for kids. People on roller skates, skateboards, or bikes might collide with pedestrians or force them onto the road (1), there is too much traffic (1)
- Suggestions include building it in Seabreeze (1) or locating it away from busy roads to ensure safety (1)
- Place the skate park outside the environment zone, which is used for passive recreation and leisure activities (1)
- Install signs and cameras to prevent electric bikes, motorbikes, and electric scooters from using the skate park, as these vehicles pose safety risks (1)
- Some prefer a pump track, as there are already enough skate facilities (1)
- There is demand for a skate plaza in Pottsville (1), as locals currently travel to Byron for its skate park and end up supporting Byron's local businesses instead of Pottsville's (1)

Upgrade the existing concrete skate ramp at BMX Park, Murwillumbah (12)

- Support for upgrading the skate ramp (1), with a preference for upgrading the entire park (3)
- Upgrade the bike park with dirt (2), as dirt reduces injuries (1), but also consider using concrete (1)
- Include lights at BMX Park (1), and make the BMX track larger (1), provide a public toilet, as the nearest toilet is not well-maintained or open (1)
- The area is underutilised, and the BMX track is dangerous and poorly maintained, but could be easily improved. A central BMX track in Murwillumbah would complement the Uki Mountain Bike Park and Rail Trail, especially given the growing popularity of biking (1)

Public toilets at Cabarita Skate Park (45)

- Support for public toilets (18), with concerns about people resorting to squatting
 in bushes (1), suggestion to provide more than just 2 toilets and include a canteen
 or café/shop (1), ensure toilets are safe and locked at night (1), as there are reports
 of people sleeping in public toilets (1)
- Improvements needed beyond just upgrading the toilets (2), such as new ramps, a small half-pipe, stair sets, rails, ledges, and a street area (1), as well as lighting (2)
- Resurface the skate park at Cabarita (3), grind it to make it smooth (1), and add beginner elements (1). Calls for a full rebuild and/or expansion (5), noting there is plenty of space (2), the transitions are currently off, and the park lacks flow (1)
- · Consider adding a water bottle refill station (1)
- The area has huge potential, with basketball and field sports. Suggestions to extend the skate park and include BMX facilities (1) and a pump track (1)
- Leave it as is (1)
- Install CCTV and signs to prevent the use of electric bikes, motorbikes, electric scooters, and dirt bikes, as they pose a hazard to park users, especially young children (1)

Lights and beginner skate area at Murwillumbah Skate Park (50)

- Strong support for installing lights (16), especially beneficial in summer when
 it's too hot to skate during the day (3), and for distributing usage time more
 evenly (1), support for all improvements in Murwillumbah/Knox Park (3), and for
 providing more activities for young people (1)
- With limited travel options, offering activities for youth is seen as the best way to keep them out of trouble (1)
- Some concerns with lighting: install timed lighting to prevent anti-social behaviour and discourage kids from using the skate park late on school nights (1), lights can also attract unwanted attention (1)
- Support for upgrading the beginner area in Murwillumbah (2)
- Suggestions to add drinking fountains and water refill stations in this location (1), and more toilets (2), and cleaner toilets (1)
- Some nostalgia for the older toilets in Murwillumbah, which were considered better in terms of space, fittings, and charm (1)
- Calls to clean graffiti and make the park more welcoming (1), Suggestions to improve safety and remove the graffiti at Murwillumbah Skate Park (1)
- Some feedback that the park is already a beginner's park (1), with requests for a
 new skate park in Murwillumbah (4). Suggestions include increasing the size of
 Murwillumbah's skate park, adding an extra bowl (1), new ramps (2), and jumps (1),
 along with more obstacles (1)
- Requests for more areas for roller skating in Murwillumbah (1) and a mountain bike park (1)
- Install CCTV in Murwillumbah, as the area is perceived as unsafe, with intimidating people around the car park and bus stop (1)
- Some concerns regarding the lack of clarity in the proposal for Murwillumbah, especially regarding the concrete skate ramp upgrade, beginner areas, and types of ramps. While the site already accommodates various skill levels, there is worry about focusing on this facility while other areas in the shire remain neglected (1)

