



THE *Tweed Youth Times* editorial team Keiah Smith, 15, Mel Keyte, 16, Edyn Castle, 19, and Shey Doyle, 23. Photo: BLAINEY WOODHAM

Youths put their thoughts in print

FORGET Facebook and Twitter; one group of Tweed youths has found a better way to keep others updated on their happenings – a newspaper. The *Tweed Youth Times*, a St Joseph's Youth Service project, was officially launched yesterday. Project facilitator Fi Sproule said two issues have been printed of the bi-monthly newsletter. "This paper is about young people being able to send in things on a casual basis as well as a regular editorial team," Mrs Sproule said. "We would love to see young

people sending in stories, photos, art work, quotes or anything they would like to share with their peers on the Tweed Shire." Mrs Sproule said the project is taking baby steps at the moment. "Our regular articles are Star of the Month, Wassup – have your say, Service/Program of the month, What's on around Tweed, and a Youth Employment Page, sponsored by Nortec." The *Tweed Youth Times* is put together by a group of youths, ranging in age from 15 to 23.

"We also have three mentors on board, including reporter Shawn Durkin, who has been mentoring them in journalism, Deborah Bates, a writer who has been published in many magazines, and Josh Phoenix, a local photographer who has been showing them how to take good photos and linking them in with your story." The *Tweed Youth Times* is available at various locations, including Nortec, The Family Centre, The Buzz Bar, The Skate Shop and The Regent Cinema.