

## COMMUNITY, COUNCIL AND STATE TO FUND THE BUSINESS CASE FOR RIDE DESTINATION

Thanks to a combined funding effort from the Cardwell Community, Cassowary Coast Regional Council and the Queensland Government, the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trails Business Case is now fully funded.

Tourism portfolio holder, Councillor Renee McLeod said the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trails Project concept came from community and continues to be driven by community.

"The business case will evaluate the benefits, costs and risk associated with establishing a world-class network of mountain bike trails in Cardwell and highlight the economic benefit which this project could bring to Cardwell, the Cassowary Coast and the broader Far North Queensland Region," Councillor McLeod said.

As part of the Queensland Government's 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP), Council has secured \$60,000 toward the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trails Business Case in addition to \$15,000 which was raised by Cardwell Care and the Cardwell and District Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

At the July Local Government Meeting, Council approved a contribution of \$25,000 be reallocated towards the Business Case, following the postponement of the 2022 TARGA Great Barrier Reef event resulting in the business case now being fully funded.

Councillor McLeod said since being invited by the community to assist and support their vision, Council adapted its project management and engagement processes to complement the community leadership, to partner with community in decision-making, and to provide agility to adapt to community and Girramay timelines and methods.

"Together we have already achieved completion of the early mountain bike infrastructure - Cardwell Pump Track and facilities."

Hinchinbrook MP, Nick Dametto, congratulated Council and the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Network for their advocacy and efforts in securing funding through Queensland Government's LGGSP.

"The increasing popularity of mountain biking has fuelled the development of trails and competitive events all over Australia and with Cardwell's diverse

terrain and magnificent scenery this project has the opportunity to restore the region's tourism industry," Mr Dametto said.

"Cardwell is ideally placed between Townsville and Cairns and surrounded by beautiful natural assets like Hinchinbrook Island, Cardwell Spa Pools and Five Mile Creek, throw some challenging mountain bike trails in the mix and you have the

right formula to create the ultimate eco-tourism destination.

"I look forward to working with all stakeholders to progress the Business Case for the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trail Project."

Council's partnership with the Girramay Traditional Owners, Cardwell Community representatives and other key stakeholders will continue as

the project progresses.

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 the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trail Project visit: <https://bit.ly/3bNPZoE>



Cardwell Ranges, featuring the Cardwell Pump Track

## Vote for the Cardwell Pump Track project

Voting has now opened in the National Awards for Local Government. The awards aim to recognise innovation and excellence in local communities.

The Cardwell Pump Track project is nominated under the Indigenous Recognition Category.

"A small community with deep pride for its culture has come together to take on one very ambitious goal - to be Australia's next big 'Ride Destination'.

The dream of establishing the Cardwell Tropical Mountain Bike Trails came from the Cardwell community and the delivery of the Cardwell Pump Track and facilities has

been a major milestone for the project, allowing the community to 'Ride where our ancestors once walked'.

The Cassowary Coast Regional Council in conjunction with project partners adapted project management and engagement processes to complement the community leadership, decision-making, and to allow agility to adapt to timelines of community and Girramay.

The Girramay People are the native title holders of the lands and waters surrounding Cardwell. Girramay elder, Marcia Jerry from the Girramay Aboriginal People Corporation guided the development and



Cardwell Pump track opening attendees

scope of the Project in conjunction with stakeholders on behalf of the Girramay people. This partnership has inspired and enabled the project to raise awareness and connect

tion to culture.

The community leadership and partnerships with traditional owners present a much broader opportunity than just a ride network including employ-

ment opportunities, education, and cultural awareness."

