



Cassowary Coast Community Connect E-News

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Cassowary Coast 2024 MARKYT® Community Score Card: Empowering Citizens for Better Services

Community Scorecards are being deployed throughout the Cassowary Coast over the coming weeks with residents invited to have their say on local services to guide future strategic planning for the region.

The 2024 MARKYT® Community Scorecard is being sent to all residential letterboxes in

the Cassowary Coast asking the community to rate local services, facilities and programs. An online Scorecard portal is also now open with all residents over fourteen years of age encouraged to take part until Friday 7 June.

Mayor Teresa Millwood said the Community Scorecard process is a vital tool for empowering the community and enhancing the accountability of Council's services.

"The Scorecard gives community members an opportunity to comment on local services and facilities, from festivals and events to local parks, roads, waste, safety and much more," Mayor Millwood said.

"This feedback offers a platform for our community to voice their experiences, provide feedback, and contribute to the improvement of our services and priority focus areas for our future."

At the April 2024 Local Government Meeting, Council endorsed the deployment of a 2024 Scorecard following valuable feedback through the 2022 Scorecard which highlighted community priorities as local infrastructure, health services, economic development, and youth engagement.

[Complete the Cassowary Coast 2024 MARKYT® Community Scorecard](#)

New Dog Patrols to Take the Lead for Public Safety

Cassowary Coast Regional Council's local law officers are taking the lead in encouraging responsible dog ownership by increasing their presence in public spaces.

New dog off-leash patrols will soon commence in key areas throughout the region to ensure dog walkers are informed of their obligations for community safety.

Throughout the Cassowary Coast, dogs must be on a leash in public spaces unless they're in one of the region's eight designated off-leash areas.

Cassowary Coast Councillor for Development, Planning and Environment, Jeff Baines said a major objective of the initiative is to help the community understand why leashes are so important.

"Our beaches and parks are for everyone and whilst most people are mindful of dog etiquette while out for a walk, Council receives too many reports of dogs off leash causing distress to community members and other animals," Cr. Baines said.

"Incidents range from dogs disturbing other animals and people, to full blown attacks which could have been avoided if the dog was on a leash."

Councillor Baines said the dog patrols will take an informative approach but warned that fines of up to \$774 could be issued to people blatantly and repeatedly flaunting the law to the detriment of community safety.

"In 2023 Council responded to more than 1,000 incidents involving animals, 263 being dangerous or menacing dogs.

“Our local law officers are dog lovers and at every opportunity they’ll show appreciation for people being awesome and taking good care of their animals, but we know some people need help being responsible dog owners.”

Cassowary Coast shares in \$17.48 million boost for local guardians of the Reef

The Albanese Labor Government has announced \$17.48 million for council-led projects that will contribute to the protection and resilience of the Great Barrier Reef.

Nineteen councils across Reef catchments in Queensland will deliver a range of shovel-ready projects under the Reef Guardian Councils program that support Reef protection and restoration activities. Activities include improving riparian, catchment and wetland habitats, reducing impact of threats such as feral species, and reducing carbon emissions.

Cassowary Coast projects that have received funding under this grant round include:

- Road upgrades to reduce land-based runoff” - address the Reef 2050 outcomes by reducing the impacts from land-based activities by developing improved resilience and methodology in unsealed road management in the wet tropics.
- ‘Upgrades and Strategies to limit the impacts of Climate Change’ – mitigate the impacts of climate change on the Great Barrier Reef by undertaking upgrades to solar network, install new generation capacity and enabling infrastructure to support the transition to an electrified vehicle fleet, and develop a Climate change strategy in 2023.
- ‘Reinstatement and Rejuvenation of Wetlands’ - Traditional knowledge-led wetland re-instatement in Innisfail to engage wider community in a practical restoration demonstration while improving urban and agricultural water quality outcomes and contributing to the overall improvement water quality of the Great Barrier Reef lagoon.

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Cassowary Coast Library and Museum Services Connects Communities with Tully100 Photo Exhibition

Cassowary Coast Library and Museum Services is pleased to present Connecting Communities Photo Exhibition in support of celebrations of Tully’s 100th anniversary.

The exhibition will be held across all library locations from 13 May to 21 June 2024, showcasing historical connections of Cassowary Coast townships with Tully.

