

Cassowary Coast Community Connect E-News



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Council Grants 93.2K to Community Initiatives Across 26 Cassowary Coast Organisations

In one of the largest community grant rounds in Council history, Cassowary Coast Regional Council will disburse more than \$93,200 across twenty-six organisations following an endorsement of panel recommendations at the May Local Government Meeting.

The grants are spread across three funding streams including 'Environmental Sustainability' (\$23,000), Community and Economy (\$56,700) and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF - \$13,500). The overall value of all the funded projects is \$226,500 ranging from cultural festivals and sporting events to club equipment and activities.

Throughout the 2023-24 financial year, Cassowary Coast Regional Council has injected over \$200,000 into local organisations and non-profit projects through community grants and RADF programs. The Regional Arts Development Fund

is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Cassowary Coast Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

[Learn More about Council's Community Grants and Support Program](#)

Completion of Port Hinchinbrook Sewerage Treatment Plant Postponed Due to International Shipping Logistics

International conflicts and associated impacts to shipping logistics will result in delays for the delivery of pumps and mechanical equipment vital to commissioning and handover of the Port Hinchinbrook Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) which is now anticipated for completion in November 2024.

Aside from this delay, the project is tracking well with works onsite continuing largely on-program as construction moves from civil phase to the mechanical and commissioning phase.

- Installation of the recycled water tank has commenced
- Decanter has arrived onsite for installation
- Roofing to structures has been installed
- Mechanical Installations subject to delay

The normalisation of Port Hinchinbrook is expected to cost \$19.3 million. \$12.3 million in funding is provided by the Australian and State Governments resulting in a funding shortfall of \$7 million.

Council has resolved that the shortfall would be funded by borrowings as well as repayments made by those who benefit from the scheme. This project will not be funded by the broader ratepayer base.

To help ease the financial burden of the funding shortfall to Port Hinchinbrook residents who are beneficiaries of the STP, Council has joined with the

Cardwell Chamber of Commerce to advocate for further funding support from the Queensland Government.

The funding shortfall was recently discussed at a meeting held by Member for Hinchinbrook Nick Dametto in Cairns on Friday 31 May. Attending from Council was Mayor Teresa Millwood with Division One Councillor Peter Reed and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Graffen alongside operational staff. From the State Government, representatives from Economic Development Queensland and the Premier and Cabinet were in attendance.

The meeting provided the following outcomes:

- Cassowary Coast Regional Council confirming their willingness to be part of a broader plan in regard to what part they could play in conjunction with the State to develop a long-term strategy for dredging at Port Hinchinbrook and finalising the normalisation process of the development, and attracting investment in the development.
- Economic Development Queensland to undertake further legal examination of possible options that could be taken in order to add value and de-risk the project for a potential future developer of the marina basin and land assets.

Read more about this meeting at <https://nickdametto.com/statement-from-nick-dametto-mp-port-hinchinbrook-june>

The Port Hinchinbrook (Cardwell) STP and Normalisation project is funded by the Australian Government, Queensland Government and the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

[Port Hinchinbrook STP Project Page](#)

Callendar Park, Innisfail Drainage Project to Commence 24 June 2024

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is set to commence the critical Callendar Park drainage project on 24 June 2024.

Despite several weather delays, Council has awarded a successful tender to MGN Civil.

The major maintenance project estimated at \$3.9 million will replace roughly 60 metres of ageing pipes. The installation of new pipes is projected to extend the area's service life while simultaneously reducing ongoing maintenance expenses.

Due to the project's location, a temporary road closure will be implemented from 24 June 2024 until late November 2024 along a section of Fitzgerald Esplanade, near the Graham Academy of Dance. Fear not, as alternative routes via Campbell Street or Emily Street will be clearly marked to guide road users and pedestrians. We kindly ask everyone to plan their journeys accordingly and to show due respect to the signage and barriers in place.

The full project works are expected to take about six months concluding in late November 2024, subject to weather and site conditions.

Minor impacts to existing services and increased truck and construction noises throughout the work site should be anticipated.

The project is fully funded by Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

[View Map of Project Works](#)

Make, Create and Communicate This School Holiday with Cassowary Coast Libraries

Join Cassowary Coast Libraries and Museum Services for a creative and fun-filled school holiday program for the up-coming June-July holidays.

