

FUNDING SECURED MISSION BEACH TOWN CENTRE



Mission Beach Town Centre

CCRC Councillors with Member for Hill Shane Knuth

COMMUNITY can celebrate as funding for the Mission Beach Town Centre Revitalisation project is announced, taking Council one step closer to achieving its total funding goal. Thanks to the Queensland Government's 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP), Council has secured over \$3.5 million toward the revitalisation of the Mission Beach Town Centre. Major Project's portfolio holder, Councillor Nick Pervan said the timing of the funding announcement is welcome news, as Council prepares to release the concept designs of the project to the community and also looks to establish a Community and

Stakeholder Reference Group (CSRG). "The revitalisation of the Mission Beach Town Centre will deliver a thriving and unique experience that will strengthen the region's visitor economy, support job growth and enhance the liveability of our coastal town. "The State Governments commitment of funding for this project reduces the burden on Council to deliver this iconic project that will put the Cassowary Coast and region on the tourist map. "Council is hopeful that, in addition to the State's contribution, the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund Round Six will match or improve

on the commitment to this project." Cr Pervan said surveyors were onsite this week undertaking laser scan surveying of physical buildings and streetscapes in the Porter Promenade and Village Green area, which will be used to finalise design renders for draft concept plans. "With the concept design due to be released for community consultation and the expression of interest process for the CSRG due to commence in the coming weeks, the announcement of funding only further increases the excitement surrounding this project," said Councillor Pervan. Member for Hill Shane Knuth said it was great news that

extended funding had been approved as the community has been pushing hard to see this come to fruition. "This funding will help to revitalise and renew the look and feel of the Mission Beach Town Centre," Mr Knuth said. "Mission Beach is a growing community and tourist town that has been hit hard by a number of cyclones over the years which is why this revitalisation project will complement the beautiful attractions of the region. "Not only will tourists benefit but also locals and businesses." The CSRG is one part of the planned engagement process as Council works to engage with the community and stakehold-

ers to deliver a finished project. Further information on the process will be released shortly. Membership for the group will be appointed by Council in accordance with the terms of reference which can be viewed here. The LGGSP provides funding to support councils to deliver priority infrastructure projects that improve the liveability of communities and support economic growth and employment. For more information on either project visit: <https://bit.ly/3OGMCgH> or you can contact Council at 1300 763 903 or via email at enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au

PAWS UP, WHO'S REGISTERED?

July. Up here it means blue skies, cooler nights and dog registrations.

Yep, it's a Queensland law that every dog over three months has to be registered once a year, every year. This helps keep track of dogs and owners in case anything happens. It's also a good time to check if your four-legged friend is microchipped.



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Search 'Cassowary Coast Good Dog Owners Guide'

TULLY DISTRICT SHOW 2022

The Tully District Show wrapped over the weekend and was an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the little country town of Tully and the unique talents of the community. Local artists, photographers, farmers and home bakers showcased their creations, from incredible arts and crafts, to the award-winning entries of local Sugar Cane and Banana Farmers. Thank you to all volunteers and community groups who contributed to ensuring both the Tully and Innisfail Shows were a success for 2022.



CEMETERY STRATEGY TO GUIDE OPERATIONS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS

The Cemeteries Management Strategy was endorsed and adopted by Council at the Local Government Meeting on 28 July 2022. The Strategy was updated following community consultation during May and June 2022.

The Strategy will guide the planning, management and operation of Cassowary Coast Regional Council controlled cemeteries for the next ten years. The Strategy includes a number of recommendations such as the development policy, guidelines and factsheets, ensuring that graves and columbarium walls are constructed of materials more suited to our climate. Council will also investigate laser surveying to develop an online plot location and reservation map.

Planning and Regional Development portfolio holder, Mayor Mark Nolan, thanked residents for their time contributing to the strategy during the consultation period.

"Whilst the strategy is specific to the operation and

management of Local Government cemeteries including Innisfail, Tully, Cardwell, and Murrigal, during the consultation, feedback was also received regarding a potential burial site at Mission Beach and the possibility of a 'green' burial cemetery.

