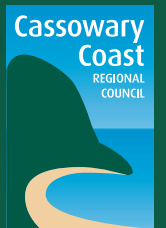


COMMUNITY CONNECT

One Coast - Cassowary Coast



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COMMUNITY PRIORITIES GUIDE ADVOCACY FOR THE REGION



Cr Jeff Baines with representatives from LGAQ and Gladstone, Isaac, Bundaberg and Whitsundays Councils

Seven motions will be put forward by Cassowary Coast Regional Council for consideration at the upcoming 126th Annual Local Government of Queensland (LGAQ) Conference.

Held in Cairns in October, feedback provided by the Cassowary Coast community in the recent Community Scorecard guided Council's decisions on what priorities should be highlighted at the Conference.

Councillor Jeff Baines said the motions listed by Council for inclusion in the 2022 LGAQ Conference align with key priorities identified in the Scorecard, including advocating for affordable housing along with an incentive scheme to encourage GP's to relocate to the area.

"Each year LGAQ develop an advocacy action plan, designed to highlight the top

policy positions and funding priorities which Council's believe are critical to ensuring Queensland flourishes and communities thrive," Cr Baines said.

Council endorsed seven motions to be considered by LGAQ which include:

- Feral Pigs – National Feral Pig Action Plan – 2031
- Reef 2050 – Hot Spot and Sewerage Upgrades – Reef Trust
- Housing – Key Worker Housing - Funding
- Water Security – Building our Regions funding continued
- Rural GP's - 2019 Stronger Rural Health Strategy
- Grow Our own – Continued and increased Funding for Apprenticeships
- Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy – Fund Actions from Strategy.

"We've heard from the

community that they expect stronger leadership from Council in the advocacy for our region.

"Although the hard work happens on the ground, these forums present a great opportunity to advocate and connect with Council's facing similar issues to our own region," said Cr Baines.

Earlier this month Cr Baines also met with local Council leaders and representatives at the FNQROC (Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils) delegation in Canberra.

Cr Baines said discussions focussed on regional road and water investment, strategic social housing, climate change initiatives, health and aged care in rural in regional areas.

"These discussions are timely given the results of our recent community scorecard

which demonstrate the community consider local roads the number one priority for our region.

"Health and Community Services as well as Seniors' Care, Services and Facilities also ranked highly as key areas the community wants Council to prioritise," said Cr Baines.

Council has also joined a research project to protect the Great Barrier Reef from silt washed from thousands of kilometres of unsealed country roads.

Councillor Baines recently travelled to Gladstone to attend the combined LGAQ Coastal Leaders and QCoast2100 Forums where the announcement was made regarding expansion of the program.

"Council currently manages 518km of unsealed roads and 1,204km of sealed

and unsealed combined. This equates to approximately \$1.6M in annual maintenance and \$2.8M in resheeting.

Cr Baines said as part of Council's application to join the project three local roads were submitted as potential study sites:

- Jubilee Road – 3.6km unsealed road
- Ranch Road (Tully River Catchment) -7.45km unsealed road
- Granadilla Road - 9km unsealed road

This research will give councils critical information to help advocate for funding to create cleaner road runoff to protect the Reef and create better roads for communities.

"I look forward to bringing these discussions and solutions back to Council," Cr Baines said.

Council adopt Stage One: Community Voice Action Plan.

Turn to page three to find out how your feedback is shaping council priorities

WHAT'S ON



26 AUGUST AND 2 SEPTEMBER – MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

A free movie night featuring family-friendly films will be held at Silkwood and Kennedy from 7:00pm. Food and drink will be available for purchase at each location.

Movie and locations as follows:

- Friday 26 August - Luis And The Aliens – Kennedy State School
- Friday 2 September - Encanto – Silkwood Soccer Fields

All children must be supervised by an adult for the duration of the movie to attend.