No support or don't skate (23)

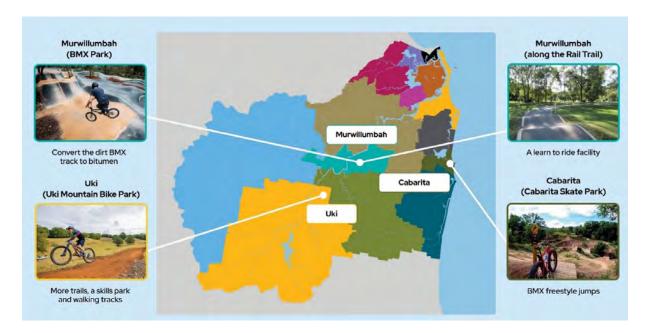
- Not a skater (5), prefer to ride (1)
- No support for skate parks (3), we already have enough (1) and it's not a priority (2)
- Concern that there aren't too many skate parks or that they're too big (1), the existing parks are not being used (1)
- Suggestion for a pool at Tweed Heads instead of more skate parks (1)
- No support for a beginner skate area at Murwillumbah, viewing it as a waste of money (1)
- Perception that teens aren't skating anymore (3), with motorcross and mountain biking being more popular. While the Uki MTB Park exists, it is poorly maintained due to restrictions on non-green machinery. Motorcross is growing, but the Tweed Shire has done little to support it, leading to illegal dirt bikes on the roads. Many kids just want a safe place to ride (1)
- Decline in participation in skate and BMX (1)
- Suggestion to focus on other activities to engage youth (1)
- Concern about the safety of the skate park at Tweed Heads South, with skaters ending up on the road and creating an unsafe situation (1)

Park facilities (30) Provide more shade and shelters (6) Install drinking fountains (5) and water refill stations (1) Add public toilets (3), with suggestions for more toilet cubicles, such as 3-5 male and female toilets (1), all skate parks should have toilets (3) Provide seating for everyone, including grandparents (3), and consider adding barbeques (2) Add lights for night use at all skate parks (4) Consider adding volleyball courts (2) Other locations (28) • Banora Point needs a skate park (6) and a BMX park (1), consider a skate park in Amaroo Park (2), Tweed Heads South (5), Terranora (4), Altitude Aspire with shops and a café (1), Seabreeze, Pottsville (1), and Pottsville (3) • If Pottsville is not approved, consider rebuilding Cabarita Skate Park with a new, modern design from scratch (2), or improving the current Cabarita Skate Park (2) · Teens in Terranora need safe access to places via bikes, scooters, and skateboards. These types of facilities are necessary within the suburb, not just in neighbouring areas, as parents are not always available to drive them (1) Skate park design • Skaters should be consulted during the design process (2), as there are many (22)professional skaters in the area (1), it's crucial to ask real skaters for their advice before finalising skate park designs. For example, avoid putting a box in the middle of a basketball court (1) • Separate the pump track (which is likely to be for small children) and the skate park to prevent injuries from interactions between the two (1) · Look at the small skate park at Coffs Harbour Bray Street for design ideas; the space is well-used, and the obstacles are well-connected (1) · Focus on making a few high-quality skate parks rather than many smaller ones that can't be properly used by skaters (2) · No support for skate elements in general (1) · Use professional skate park builders to design the facilities, like those who built the new Byron skate park. Also, check out the Glebe Skate Park, Redbank Plains Skate park in Ipswich, and other excellent facilities on the Sunshine Coast and in Suffolk Park for ideas (1) Include street sections (1), a big bowl (1), ramps (1), and obstacles suitable for both beginners and intermediate skaters (1) Consider researching skate park design elements from Convic (https://convic. com/about-us/awards/) and look at the Prahran Skate Park (https://convic.com/ prahran-skate-park-opens) for inspiration (1) Add graffiti walls (1), more trees (3), and green spaces (2) to the design (1) Skate park planning There is no support for more new skate parks, but instead a focus on creating better skate parks in more central locations (2) (8) Tweed needs a large-scale skate park like Pizzey Park on the Gold Coast, with fewer smaller parks and more focus on one big park (2) • Tweed Heads already has access to nearby Gold Coast skate parks and smaller ones, but a large skate park could serve as a destination park. Consider building one in Burringbar, which is already drawing attention from the Rail Trail (1) There is support for developing plans for covered facilities to ensure they can be used in all weather conditions (3)

