

Innisfail pathway renewal project set to commence

WALKING and riding will soon be easier in Innisfail thanks to a \$550,000 project that will renew five pathway sites across Innisfail.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council Councillor and Asset Sustainability portfolio holder Barry Barnes said that good pathways were important to ensure our residents and visitors had opportunities to walk or cycle for fun or exercise and provide further opportunities to explore Innisfail.

"Council manages footpaths across the entire Cassowary Coast region and planning for renewal of footpaths is an important part of Council's approach to asset sustainability, ensuring we are planning for community's needs within our annual and long-term planning and budgetary processes."

Councillor Barnes also said that the community

through the recent Community Scorecard told Council that the community considered local roads, pathways, and cycleways the number one priority for our region.

"Works are expected to commence this week and there will be detours in place for pedestrians and cyclists during works at each site. Signage will be in place to provide awareness of any detours.

"The project will help meet pedestrian and cyclist needs by connecting our roads to the Innisfail town centre, nearby public transport nodes, recreational spaces, and to assist pedestrians to traverse rough terrain."

Five sites across Innisfail will benefit from a renewal program to upgrade pathways, providing an improved user experience.

Site 1 – Bruce Highway – Railway Street to Goondi Hotel – approximately 75-metre-long concrete path renewal

Site 2 – Bruce Highway - Page Park to Commonwealth Hotel – approximately 130-metre-long concrete path renewal

Site 3 – Bruce Highway - Bus Stop near Bunnings to Gladly Street – approximately 80-metre-long exposed aggregate concrete path renewal

Site 4 – Bruce Highway – near the Council Depot – approximately 100-metre-long concrete path renewal

Site 5 – Mourilyan Road (behind East Innisfail State School) – approximately 85-metre-long concrete path renewal

The project is fully funded by Cassowary Coast Regional Council.



Footpath works commencing on Site 1.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Council officers will be holding sessions and be present at local markets on the following dates for the community to share their ideas on Council's Tully Banyan CBD Project and the Innisfail CBD Project. Come chat to us at the following sessions!

25 MARCH TULLY BANYAN PARK

Tully Markets - Banyan
9:00am to 12:00pm

The Banyan Park Project Team will be at the Tully Markets in the park to discuss the Banyan Park Beautification Project with the community. Drop by to share your thoughts.

26 MARCH INNISFAIL CBD PROJECT

Feast of the Senses Sunday Markets, Innisfail

The project team will be hosting a pop-up engagement session from 9:00am during the Feast of the Senses to gather ideas and aspirations of regular and first-time visitors to Innisfail. Drop in and say hello!

27 MARCH INNISFAIL CBD PROJECT

Community and Trader Workshop 2, Innisfail Library 7:00am - 9:00am

Following the completion of Workshop 1, the project team will provide you with an update on what we have heard to date regarding the Innisfail CBD Project.

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New Library Opening Hours

Innisfail, Mission Beach & Tully

Monday 10am to 5pm
 Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm
 Saturday 9am to 12pm

Cardwell

Monday 10am to 5pm
 Tuesday 9am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm
 Wednesday 9am to 5pm
 Thursday 9am to 5pm
 Friday Closed
 Saturday 9am to 12pm

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THE CCRC WATER PORTAL IS NOW LIVE

AS part of the Smart Water Meter project roll out, the CCRC Water Portal will provide further information to residents who have a smart meter installed on their property and assist in identifying hidden water leaks early, to minimise water wastage and help residents track and manage their water use. Smart Water Meters record your water use on an hourly basis and transmits this data to Cassowary Coast Regional Council. This data is now accessible to eligible customers via the CCRC Water Portal and gives a more detailed understanding of water usage patterns and helps identify any changes to water use.

Smart water meters enable Council to:

- respond more effectively to water consumption enquiries; and
- identify peak and off-peak water usage times and assist with managing pumping and infrastructure to reduce costs when less water is required.

To view this information visit CCRC Water Portal and register your details. Once registered, your account may take up to two business days to become active. Once active, residents can:

- detect potential leaks early by registering in the online portal and setting up leak alerts;
- develop strategies to reduce their water usage; and
- check their water consumption hourly, daily, weekly, monthly or yearly.

For more information regarding Smart Water Meters please visit:
www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/smartwatermeters
 Sign up to the CCRC Water Portal via
water.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au

Have your say on furniture replacements

WITH the current Beach Furniture Clean Up program being undertaken; Council wants to provide an opportunity to consider permanent structures as replacements in areas that matter to you and support residents and visitors who make use of our beach foreshore areas.

We want to hear from the community on where they would like to see benches and picnic tables installed. Works will commence in the coming months and continue into 2024. It's easy to have your say with by visiting Council's Your Say page.

Visit the Your Say Project Page:
yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/beach-foreshore-furniture

Do you have an idea that will help the community Reduce, Reuse and Recycle?

NOW is the time to turn that idea into reality with Council's Environmental Sustainability grants. As part of Council's Community Grants Program, up to \$5000 is available to kick-start your environmental project or initiative.

