

## TROPICAL ART DECO FESTIVAL ANOTHER ROARING SUCCESS



Dressed to the nines at the Gals and Gangsters Cabaret



Choir performs on Innisfail Shire Hall Balcony



Vintage Markets



Gals and Gangsters Cabaret

INNISFAIL was transported back in time last week with around 2500 people participating in events held over a jam packed five days for the Tropical Art Deco Festival.

Regarded as the Art Deco capital of Australia, Innisfail delighted local and visiting art deco lovers with a packed schedule of events, including a Gals and Gangsters Cabaret at the Shire Hall, a speak easy boat cruise, vintage valuations at the Sunday market and a variety of tours highlighting the iconic historical buildings in the main streets of Innisfail.

The Historical Society's Cemetery walk was a great

success, with stories of the area's pioneers told on the night, with large numbers through the gate on Wednesday evening.

"The Council Cemetery staff did a fabulous job in setting up the walk for us and marking out a pathway to find our way in the dark," said Trish Ernst, President of Innisfail & District Historical Society.

To align with their goal in 'preserving the past for the future' the Innisfail and District Historical Society has continued to undertake the organisation of the event to great success. Organisers were thrilled with attendance and the enthusiasm many

attendees had for dressing the part.

"Many people went to a lot of trouble to dress up for events, including Friday night's Gals and Gangsters Basket Cabaret, held in the Shire Hall, and Saturday's Fashion Parade at the Con Theatre. I think people are getting into the spirit of the event by dressing up and having some fashionable fun. It's great to see.

"Festival patrons travelled from all over, with Cassowary Coast residents well represented among the festival goers over the five-day event, with visitors from Cairns, Townsville, the Tablelands, and Brisbane

swelling the numbers at various events. There were several international visitors who had timed their visit to coincide with the events on offer over the five days.

"We'd like to thank the Cassowary Coast Regional Council for their grant funding and in-kind support and the local residents, community groups and businesses who participated in making the festival such a success in 2022. We're looking forward to doing it all again" Ms Linton said.

Councillor Trudy Tschui, Community and Culture portfolio holder said the sophistication and variety of events over the week

perfectly captures the history of our region and it is great to see so many people come together to enjoy the festivities.

"Council maintains a high priority for preserving the historical and culturally driven style of our region and the Art Deco Festival is one which Council proudly supports," said Councillor Tschui.

For more information on Tropical Art Deco Festival or to find out more about being involved at an organising level please visit [www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/tropical-art-deco](http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/tropical-art-deco) or follow Tropical Art Deco on Facebook.

## WHAT'S ON

### 24 SEPTEMBER – FINAL DAY TILAPIA TOURNAMENT

With an action packed week of fishing wrapping up at Warrina Lakes, there is still one more day to fish! Saturday 24 September is the final day to fish from 9:00am. A lucky draw prize winner will be announced with the winner to receive a kayak kindly donated by BCF and all other winners announced from 11:00am. Junk Art participants will be presenting their art work from 9:00am. A wonderful day out for the whole family! For more information please see Council's Facebook Page.

### 27 SEPTEMBER – BRADLEY MCCAW PERFORMANCE

Award-winning entertainer/piano man Bradley McCaw is coming to Innisfail! Classic Motown, soul and a whole truck load of good ole' fashioned joyful music. Renowned for his incredible live shows, featuring his original music and piano man favourites by Billy Joel, Elton John, Ray Charles and more! Performing at the Innisfail Shire Hall on Tuesday 27 September, starting 10:00am. Tickets available online [trybooking.com/CBZAQ](http://trybooking.com/CBZAQ)

### 1 – 2 OCTOBER – CARDWELL SEAFEST

Cardwell Seafest will be held on Saturday 1 October and Sunday 2 October for the Queen's Birthday Long weekend. The festival by the sea will present a NQ LURE Expo Hot Rods Classic Car and Bike Show and then markets of local arts and crafts on the Sunday. Amazing food, entertainment, and fun for the whole family. For more information visit Cardwell Seafest's Facebook Page.

### 11 OCTOBER – MORNING MELODIES 1954: ELLA, ETTA, EARTHA

October's Morning Melodies presents Ella, Etta Eartha. It's the year 1954. Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Eartha Kitt are all at the dizzy heights of their careers. With swinging jazz, powerful soul and cheeky kitsch these three women broke new ground for all who followed after. Melissa Western and her world class band will perform Tuesday 11 October at 10:30am, tickets available online [www.trybooking.com/BWDUB](http://www.trybooking.com/BWDUB)

### 22 OCTOBER - BRASS SWEAT AND TEARS - CAIRNS BRASS

Cairns Brass has been providing music to the community for over 80 years! Come and be swept away by the orchestral sounds of this majestic music! Featuring Australia's only regional A Grade Brass Band under the baton of conductor and occasional pianist Oscar McDonald, the band is sure to blow the roof off the Innisfail Shire Hall on Saturday 22 October, starting at 4:00pm. Tickets available online [trybooking.com/CBZBI](http://trybooking.com/CBZBI)





## CARDWELL PATHWAY UPGRADES COMPLETE

WORKS were recently completed to upgrade a section of pathway located on Brasenose Street, Cardwell.

