

# COMMUNITY CONNECT

One Coast - Cassowary Coast



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## IT'S TIME TO MAKE A FUSS NOMINATE A MATE THIS AUSTRALIA DAY

THE 2023 Cassowary Coast Australia Day Awards are now open, giving an opportunity for locals to recognise other members of the community who go above and beyond to build a more vibrant region.

The Cassowary Coast Region Australia Day Award program is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the achievements of individuals, community groups and organisations making positive contributions to our community.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council Mayor Mark

Nolan said each year it's an honour to celebrate the unique stories of our local community members whose selflessness and commitment, lighten the load for others.

"The awards are a special way to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of community members who take pride in their individual involvements and are well-deserving in recognition.

"Members of the Cassowary Coast can be recognised across categories including citizen of the year, community event of the year and cultural

award, to name a few," said Councillor Nolan.

Nominating a local inspiration has never been easier, simply complete the online form by visiting [yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/Australia-Day](https://yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/Australia-Day). All nominations must be received by 4:30pm, Friday 6 January, 2023.

Please review the category and entry criteria before completing the online nomination form to ensure the category is the best selection for your nomination.



Australia Day Award Recipients 2022

## WHAT'S ON

### Now Open – Australia Day Nominations

Nominate a local hero for the 2023 Australia Day Awards via [yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/Australia-Day](https://yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/Australia-Day)

### Now Open – Cassowary Coast Christmas Appeal

Want to donate to the Christmas Appeal, find out how via [yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/Christmas-Appeal](https://yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/Christmas-Appeal)

### Saturday 19 November – Kerry Boustead Meet and Greet – 9:30am

Join Innisfail library as they welcome Rugby League legend Kerry Boustead for his book launch. No registration required.

### Thursday 24 November – Ordinary Council Meeting – 9:00 am

Watch the Council Meeting Live Stream via [cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/live-stream](https://cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/live-stream)

### Sunday 4 December – Festival of Small Halls – 3:30pm

Festival of Small Halls returns to Innisfail with Inn Echo and Sam Buckingham and local artist Ash Binello. Tickets available: [festivalofsmallhalls.com/innisfail-2022](https://festivalofsmallhalls.com/innisfail-2022)

### Tuesday 6 December – Morning Melodies A Holly Christmas - 10:30am

Deck the Halls with BUDDY HOLLY and celebrate all that is Christmas. Tickets available [www.trybooking.com/BWDUF](https://www.trybooking.com/BWDUF)

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





## Book Launch – WETLANDS OF QUEENSLAND

THE *Wetlands of Queensland* book has recently been published.

The book is the product of a multi-year collaboration between the Wetlands team in the Environment and Heritage Policy and Programs Division of DES and the Queensland Museum. It shows the variety, beauty and complexity of the wetlands in Queensland, and how the plants and animals within them have evolved to thrive in the vastly different climate zones and landscapes within the state.

At nearly 450 pages, this richly illustrated publication includes more than 500 sensational images by Queensland Museum photographer Gary Cranitch from all parts of Queensland.

In addition to the text developed by the Wetlands team, almost 30 authors with expertise in various aspects of wetland ecology, contributed to the text to help readers understand why wetlands are such a critical component of our environment, the many ecosystem services they provide. Managing wetlands effectively involves balancing their many values to achieve the best outcomes for our society, our environment and our economy.

**Come along at 12pm on Tuesday 22 November at the Innisfail Library location, to hear Mike Ronan and Gary Cranitch give an insight into the book along with a slideshow of images. Photographic prints from the book will also be on display.**



Wetlands of Queensland Book Launch

## FIND YOUR NEXT CHAPTER – WITH LIBRARIES BOOKCLUB

CASSOWARY Coast Libraries are proud to share the success of their heart-warming program, Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC).

NCBC supports people with disabilities, connecting them through the enjoyment of sharing books in a community space.

After becoming an affiliate member in 2020, Council Library staff, volunteers and Councillors undertook training with the Next Chapter Book Club resources and have created a welcoming and comfortable space to guide participants through weekly activities, reading selected books and enjoying laughter and icebreaker jokes at the beginning of each session. Two clubs meet every week at the Innisfail and Mission Beach libraries.

Councillor Trudy Tschui, who volunteers her time to the Mission Beach NCBC, said it has been great to see the program strengthen and watch the inclusiveness of this club grow.

“As the mantra for the Book Club reminds us - it's not about learning to read, it's about reading to learn,” said Councillor Tschui.

Library team members who facilitate the Innisfail club have been amazed to watch the

immense improvement in all our members' reading abilities.

“One book club member presented as non-verbal in his first session, however since being involved in the program, can recognise and read several words. Each week he improves and brings so much joy to the library with a big smile, holding his head a little higher”.

Library staff feel that facilitating NCBC is one of the most enlightening and rewarding things they have been involved with, as they see participants continue to thrive through this weekly program.

