

COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PUMP IT AT THE CARDWELL PUMP TRACK

A crowd of wheels, including skateboards, BMX bikes, scooters and mountain bikes, assembled at the opening of the Cardwell Pump Track, all eager to be the first to test out the new facility.

Excitement levels were high as children and adults, including Cassowary Coast Regional Councillor Barry Barnes and State Member for Hinchinbrook, Nick Dametto, rode the 170-meter track for the first time.

Councillor Barry Barnes said the Cardwell community was buzzing with anticipation in the lead-up to the opening of the track.

"The Cardwell Pump Track is the first pump track to open in the region and is an exciting step as establishing Cardwell as a 'Ride Destination'.

"The whole community came together and riders of all levels, including myself, were able to enjoy the world-class facility

and ride the different features of the track including the 'rollers and berms'.

"The project has been largely driven by the community, including Cardwell Lions, the Cardwell Mountain Bike Trials group, the Kirrama Range Road Support Group, Cardwell Care and local indigenous elder, Marcia Gerry. The Track is part of a larger project which will see Cardwell recognised as a world-leading mountain bike trail destination," said Councillor Barnes.

Girramay Elder, Marcia Gerry said she is very happy to see the pump track open in Cardwell, on Girramay Country.

"It has been great to work with the Community and Council to create a facility that acknowledges our country and I am proud of the work we have done.

"This pump track will be a great facility to be enjoyed by local children as well as visitors," said Marcia.

Sport Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the Cardwell Pump Track was an investment in the health of North Queenslanders.

"The Track delivers new opportunities for experienced and new cyclists to stay active and engaged in their community," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"We're investing in infrastructure like the Cardwell Pump Track because we know active North Queenslanders are healthy North Queenslanders.

"Keeping Queenslanders active and healthy is one of the lasting legacies the Palaszczuk Government wants to achieve from the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"With BMX racing an Olympic sport, Cardwell could evolve as a proving ground for young North Queenslanders dreaming of competing for state and country."

The Cardwell Pump Track, was built by World Trials, one of the largest and most experienced mountain bike trail companies, and aims to attract the attention of riders of all abilities and experiences. It is a great facility for riders to practice and perfect their skills in anticipation for the opening of the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trail Project.

Funding was provided from the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Queensland under the Federal Funding Agreement – Environment.

More information on the project can be found by visiting the project page at www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/cardwellpumptrack

Alternatively, contact Council on 1300 763 903 or email enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au.



CAREERS DAY WRAP UP

Earlier this month, over 500 students attended the 2022 Cassowary Coast Careers Day, connecting with local businesses and organisations to learn about potential career and study opportunities.

There was a fantastic turn-out with school students and job-seekers eager to learn more about career opportunities across the Cassowary Coast and find out why our region is one of the best places to live and work.

Students were encouraged to talk to local businesses, career advisors and experts in the field about their future career pathway options and opportunities post-graduation. This year there were a range of exhibitors lined up from various industries including health-care, defence, hospitality, tourism, transport and construction.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council had team members in attendance from departments such as



Career Day Exhibitor Fun

Waste Education, Libraries, Family Day Care, Communications, Regulatory Service Officers and Skills Development. Students were able to chat with Council staff about the variety of career opportunities available across departments as well as traineeships for school leavers interested

in a trade.

The event was not only beneficial for students, however also provided small businesses the opportunity to connect with each other and the institutions that support them.

The event was facilitated alongside Innisfail State College and is a part

of the Small Business Friendly Council Program. The event is another step toward the Charter's commitment to raise the profile and capability of small businesses on the Cassowary Coast. It provided a key opportunity for small businesses to engage

with the prospective future workforce – a key aim within the Charter.

Council wishes to thank all vendors, businesses and individuals who were involved in the coordination to create a successful and educational event for the students who attended.



Careers Day TAFE Tyre Change



CASSOWARY COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL 2022-2023 BUDGET SUMMARY

BUDGET GETS BACK TO BASICS

Cassowary Coast Regional Council's 2022-2023 Budget was handed down at a Special (Budget) Meeting on Wednesday 29 June 2022.

Mayor Mark Nolan presented the budget and associated Operational Plan noting that this had been the toughest budget in his seventeen years as a Councillor.

