

## Tweed/Byron Police District – Weekly Update October 17

Over the past week, 40 people were arrested and charged at Tweed Heads and Byron Bay Police Stations with a variety of offences. In total, 45 people had legal action taken against them.

Notable matters of community interest include:

- 16 people were charged with domestic violence related offences, including 8 for assault, 7 for contravening Apprehended Violences Orders, and 1 for stalking/intimidation.
- 17 people were charged for road/traffic offences. This includes:
  - o 11 for driving with a prescribed concentration of alcohol (3 were repeat offenders)
  - o 2 for driving whilst disqualified (both were repeat offenders)
  - o 2 for driving whilst suspended
  - o 1 for driving with an expired licence
  - o 1 for driving whilst never having been licensed
- 2 people were charged with shoplifting, an additional 3 people with other stealing offences and 1 for possessing items suspected of being stolen.
- 5 people were charged for the unlawful possession of prohibited drugs.
- A 16-year-old male from Tweed Heads West was stopped by Police on 9 October 2025, after performing dangerous manoeuvres on an illegally modified e-bike. He was sighted riding on the back wheel along Wharf Street, Tweed Heads. The male was sighted by police to proceed through a pedestrian crossing whilst an elderly member of the public was using it, travel through a red traffic control signal and perform an illegal U-turn. He was also not wearing an approved helmet. He was issued with 5 infringement notices totalling \$3,003. The e-bike was seized by police.
- A 61-year-old male from Coopers Shoot was charged with an assault occasioning actual bodily harm after a road rage related matter involving a neighbour. He will next appear at the Byron Bay Local Court on 27 October 2025.
- A 36-year-old female from Ocean Shores was charged on 11 October with high range drink driving after she crashed her vehicle into a parked car in Ocean Shores. She then drove from the scene with members of the public following her. Police attended and she tested positive to a roadside breath test. She was later subjected to a breath analysis which returned a high range reading of 0.223. Her driver's licence was suspended, and she is due to appear before the Mullumbimby Local Court on 5 November 2025.

- A 34-year-old male from Tweed Heads was arrested and charged on 10 October 2025, with 20 shoplifting offences at a Tweed Heads supermarket. This was a result of the community, security and police working together to identify him. He was bail refused by Police and given conditional bail by the Parramatta Bail Court to next appear at Tweed Heads Local Court on 27 October 2025. He is banned from the supermarket at the Tweed Mall.

A number of our community members have asked about court results, so we have decided to share a few of these with you. These results are from previous arrests in the past few months.

#### Significant Court Outcomes:

- On 16 July 2025, a 30-year-old male from Tweed Heads was arrested and charged with stalking/intimidation, assault occasioning actual bodily harm in a domestic violence context, contravening an apprehended violence order (x 2) and resisting arrest. In September 2024, he had earlier been charged with affray and damaging property. On 15 October 2025, he was sentenced on all outstanding matters in the Tweed Heads Local Court to 24 months imprisonment through to June 2027.

- On 10 June 2025, a 35-year-old male from Tweed Heads was arrested and charged following an incident at a jewellery store in the Tweed City Shopping Centre just prior. He was charged with being armed with intent to commit a serious offence, demanding property with menaces and carrying throwing knives. He was also charged with an additional 21 shoplifting and theft offences that occurred locally. He has remained bail refused since his arrest. On 9 October 2025, when he was sentenced in the Lismore Local Court to 22 months imprisonment from his date of arrest through to April 2027.

- On 8 September 2025, a 43-year-old-male from Tweed Heads was arrested and charged for outstanding warrants that related to prolific offending in the local area over the previous few months; including, possessing a knife on 2 separate occasions, 10 instances of shoplifting, possessing goods suspected of being stolen and multiple instances of failing to comply with court ordered bail conditions. He has remained bail refused since his arrest. On 15 October 2025, he was sentenced in the Tweed Heads Local Court to 16 months imprisonment through to January 2027.

Finally, yesterday morning a 27-year-old male from Clontarf QLD was arrested and charged following a pursuit from Chinderah to Banora Point. The driver was charged with driving on a suspended licence, Police pursuit and resisting arrest. Several of the arresting Police sustained minor cuts and abrasions. The male arrested also returned a positive result for driving with methylamphetamine in his oral fluid. He has been bail refused to appear before the Parramatta Bail Court today.

The Tweed/Byron Police District continues to have one of the highest arrest rates in NSW for shoplifting. This is a direct result of the on-going relationships that local retailers have with police that allows offenders to be identified promptly and prosecuted. A number of these offenders are also committing other property offences, and they will continue to be targeted through on-going operations.

As you can see it has been another busy week for our hard-working police who appreciate the on-going community support.