"In deciding whether to propose a cemetery or 'green' burial cemetery at Mission Beach as part of this strategy, Council Officers reviewed a number of key considerations including cemetery operations (i.e. ongoing maintenance), cost and capacity of existing cemeteries.

Councillor Nolan said upon analysing these factors, Council found that it was not feasible to establish a new cemetery at Mission Beach at this time.

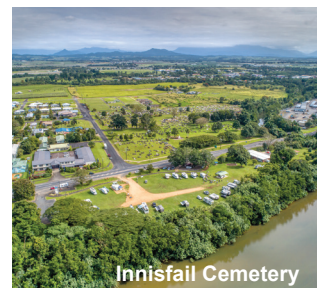
"Council understand the significance of cemeteries to our community members and understand the costs associated when a loved one is lost. Council wants to keep charges to a minimum

and as a result it would not be feasible for Council to open another cemetery when there is capacity in existing cemeteries.

"As an alternative, Council may provide a designated area for the scattering of ashes and reflection in a local parkland at Mission Beach. However, if market trends show an increase in the need for greener burial options in the region, Council may consider a hybrid traditional and green burial option within its existing cemeteries.

Councillor Nolan said the private sector could establish a cemetery at Mission Beach if a suitable private freehold property could be found and appropriate development approvals obtained. Unlike the private sector that provides death care arrangements focusing on profits for stakeholders, Council carries out cemetery operations as a service to the local community.

"Other feedback received during the consultation phase



Innisfail Cemetery

included suggestions to improve the maintenance of the different cemeteries, which has been noted and shared with Council maintenance teams.

"The Strategy will ensure a consistent level of service is upheld to Council owned cemeteries to reflect the significance of these important facilities to our community."

An updated draft Strategy will be available to view within the Local Government Meeting Agenda released here: <https://bit.ly/3BjoVrx>

For more information please contact Council at 1300 763 903 or via email at enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au.

NEVER MISS BIN DAY AGAIN!

Council's Waste Calendar for the 2022/2023 financial year is ready for collection. It has everything you need to know about waste management including:

When kerbside wheelie bins are collected, what time your local waste transfer station is opened, tips on how to reduce your waste footprint and information on what goes into your dry and wet waste bins.

Resident can get their FREE calendar from any one of Council's Libraries, Customer Service Centres and Waste Transfer Stations. A downloadable version is also available on Council's website: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/domestic-garbage-services

NEVER MISS BIN DAY AGAIN!

CUT AND PLACE ON FRIDGE

MY COLLECTION DAY IS:

MY DRY BIN IS COLLECTED ON WEEK:

WHEELIE BIN COLLECTION JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023 CASSOWARY COAST WASTE CALENDAR

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WEEK 1
WEEK 2

Wet Waste Bin (blue/red lid) is collected **WEEKLY** on your bin day.
Dry Waste Bin (green lid) is collected **FORTNIGHTLY** on your bin day.
To find out when your bins are collected go to cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/domestic-garbage-services or call Council (1300 763 903).

Write your bin day and collection week on the left corner of this Calendar.
If you're on WEEK 1, your dry waste bin will be collected the week highlighted in **GREEN**.
If you're on WEEK 2, your dry waste bin will be collected the week highlighted in **YELLOW**.





COMMUNITY INVESTED IN COUNCIL'S FUTURE DIRECTION

Results from the 2022 Cassowary Coast Community Scorecard are out now after 1859 residents 'joined the conversation', sharing over one hundred thousand words to guide future priorities.

Mayor Mark Nolan said the scorecard has provided an opportunity to hear local residents' perceptions, allowing Council to evaluate and adjust its service and programs to address community priorities.

"As promised the scorecard is being shared with our community in its entirety – the results show we have an invested community who are passionate about the future direction of our region.

We value our community's feedback, we hear you, we are listening and we look forward to the challenge of raising the bar." Said Cr Nolan.

The Scorecard highlighted areas the community wants Council to prioritise, which include:

- Local Roads, Footpaths, Trails and Cycleways
 - Health and Community Services
 - Economic Development and Jobs
 - Council's Leadership
 - Seniors' Care, Services and Facilities
 - Youth Services
 - Community Safety and Crime.
- Cr Nolan said Council



is committed to delivering stage one of a community action plan by mid- August and is actively reviewing all the data collected and developing a set of actions to address the top priorities identified by the community.