"We have deliberated hard on minimising the impacts of recent land valuation changes, whilst ensuring we can raise sufficient revenue to deliver essential services and fund critical capital works and renewal of infrastructure," Cr Nolan said.

"We acknowledge that our community is hurting, the impacts of the housing crisis and the rising cost of living cannot be underestimated and we understand that times are tough for many of our residents. This Council has a responsibility to

share the burden where we can."

Cr Nolan said Council has focused on "getting back to basics" for the 2022-2023 budget.

"This focus whilst not able to reduce the impact of external factors, has allowed Council to prepare a responsible budget, based on providing a sustainable level of essential services to the community and getting the basics right through funding of maintenance and renewal of critical infrastructure.

The budget sees a number of changes to Council's rating strategies, aimed at sharing the burden of cost of living pressures that are being experienced across the region and reducing the impact of Queensland Government's land valuations. The gross general rates will not be increased, with the minimum residential rate remaining at \$1,171.

By having a 0% gross general rates increase, those property owners unable or struggling to pay their rates on time will see no change to their general rates beyond the impact of the new valuations.

"What has changed is the General Rates Discount which has been reduced from 10% to 5%. This change equates to an additional \$1.53 per week on average, for ratepayers who continue to pay their rates on time," Cr Nolan said.

Cr Nolan said for those in hardship or just looking to manage household budgets, a wide range of payment arrangements remain available.

"Through this budget Council continues to support the most vulnerable members of our community and will retain the \$300 Pensioner Rebate, Rating Concession of 100% for eligible community organisations as well as providing our community the option of interest free payment

arrangements.

These concessions allow our community, sporting groups and not-for-profits to reinvest back into the great work they do for our community.

The Budget will see Council invest in the future of the region with a \$34.8M Capital Program.

Highlights of the budget include:

- **WATER** - \$6.6 million continued investment to further develop water security within the Cassowary Coast.
- **TRANSPORT** - \$8.43 million toward transport including renewal and upgrades of sealed and unsealed roads to improve road conditions across our region.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - \$150k committed to working with our community to establish a roadmap through development of

an Economic Development Strategy.

- **WASTE MANAGEMENT** - \$315k investment continuing Council's commitment to improve infrastructure and meet our target of a 35% reduction in waste to landfill by 2025.
- **RECREATION AND NATURAL AREAS** - \$1.1 million investment toward recreational and natural areas across the region.
- **SEWERAGE** - \$11.2 million continued investment to help cater for population growth and renewal of ageing assets.

Cr Nolan said he was excited to advise that this year Council will be doing something it hasn't done before - visiting localities across the region to bring the budget to the community.

"It is my hope that these meetings will provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and better under-



stand our budget decisions and priorities. I look forward to personally communicating how this budget will benefit our community.

"Leading our region is a significant responsibility. It's not one this Council takes lightly. We recognise that every cent of ratepayer funds must represent an investment in a better future.

This is a budget that gets 'back to basics' with funding allocated to areas where it is needed and rationalised based on community priorities to ensure the greatest benefit to you, our community," Cr Nolan said.

For more information about the 2022-2023 Budget visit www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/budget

OVERVIEW

	0% GROSS GENERAL RATES INCREASE
	\$34.8M CAPITAL PROGRAM INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR REGION
	\$300 PENSIONER REBATE RETAINED TO SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY
	GENERAL RATES DISCOUNT REDUCED FROM 10% TO 5%, EQUATING TO AN ADDITIONAL \$1.53 PER WEEK ON AVERAGE
	\$29.6M TOWARDS EMPLOYING OVER 360 LOCALS WHO LIVE, WORK, PLAY AND INVEST IN THE CASSOWARY COAST.
\$89.1M	\$90.1M
OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENDITURE

KEY PROJECTS

	WATER \$6.6 million continued investment to further develop water security within the Cassowary Coast.
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2022-2023 Budget Community Information Sessions

Council is hosting a series of Community Information Sessions to discuss the 2022-2023 Budget. These meetings are an opportunity for Council to communicate how this budget will benefit the community and for residents to ask questions and better understand budget decisions and priorities.