At Tully Library children will enjoy crafting unique driftwood art, inspired by nature. Cardwell Library invites you to create music with a selection of instruments. Unleash your artistic flair at Innisfail Library with hands-on clay sculpting, where you'll learn to shape and mould your creations. Mission Beach Library promises a squishy adventure as you design and craft your own squishy toys. And don't miss the opportunity to crack codes using authentic Morse Code tappers at the Cardwell Heritage Precinct, diving into the historical significance of communication.

Bookings are essential, secure your spot now by calling Cassowary Coast Libraries on 1300 366 616.

[Book Online](#)

Notice of Special Budget Meeting 2024-2024

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council is required to adopt its Annual Budget prior to 1 August each year. In accordance with Section 170 of the Local Government Act 2009, a Local Government must consider the Budget presented and, by Resolution, adopt the Budget with or without amendment.

NOTICE is hereby given that the proposed Budget outlined in the Budget papers will be presented to the Cassowary Coast Regional Council for consideration and adoption at the Special Budget Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday 26 June 2024 at the Tully Civic Centre, Level 2 Boardroom, 38-40 Bryant Street, Tully commencing at 9.00 am.

BUSINESS:

- Consideration and adoption of the 2024-2025 Annual Budget.

LIVE STREAMING VIA THE COUNCIL WEBSITE:

Go to Council's website at www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au and click "Council Meeting Live Stream".

[Go to Council Meeting Live Stream](#)

June is Dog Registration Month

Your dog's registration is due to expire on 30 June 2024.

Registration Renewal Notices were posted earlier this month and you will receive them in the mail shortly if you have not already!

Registering your dog is more than just a legal obligation – it's like their birth certificate. In the unfortunate event that your furry friend becomes lost or is involved in an accident, proper registration significantly increases the chances of a swift reunion.

Renewing your dogs registration is easy simply have your Animal ID number or BPay reference number handy and you can renew online via Council's website, over the phone by calling 1300 763 903, or in person at Council Customer Service Centres - Tully Civic Centre, Innisfail Shire Hall, Mission Beach Library and Cardwell Library.

[Renew Online Now](#)

New Waste Fees and Charges to Commence 1 July 2024

Council wishes to inform Cassowary Coast residents that due to costs associated with managing items deposited at Waste Transfer Stations new fees and charges will be introduced from 1 July 2024.

This includes the introduction of the following charges:

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- Fridges freezers and air conditioners - \$18
 - Solar panels - \$10

Further amendments have been made to existing charges which will apply from 1 July 2024.

>>[Click here to find out more](#)

Council is pleased to still be offering disposal of the following items FREE:

- televisions and computers
- drumMUSTER containers (Stoters/Tully only)
- green waste
- ferrous and non-ferrous metal
- approved/rolled fertiliser bags
- car/motorbike bodies - drained (Stoters/Tully only)
- car batteries
- cardboard
- container refund scheme items
- paint (up to 20 litres)
- engine oil (up to 20 litres)

[Learn More](#)

Dying Trees to be removed Anzac Memorial Park, Innisfail

Due to arborist concerns over dying trees located in ANZAC Memorial Park (Innisfail) and a subsequent inspection by Council, it's been determined that these two trees have reached a point of no recovery.

They now pose a risk to all using this area and will be removed as soon as possible.

Council requests that community members are cautious when visiting this area of the park, and apologises for any inconvenience as our crews plan to remove the trees in the coming days.

[See Facebook Post](#)

Cassowary Coast Regional Council Current Tenders

Cassowary Coast Regional Council invites tenders for the following:

- CCW000276 Smart Meter Replacement Program Tully Heads & Hull Heads
- CCW000275 Smart Meter Replacement Program Innisfail & Flying Fish Point
- Boulder Intake Road Upgrade, Tully
- Jubilee Bridge Water Main, Innisfail
- Water Main Renewal East Innisfail Part A: Ryan, Mary, Sherwood, Martin Streets & The Esplanade
- Water Main Replacement Clift Road to Meunga Creek Bridge, Cardwell

To view the full the scope of works and to submit your tender visit Vendor Panel:

[Vendor Panel](#)

Do you know a Wet Tropics Champion?

Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (Wet Tropics Management Authority) have opened nominations for the 20th Anniversary Cassowary Awards.

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- There are eight award categories:
 - Climate Change Leadership Award
 - Education Research Innovation Award
 - Industry Excellence Award
 - People Country Culture Award
 - Peter Hitchcock Community Champion Award
 - Thorsborne Award for Conservation and Rehabilitation
 - World Heritage Presentation Award
 - Young Cassowary Award

Nominees will be honoured at a ceremony on Friday 6 September 2024 at Tjapukai Now near Cairns.

[Nominate Now](#)

Cassowary Coast Businesses Recognised in National Produce Awards

We would like to congratulate two of our local businesses that have been recognised as finalists in the 2024 Harvey Norman Delicious Produce Awards.

Earth Category - [Fruit Forest Farm](#)

Sea Category - [Chris Bolton Fishing](#)

Only one finalist is selected per state, per category (Dairy, Earth, Paddock & Sea).

The Produce Awards are focused on celebrating Australia's best primary food producers.

The awards seek nominations for primary food producers whose produce is 100% Australian grown, cultivated, harvested or caught, and who stand out

from the crowd for the way they pursue food production, cultivation, harvest or wild-caught practices.

National Judging will determine the 2024 From the Dairy, From the Earth, From the Paddock and From the Sea trophy winners as well as the 2024 Producer Of the Year trophy winner.

[Learn More About the Awards](#)

Events

Business Opportunities with Council



Cassowary Coast
REGIONAL COUNCIL

DOING BUSINESS WITH COUNCIL

*Unlock new opportunities with Council in
the upcoming financial year!*



Date
25 June 2024



Time
At 6:00 PM



Via Zoom

Link provided upon registration

RSVP

WEBSITE

yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/doing-business-council

[Register Now](#)

Author Talk

AUTHOR TALK

BARBARA HANNAY



Mission Beach Library

Friday 26 July
10.00am - 11.00am

Innisfail Library

Friday 26 July
1.30pm - 2.30pm



Spaces are limited, bookings essential.
PH: 1300 366 616 or visit cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries

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Festival of Small Halls - Sunday 7 July

WOODFORDIA INC. PRESENTS

Coming to a Small Town Near You
Festival of
Small Halls



Quote The Raven (CAN)



Ash Binello
Local Artist



Hailey Calvert (AUS)

Winter Tour 2024

THE CON THEATRE, INNISFAIL
SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024, 7:00PM START
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM. TICKETS \$25- ONLINE
festivalofsmallhalls.com.au – select Innisfail

2nd July 2024 - 28th July 2024

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Coastal Queensland
WWW.FESTIVALOFSMALLHALLS.COM

 **Queensland**
Government

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The Best of West End - Paul Tabone - Friday 9 August

PAUL TABONE THE TENOR FROM OZ

THE AUSSIE STAR DIRECT FROM LONDON'S WEST END &
AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTIONS OF

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

**THE
BEST
OF
WEST
END**

FRIDAY 9 AUGUST

INNISFAIL SHIRE HALL

6:15 PM DOORS OPEN

7:00 PM START

TICKETS \$30PP

BOOKINGS VIA

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This event is proudly supported by Cassowary Coast Regional Council.



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Career Opportunities at Council



Live and Work on the Cassowary Coast

Current Career Opportunities

- Plumber- Innisfail
- Rates & Revenue Officer - Innisfail
- Supervisor Systems & Collection- Innisfail
- Project Manager - Innisfail
- Labourer/Operator - Precincts/Open Spaces - Innisfail
- Traffic Controller- El Arish
- Team Leader- Resource Recovery- Innisfail
- Technical Officer - Transport- Innisfail
- Library Supervisor- Innisfail
- Plant Operator - Innisfail
- Labourer/Operator- Civil- Innisfail
- Team Leader- Precincts- Tully

Apply now or find more information by visiting:
<https://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/positions-vacant>



[Apply Now](#)

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Acknowledgement

Cassowary Coast Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and sea on which we operate, the Mamu, Djiru, Girramay, Gulngay, Warrgamay, Jirrbal and Bandjin Peoples. We wish to acknowledge our respect for their current and emerging leaders and those in the dreaming. We thank all First Nations people for the contributions they make in building this community.

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