Councillor for Community, Culture and Liveability Trudy Tschui said the exhibition will showcase the interwoven narratives of the region, with special events planned at each library to acknowledge contributions from the local community.

“The exhibitions are procured in partnership with local historical societies to delve into various facets of our shared heritage, from the architectural legacy of Art Deco to the

communal spirit fostered through recreation and sports,” Cr. Tschui said.

“It’ll showcase the interwoven narratives of our region, highlighting the bonds that tie Tully with other major towns including Cardwell, Innisfail and Mission Beach.”

Community members are invited to exhibition openings at the following locations:

- Thursday 23 May, 2:30pm at Mission Beach Library – ‘*Recreation Exhibition*’ presented by the Mission Beach Historical Society
- Friday 24 May, 10:30am at Innisfail Library – ‘Art Deco Exhibition’ presented by the Innisfail and District Historical Society
- Monday 27 May, 11:00am, at Cardwell Heritage Precinct, ‘Local Government Exhibition’ presented by Cardwell Historical Society

Connecting Communities Photo Exhibition Information

Update on Dredging Plans for One Mile Creek (May 2024)

- A consultant team (Watertech) has been appointed to re-establish a channel to 0.6m above datum (0.0m tide on the tide charts).
- A pre-application meeting with the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) regarding tidal works and associated permits has confirmed the current DA Approval for One Mile Creek is valid and a TIDAL Works Permit is not required. Other approvals may still be required for the dredging and acid sulphate management plans, and disposal of sediments including dewatering on land.
- The dredging methodology ‘dewatering and disposal’ has been discussed with SARA (and will be subject to formal SARA approval). The proposed methodology includes:
 - Suction cutter dredging which cuts the material and sucks it up in one go.
 - The dredged material is pumped directly into geotextiles bags located on the northern portion of the carpark. Lime treatment of the acid sulphate soil is injected into the mix, neutralising the soil as it is pumped into the geotextile bags.
 - The dewatering and drying out of the sediments in the geotextile bags will take approximately two months and will require closure of a portion of the boat ramp. Once complete the bags will be opened, the material tested (certified as neutral material) and transported to a nominated disposal site.
 - A formal application for the dredging permit will be lodged with SARA mid-May.
- A request for tender for the dredging works will be released Monday 13 May and will remain open until mid-June.
- The estimated project timing from start to finish (pending approvals and funding variation) is currently July to October 2024.

- A funding variation request to the Australian Government funding agency to enable the project to proceed under the original \$1.5 million grant agreement has been submitted. Council has not yet received a response to this request.
- Council has joined with the Cardwell Chamber and Member for Hinchinbrook Mr Nick Dametto in advocacy for the QLD Government to support a permanent solution for all-tide and all-weather access in One Mile Creek. [The joint submission to government has been published to Council's website.](#)

[Stay Up to Date One Mile Creek Dredging](#)

Cassowary Coast Libraries and Museum Services Good Counsel Prep Students

Recently the [Cassowary Coast Libraries](#)- Innisfail Library Officers had the pleasure of hosting forty-two prep students from [Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail](#) on a library tour. The children were delighted by the photo mural at the entrance, naming all the local wildlife they could spot before commencing the tour.

The Library Officers kept the children engaged and entertained by strategically placing cut-out mice around the library, suggesting that if they all tread lightly and use quiet voices they may be able to spot the mice.

The children loved learning about all the things you can do at the library including borrowing books, quiet reading, creation stations, makerspace activities, using the computers and printers as well as learning about what the library officers do in their jobs every day.

After enjoying the views of the Johnstone River from the top level, they finished off with some stories and songs.

The Innisfail Library Officers are looking forward to seeing the children back soon to borrow some books.

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Notice of Water Main Works - Lily Creek Road, Ellerbeck

Cassowary Coast Regional Council (CCRC) wishes to advise that there may be interruptions to the water supply while Council's Contractors upgrade the water main from Lily Creek Road to approximately 500m south. Works are scheduled between **7 May – 30 June 2024** (weather permitting). Potential disruptions may include:

- o Temporary impacts to traffic
- o Access to kerbside parking;
- o Construction noise;
- o Disruption to driveway access;

o Loss of water supply; and

For the safety of workers and road users, changed traffic conditions will be in place while the works are carried out.