The upgrade installed a new concrete pathway, directly located outside the post office, and removed existing pavers to improve safety and allow a smoother, more level surface for pathway users.



Cardwell Path Upgrade

## TILAPIA TOURNAMENT SMASHES CATCH TARGET



THE TILAPIA did not stand a chance this week in the Warrina Lakes waterways, with hundreds of keen fishing fanatics gathering for the 2022 Tilapia Tournament.

The six day long event has been a school holiday favourite over the years with participants of all ages trying their hand at hooking a winner and helping remove the pest from the lake.

With 350 participants registered prior to day one of the Tournament, expectations were high for a successful week of fishing.

Councillor and President

of the Innisfail Game Fishing Club Nick Pervan, said the Club was very excited to sponsor and support the event again in 2022 as it is great for the community and also for the environment.

"The main motivation behind reducing the pest species is to reduce the impact the Tilapia have on the region's own native species.

"Tilapia invade and dominate water habitats and although a hard species to eradicate, the tournament does help reduce numbers significantly.

"The event has been enjoyed by all with families

and community members utilising the parklands, public BBQs and enjoying the fun outdoor day out.

The school holiday fun is not over yet with community members encouraged to attend the final day of the Tournament on Saturday 24 September where keen participants can fish from 9:00am. A lucky draw will be drawn at random on Saturday with the winner receiving a kayak kindly donated by BCF and Ozfish. Tournament winners will also be announced at 11:00am with a variety of generous prizes on offer.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council's Family Day Care Scheme has also kindly sponsored the annual JUNK Art competition with participants presenting their works of art from 9:00am Saturday 24 September.

The Tilapia Tournament is proudly presented by Council in partnership with the generous 2022 sponsors including Ozfish, BCF, Game Fishing Club Innisfail, Berkley, Soils First NQ, Coastal Marine & Outdoors, Manitto's Auto Centre, Harvey Norman and Shakespeare.



### Kick Start Your Career at Council



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is seeking further applications for Apprentices and Trainees to commence in 2023.

This is a great opportunity to 'earn while you learn'. Get a formal qualification, great mentoring and hands on experience whilst working in our community.

Expressions of interest are sought for:

- Conservation and Ecosystem Management Trainees for Innisfail and Tully
- Apprentice Diesel Fitter for Innisfail
- Apprentice Plumber for Innisfail

For more information and to register your interest, visit [cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/apprenticeships-traineeships](http://cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/apprenticeships-traineeships) or call Recruitment on 4043 8807.

Applications close Tuesday 4 October 2022

## TOWN CENTRE REVAMP IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY



Engagement session held in the Village Green for community members to hear about the concept designs

LAST WEEK, Cassowary Coast Regional Council released the draft concept designs for the Mission Beach Town Centre Revitalisation Project and began talking with key stakeholders to gather feedback on the proposed design.

The design encapsulates the Mission Beach experience – where the rainforest meets the beach, and provides greater connection between Porter Promenade, the Village Green and Mission Beach foreshore. Whilst not final, the designs provide a vision as to how this space can come to life, increase tourism into our region and encourage future development from investors.

Driven by Council with the assistance of external consultants, C7EVEN, a number of stakeholder consultation sessions were held to talk through the concept designs in-depth, hear any of the questions and concerns stakeholders may have and record all

feedback provided on the design. A number of one-on-one sessions were held with local businesses and property owners in the project area (Porter Promenade and Village Green), as well as a Community Drop-in Information Session which was held in the Village Green and was well attended by the local community.

Council also facilitated the first official meeting with the Community and Stakeholder Reference Group (CSRG), a group compiled of key stakeholder groups including business traders and operators, property owners, residents, community groups and the wider community. They will act as project champions and will use their local connections to gather further feedback on the design.

If you would like to view the concept designs and submit your feedback, visit <https://bit.ly/3qRW2fO> for more information.



# WARRINA LAKES PUMP TRACK GETS WHEELS



Warrina Lakes

STAGE One of the Warrina Lakes Community Parkland is set for delivery with the announcement of the Pump Track tender awarded.

Councillor Nick Pervan said the contract award to Far North Queensland company World Trail was an exciting step forward for the project. The recent Community Scorecard highlighted the community's desire for Council to prioritise Youth Services and activities.