Next Chapter Book Club has created friendships and connections which are proving to be strong and long, extending beyond the library into participants' social life. If you would like to become a part of The Next Chapter Book Club, as volunteer or participant, visit your local Cassowary Coast Library branch to find out more.

For more information visit, [www.nextchapterbookclub.org/](http://www.nextchapterbookclub.org/) or contact a friendly Cassowary Coast Library team member on 1300 366 616.



Innisfail Next Chapter Book Club members



Mission Beach Next Chapter Book Club members

## Regional Arts Development Fund Grants

APPLICATIONS are now open for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

If you are a local artist, organisation or creative business, grants are available to bring your ideas to life through RADF.

Applications for this funding round will close Monday 28 November 2022 and will be awarded January 2023.

Apply today: [cassowarycoast.smartygrants.com.au/](http://cassowarycoast.smartygrants.com.au/)



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## Cassowary Coast Christmas Appeal – Recipient Organisations

COUNCIL through the Cassowary Coast Christmas Appeal is helping to facilitate the fundraising of Christmas donations on behalf of community groups who offer support and wonderful services for our community year-round. The following organisations have been selected as the recipients for this year Christmas Appeal donations which will assist them to provide a variety of services and programs for the most vulnerable in our community.

### Cassowary Coast Uniting Church

Cassowary Coast Uniting Church ministers to people who are sometimes in their lowest point of life, in times of sickness, unemployment, when finances are tight. They offer financial support, but also offer spiritual support and psychological support. The organisation supports community members in Mission Beach, Tully and Innisfail. With the generous donations from the Christmas Appeal, this will assist their ability to aid community to have a better start to the year in 2023.

### Good Start Early Learning

Good Start Early Learning Centre delivers Early Education to currently 70 clients and families. The Cassowary Coast Christmas Appeal funds will help support children who are currently in foster care, vulnerable situations and low-income situations. They would also like to provide further support to these children and use the funds to distribute hampers to clients during the Christmas period.

### Global Care Local

Global Care Local provides initiatives supporting 97 local operations responding and providing unique forms of aid. Global Care has a heart of kindness and generosity and intrinsic focus on 'mates healing mates'. The donations from the Christmas Appeal will go towards food hampers for families in the Innisfail district.

### Tully Support Centre

Tully Support Centre provides support for individuals, families and community members experiencing domestic and family violence. Currently, Tully Support Centre provides support to 12,000 contacts across all services from Cardwell to Babinda. The funds donated during the Christmas Appeal, will provide financial assistance to families and support their children returning to school.

### Innisfail Youth and Family Care Inc

Innisfail Youth Centre Inc provides youth services as well as support for community members experiencing situations of homelessness and domestic violence. Innisfail Youth Centre currently offers support to 60 families as well as six young people in the Youth Shelter from Cardwell to Innisfail. The Cassowary Coast Christmas Appeal funds will provide hampers and vouchers to clients to help them through the Christmas period.

### Mission Beach Meals On Wheels

Mission Beach Meals On Wheels provides meals to elderly and vulnerable community members in the Cassowary Coast. The Mission Beach branch caters and supports 17 clients in Mission Beach and El Arish. The Christmas Appeal funds will assist Meals On Wheels with sourcing food items for recipients and vouchers for volunteers over the Christmas period.

### Tabernacle of Yeusha Assembly

The Tabernacle of Yeusha Assembly provides counselling support, food parcels, vouchers, transport support, family social support youth engagement and support for disengaged youth learners. The outreach service currently supports 51 families, 78 children, four disengaged students and 21 young adult males aged 17-25. The funds will increase their ability to support the families most disadvantaged during this holiday season.

### St Vincent De Paul Society

St Vincent De Paul Society provides services including food and toy hampers to those in need in the Cassowary Coast. Supporting 1,169 families over the previous month, it is expected this number will increase over Christmas. The Christmas Appeal will support St Vincent De Paul Society distribute food hampers and gifts for the many families needing a hand over the Christmas period who would otherwise be missed.

### Community Support Centre Innisfail

The Community Support Centre Innisfail provides community and family support including group programs, case management and family counselling to around 60 clients across the whole region. Cassowary Coast Christmas Appeal donations will help the Centre provide Christmas grocery vouchers to help the vulnerable families they work with.

For more information on Cassowary Christmas Appeal and how you can donate, and support please visit: [yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/christmas-appeal](https://yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/christmas-appeal)

## COUNCIL COMMENCES BIN OPTIMISATION PROGRAM

CASSOWARY Coast Regional Council is progressively undertaking a bin optimisation across our region. This program includes removing the existing 55-litre bins and installing 240-litre wheelie bins at strategic locations. The 240-litre bins will be installed on either a bin stand or in an enclosure, depending on the location.

The new 240-litre bins increase the capacity of waste which can be collected and enables Council to more efficiently streamline waste collection and improve on our current processes. The bins will be located at consistent and predictable locations that capture significant waste.