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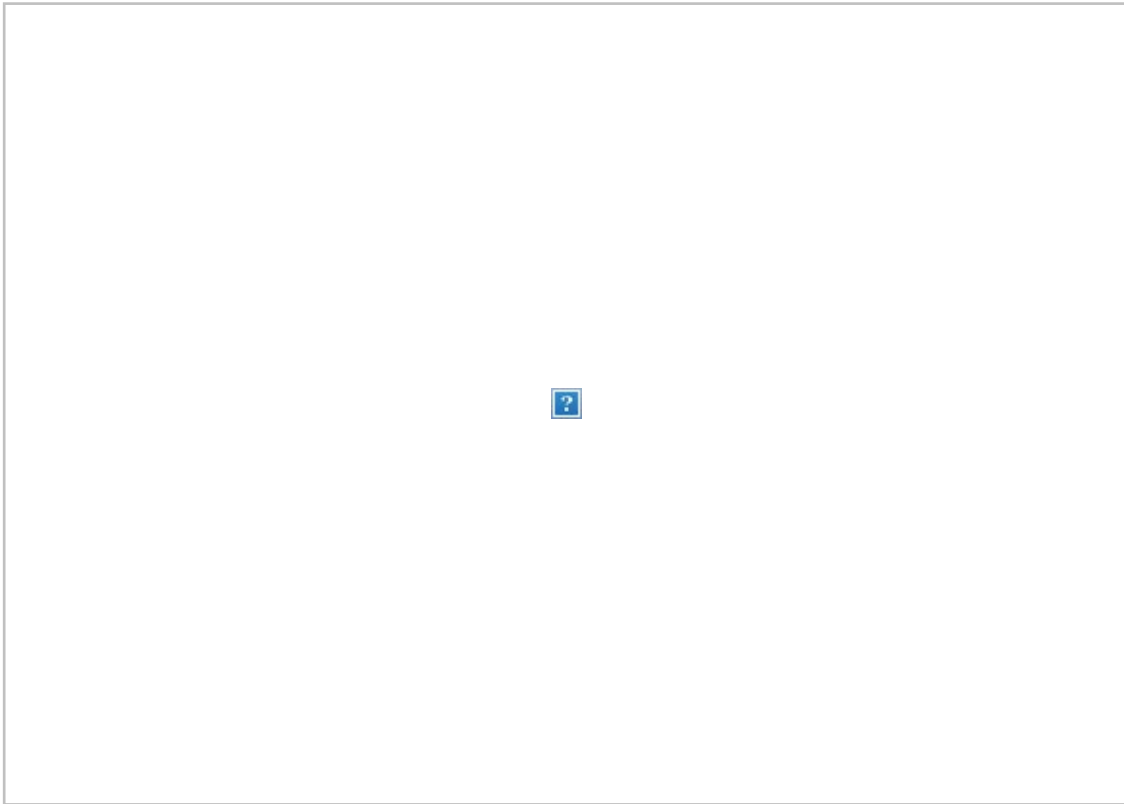
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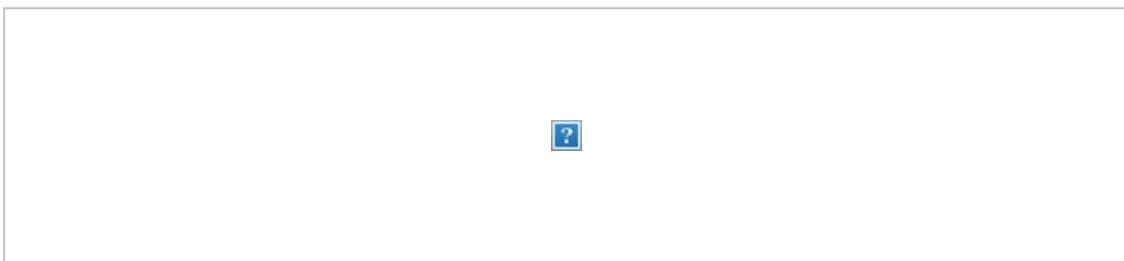


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