26 – 27 AUGUST – INNISFAIL AUTOFEST

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 is available. For ticket information visit : www.autofest.com.au

26 – 28 AUGUST – REDBULL DEFIANCE

Spectators can be part of the action in a world class adventure race – rafting, biking, and running over three days in South Mission Beach. For more information visit :

www.redbull.com/au-en/events/red-bull-defiance-australia

14 – 18 SEPTEMBER – TROPICAL ART DECO FESTIVAL

This boutique festival showcases Australia's most concentrated area of Art Deco Buildings in a region rich in tropical natural assets. With five days of jam-packed fun, fashion, music and most importantly Art Deco appreciation, there is something for everyone. Bookings are essential for some events. To see the full schedule of events visit:

www.facebook.com/tropicalartdeco

Visit Councils website cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/events for more information.



EXTENDED OPERATING HOURS FOR STOTERS HILL FACILITY



As of Monday 15 August 2022, Stoters Hill Waste Transfer Station, west of Innisfail will commence extended operating hours at the facility.

The new operating hours at the transfer station will be 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. The facility's weekend hours for Saturday and Sunday will continue to operate 9:00am to 4:00pm.

The extension of hours will better align with the needs of the local community, business and patrons. Stoters Hill Waste Transfer Station offers the community a full range of reuse and recycle services to maximise the diversion of materials from landfill. The site also has a dedicated community drop-off area to safely accept materials that cannot be recycled or recovered.

The Stoters Hill Waste Transfer Station also has a reuse shop with a range of quality, second-hand household items recovered from site.

For more information regarding Waste Transfer Stations on the Cassowary Coast please visit: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/transfer-stations.

LOCAL AREA NEEDS ASSESSMENT Planning for future health needs



Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Services (CHHS) is continuing work on a local area needs assessment (LANA) in partnership with the community, health professionals and service providers.

A local area needs assessment is a method of identifying unmet health and healthcare needs of a population and determining if changes are required to meet those unmet needs.

CCRC Councillors recently participated in a workshop presentation and discussion of LANA findings. LANA findings will help to determine the community's health priorities, how to better use resources, and plan programs or activities that support people's health needs.

Council's recent community scorecard results highlight the community consider health and community services one of the top priorities for our region.

Visit <https://cairns-hinterland.health.qld.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say-on-local-health-services> for more information.

ANNUAL COCONUT DE-NUTTING PROGRAM IN FULL SWING



The iconic vision of coconut trees along foreshores and parks in the Cassowary Coast may seem effortless but Council's annual de-nutting program manages the risk posed by falling coconuts to people utilising these areas.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council's annual coconut de-nutting program will begin Thursday 18 August with specialist arborist contractors engaged by Council to undertake scaling and de-nutting.

The program aims to maintain approximately 800 trees across the region including Flying Fish Point, Mission Beach and Cardwell.

This program is an important part of ensuring the safety of both visitors and community members. The locations targeted include Council controlled parks, walking tracks, beach access points, and foreshores and is implemented to reduce the possibility of falling coconuts which can cause considerable injury to visitors or community members.

FREE NATIVE TREE GIVAWAY



Cassowary Coast residents collect free native trees in Innisfail

Over the past two weeks at both Innisfail and Tully Council Nurseries, residents have been encouraged to build a greener future with Council's annual Native Tree Giveaway.

The Cassowary Coast community were given a choice of six tree species including Brown Gardenia, Bumpy Satinash, Broad Leaf Paperbark, Lomandra, Powder Puff Lilly Pilly or a Weeping Bottle Brush. Native plants such as these offer habitat for wildlife, attract birds and butterflies and also provide fruit for local fauna including Cassowaries.

At the end of the first week, an estimated 300 trees had already been collected by avid gardeners excited to support the initiative and encourage the growth of native flora in their own backyards.

All year round Council Nurseries offer a variety of native plant species with community members encouraged to drop in to see what is available for purchase.

Community members are also invited to support the facilities by volunteering their time through Council's Volunteer Program. Residents can volunteer for a couple of hours each week:

- Innisfail Nursery on Thursday mornings – 8:30am to 11:30am
- Tully Nursery on Friday mornings – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Council Nurseries are open for public sales on Thursdays from 8:00am to 3:00pm, and the Tully Nursery (beside the Council depot, Anderson St) is open on Fridays from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

For more information on Council Nurseries please visit: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/nurseries



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is inviting year 12 students and recent high school graduates to apply for Apprenticeships and Traineeships to commence in 2023. This is a great opportunity to "earn while you learn" in an environment that will provide a depth of experiences.

