

Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan 2025-2035

Engagement Summary





Tweed Shire Council wishes to acknowledge the Ngandowal and Minyungbal speaking people of the Bundjalung Country, in particular the Goodjinburra, Tul-gi-gin and Moorung – Moobah clans, as being the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters within the Tweed Shire boundaries. Council also acknowledges and respects the Tweed Aboriginal community's right to speak for its Country and to care for its traditional Country in accordance with its lores, customs and traditions.

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How we engaged

Council engaged over 900 young people across two stages of engagement to develop the Youth Outdoor Recreation Action Plan (YORAP).

Stage 1 engagement

Key actions taken included:

- 550 people provided feedback through an online survey to help shape the draft Action Plan, which was open from 18 November 2020 to 28 February 2021. Every high school student in the Tweed received a postcard inviting them to participate in the online survey.
- Three co-design workshops facilitated by Young Change Agents, including a focused session on Recreation Ground and Goorimabah – Place of Stories in Tweed Heads. This participatory approach engaged young people in designing a youth-friendly regional and district park in Tweed Heads. Construction of both spaces has now been completed.
- Short videos (or Vox Pops) featuring interviews with young people visiting markets and skate parks in Pottsville, Cabarita and Kingscliff. We asked them about the activities they enjoy and the sport and recreation options they would like to see more of in the Tweed.
- We received 36 comments from the broader community via the Your Say Tweed webpage. Additionally, during the development of the OSS 2019–2029 and the SARS 2023–2033, both youth and the broader community had the opportunity to provide input on the provision of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities.

Stage 2 engagement

Key actions taken included:

- 518 people provided feedback through a survey on the draft Action Plan, which was publicly exhibited from 3 October to 27 November 2024.
- Council staff visited four local high schools and engaged with 120 students to participate in the survey.
- A Splash, Movie and DJ Night was held at the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (Murwillumbah Pool) on Friday 22 November 2024, with 80 young people participating.
- Pop-up community engagement events were held at the Murwillumbah Show on Friday 1 November and Saturday 2 November 2024, as well as at the Kingscliff Markets on Saturday 9 November 2024.

The following is a summary of the key information we gathered from talking with young people and the community.¹

What youth said

Stage 1 Engagement summary

Sport and recreation facilities young people participate in

Top 10 responses



numbers shown above = the number of respondents per activity from a total of 914 respondents.

Young people were given three wishes to improve the Tweed's sport and recreation facilities and activities – they wished for:

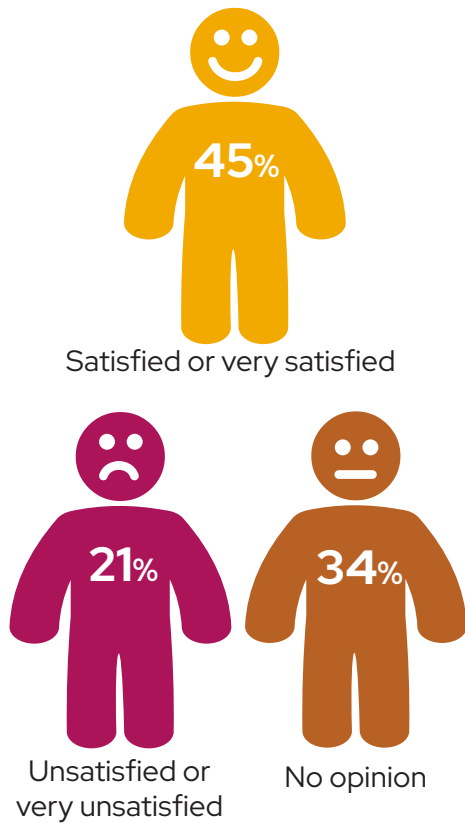
Three wishes

	Number
Skate facilities	130
Sport facilities (general)	124
Park and playground improvements	115
Bike facilities	96
Indoor courts/stadium or gymnasium	60
Basketball courts	55
Walking and running tracks	51
Youth events/activities	26
Wave pool/water park	24
Beach and foreshore facilities	21

Number = number of respondents

Young people were asked how satisfied they are regarding the following:

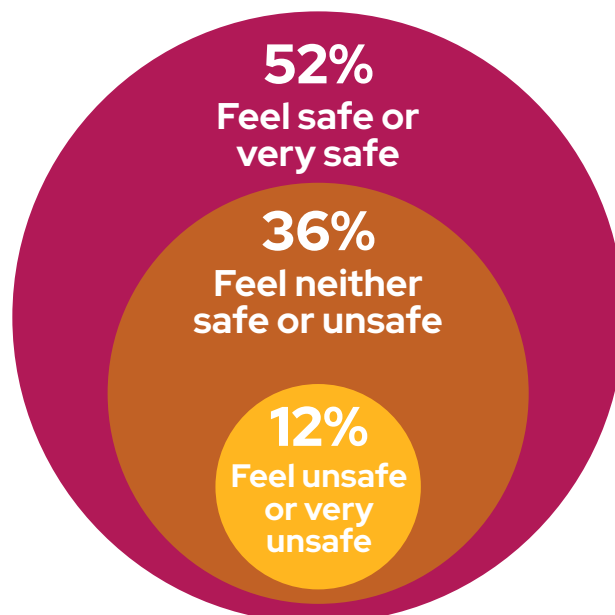
Sport and recreation facilities



Outdoor events, programs and activities



Young people were asked how safe they feel using outdoor public spaces, sport and recreation facilities



What outdoor events, programs or activities would young people like to see more of in the Tweed?

Top 10 responses:



What key improvements would make outdoor public spaces better?