Indoor stadium (8)	There's support for a new indoor stadium (3), suggestion that it should be prioritised over a regional skate park; it could appeal to more users (1)
	Suggestion to build the indoor stadium in Kingscliff (1)
	Skate parks are too hot to use during summer, leading to kids staying home and using devices. There is a call for indoor facilities to accommodate youth, especially for those months with harsh climates (1)
	A proposal to build a stadium like Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium in Tweed, to elevate participation in various indoor sports such as cricket, soccer, netball, basketball, bouldering, squash, and badminton, catering to all ages and not just focused on skate parks and pump tracks (1)
	Some feedback suggests scrapping the current plans and combining resources to create a world-class multi-purpose sports centre (1)
Pump tracks (6)	There is support for more pump tracks instead of additional skate parks (4), suggestion to incorporate pump tracks within existing skate parks (1) There is support for more pump tracks instead of additional skate parks (4), suggestion to incorporate pump tracks within existing skate parks (1).
	Provide a pump track for Casuarina (1)
Safety (6)	Add CCTV (5), and improve safety across all sites (1)
Basketball facilities	Support for more basketball courts (3), indoor are better than outdoor courts (1)
(5)	More basketball courts in Murwillumbah with lights (1)
Maintenance (5)	Clean the skate parks (1), rubbish and graffiti (1), clean toilets (1)
	Concerned about the ongoing costs of maintaining these skate parks and the potential liability for Council (1)
	Support for skate parks as it reduces damage by street skaters to urban infrastructure (1)
Other (11)	It's a great idea to have food stalls around these areas to raise funds for good causes or events (1)
	How long will the project take to complete? (1)
	Some are unsure about the proposed location(s) (1)
	• Fix the potholes (2)
	While skate facilities are nice, more focus should be placed on taking better care of ratepayers (2)
	The pool at Banora Point is preferred over the one at Tweed Heads South (1)
	The playground at Arkinstall Park is not very functional and needs an upgrade (1)
	Consider installing an RC track or rally track in Murwillumbah (1)
	Install a shower and tap at Casperson Park (Kingscliff) for beach users and to water the local community garden (1)

Respondents were asked if they agree with Council's plan for new bike facilities at these 4 locations across the Tweed.

- Terranora (location to be explored), mountain bike trails
- Tweed Heads (location to be explored), pump track
- Clarrie Hall Dam (Doon Doon), mountain bike and walking trails
- Pottsville (along Tweed Coast Rd), bike skills park

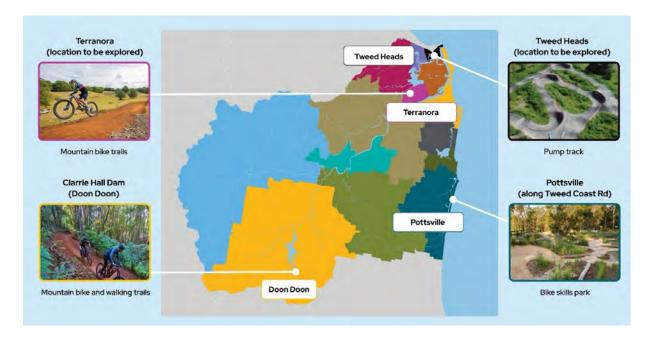


- 16 respondents or 3% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan for new bike facilities at these 4 locations across the Tweed
- 449 respondents or 87% responded 'Yes' they agreed with the plan for new bike facilities at these 4 locations across the Tweed
- 53 respondents or 10% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.



Respondents were asked if they agree with Council's plan to improve existing bike facilities at these locations across the Tweed.

- Murwillumbah (BMX Park), convert the dirt BMX track to bitumen
- Murwillumbah (along the Rail Trail), a learn to ride facility
- Uki (Uki Mountain Bike Park), more trails and walking tracks
- Cabarita (Cabarita Skate Park), BMX freestyle jumps



A total of 518 people responded to this question.