Place your vote now for the Cardwell Pump Track project at: <https://cutt.ly/DZBIWaL>

## WHAT'S ON

### AUGUST 12 - CARDWELL UFO FESTIVAL

Events from 12-14 August, highlight the extra-terrestrial activities with family fun activities, markets, show rides, and visitors from throughout the Universe. [www.cardwellufofestival.com.au](http://www.cardwellufofestival.com.au)

### AUGUST 13 - BARRY MORGANS WORLD OF ORGANS

It's time to release the toothy tunesmith for a post-mortem organ party. The Con, Innisfail performance begins at 7:30pm. Tickets available online at: [www.trybooking.com/CAPGY](http://www.trybooking.com/CAPGY)

### AUGUST 14 - 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. For ticket information: [www.autofest.com.au](http://www.autofest.com.au)

### AUGUST 26 - REDBULL DEFIANCE

Spectators can be a part of the action in a world class adventure race - rafting, biking and running over three days in South Mission Beach. For more information: [www.redbull.com/au-en/events/red-bull-defiance-australia](http://www.redbull.com/au-en/events/red-bull-defiance-australia)

Visit Councils website [cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/events](http://cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/events) for more information.



## LOCAL TEAM AWARDED NATURE PLAY CONTRACT

Residents of Wongaling Beach will soon benefit from a new playground, as Cassowary Coast Regional Council moves forward with plans to install a nature play space at Alan Wheatley Memorial Park.

Council awarded the contract for the build to Mission Beach based company, G-Force Landscaping with works expected to begin mid to late September and take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete, weather and construction conditions permitting.

A recent survey gave local residents the opportunity to comment on the proposed design with more than 80 sub-

missions and 64% of respondents in favour of the nature play space.

Council reviewed the feedback and noted the positive response to the design. The feedback also provided Council with increased understanding of the primary use of the park, with the majority of respondents visiting the park monthly for approximately one to two hours, traveling mainly from the greater Mission Beach area.

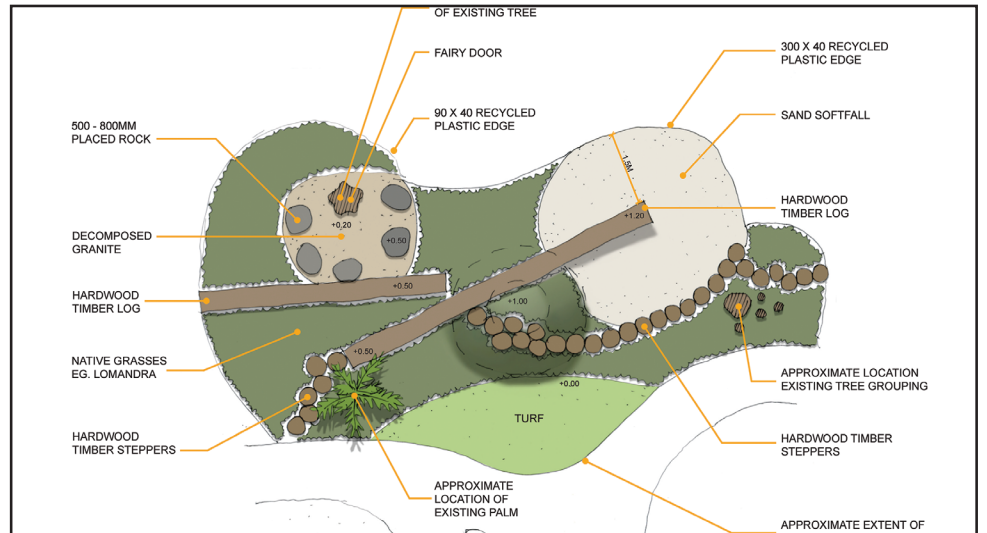
Council would like to thank local residents for taking the time to contribute to the future of this space. Council takes pride in its parks and public spaces and aims to ensure

they meet the needs of the community now and for generations to come.

Outdoor activities such as nature play improve focus, motor skills and physical health, as well as assist children to develop resilience, independence and self-awareness. The new nature play playground will complement the nearby facilities at Rotary Park.

Council will provide further updates on the installation of the playground as it occurs.