"Whilst we all recognise the Cassowary Coast as a great place to live, the scorecard has highlighted community priorities that will guide Council towards a future that meets the needs of the community." Cr Nolan said.

The Scorecard also highlighted the community

perceives Council is doing well in the following areas:

- Library and Information Services
- Marine Facilities
- Natural Disaster Management
- Recognition of Aboriginal Cultures
- Quality of Drinking Water
- Sewerage Management

Council's Operational Plan for 2022-2023 outlines a number of key projects already in motion across the region which address priorities raised by respondents:

- Deliver on actions from

the Unsealed Road Improvement Plan

- Provide the Mission Beach Town Centre Re-visitation project
- Fund the detailed design of the Innisfail Town Centre Revitalisation
- Establishment of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and development of Economic Development Strategy
- Facilitate development of a Youth Advisory Committee
- Facilitate development of a Community Safety Working Group

- Advocate for funding and State Government initiatives to target the Housing Crisis
- Advocate for external funding for additional community parking (Rankin Street and Castor Park)
- Provide a Pump Track as per the Warrina Lakes Masterplan
- Provide a regional level park at Banyan Park, Tully.

To view Council's Operational Plan visit:

<https://cutt.ly/iL98wIQ>

Read the MARKYT Commu-

nity Scorecard report here: <https://cutt.ly/5L99IZ7>

Explore CCRC MARKYT® Interactive

2022 MARKYT® Community Scorecard designed and provided by independent research consultants CATALYSE.

For more information on the Community Scorecard and results contact Council on 1300 763 903 or enquiries@ccrc.qld.gov.au.

ONE STEP CLOSER TO A NORMAL PORT HINCHINBROOK

With strong advocacy from the community and a journey that brought all three levels of government together, today the announcement that detailed design is complete for the new Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) is one to be celebrated.

Cassowary Coast Mayor Mark Nolan said that he was also celebrating the news that final parcels of land have been acquired for the normalisation of Port Hinchinbrook, meaning roads, sewerage system, STP and associated infrastructure are now under CCRC control.

"Investment confidence in Port Hinchinbrook is growing with the normalisation. It is reflective of what we, who live in the Cassowary Coast

already know, that it is a great place to live, work, play and invest.

"Detailed design is complete and now we can progress to the next step of advertising the tender for construction works in August.

"During design, we have balanced water quality, operator and cost factors into the design to ensure we provided best value for money, without compromising quality. This is a STP that will allow for the possible future development within Port Hinchinbrook. Construction of the plant will be built with an initial capacity of approximately 500 Equivalent Persons (EP), which the design estimate of the number of people that could

contribute to the load on the plant. However, the STP will have the capability to be upgraded to 1,500EP, which will future proof the plant and allow for population growth within Port Hinchinbrook.

"The new system is designed to reliably achieve the environmental parameters required by the Environmental Authority, which protects our region's great natural resources."

Cr Nolan said that Council was continuing to explore funding options for the \$1.95 million shortfall and that Council would be transparent and open about costs and funding as we progress through delivery of the project.

Construction of the project

is currently programmed to begin in October 2022, however is dependent on finalising the details of the Environmental Authority with the Department of Environment and Science.

The Port Hinchinbrook STP and normalisation project is funded by the Australian Government, Queensland Government and Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

For more information on the project, please visit www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/port-hinchinbrook-STP.

Alternatively, please contact Council via email enquiries@ccrc.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 763 903.

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Expression of Interest

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC)

Cassowary Coast Regional Council are seeking energetic economic voices to express their interest in committee membership for the EDAC.

EDAC committee members will be an integral part in shaping the region's economic future. Members will provide input and feedback into the shape and development of a Regional Economic Development Strategy. The committee will provide strong economic leadership and regional representation.

To apply or for more information visit:
www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/EDAC

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Chief Executive Officer



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CHANGES TO OPERATING HOURS ON FRIDAY 29 JULY

Cassowary Coast Regional Council wishes to advise Council Offices, Libraries and Depots will be closed from 11:45am onwards on Friday 29 July for an internal event to recognise and celebrate the achievements of Council team members.