- 20 respondents or 4% responded 'No' they did not agree with the plan to improve existing bike facilities at these locations across the Tweed
- 439 respondents or 85% responded 'Yes' they agreed with the plan to improve existing bike facilities at these locations across the Tweed
- 59 respondents or 11% responded 'Unsure' about the plan.



All feedback regarding new bike facilities and improvements to existing bike facilities has been combined and summarised in the following table.

Theme	Comments and number of responses
General support for new and improved bike facilities in the Tweed (95)	• General support for the plan to develop new and improved bike parks and the proposed actions (69), great for youth (6), and the actions will benefit children and families as well as youth (2), will benefit the entire community, all ages (3), emphasise the need for facilities that are kid-friendly (1), good for school excursions and sports (1), promotes health, fitness (4), and skill development (1), more outdoor facilities are beneficial (1), however, it will require significant investment (1)
	Support for additional Council-managed mountain bike parks, similar to Uki (1)
	Ensure bike and pedestrian-friendly areas with multi-use trails (1)
	 The success of the Uki MTB trails demonstrates the need for more quality trails; the Tweed Valley MTB is in support of expanding trails (1)
	Benefits for older people (1) and tourism (1), a growing number of people are getting into cycling (1)
Mountain bike trails in Terranora (location to be explored) (17)	• Support for mountain bike trails at Terranora (10), many families and kids in the area (4), these facilities would attract visitors and support local businesses (1), there is plenty of suitable land around Terranora (1)
	Terranora needs a park or oval for activities like soccer or a basketball court, currently, there is nothing in Terranora (1)
Pump track in Tweed	Support for a pump track in Tweed Heads (11) and dirt jumps (1)
Heads (location to be explored) (25)	Position the pump track near the old skate park, in the green space by the community centre (2)
	Connect the Pottsville track to the Rail Trail (1)
	Provide more information about the plans and timeline for delivery (1)
	No support for this action (1)
	 Consider Ducat Park (1) or Arkinstall Park (1) as potential locations for a pump track (1)
	Ensure it's easily accessible so that young people don't have to rely on their parents for transportation (1)
	Review the pump track at Pizzey Park (2); the proposed one pictured doesn't seem as appealing and would mainly attract kids (1)
	The dirt jumps behind the Tugun skate park were upgraded and were great, but have since been neglected and are now in poor condition (1)
Mountain bike and walking trails around Clarrie Hall Dam (Doon Doon) (13)	Support for mountain bike and walking trails around the dam (5), in Doon Doon (2), as long as there isn't too much concrete (1), and a campground (1) Classic Law Door of feet heavy tife the place due (1).
	Clarrie Hall Dam offers beautiful walking trails already (1)
	Manage potential conflicts between walkers and riders (1) Drawids to list a state at the state (1)
	Provide toilets at the top (1) The real and the great required bits and this contribution are attentional to the contribution of the contrib
	There's already a great mountain bike park in Uki, so building another in a less convenient location doesn't make sense (1)

