

Awards

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Sector/theme	Award	Comment
Natural environment	Banksia Awards	<p>Australia's most prestigious sustainability award, operating for 30 years. The Banksia Foundation, through its Award Programs, raises the profile of the current sustainability issues facing Australia and recognise those whose initiatives are an encouragement and an example for others to follow.</p> <p>2015 Small to Medium Business Leadership Sustainability Award winner- Tweed Byron Koala Connections, Tweed Shire Council</p>
	NSW Green Globes Awards	<p>2017: Premier's Award for Environmental Excellence: Stone & Wood; Regional Sustainability Award: Enova Community Energy; Business Leadership Award: Stone & Wood</p> <p>2016: Intrepid Landcare</p> <p>2014 Natural Environment Sustainability Award: Tweed Byron Koala Connections</p>
	Blue Star Sustainability Awards	<p>Tweed Shire Council received Highly Commended recognition in the Overall Regional Sustainability Award 2017. Other Tweed award winners included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cultural Heritage: Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council Working to Preserve Aboriginal Culture, Heritage and Community - Community Environmental Achievement Award: Fingal Head Coastcare - Sustainable Systems: Stone and Wood Brewing Co - Young Environmental Achievement: Fingal Head Public School <p>Benefits promoted include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring your community together around a common goal, boosting morale and civic pride. - Engage people from your community in your project or program. - Spread education about environmental awareness, and specifically your own hard work. - Tell your story to other groups across the state. - Get your project into local media and gain publicity. - Attract visitors to your town.
	Clean Beaches	<p>2014: Connecting Our Coast awards: Fingal Head, Young Legends: Fingal Head Public School</p> <p>2013: Fingal Head, state winner</p> <p>2012: Litter and Waste management, Environment Protection awards: Fingal Head</p> <p>Community Partnerships and Action: Cabarita Beach</p> <p>Young Legends: Hastings Point</p>

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Social justice/equity	Access and Inclusion Awards	Currently being evaluated to assess the impact of the awards and the effective investment of Council resources to achieve the awards' goals.
Community recognition	Australia Day Awards	<p>Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards Selection Panel comprising 7 Councillors and the existing recipients of awards in the following categories :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Arts and Culture •Citizen of the Year •Community Event of the Year •Sporting Achievement •Volunteer of the Year •Young Achiever in Community Service <p>Note: Lismore City Council has a 'Sustainable Environment' category in their Australia Day Awards.</p>
Built environment	Housing Industry Association Green Smart Sustainable Home	<p>2016: Eco Essence Homes Casuarina, Green Smart Home of the Year</p> <p>Benchmark Building Projects NSW:</p>
	Northern Rivers Sustainable House Day Design Competition	<p>Co-funded by Northern Rivers' councils and sponsorship. Hosted as part of the Tweed Shire Council 'Living for the Future' home expo event in 2017.</p> <p>2018 event on hold pending proposal to form a closer partnership with unis and TAFE being investigated for 2019.</p>
Gardens	Murwillumbah Garden Club	Potential for a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife award?
Secondary school students	Green Innovation Awards Northern Rivers	Recognising students' innovation, team work, business planning and environmental science with a focus on waterways management, waste management, green products or recycling used in building or packaging, biofuels/renewable energy
	Youth Frontiers	Recognise the achievements of local youth actively participating in their school and/or local community
Schools	Eco-Schools Australia	Murwillumbah High School, Sathya Sai High School, Crystal Creek Primary Schools have received Eco Schools awards.