To read more about the proposed design visit: <https://bit.ly/3zMcSkc>



Alan Wheatley Nature Play Space - Proposed Design

## FREE NATIVE TREES

The Council free tree giveaway aims to encourage the planting of local species to support our habitat and wildlife.



**Innisfail Council Nursery**  
Sundown and Campbell Street, Innisfail

**Tully Council Nursery**  
Beside Depot Anderson Street, Tully

Trees will be available from nurseries on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 August and; Thursday 25 and Friday 26 August



8:00am - 3:00pm. Two trees per Cassowary Coast resident.

# Movie Night

TULLY SILKWOOD

7:00PM START

Free Entry

TULLY | FRIDAY 12 AUG | CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG  
SILKWOOD | FRIDAY 2 SEP | ENCANTO

TULLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE  
SILKWOOD SOCCER FIELD

MORE INFO: 1300 763 903

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All children MUST be supervised.  
Food will be available to purchase.



## July - December 2022

# RATES DUE!

## 17 AUGUST TO 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

### PAYMENT OPTIONS



See your full list of payment options on your notice

## NEW VIEWING PLATFORM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SCENIC VIEWS



Location of the Viewing Platform

Weddings and other events will soon be able to take advantage of the picturesque scenery of Flying Fish Point with a new project soon to commence.

Councillor Nick Pervan said that work is set to begin on constructing a viewing platform at parklands, located next to the Flying Fish Point boat ramp.

"Located where the sea meets the Johnstone River, the area provides the perfect location for weddings and other events to be held.

"This low maintenance

platform will be constructed as a raised wooden deck about 300 millimetres above adjacent level. The platform will be built at six by three metres to complement the current environment, with no trees removed and minor trimming undertaken to increase the panoramic views.

"Council has engaged a local business to deliver this project, with works expected to commence early August. Works should take about three weeks to finish, weather and site conditions permitting, and

the immediate area will remain open during works."

Interested members of the community can apply for a permit to utilise the area for their event by contact Council on 1300 763 900 or email enquiries@ccrc.qld.gov.au.

Alternatively, you can find out more information by searching Community Venues For Hire on Council's Website.

This project was funded as part of the Australian Government's \$3 billion Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRICI) Program.

## YOUNG SPORT STARS KICKING GOALS

The Queensland hosted Olympic Games may be a decade off but Cassowary Coast youth athletes are working hard to ensure our region is well represented.

Six aspiring athletes who have represented their chosen sports on local, state, or national levels have been named as 2022 Youth Sport Stars.

Councillor Trudy Tschui said Cassowary Coast Regional Council is committed to providing opportunities to junior athletes by providing a suite of Sports Bursaries to promote, encourage and sustain sporting participation and healthy life styles in the Cassowary Coast.

"Participating in sport develops a strong sense of character and community and of course it is always exciting to see the next generation of talent and potential medallists on the rise. Cr Tschui said.

"This year's Stars have demonstrated the commitment and hard-work necessary to achieve success on the sporting field, courts and pool.

"From countless early mornings and late afternoons, to the time spent travelling over the weekends to local, state and national events, the dedication shown by this group is tremendous.

"Previous recipients have used the bursary (\$750 each) to support their endeavours putting it towards cost of travel to competitions or purchase new sporting equipment.

The bursary winners were announced at a function on Friday 5 August:

### Junior Sports Female (Age 8-12) winner Neeza Curzon

School, Regional and State achievements in Netball, Swimming, Touch Football and Triathlon.

### Junior Sports Male (Age 8-12) winner Liam Quabba

School, Regional and State achievements in Swimming, Cross Country, Rugby League, Aquathlon and Touch Football.

### Senior Sports Female (Age 13-18) Hannah Dryden

School and Regional achievements in Athletics (High Jump and Long Jump), Netball and Touch Football.