Bike skills Park in Support for the bike skills park (8), as it will help keep Pottsville's youth keep Pottsville (19) out of trouble (1), with many kids riding bikes (1), but support is contingent on it being well maintained (1) Provide options for both beginner and advanced riders (2) Support for the bike skills park in Pottsville, but not at the proposed location (2), as it's important to protect the wallabies that live there (1), this location is also isolated from the community, with no nearby toilets or shops (1) Provide toilets and a water fountain (1) The Pottsville location mainly benefits Pottsville residents. Consider a more central location along the Tweed Coast, such as Kingscliff, Casuarina, or Kings Forest (1) Convert the dirt Support for the BMX track (3), but with dirt (15), some prefer bitumen (6), **BMX** track to however bitumen is seen as more dangerous and not appropriate (3), bitumen bitumen in BMX Park, is better for younger riders (1), but it should be done well (1), consider using Murwillumbah (42) concrete instead of bitumen for better grip (1), though bitumen could be more cost-effective (1), bitumen might be a better investment, but it's uncertain whether it will withstand flooding at the BMX Park (1), dirt is impacted by weather and is usually poorly maintained (1) Only support a bitumen surface if it's what the users want. Engage with the users to determine their preference. Is it a user choice or just a Council recommendation to reduce maintenance? (1) • Improve drainage, as it gets wet and prevents riding for several days (1) · Consider providing a pump track in Murwillumbah instead, close to town with easy access (1) • More tracks and trails are needed in Murwillumbah (1) • Improve maintenance at both the BMX Park (1) and Uki MTB Park (1) • Seek expert advice on the jumps at Uki; the lips and landings aren't designed for sufficient speed between jumps, and there are rocks sticking out at the landings • Include lights (1) and toilets (1) at BMX Park Support for learn-to-ride facilities (4), with an emphasis on ensuring they are A learn to ride facility along the Rail Trail (14) inclusive (1), and suitable for grandkids (1) Overseas visitors would only use this facility if it aligns with their interests (1) No support for this facility (4), as kids can learn to ride on the road or footpath (1), and youth already know how to ride (2) More trails and walking Support for more trails in Uki (4), catering to all skill levels (1), with more jump tracks at Uki Mountain tracks (1), but not walking trails (1), and more trees (1) Bike Park, Uki (12) Provide a safe bike path from the Uki Mountain Bike Park to the village centre along Smiths Creek Rd (1) Install a bike lift or pulley (2), along with toilets and a café (1) Improve maintenance (1) Support for BMX jumps in dirt (3), as well as support for box freestyle jumps in BMX freestyle jumps next to Cabarita Skate Cabarita (3), with the inclusion of a pump track (1) Park, Cabarita (8) No support for BMX at Cabarita Skate Park (1)

No support (20)

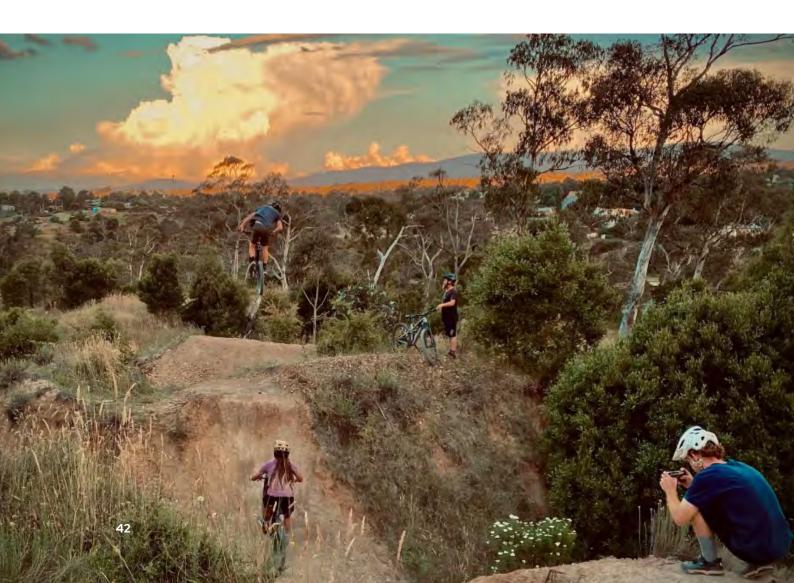
- No support for bike parks (3), as we already have enough (1), and it's not a priority (2), there are better ways to allocate funds (1), and the Rail Trail is sufficient (1)
- No support for pump tracks (1)
- Bike facilities are primarily used by specific user groups; consider planning for multi-use facilities (1)
- Areas like Tweed may not be ideal for a bike facility, given the parks already planned (1)
- Electric bikes are already on bike, cycle, and walkways, traveling too fast and creating safety risks. There's concern about allowing them on Tweed Coast Road, as they may go even faster on this pathway (1)
- No support for promoting biking in Pottsville, as it poses a danger to elderly residents, is noisy early in the morning, and dominates roads and pathways (1)
- These parks are used most of the day during summer, but they don't attract kids away from their devices. Indoor facilities for youth should be provided (1)
- Not convinced that this will effectively steer youth away from less productive activities (1)
- Skate and scooter facilities would be more beneficial for youth, as most either skateboard or scooter; bike tracks mainly appeal to adults (1)
- These facilities are 'nice to have', but Council should prioritise better care for ratepayers (1)
- With the Rail Trail and bike tracks along the Tweed Coast (e.g. Salt), the Tweed already has sufficient bike facilities (1), and we have enough (2)
- Mountain biking is losing popularity, with youth more interested in motocross now. However, they cannot travel 2 hours to the nearest motocross park (1)

