

Boorum Wetland | Pottsville Wetland



The Pottsville Wetland covers almost 300 hectares and is part of the Tweed Coastal Plain. It consists of layered sediments of alluvium, sand and clay laid down over tens of thousands of years.

Resource rich landscapes such as these wetlands were heavily utilised by Aboriginal people due to the diversity of flora and fauna. This is evidenced by the middens and numerous Aboriginal sites found in the Boorum Wetlands.

Wetlands are a critical part of the Tweed Coast environment. They reduce the impacts of floods, absorb pollutants, and improve water quality. The vegetation in the Pottsville Wetland is highly diverse, providing a variety of coastal vegetation communities and habitats for plants and animals, many of which are threatened with extinction.

The site provides essential fauna habitat, including for the endangered Tweed Coast Koala population, Glossy

Black-cockatoo, Bush Stone-curlew, Wallum froglet and Grey-headed flying fox. It also supports large expanses of the endangered ecological communities of swamp oak floodplain forest and swamp sclerophyll floodplain forest.

A locality plan for the Pottsville Wetland is available from Tweed Shire Council's website: tweed.nsw.gov.au

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