Innisfail

Tuesday 19 July - 5:30pm - Innisfail Library Community Hub

Mission Beach

Wednesday 20 July - 5:30pm - Mission Beach Progress Hall

Cardwell

Monday 25 July - 5:30pm - Cardwell Community Hall

Kurrimine Beach

Wednesday 27 July - 5:30pm - Kurrimine Beach Progress Hall

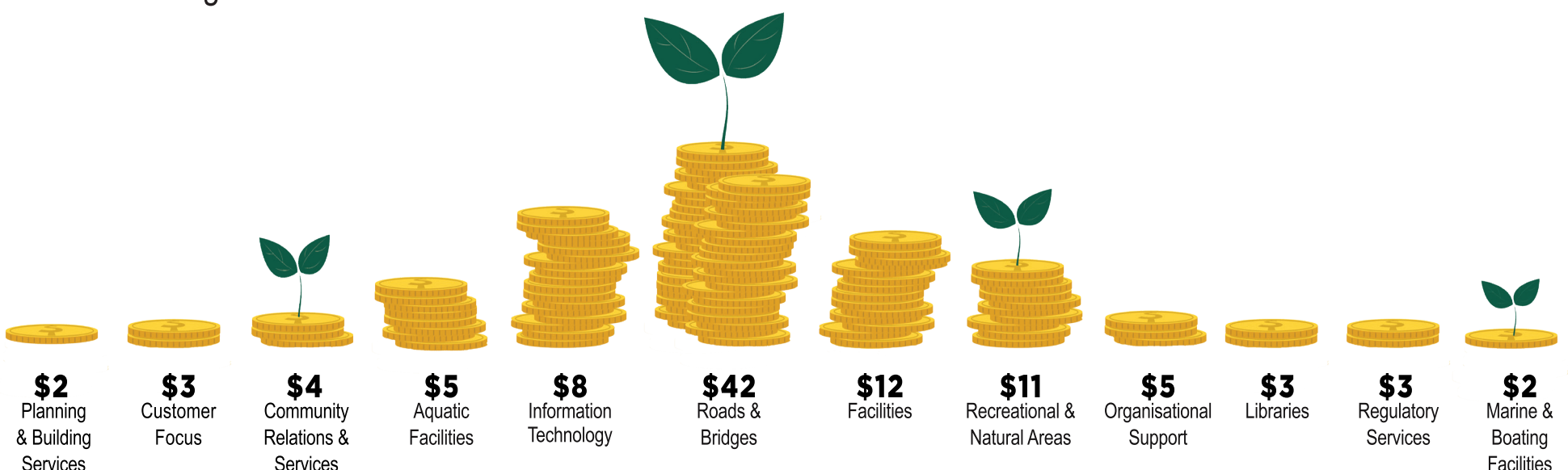
Tully

Thursday 28 July - 5:30pm - Tully Grandstand Function Room



RATES IN THE DOLLAR

For every \$100 of your rates, Council delivers a range of services:



COCONUTS BOAT RAMP CAR PARK

UPGRADE



Coconuts Boat Ramp
Upgrade July 2021

Cassowary Coast Regional Council will be undertaking upgrades to the car and trailer parking at the Coconuts Boat Ramp, located on Fern Avenue, Coconuts. The upgrades are expected to begin on Monday 27 June, pending weather conditions, and will be undertaken by local contractors. The project involves upgrading the existing roadway (from Fern Avenue towards the cul-de-sac end) to a two-way sealed standard including a turn-around area, provision of a formalised car parking area for cars and trailers, and a designated pedestrian pathway connecting the boat ramp to the car parks. The construction work will be carried out in stages and is expected to be complete by the end of August.

The boat ramp will still be functional during this time, and traffic control will be in place, however, parking will be limited. The Contractors have advised Council they will avoid any work over weekends, where possible. During the upgrades, users may prefer to use alternate boat ramps, including Flying Fish Point, Innisfail or Mourilyan Harbour.

For more information, contact the Cassowary Coast Regional Council on 1300 763 903 or via email enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au. Alternatively, to find the closest boat ramp for you visit: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/boat-ramp-directory.