Top 10 responses

	Number
Safer outdoor spaces	50
More skate parks	36
Better park facilities	35
More facilities that appeal to young people	32
More diverse parks	29
Maintain our parks and open spaces	28
More activities that are free or low cost	22
Consult young people	17
Provide more bike facilities	15
Access to drinking water	12

Number = number of respondents

What youth said

Stage 2 Engagement summary

The community was asked about their support for key actions in the draft Action Plan.



1 The youth engagement reports for this plan can be accessed here <https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/youth-voice>

Key feedback

Create separate areas for skating, biking and basketball to give everyone enough space and avoid conflict

Add lights to youth facilities and include shaded areas, like trees or shade structures, to help with summer heat and allow for night-time use

Install public toilets, drinking water and refill stations, barbecues and covered seating areas at youth facilities

Focus on building a regional skate park in the Tweed and medium-sized parks. Improve current skate parks and keep them well maintained

Build an indoor stadium

Partner with youth services to run events, programs and activities

Less support for outdoor fitness equipment and focus more on providing calisthenic equipment

Look for ways to improve the user experience along the Rail Trail, like adding bike and skate facilities and other activities for youth

Engage industry professionals, locals, and experienced skaters and riders in the design of new facilities

Provide more pump tracks, mountain bike trails, skills parks and skate facilities

Explore opportunities for a water park

Install climbing walls, flying foxes and larger swings in parks

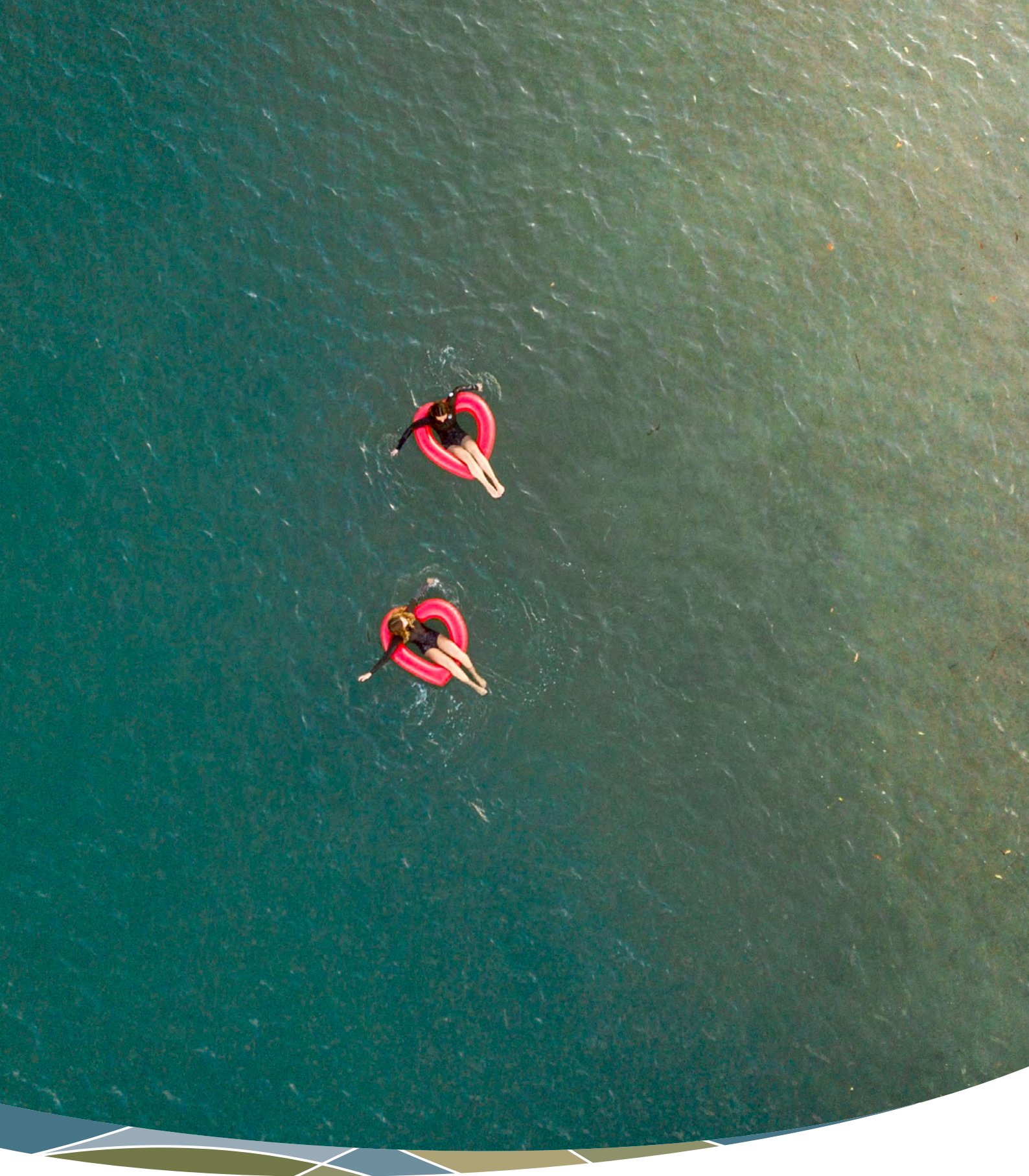
Make sure spaces and facilities are easy to reach by foot, bike, scooter and public transport and that they are inclusive and accessible to everyone

Add more sports courts for volleyball, tennis, netball and focus on full and half-sized basketball courts

Ensure public spaces are safe and graffiti is managed

Provide larger parks in Casuarina, Kingscliff, Pottsville, Cabarita, Tweed Heads South and hinterland areas

When designing multi-use courts, reduce conflict between users so different sports can be played without getting in each other's way



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