



**Alcohol-Free Zones 2021 to 2025**  
Within Tweed Shire

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## 1 Alcohol Free Zones

An alcohol-free zone is a means by which Council may limit the locations where the consumption of alcohol is permitted.

The principal object of an alcohol-free zone is to prevent disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas in order to improve public safety. Alcohol-free zones are an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime.

Drinking of alcohol is prohibited in a zone that has been established by Council. These zones are enforced by the NSW Police Force.

Alcohol-free zones can include public places such as public roads, footpaths, or public carparks and promote the use of these areas in safety and without interference from irresponsible street drinkers.

Council approved footpath alfresco dining areas are not included within the alcohol-free zones. These areas are clearly delineated by Council placed footpath markers. Businesses operating outside of these markers may expose their patrons to the regulatory provisions.

Alcohol-free zones can also be varied or suspended for special circumstances with the approval of Council's General Manager, and are separate from alcohol prohibited area signage within recreational areas such as sportsgrounds, parks, and reserves.

## 2 Existing Alcohol-Free Zones

Council's alcohol-free zones have been established until 1 December 2025.

Alcohol-free zones can be in force for a maximum duration of four (4) years, although they may be re-established at the conclusion of the original period.

To establish an alcohol-free zone Council must comply with the procedures in sections 644 to 644C of the *Local Government Act* and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones (2009).





### 3 Establishing an Alcohol-Free Zone

A proposal to establish a zone must address the following matters:

#### 3.1 Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

The irresponsible consumption of alcohol on roads and footpaths and in public car parks can compromise their safe use by members of the public without interference.

Reasons stipulated must reflect the fact that irresponsible behaviour arising from the consumption of alcohol is occurring on those roads and footpaths and in those public car parks. This could include instances of obstruction, littering, the actual commission of, or police intervention to avoid the commission of, more serious offences under the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002*, *Summary Offences Act 1988*, or the *Crimes Act 1900* such as malicious damage.



### **3.2 Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone**

An alcohol-free zone may only be established to include a public road, footpath, or a public place that is a car park (i.e., car parks on public land or Crown land).

### **3.3 Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone**

An alcohol-free zone may be established for a maximum period of four years. Once established, it applies twenty-four hours per day.

Where a problem with irresponsible street drinking exists only in relation to a special event within the local area, an alcohol-free zone may be established only for that special event. An alcohol-free zone declared for a special event also has a maximum duration of four consecutive years.

### **3.4 Consultation with the Police**

In preparing a proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone Council must consult with relevant NSW Police Local Area Commander about the appropriate number and location of alcohol-free zones.

## **4 Alcohol-Free Zones**

### **4.1 Tweed Heads**

#### **Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone**

- Littering
- Property Damage
- Police Intervention

#### **Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone**

- Boundary Street between Wharf Street and Coral Street;
- Public car park adjoining Twin Towns Services Club;
- Wharf Street between Kennedy Drive and the Queensland border;
- Bay Street, east of Wharf Street to John Follent Park;
- Chris Cunningham Park public carpark;
- River Terrace;
- Terranora Terrace and
- Razorback Road carpark between water tower and lookout area.

#### **Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone**

- 24 hours per day, all days

#### **Consultation with the Police**

- Supported







Figure 1 - Tweed Heads Alcohol-Free Zones (incl. proposed area)

 Alcohol- Free Zones (shaded by zoned area)





## 4.2 Tweed Heads South

### Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property Damage

### Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Public car park adjoining Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) Tweed Heads South, Home and Community Care (HACC), and South Tweed Skate Park

### Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- 24 hours per day, all days

### Consultation with the Police

- Supported



Figure 2 - Tweed Heads South Alcohol- Free Zones

 Alcohol- Free Zones (shaded by zoned area)



### 4.3 Kingscliff

#### Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property Damage
- Police Intervention

#### Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Cudgen Creek Carpark, between Casuarina Way and Cudgen Creek.
- Marine Parade between Turnock Street and Cudgen Creek;
- Turnock Street between Marine Parade and Pearl Street;
- Pearl Street between Turnock Street and Seaview Street;
- Seaview Street between Pearl Street and Marine Parade and
- Lions Park and Faulks Park public car parks and the public carpark adjoining Kingscliff Memorial Park.

#### Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- 24 hours per day, all days

#### Consultation with the Police

- Supported



Figure 3 - Kingscliff Alcohol-Free Zones


 Alcohol- Free Zones (shaded by zoned area)







Figure 4 - Kingscliff (continued) Alcohol- Free Zones (incl. proposed area)

 Alcohol- Free Zones (shaded by zoned area)





## 4.4 Salt

### Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property Damage
- Police Intervention

### Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Bells Boulevard

### Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- 24 hours per day, all days

### Consultation with the Police

- Supported



Figure 5 - Salt Alcohol-Free Zones

 Alcohol-Free Zones (shaded by zoned area)





## 4.5 Cabarita Beach

### Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property Damage
- Police Intervention

### Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Pandanus Parade; and
- Public carpark between Palm Avenue and Pandanus Parade.

### Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- 24 hours per day, all days

### Consultation with the Police

- Supported

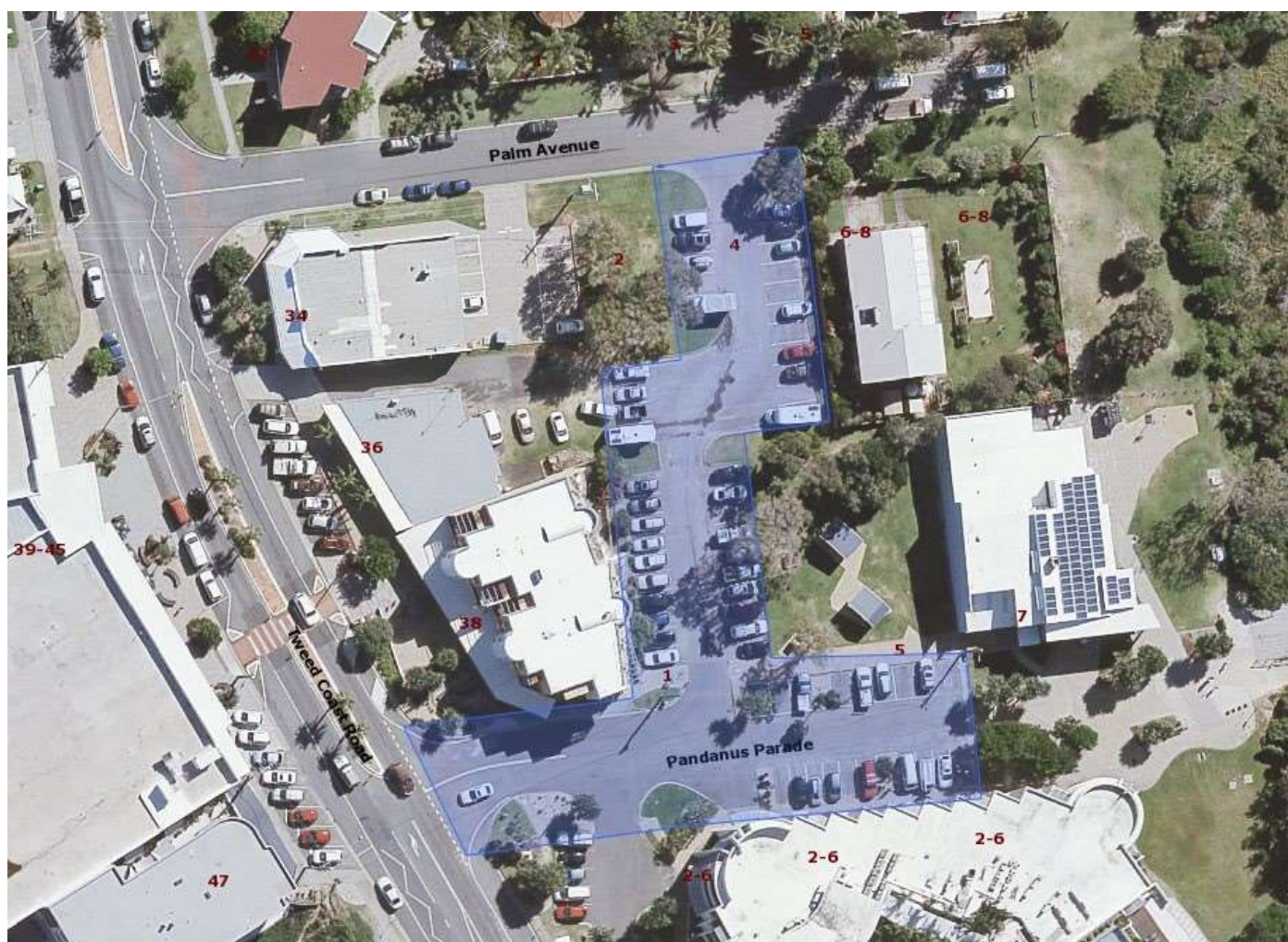


Figure 6 - Cabarita Beach Alcohol-Free Zones

 Alcohol- Free Zones (shaded by zoned area)





## 4.6 Murwillumbah

### Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property Damage
- Police Intervention

### Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Queensland Road between 'Harry Williams Gate' of the Murwillumbah Showgrounds and Murwillumbah Street;
- Public car park area near Mount Saint Patricks School on Queensland Road;
- Bent Street between Queensland Road and Church Street;
- Church Street between Bent Street and Queen Street;
- Alice Street between Queen Street and Church Street;
- Church Lane;
- Police Lane;
- Bruce Lane;
- Queen Street between Murwillumbah Street and Church Street;
- Murwillumbah Street between Nullum Street and Queen Street;
- Wharf Street between Queen Street and Tumbulgum Road;
- Proudfoots Lane;
- Public carparks between Wollumbin Street and Proudfoots Lane;
- Commercial Road between Wharf Street and King Street;
- King Street between Commercial Road and Brisbane Street;
- Public carpark between Lavender Lane and King Street;
- Lavender Lane;
- Brisbane Street between Munruillumbah Street and Condong Street;
- Condong Street between Brisbane Street and Nullum Street;
- Nullum Street between Condong Street and Murwillumbah Street;
- Wollumbin Street between Nullum Lane and Commercial Road;
- Nullum Lane between Wollumbin Street and Byangum Road;
- Byangum Road between Nullum Lane and Muwillumbah Street;
- Alma Street between Commercial Road and Tweed Valley Road;
- Tumbulgum Road between Wharf Street and Racecourse Road;