Biking (43)

- Support for more mountain bike trails (13), including additional trails for Cabarita (1), Round Mountain (1), and Kingscliff (2), also, provide a park with a pump track and dirt jumps (1), which is great for kids to connect with nature (1)
- Support for more bike trails around Tweed (1), including jumps (3) and ramps (1)
- Consider bike tracks in Bilambil (1), as Murwillumbah is too far away (1)
- More safe bike paths and cycleways are needed for the Tweed (3), as they will benefit the community (1)
- The e-bike revolution has given younger people more mobility. Provide more
 cycleways to keep cyclists off the roads (1) and embrace the trend of e-bikes,
 encouraging outdoor activity instead of restricting it (1), e-bikes and off-road
 e-scooters are gaining in popularity (1)
- Ensure there are suitable jump lines for both kids and advanced riders, making them fun, varied, and not just repetitive (1)
- Design facilities for all ages (1)
- Improve facilities at Banora Point (2)
- Encourage more girls to ride by hosting events to promote cycling (1)
- · Look at Boomerang Farm Bike Park as a good example (1)
- Provide toilets at bike facilities (1), along the Rail Trail (1), and include lights for the Rail Trail (1)
- · More learn-to-ride facilities are needed (1)

Pump track (28)	Support for more pump tracks (4), including a pump track or BMX Park at Piggabeen, in the new residential development (2), kids love pump tracks (2)
	There's a need for more than 1-2 tracks in the area (1)
	Support for an e-bike park with jumps (1), along with provisions for scooters (1)
	Consider locations in Murwillumbah (2), on land adjacent to the Rail Trail (1)
	Consider locations in Casuarina (2), at Casuarina Central Park (1), in Kingscliff (5), near the beach (1), and at the proposed skate park site in Kingscliff (1), or in Banora Point (2)
	• Ensure the tracks are "really pumpy" (1) and built to a high standard (1)
	Promote the locations of the facilities and provide clear signage (1)
	Consider using Common Ground to design and build the pump tracks (1)
Other activities (25)	 Provide a skate park in Pottsville (2), and a pump track (2), and a learn to ride facility (1), provide mountain bike trails in Pottsville near the Environmental Park (1)
	Provide a better skate park at Cabarita (1), if Pottsville is not approved rebuild Cabarita skate park, a new modern design from scratch (1)
	Provide for motorcross in the Tweed, youth want motorcross (1)
	Car rally track in Murwillumbah (1), Dirt rally track to develop car control skills and for fun; keeps dangerous drivers off the road and would be an attraction for public events and create revenue (1)
	More dirt bike trails (2), support for a motorbike park/track (1)
	Support for a horse friendly Rail Trail (1), complete the Rail trail (1)
	Seal the Rail Trail the full length for rollerbladers (1)
	More walking tracks and trails (2), more running, walking and biking trails (1), more walking tracks in Banora behind Coles (1)
	Add lights so youth can play at night in Murwillumbah (1)
	More art events, drawing, music events (1)
	Support more basketball (2)
Safety (7)	Support for the actions, if they are safe (3), these actions will help create safe and friendly spaces, helping to reduce youth crime (1)
	• Ensure trails are well-maintained, with plants not hanging over and rocks cleared from the way (2)
	Install cameras and signs at these sites to deter vandals and prevent use by electric bikes and motorbikes. These vehicles pose a hazard to all facility users and should be stopped immediately (1)
Environment considerations (4)	Support for the actions, as long as they don't impact the environment too much or involve clearing trees (2)
	Support for more bush regeneration (1) and retaining bushland (1)