- Waste Transfer Stations to operate as normal.

Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause and will resume normal operating hours, as follows:

- Libraries open on Saturday from 9:00am
- Council Offices open Monday from 8:30am

Council's after-hours phone will be operating during the closure please call - 1300 763 903. Alternatively, please check the CCRC website at www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au to assist with answering any queries during this time. Payment for rates, animals, applications or permits, infringements or debtors can also be made by visiting www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/my-council

For more information please contact the Cassowary Coast Regional Council on 1300 763 903 or via email enquiries@ccrc.qld.gov.au.

Unsealed Roads Update



Unsealed roads

Council crews have been busy grading 11.99kms of roads this month. Across the region the following roads were graded in the week ending July 24.

- Aladon, Murray Upper
- Barretts Lagoon Rd, Rockingham
- Barretts Lagoon Rd, Rockingham
- Barretts Lagoon Rd, Rockingham
- Bluff Rd, Bilyana (Section 2)
- Dixon Rd, El Arish (Section 2)
- Fishers Creek Boat Ramp Rd, Cardwell (Section 1)
- Granadilla Rd, El Arish (Section 2)
- Granadilla Rd, El Arish (Section 3)

- Granadilla Rd, El Arish (Section 5)
- Koppen Rd, Mena Creek (Section 2)
- Landau Rd, Feluga (Section 1)
- Landau Rd, Feluga (Section 2)
- Zonta Rd, Bilyana (Section 1)

The Unsealed Road Report is available weekly for Cassowary Coast residents to better understand Council's unsealed road maintenance progress, learn which roads are to be graded in the coming week and provides a full list of unsealed road 'roughness' status.

Read more on Council's roads and the weekly report here:

www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/council-roads

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Check out the list of upcoming Council supported Events

Upcoming Events

- August 12** **Cardwell UFO Fest**
Events from 12-14 August, highlight the extraterrestrial activities with family fun activities, markets, show rides, and visitors from throughout the Universe. cardwellufofestival.com.au
- August 13** **Barry Morgan**
It's time to release the toothy tunesmith for a post mortem organ party. The Con, Innisfail performance begins at 7:30pm. Tickets available www.trybooking.com/CAPGY
- August 14** **Roman Rudnytsky**
International Concert Pianist - Roman Rudnytsky will play the concert classics at the Con Theatre Innisfail. Performance begins at 1:00pm. www.trybooking.com/CAYIF
- August 26** **Innisfail Auto Fest**
Two day event at the Mundoo Airport with events including, Heads up Roll Racing, Autofest Burnout Shootout and a street cruise and display. Full onsite catering and bar. For ticket information: www.autofest.com.au
- August 26** **Redbull Defiance**
Spectators can be a part of the action in a world class adventure race - rafting, biking, running over three days in South Mission Beach. For more information: www.redbull.com/au-en/events/red-bull-defiance-australia

For more information: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/events
www.facebook.com/cassowarycoastregionalcouncil

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Seeking Applications

PLUMBER

Applications Close Monday, 1 August 2022

COORDINATOR WATER

Applications Close Monday, 1 August 2022

LABOURER/OPERATOR - ASSET MAINTENANCE

Applications Close Monday, 1 August 2022

OPERATOR - WATER & WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Applications Close Monday, 1 August 2022

For more information or to apply, please visit: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/employment-opportunities



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Visit Council

Cassowary Coast Regional Council has three Customer Service Centres across the region. Specially trained staff can provide information and advice on topics including:

- local laws and compliance
- rates enquiries
- account payments (EFTPOS facilities available)
- animal registration.

Customer Service Centres and Opening Hours

Innisfail Shire Hall

70 Rankin St. Innisfail
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Tully

Tully Civic Centre, 38-40 Bryant St. Tully
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Cardwell

Cardwell Library, 4 Balliol St. Cardwell
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Cassowary Coast Libraries

comprises of four branches located at Cardwell, Innisfail, Tully and Mission Beach. For locations, opening times or general enquiries, please call 1300 366 616 or visit www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries

Waste Transfer Stations locations and opening hours can be found by visiting: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/transfer-stations

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