Expressions of interest are sought for:

- Apprentice Plumber
- Apprentice Fitter
- Trainee Business (Administration)
- Trainee Business (Finance)
- Trainee Workplace Health & Safety
- Trainee Information Technology

For more information visit cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/apprenticeships-traineeships or to register your interest, please email recruitment@ccrc.qld.gov.au or call Recruitment on 4043 8807.

Applications close Thursday, 1 September 2022

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF DALRYMPLE ESPLANADE

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is inviting the community to have their say on the proposed upgrades to Dalrymple Esplanade, Innisfail.

Division Five Councillor Jeff Baines said this exciting project aims to enhance family facilities and accessible amenities - all of which aim to celebrate the natural Cassowary Coast way of life.

"We want to secure the recreational value and importance of the Esplanade, while providing improved accessible facilities. My goal is for the space to provide an environment that is accessible to people of all ages and

abilities.

"Our locals and visitors bring our region to life and we can't wait to see even more people jogging, walking, and admiring the beauty of our riverfront", Cr Baines said.

Council wishes to work with the community to create a vibrant recreational focus for the Dalrymple Esplanade, Innisfail's premier riverfront area, where the area can best serve the community and visitors.

Although the plan is a draft and further detail will be added once community feedback is completed, a number of potential recom-

mendations have been made based on observations and existing data:

- Installation of upgraded LED lighting to improve safety and visibility.
- Installation of new stairwell off Geraldton Bridge to improve accessibility to nearby paths and roads.
- Construct a concrete shared path along new alignment to take advantage of riverfront views and natural layout of the environment.
- New water bubblers to allow for hydration during public use.
- New seating areas along shared path.

- New DDA compliant kerb ramp to connect shared path to cul-de-sac.

The project will be undertaken in stages. Stage One is funded as part of the Australian Government's \$3 billion Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

Further stages are currently unfunded for construction and Council will seek opportunities for funding once detailed design is complete. Council has committed that the existing path will remain in place until the new shared path has been constructed.

Feedback on the pro-



Dalrymple Esplanade

posed upgrades can be found by visiting: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/dalrymple-esplanade. Feedback closes 16 September 2022.



Stage One: Community Voice Action Plan 2022

COMMUNITY: OUR PEOPLE			INFRASTRUCTURE: OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT	ECONOMY: OUR FUTURE	ORGANISATION: OUR TEAM
Health and Community Services	Community Safety and Crime	Youth Services	Roads, footpaths and cycleways	Economic Development and Jobs	Council's Leadership
Advocate for increased Healthcare services and GPs.	Develop a Community Safety Group.	Adopt a Terms of Reference for a Youth Advisory Committee.	Reseal 15 kilometres of roads across the region.	Implement Council's 'Grow our Own' Program to increase skilled workers in Cassowary Coast.	Review the Organisational Design.
Commence a monthly meeting with local disability reference group to ensure universal access requirements are being considered.	Partner with Police to identify community safety hotspots for CCTV and lighting upgrades.	Submit three funding applications toward youth activities.	Undertake public consultation on Council's Unsealed Roads Improvement Plan.	Establish Economic Development Advisory Committee.	Provide regular 'Meet Your Councillor' sessions across the region.
Update Community Funding Guidelines to support initiatives that improve services for seniors and for those with a disability.	Identify funding opportunities for additional CCTV and lighting.	Activate existing spaces with youth activities and events.	Report on regional footpath conditions.	Award contract for Economic Development Strategy consultant.	Adopt an Advocacy Action plan.