Indoor stadium (2)	 Tweed needs a stadium like the Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium. This would help elevate participation in indoor sports like cricket, soccer, netball, basketball, bouldering, squash, and badminton for all ages—not just skate parks and pump tracks. Consider scrapping the current plan, combining resources, and creating a world-class multi-purpose sports centre (1) Support for an Olympic-sized indoor stadium with basketball and futsal courts (1)
Other (8)	 Fix the potholes (1) Improve the skate park in Murwillumbah (1) Home schoolers would enjoy an area with plenty of things to climb on (1) Provide a better playground at Cabarita, like the one at Casuarina (1) Consider adding a candy shop and a pool hobby shop (1) Add a pool for practicing swimming for carnivals, with a water slide (1) Restore access to Mount Warning-Wollumbin (1) Provide an Olympic-sized swimming pool in Tweed and Banora (1)







Heritage Park, Lismore



Byron Bay Skate Park



Parks and trails by Common Ground Trails



Section 2: Other community feedback received in-person, by email or direct mail

Submission 1:

A suggestion has been made for a week-long program involving community leaders touring Tweed Shire in a mini bus. The theme of the program is to provide young people with an awakening of what Tweed Shire has to offer. This program would be open to young people aged 14 to 18 years, with focus areas including agriculture, tourism, and education.

The proposed itinerary may include:

- Visit to the new hospital
- Visit to a cane farm
- · Visit to tourist destinations, such as Tropical Fruit World
- · Attend a Tweed Shire Council meeting
- Explore employment opportunities, such as pool lifeguards and learn-to-swim instructors
- Participate in a training program, including resuscitation, first aid, and pool lifeguard certification.



Appendices: Communication activities



Promotional poster displayed at Tweed Heads PCYC

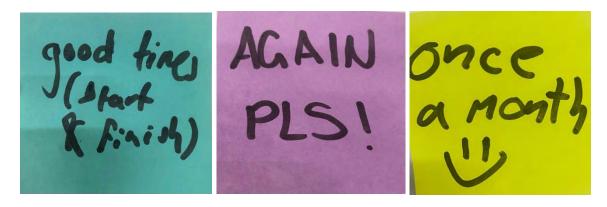




Pop up stall at Kingscliff Markets



Evaluation Post-It messages at the Splash, Movie 'n' DJ Night at Murwillumbah Pool



Media release - 30 October 2024

What YOUth want: New skate parks, bike facilities, play spaces and events for the Tweed

Media release



1 November 2024

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Free pool and movie night for youth who complete survey on Draft Plan



Young skaters enjoying the newly upgraded Jack Evans Boat Harbour space at Tweed Heads. Young residents are invited to let Council know what outdoor recreational facilities they'd like to see in the Tweed and gain free entry to a Splash, Movie 'n' DJ night at the Murwillumbah pool. **BELOW:** Hanging out at the new skate facilities at Jack Evans Boat Harbour at Tweed Heads.

Council is seeking feedback from young people in the Tweed on the proposed Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan which aims to improve outdoor recreation facilities across the Tweed.

Did Council hear youth correctly? Young people aged between 12 and 24 years are invited to complete a quick survey to



understand if the proposed Youth and Outdoor Recreation Action Plan is what

Tweed Link advertisement

Tweed Link #1372 - 30 October 2024



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Tweed Link #1373 6 November 2024



