

Leaving Items on the Beach

Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas & Roads) 2022 Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2022

The beaches of the Cassowary Coast are known for their natural beauty. Visitors and residents of our region enjoy the spectacular scenery of our pristine sands and natural coastline. Items such as tables, chairs, small boats and other items left on our beaches and foreshore by residents and visitors to the region not only interrupt the beauty, but they can also create a hazard in high wind and tide events.

Taking personal items of furniture or equipment to the beach to enjoy while you are there is fantastic but leaving them behind is not acceptable. Please take them home with you when you leave the beach. The beach is for everyone to enjoy!

Some people have built structures on the beach and foreshores, these are also to be removed.

Council has a policy for the public, community groups and service clubs who would like to donate furniture for public open spaces. This policy is available on Council's website by visiting www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/regional-cemeteries.

In February 2023, Council will begin a clean-up of the furniture, equipment and structures left on the beach and foreshore at Wongaling Beach with other beaches to follow.

Items will be tagged to advise of intended removal and Council will commence removal of any items on the beach obviously not in immediate use approx. 14 days later. This should give owners of the items a chance to take their furniture or other items home. Removed items will be held for 30 days in a Council compound.

Owners can release impounded goods by payment of \$63 per item at a Council Customer Service Centre and collect goods at dates and times which will be advised.

Locations and opening hours of our Customer Service Centres can be found by visiting www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/our-council/contact-council.

To keep our beaches beautiful and free from hazards do the right thing:

Whatever you take to the beach, enjoy it and then take it home

Have a question?

Contact Council at 1300 763 903 or email enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au.