- Public carparks adjoining Tweed Shire Council Civic Centre and Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) Murwillumbah;
- Sunnyside Lane;
- Factory Lane between King Street and Wollumbin Street;
- Budd Park public carpark;
- Knox Park public carpark; and
- Red Cross Hall public carpark.

### Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

- 24 hours per day, all days



**Consultation with the Police**

- Supported



Figure 7 - Murwillumbah Alcohol-Free Zones

 Alcohol- Free Zones (shaded by zoned area)



## 5 Application for an Alcohol-Free Zone other than proposed

One or more of the following people may make application to Council to establish an alcohol free zone:

- a person who is a representative of a community group active in the area,
- a police officer, or
- a person who lives or works in the area.

A proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone must be supported by evidence that the public's use of those roads, footpaths, or public carparks has been compromised by street drinkers. For example, there could be instances of malicious damage to property, littering, offensive behaviour or other crimes.

An application to Council is to be made in the form set out at the end of this document. An application fee is not required. If Council receives more than one application referring to the same roads, footpaths, or public carparks, they may be joined in a single alcohol-free zone proposal.

## 6 Application Form

# APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE

(Local Government Act 1993, section 644)

To Tweed Shire Council

1. I .....  
 (Full Name)

2. of .....  
 (Address) (Telephone No.)

3. **Being** (tick appropriate box):

- a)  a representative of .....  
 (Name of Community Group in area)
- b)  a police officer stationed at .....
- c)  a person living in the area
- d)  a person working in the area at .....  
 .....  
 (work address)

**apply to the Council to establish an alcohol-free zone.**



**4. Roads or parts of roads ('roads' includes 'footpaths') and/or public carparks to be included in the alcohol-free zone:**

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(Specify exactly by referring to street numbers or other landmarks)

**5. Reasons for requesting the alcohol-free zone:**

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(Give details of obstruction, littering, personal injury, property damage, police intervention, etc. that have occurred on those roads or in those carparks)

Signed.....  
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Date.....  
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*Documents supporting the information on this form may be attached.*







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