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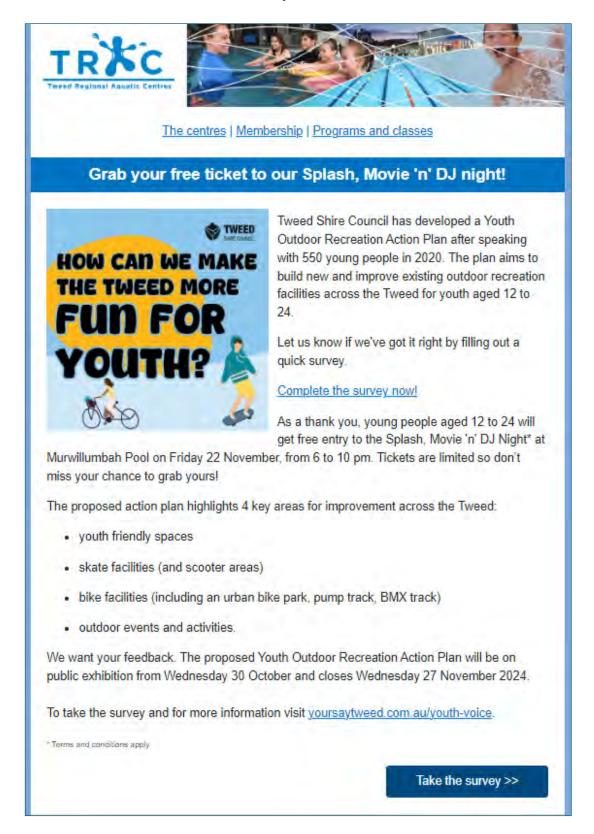
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TRAC newsletter - 30 October 2024

TRAC newsletter June 2023 - 50 m pool closure, holiday swim intensives, Learn to Swim term 3, swimwear sale plus more



Staff weekly - 31 October 2024

Young people to help shape the future of Tweed's outdoor recreation facilities

NICE TO KNOW

Young people to help shape the future of Tweed's outdoor recreation facilities



Published 30/10/2024

Do you know someone aged 12-24? We want to hear from them!

We're gathering feedback for the Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan and would love to hear their thoughts on youth-friendly spaces, skate parks, bike trails, and more. Please encourage them to take our quick survey and share their ideas.

As a thank you, participants will receive FREE entry to our Splash 'n' Movie Night (for 12-24-yearolds) on Friday 22 November from 6 to 10pm at the Murwillumbah Pool. They can swim, slide, listen to music and watch 'Jumanji - Welcome to the Jungle' on a giant inflatable screen!

Tickets are limited. Head to <u>yoursaytweed.com.au/youth-voice</u> to complete the survey and grab a ticket before they go.

Not 12-24 years old, but want to have your say? The broader community is welcome to fill out the survey as well.

We will also have pop-up stalls at the following events where the community can come and chat to us.

- Murwillumbah Show: 1-2 November (Fri 4 to 7 pm, Sat 8 am to 5 pm)
- Jack Evans Markets: 8 November (4 to 8 pm)
- Kingscliff Markets: 9 November (8 am to 1 pm)

The proposed Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan will be on public exhibition until 4pm, Wednesday 27 November 2024.



YST Newsletter - 5 November 2024

On exhibition

👪 🥒 Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2024-2034



Tweed Shire Council has developed a Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan after speaking with 550 young people in 2020. The plan aims to build new and improve existing outdoor recreation facilities across the Tweed for youth aged 12 to 24.

Let us know if we've got it right by filling out a quick survey.

Complete the survey now!

As a thank you, young people aged 12 to 24 will get **free entry to the Splash, Movie 'n' DJ Night*** at Murwillumbah Pool on Friday 22 November, from 6 to 10 pm. Tickets are limited so don't miss your chance to grab yours!

The proposed action plan highlights 4 key areas for improvement across the Tweed:

- · youth friendly spaces
- skate facilities (and scooter areas)
- bike facilities (including an urban bike park, pump track, BMX track)
- outdoor events and activities.

We want your feedback. Find out more about the proposed <u>Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan</u> and complete the survey before Wednesday 27 November 2024.

* Terms and conditions apply

Tweed Link

Tweed Link #1375 20 November 2024

Young people - help shape the future

Council is seeking feedback from young people in the Tweed on the proposed Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan which aims to improve outdoor recreation facilities across the Tweed.

Young people aged between 12 and 24 years are invited to complete a quick survey to confirm if Council is on the right track.

The action plan highlights 4 areas for improvement, including youth-friendly spaces, skate facilities (and scooter areas), bike facilities (including an urban bike park, pump track, BMX track) and outdoor events and activities.

Not aged between 12-24 years but want to have your say? The broader community is also welcome to complete the survey.

Visit <u>yoursaytweed.com.au/youth-voice</u> and fill out the survey by 4 pm on Wednesday 27 November.



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