Local Heritage Festival shares stories of community

Local Heritage was celebrated across Cassowary Coast during the 2022 Heritage Festival. The event provided opportunities for the community and visitors to get in touch with heritage collections available at local libraries and museums.

The Heritage Festival program showcased the strength of community engagement, where individuals and groups came together to share stories and information.

In an "Open Mic" session at Dorothy Jones Tully Library, long-time residents Jeanette Clayton (nee Flegler), Mary Quagliata (nee Nicotra), Christine Jenkins (nee Henry) and John Salleras spoke of their experiences growing up in the region. Those in attendance enjoyed a morning tea and an informal chat, including local Aboriginal elders who also shared their stories.

To further celebrate and promote the unique heritage of the Cassowary Coast, new banners and posters promoting the collection were designed and are now hanging proudly at each of the four library branches. These were made possible through the Australian Government's Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.

To conclude the Heritage Festival Council Libraries held a closing ceremony event at the Cardwell Visitor Information and Heritage Centre.

This was an ideal setting to bring together Traditional Owners, the wider community and visitors.

The day began with a heart-warming Acknowledgement to Country sung by children from Cardwell Early Learning.

Link-Up (Qld), who provide services to reunite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by forced removal presented their services, and Emerging Indigenous Leaders from Gilroy Santa Maria College travelled from Ingham to learn more about the Stolen Generations.

Among the distinguished guests in attendance were Girramay elder Marcia Jerry, Giringun Aboriginal Corporation CEO Phil Rist, Member for Hinchinbrook Nick Dametto and Council Councillors Jeff Baines, Barry Barnes, Trudy Tschui.

For more information regarding Council Libraries local heritage collection please visit: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries

Cassowary Coast REGIONAL COUNCIL

Seeking Applications

ASSET INFORMATION ANALYST

Applications Close Monday, 4 July 2022

LIBRARY/CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE OFFICER (CASUAL)

Applications Close Monday, 4 July 2022

MAINTENANCE FITTER (WATER SERVICES)

Applications Close Monday, 4 July 2022

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



Local Heritage Tully Open
Mic April 2022

YOUTH SPORT STAR AWARDS 2022

Looking to recognise our regions SPORT STARS!

We are searching for athletes to nominate for the
2022 Youth Sport Star Awards

The awards aim to recognise significant sporting achievement across seven categories. Recipients in each category are awarded \$750 and a branded polo shirt.

Nominations are
NOW OPEN and will close
5pm Sunday 3 July.

- Junior Sports Female (Age 8-12)
- Junior Sports Male (Age 8-12)
- Senior Sports Female (Age 13-18)
- Senior Sports Male (Age 13-18)
- Junior Indigenous Sports Person (Age 8-12)
- Senior Indigenous Sports Person (Age 13-18)
- Youth with a Disability Sports Person (Age 8-18)

To find out more information please visit:
www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/sports-bursary-program



School Holidays at the Library



INNISFAIL

Tuesday 28 June 10.30am-11.30am
ATSI Flag Fence Weaving
All Ages

Friday 1 July 10.00am-11.00am
Indigenous Animal Painting with
Auntie Amy
Ages 6+

FAMILY MOVIE
Wednesday 29 June 10.30am
Clifford the Big Red Dog
(PG)

MISSION BEACH

Tuesday 28 June 10.30am-11.30am
Bird Box Feeders
Ages 6+

Friday 1 July 10.00am-12.00pm
Games Morning
All Ages

Tuesday 5 July 10.30am-11.30am
Australian Animal Book Ends
Ages 6+

FAMILY MOVIE
Friday 8 July 10.00am
Sing 2 (PG)

CARDWELL

Thursday 30 June 10.00am-11.00am
Aboriginal Symbol Discovery
Ages 5+

Monday 4 July 2.00pm-3.00pm
Aboriginal Snake Painting with
Auntie Michelle
Ages 5+

FAMILY MOVIES
Tuesday 28 June 10.00am
Sing 2 (PG)

Friday 8 July 2.00pm
Turning Red (PG)

TULLY

Friday 1 July 10.30am-11.30am
Aboriginal Designs Sand Art
Ages 6+

Thursday 7 July 10.30am-11.30am
Aboriginal Snake Painting
Ages 6+

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<https://cassowary.spydus.com>

