

Tweed Shire

167*
reports

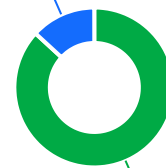


The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received 167 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from the Tweed Shire in 2020-2022*.

87%

of reports received in this LGA related to an older person*

22 reports



145 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating to adults with disability*

54%

were male



Of reports relating to older people*

72%

were female



55% of reports about adults with disability were made by a paid worker[^]



30% of reports came from the adult child of the older person

23% of reports about older people came from a paid worker[^]

17% of reports came from the older person experiencing abuse



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reports were about an adult who identified as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**~



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reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home with **Hindi and Italian*** the most common languages reported

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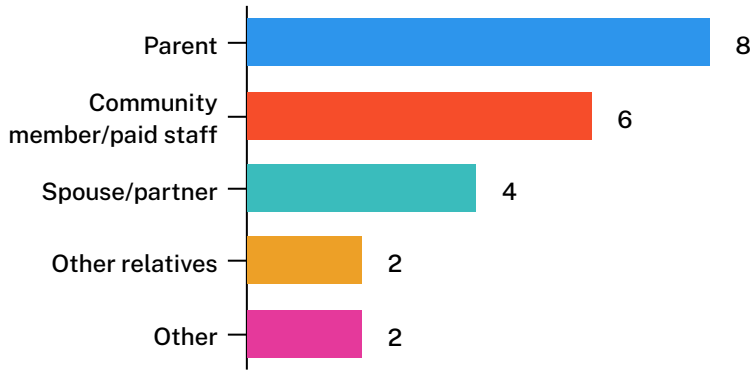


* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2022 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

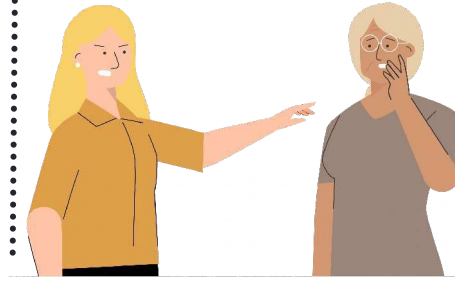
[^]A paid worker is defined as a formal paid support worker, for example an NDIS support worker or CHSP provider.

~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+

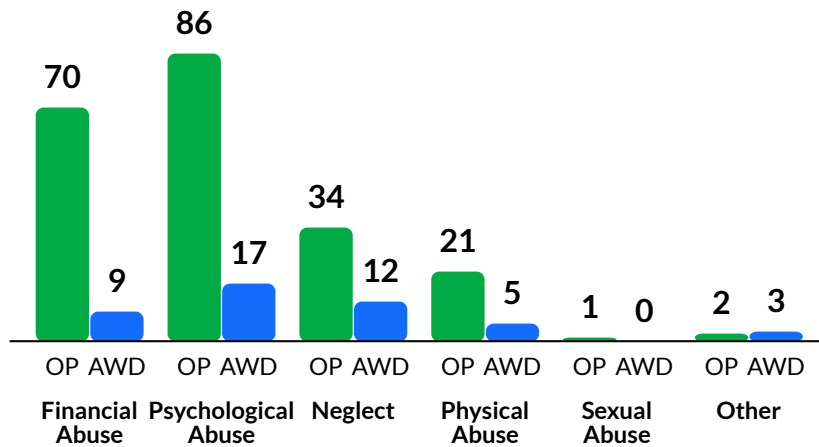
Reports about adults with disability most commonly involved a parent* as the subject of allegation



60% of reports about older people involved family members, mainly adult children followed by paid staff,* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards older people (OP) were **verbal abuse, financial exploitation** and **restricting access to family/others**



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards adults with disability (AWD) were **restricting access to support, failure to meet support needs** and **verbal abuse**

What else do we know about the Tweed community?

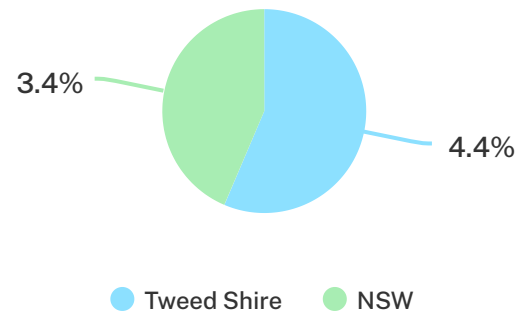
27%

of the population are over the age of 65.



4.4%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI).



68%

of all households are family households **29%** are single person households and **4%** are group households²

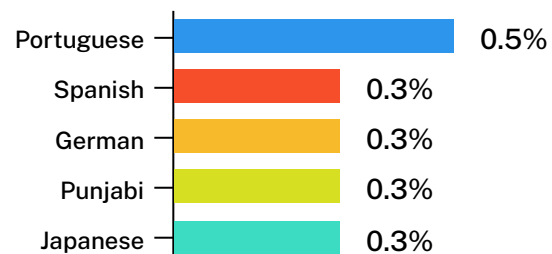


7%

of households speak a language other than English²



Portuguese is a language other than English spoken at home²



¹ The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported. [2021 Census data by LGA \(QuickStats\)](#)

² 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements.