

Tweed/Byron Police District – Weekly Update October 24

Over the past week, 30 people were arrested and charged at Tweed Heads and Byron Bay Police Stations with a variety of offences. In total, 42 people had legal action taken against them.

Notable matters of community interest include:

- 14 people were charged with domestic violence related offences, including 5 for assault, 5 for Contravening Apprehended Violences Orders, and 4 for stalking/intimidation.
- 8 people were charged for road/traffic offences. This includes:
 - o 3 for driving whilst disqualified (two were repeat offenders)
 - o 2 for driving with a prescribed concentration of alcohol (1 was a repeat offender)
 - o 1 for driving whilst suspended
- 1 person was charged with break and enter, 3 people were charged with shoplifting and an additional 3 people with other stealing offences.
- 4 people were charged for the unlawful possession of prohibited drugs.
- A 25-year-old male from Wells Crossing NSW was arrested and charged on 16 October 2025 with destroying property, negligent driving, driving whilst disqualified and stealing a motor vehicle from a residence Mullumbimby. The owner of the vehicle followed the man before he crashed the stolen vehicle on Myocum Road. The male ran from the scene and was later sighted by locals who directed Police to his location in a nearby paddock. The male was arrested and bail refused. He will appear at the Grafton Local Court on 27 October 2025. A great team effort!
- A 52-year-old male from Tweed Heads South was charged with wilful and obscene exposure and carrying out a sexual act at Tweed heads in the presence of several females. He will appear before Tweed Heads Local Court on 10 November 2025.
- A 28-year-old male from Cudgera Creek was arrested and charged on 19 October 2025 with stalking/intimidation, driving whilst suspended and Police pursuit after a domestic violence incident. He also returned a positive result for driving with methylamphetamine in his oral fluid. He was bail refused by Police and has since been given conditional bail by the court to appear at the Tweed Heads Local Court on 10 November 2025. A Provisional Apprehended Violence Order has been taken out by Police for the protection of the other party involved.
- A 33-year-old male from The Pocket was arrested and charged on 20 October 2025 with stalking/intimidation, possess unauthorised firearm, not keep firearm safely and causing danger with a firearm in manner likely to injure a person after a domestic

violence incident. It will also be alleged that the male used a firearm whilst intoxicated. He was bail refused by Police and will appear at the Byron Bay Local Court on 17 November 2025.

- A 47-year-old male from Tweed Heads West was arrested and charged in Tweed Heads on 20 October 2025 with 8 serious offences after breaking into the residence of an off-duty police officer who was home at the time. The male was pursued on foot by the occupants after fleeing the scene which resulted in him being run down and arrested. The male had other stolen property on him and was in possession of a knife. He was bail refused and is next due to appear at the Tweed Heads Local Court on 27 October 2025. He was also charged with an additional 6 offences that he alleged committed on 13 October 2025. Thanks to the members of the public who contacted 000 and assisted police in making this arrest.

We have had a lot of positive feedback on court outcomes so we will continue to share some of these with you. Some of these results were:

- Drive whilst disqualified: (\$800 fine, and driver's licence disqualification for 6 months)
- Driving with a middle range prescribed concentration of alcohol: (\$800 fine, driver's licence disqualification for 3 months, and alcohol interlock program for 12 months)
- Assault occasioning actual bodily harm: (Conditional Release Order for 12 months with 12 months supervision by NSW Community Corrections)
- Assault Police: (Conditional Release Order for 9 months)
- Drive whilst licence suspended (\$500 fine, and driver's licence disqualification for 12 months) and Driving with a special range prescribed concentration of alcohol (\$400 fine, driver's licence disqualification for 3 months and participation in the alcohol interlock program)

On 15 October 2025, senior police from our Counter Terrorism & Special Tactics Command presented to local retailers and Centre Management at Tweed City Shopping Centre and Tweed Mall. The current threat environment was discussed along with hostile reconnaissance and reporting suspicious behaviours. Staff were also given advice in relation to lockdowns, contacting police and making public announcements in the event of an active armed offender scenario. Safety advice surrounding these scenarios focuses upon three simple words that are easy to remember in a crisis: ESCAPE. HIDE. TELL. The safety of the community is always a priority for police and local officers are trained to respond rapidly to any armed threats in our community.

On 21 October 2025, Tweed Heads Police Station hosted a Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting with our local business community for an update on crime across the District. The group were shown 'BluLink' which allows members of the public to share information with Police such as location, live stream, or digital media files

(images, video, CCTV). A discussion was also had in relation to the benefits of utilising the retail crime intelligence platform AUROR. This system is used by many large retailers and provides a cloud platform for real-time crime reporting and intelligence sharing among retailers and law enforcement. Police continue to work closely with retailers and Loss Prevention Officers to address crime and anti-social behaviour within our shopping centres which results in numerous arrests on a weekly basis. Thank you to all those who attended and we appreciate the on-going support.