Once constructed, Warrina Lakes will be activated as a youth hub and through the range of facilities available will cater to children of all ages, from primary school to late high school.

"Later this year, World Trail will be undertaking community consultation on the design of the pump track and will be engaging with interested community members to shape the final design."

To stay up to date, interested community members can register for project updates by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3rdpopf> and signing up to receive the latest news.

"Delivering the pump track as Stage One of the Warrina Lakes Community Parkland Master Plan will provide another attraction for this community space and compliment the popular mini rail, playground and parklands.

"The Warrina Lakes masterplan provides for development into the future to ensure a

multifaceted community space that can be enjoyed by locals and visitors.

"Stage One will lift the profile and increase visitation to Warrina Lakes and the region."

With the recently completed pump track in Cardwell receiving fanfare and excitement across the region, Councillor Pervan said that this project will continue to build on the region's development as a ride destination.

For more information on the Warrina Lakes Pump Track, please contact Council on 1800 708 903 or email [enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au).

## Further information

- At the April 2022 Local Government Meeting, Council endorsed the Warrina Lakes Strategic Master Plan (the Plan).
- The staged implementation of the Plan will be a matter for Council's further consideration, as part of its annual budget deliberations and delivery of its works and maintenance programs.
- The Plan will be used to apply for state and federal funding for individual projects within the Plan where available.
- The Warrina Lakes pump track (Stage One of the Plan) is anticipated to be open for use in early 2023, weather and site conditions permitting.

# A NEW CHAPTER (AND LOOK) FOR LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

BUSY hands and ingenuity by Cassowary Coast Libraries have helped improved collection placement and accessibility across branches in the region.

In response to helpful community feedback, Library team members have been busy strategically planning collections, while improving availability and accessibility.

Councillor Trudy Tschui said the recent Community Scorecard had provided valuable feedback in understanding community needs, with many responses indicating customers are pleased with current service levels. Helpful feedback is now being applied across the branches.

"Innisfail, Mission Beach, Cardwell and Tully have already implemented changes to improve ease of locating books, customer reservations, community languages (Languages Other Than English), and audiobooks.

"The Innisfail branch have moved romance, crime, and sci-fi novels to general fiction, helping customers locate their favourite authors in the one place. Adult fiction now sits in the centre of the library, with adult non-fiction along the wall, making the collections easier to browse.

"Cardwell has improved accessibility for customers with front-facing book displays at eye level, and shelving alterations refining the flow of genres. The use of wheeled

tables, made available by the new Service Development Subsidy Funding from State Library of Queensland, enhances public gathering space to accommodate community groups and library programs. This added community space opens up the accessibility of meeting rooms, which are available for hire.

"Tully has also rearranged shelves to accommodate more community spaces for quiet reading, providing comfortable spaces to access Wi-Fi for business or personal activities, and to encourage more involvement in current programs such as Thursday's First Five Forever Children Mornings.

"Customers will notice teams continuing to improve spaces and ongoing work on developing collections throughout the year. I encourage the community to pop into their nearest branch and explore the collections and services available," said Councillor Trudy Tschui.

To review all results from the Community Scorecard visit; <https://bit.ly/3BTW0dK>

Further information on Cassowary Coast Libraries programs, services, registration for events, and operating hours can be found online at:

[www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries). Alternatively, follow Cassowary Coast Libraries Facebook page.



Council libraries new look with space created for better public use.



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## Great Northern Clean-Up

LOOKING for something to do these school holidays? Join a Great Northern Clean-up group; or register a clean-up for your local area.

It's a great way to get out and about while also helping protect our local wildlife and keep our backyard looking beautiful. Council will offer assistance with the responsible disposal of collected rubbish at the registered event. Any rubbish collected at a registered Great Northern Clean Up event and dropped off at a Waste Transfer Station will not incur waste disposal fees.

To find your nearest clean up or to register a site visit:

[www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/gncu](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/gncu)



## \$200 WORTH OF BOOKS WON FROM GOOD READ MAGAZINE

CASSOWARY Coast Library member Jamie Van Haaren, has her reading cut out for her after she recently won \$200 worth of books from Good Reading Magazine through an online competition.

Good Reading Magazine is a free online resource available to Cassowary Coast Library members and allows members to browse monthly review, podcasts, book club recommendations, articles, and E-Mags for young readers.

Not a Library member? Sign up today to access this free online resource. Sign up via Cassowary Coast Libraries website [www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries)



Lucky book winner-  
Jamie Van Haaren

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REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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INNISFAIL SHIRE HALL  
10:00AM START

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at [trybooking.com/CBZAO](http://trybooking.com/CBZAO)

This event is proudly supported by Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

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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)

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