Environmental Portfolio Holder, Councillor Jeff Baines said refreshing the public bin network with fit-for-purpose infrastructure designed for the location is aimed at significantly reducing the associated safety and environmental risks whilst providing cost savings to Council.

"The adoption of Council's Reef Guardian Action Plan initiated a review of public bins across our region.

"With no cover to contain the waste, Council found the existing 55-litre open-top bins caused a number of environmental impacts including wind-blow litter,

debris from scavenging animals and rain washing the contents out of the bins.

"Council officers have also reported a number of occupational health and safety issues involving manual handling incidents caused when emptying the 55-litre open top bins, as they often contain water

"The newly installed 240-litre bins increase the capacity of waste available for collection and reduce the identified collection risks.

"I would encourage residents to take advantage of these public bins; and we sincerely appreciate everyone properly disposing of waste to prevent litter," said Councillor Baines.

To find out more about the Bin Optimisation Program including when and where the new bins will be placed please visit [yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/bin-optimisation-project](https://yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/bin-optimisation-project) or click: <http://bit.ly/3UVJkhF> online. The community also has the ability to submit suggestions on where bins may be better located to overall improve the bin locations for community use.

For further information contact Council at 1300 763 903 or email [enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au).



Bin enclosure located in Innisfail featuring art deco artwork.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND ONE - NOW OPEN

THE first round of Community Grants is now open, with grants available for up to \$5,000 in the areas of Community Wellbeing and Lifestyle, Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council's new Community Grants Program provides support for local community organisations that endeavour to make positive change and contribute to a vibrant community. Applicants are subject to eligibility criteria and must complete the relevant application with all

required documentation to be considered.

If you are unsure whether your organisation or event falls into the three categories, visit [www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/funding-grants](https://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/funding-grants) and read the Community Grants Guidelines which breaks down each category, including examples relevant to each category.

Alternatively, if you are ready to apply, visit: [www.cassowarycoast.smartygrants.com.au/](https://www.cassowarycoast.smartygrants.com.au/) - Council's newly adopted online grant management platform, which makes

grant applications and acquittals more accessible and simple for the community.

Council Officers are also available if you require additional support, or would like to talk through your options. Contact the Community Relations and Services Team to book an appointment by emailing:

[shared.CommunityRelationsandServices@ccrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:shared.CommunityRelationsandServices@ccrc.qld.gov.au)

**Submissions for the Community Grants Program Round One close at 5:00 PM 28 November 2022.**





## HELP SUPPORT KIDS GET BACK TO SCHOOL

UNSURE of what to do with old school uniforms or school supplies?

School Savvy Innisfail is currently seeking donations to make a difference to kids and families struggling to get back to school for 2023. Donate your good condition pre-loved school uniforms, shoes, backpacks, lunch boxes and stationery supplies to our School

Savvy Donation Points at Council locations:

- Innisfail Shire Hall Customer Service Centre
- Tully Civic Centre Customer Service Centre

A pop-up shop will be held Wednesday 18 January, 2023 10am - 2pm to get your child back to school ready.

For more information:  
[www.centacarefnq.org/school-savvy-1](http://www.centacarefnq.org/school-savvy-1)

## JOIN FOR AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

FESTIVAL of Small Halls is returning to the Innisfail Con Theatre this December. The show takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists performing at Australia's largest festivals and sends them out to rural towns and communities to perform in their unique halls.

This performance will showcase Inn Echo, one of the most unique and captivating groups to surface out of Atlantic Canada in

recent years and Sam Buckingham hailing from the Northern Rivers of NSW, a perfect balance of poetry and pop.

Local talent Ash Binello will also join the lineup for a perfect afternoon of music and community.

Tickets available:  
[festivalofsmallhalls.com/Innisfail-2022](http://festivalofsmallhalls.com/Innisfail-2022)

### SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES TO GET THEIR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL

with what they need

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INFORMATION

### Seeking Applications

**LIBRARY & CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER (CASUAL)**  
Applications close 5pm Monday, 21 November 2022

**CIVIL DESIGNER - ASSET ENGINEERING**  
Applications close 5pm Monday, 21 November 2022

**PLANT OPERATOR & PLANT OPERATOR - ASSET MAINTENANCE**  
Applications close 5pm Friday, 25 November 2022

**TECHNICAL OFFICER - ASSETS**  
Applications close 5pm Monday, 28 November 2022

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

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Coming to a Small Town Near You

## Festival of Small Halls

Inn Echo (CAN)

Ash Binello Local Artist

Sam Buckingham (AUS)

Summer Tour

THE CON THEATRE, INNISFAIL

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER, 3:30PM

A BAR WILL BE OPERATING. TICKETS \$25- ONLINE

[festivalofsmallhalls.com.au](http://festivalofsmallhalls.com.au)

16th November 2022 - 1st January 2023  
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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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