In April 2022, Council asked the community to join the conversation and share feedback on what is important to residents and where Council should focus its attentions through the Cassowary Coast Community Scorecard. 1,859 residents joined the conversation, sharing over one hundred thousand words to guide Council with its future priorities. The results were received in July and have been delivered through community workshops and the full survey results are posted on Council's webpage for all residents to access. The scorecard has provided an opportunity to hear local resident's perceptions and allowed Council to evaluate and adjust its priorities to fulfil community needs. Council has actively reviewed all the data collected and developed a set of actions to address the top priorities identified by the community. Council is committed to meeting the community needs and have taken the top priorities and grouped them into six goals, each goal has priority actions to be undertaken throughout 2022. The Stage One: Community Voice Action Plan outlines the priorities connection to Council's Corporate Plan 2021-2025 and features goals and priority actions.



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RED BULL DEFIANCE SPECTATOR LOCATIONS

This weekend the Cassowary Coast will host Red Bull Defiance – a world class adventure race which covers 150km of the amazing region.

Held across three days, from Friday 26 August until Sunday 28 August, the event includes trail running, mountain biking, rafting and kayaking and is based out of the stunning South Mission Beach.

There a number of locations across there three days where spectators can get a taste of the action.

Day 1 – Friday 26 August 2022

- 4:30pm onwards, South Mission Beach – Event Prologue Race Start and Carb Dinner, dinner tickets available for purchase on location (\$25pp)

Day 2 – Saturday 26 August 2022

- 2:00 – 7:00pm, Mena Creek Oval – competitors crossing the Day 2 finish line.

Day 3 – Sunday 27 August 2022

- 7:00am, South Mission Beach – Competitors start Day 3 on the beach, kayaking around Timana/Thorpe island to Dunk Island.
- 12:15- 6:00pm, South Mission Beach – Competitors finish line and then Presentations.

For more information of the event and for further course information visit:
<https://defiance.events/>

PAYMENT OF RATES

Rates for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 were issued on Wednesday, 17 August 2022. The closing date for ALL ratepayers paying rates is FRIDAY, 16 September 2022.

A discount of 5% will apply to the General Rates only and will be allowed if payment of all rates and charges are received on or before close of business on the last day of the discount period as set out on the rates notice.

Rates outstanding after the closing date will accrue interest at the rate of 8.17% p.a. compounded daily and charged monthly. Should you not be able to make payment in full by the due date, please contact the Rates Section to discuss your payment arrangement options.

Council will allow property owners who are unable to pay their rates by the due date to enter into an agreed payment arrangement. Please contact Council's Rates Section to discuss. Should rates not be paid in full by the due date, the discount will not be applied. Please note: A direct debit facility is not a payment arrangement.

Reminder: Council no longer accepts cash or cheque payments.

Payment of rates may be made using any one of the following options:-

Payment by BPay

By internet or by phone, contact your participating Bank, Credit Union or Building Society to make a payment from your cheque, savings or credit card account. Please quote the Biller Code 243386 and Reference Number as shown on the front of the rate notice. Also refer to your financial institution for cut off times for processing of payments.

Payment by Australia Post

Present your notice to any Australia Post outlet, call 13 18 16 or go to www.postbillpay.com.au. Please note, Australia Post accepts cash and cheque.

Payment by BPoint

Call Cassowary Coast Regional Council on 1300 276 468 any time or visit www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au and follow the links to make this payment from your Mastercard, AMEX or Visa.

Paying in Person

Payments can be made in person to:-

Innisfail Office

70 Rankin Street, Innisfail
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday – 9:30am – 4:30pm
Ph: 1300 763 903

Tully Office

38-40 Bryant Street, Tully
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday – 9:30am – 4:30pm
Ph: 1300 763 903

Cardwell Library

4 Balliol Street, Cardwell
Mon – 10:00am – 5:00pm
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri – 9:00am – 5:00pm & Sat – 9:00am – 12:00pm
Ph: 1300 763 903

Council Offices - Payments can be made by Eftpos & credit card (Mastercard, Visa & Amex).

For any further information, please contact the Rates Section on 1300 763 903.

Signed: **ANDREW GRAFFEN**
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Seeking Applications

MANAGER ASSET MAINTENANCE

Applications Close Monday, 29 August 2022

LABOURER SEWERAGE MAINTENANCE

Applications Close Monday, 29 August 2022

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



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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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