### Senior Sports Male (Age 13-18) Harrison Tamblyn

School, Regional and State achievements in Athletics (800m and 1500m), Cross Country, Surf Lifesaving and Triathlon.

### Junior Indigenous Sports Person (Age 8-12) Noah Balderson

School and Regional achievements in Rugby League.

### Senior Indigenous Sports Person (Age 13-18) Skye Barba

School, Regional, State and National achievements in Touch Football and Rugby League.

To find out more information on the Youth Sports Star Awards please visit: <https://bit.ly/3NN1xaj>



Neeza Curzon



Liam Quabba



Hannah Dryden



Harrison Tamblyn



Noah Balderson



Skye Barba



Youth Sports Star Recipients and Nominees

### CASSOWARY COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Expression of Interest

### MISSION BEACH COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is seeking applications from community members to join the Community and Stakeholder Reference Group (CSRG) for the Mission Beach Town Centre Revitalisation Project.

CSRG members will act as project champions and generate awareness of the project amongst the community, providing a method for two-way communication to gather feedback and concerns.

If you are passionate about the future of Mission Beach and want to be considered for the CSRG visit the below link and apply today!

To apply or for more information visit:  
[www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/missionbeach-referencegroup](http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/missionbeach-referencegroup)

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## SEARCH ON FOR NEW MANAGEMENT TO MAKE A SPLASH AT CARDWELL AQUATIC FACILITY

Council is currently seeking tenders for the management of the Cardwell Aquatic Facility. The Cardwell Aquatic facility comprises of an outdoor 50 metre lap pool, a kid's splash pool, small playground, BBQ area, as well as a kiosk. The facility is currently closed due to the annual winter closure with new management anticipated to commence in time for the planned reopening on 1 September 2022.

The appointed management will partner with Council to ensure this vital community asset is available for use by community and visitors. Works to the pool are currently underway to ensure the facility is compliant with a recent safety audit in time for the scheduled opening.

Councillor Barry Barnes ac-

knowledged the important role the facility plays in connecting the community and keeping residents active.

"The works will ensure the much loved community asset is up to standard for its reopening and Council looks forward to working alongside new management.

Tenders for management of the facility must be lodged via the VendorPanel System; [www.vendorpanel.com.au](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au) by 5:00pm on Monday 15 August 2022.

Council has easy to use instructions and FAQ's to assist with how to lodge tenders available on our website. You can find this information by visiting <https://bit.ly/3rC4iBg>



CARDWELL AQUATIC FACILITY

## Coconuts Boat Ramp Car Park Upgrade

The Coconuts Boat Ramp Car Park Upgrade is well underway with the bitumen and asphalt scheduled for next week, weather permitting. The line marking will follow shortly after. A reminder that the boat ramp

is still functional during this time, and traffic control will be in place, however, parking will be limited. During the upgrades, users may prefer to use alternate boat ramps, including Flying Fish Point, Innisfail or Mourilyan

Harbour.

Alternatively, to find the closest boat ramp for you visit [www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/boat-ramp-directory](http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/boat-ramp-directory), or click : <https://bit.ly/3BVMKpE>



Coconuts work



Seeking Applications

### TECHNICAL OFFICER (FXT)(FT) ASSET MAINTENANCE

Applications Close Monday 15, 2022

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



## Unsealed Roads Update

Council crews have been busy grading 5.06kms of roads this month. Across the region the following roads were graded in the week ending 5 August:

- Butler Rd, Bingil Bay (Section 1)
- Meacham Rd, Kennedy (Section 3)
- Stephenson Rd, Kurrimine (Section 5)
- Syndicate Rd, Jarra (Section 1)
- Syndicate Rd, Jarra (Section 2)

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: <https://bit.ly/3AczeN3>



## KEY CONTACTS

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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](http://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](http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/transfer-stations)

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# 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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BE AS AWESOME AS YOUR DOG THINKS YOU ARE  
Search 'Cassowary Coast Good Dog Owners Guide'