Application close soon, so visit
www.cassowarycoast.smartygrants.com.au/environmental

Community Grants Environmental Sustainability



Up to \$5,000 available for your environmental project or initiative.

BANYAN PARK BEAUTIFICATION

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is upgrading Banyan Park, including Lions Park, located at the entrance of Tully.

The Park currently has a combination of play equipment, a bus shelter, an undercover area, barbeque, seats and paths. Majority of the features within the Park require refurbishment or renewal. Whilst some assets of the park are iconic and will remain in place, such as the Golden Gumboot, Council wants your feedback to shape the future of Banyan and Lions Park.

Have your say
yoursay.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/banyan





Smooth drive for Tully residents with major works complete



Councillor Teresa Millwood with Murray Street in the background.

THE major \$1.87 million project to upgrade a key road in Tully is now complete.

Councillor Teresa Millwood thanked the community for their patience whilst these important works were undertaken.

"Murray Street is a key connector road in Tully. During previous wet seasons, the road would experience potholes, required frequent maintenance and had flooding issues. These works have renewed vital infrastructure, improved flood immunity by upgrading drainage, improved safety and access by undertaking intersection changes.

"Tully and the Cassowary Coast is growing, and our region needs the infrastructure and services to accommodate our current residents and to provide for future population growth.

"Creating jobs and supporting Cassowary Coast construction industry was another key focus of the project, with a number of local contractors and Council working together for delivery of the project; and Council would like to thank our staff and contractors for their contribution to the final outcome of this project."

Works undertaken include:

- Replacement/upgrade culverts.
- Installation of kerb and channel.
- Intersection upgrades.
- Renewal of pavement including the installation of asphalt.
- Replacement of the existing water main.

The Murray Street Upgrade project was jointly funded by the Australian Government and Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

Australian Government funding of nearly \$1.14 million was provided through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) and Roads to Recovery (R2R) programs, with Cassowary Coast Regional Council providing the remaining funding of \$730,714.

The LRCI program supports councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, while the R2R program improves safety, accessibility, economic and social outcomes by supporting the construction and maintenance of local roads.

Innisfail's driver reviver to trial new location

INNISFAIL'S locally driven driver reviver will trial The Con as a new location after the program closed statewide earlier this year.

In January, the driver reviver at Fred Drew Rest area, located north of Innisfail, was closed along with 22 other sites across Queensland.

Mayor Mark Nolan said the driver reviver is currently led by Queensland Police Service (QPS), in partnership with local volunteers and a necessary service to travellers passing our town.

"Driver reviver is great program and partnership between QPS and local community groups and combats one of the fatal five – driver fatigue.

"Upon hearing about the closure of the site, local community groups reached out to Council to see what solutions could be provided.

"As a short term solution and trial, Council has agreed for the Innisfail driver reviver to run out of The Con for the Easter school holiday period.

"I am happy this program can continue to run within our community," said Mayor Nolan.

Member for Hill Shane Knuth said he was very disturbed when the State Government announced the end of Driver Revivers in the Hill Electorate and across the state.

"I was in the process of launching a petition to save driver revivers because they are a safe place for drivers to pull over, prevents fatigue and saves lives.

"However, Cassowary Coast Regional Council, QPS and local community groups came up with a solution to trial driver reviver at The Con, which will also help bring people into Innisfail.

"We have gone through a number of processes to get here but this is a win win not only for the community but all road users."



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Movie night under the stars

A SERIES of free movie nights featuring family-friendly films will be held at the swimming pools in Cardwell, Tully and Mission Beach.

The whole family can enjoy the movie night under the stars at the below locations with films featuring:

- Saturday 8 April – Cardwell Swimming Pool – Shaun the Sheep: Farmageddon
- Saturday 15 April – Tully Swimming

Pool – Lightyear
 • Saturday 27 May – Mission Beach Aquatic Centre – Puss in Boots: The Last Wish.
 Food and drink will be available for purchase at each location.
 All children must be supervised by an adult for the duration of the movie to attend.
 This event is proudly supported and funded by Queensland Health.

KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School Holidays at the Library

<p>Innisfail</p> <p>Thursday 6 April 10.30-11.30am Must Be Magic Ages 5+</p> <p>Wednesday 12 April 10.30-11.30am Optical Illusions Ages 5+</p> <p>Tully</p> <p>Tuesday 4 April 2.30-3.30pm Optical Illusions Ages 5+</p> <p>Wednesday 12 April 2.30-3.30pm Must Be Magic Ages 5+</p>	<p>Mission Beach</p> <p>Tuesday 4 April 10.30-11.30am Magic Art Ages 5+</p> <p>Wednesday 12 April 2.15-3.15pm Escape Artist Ages 8+</p> <p>Cardwell</p> <p>Wednesday 5 April 2.00-3.00pm Escape Artist Ages 6+</p> <p>Wednesday 12 April 10.00-11.00am April Fool's Eyeglasses Ages 5+</p> <p>Thursday 13 April 2.00-4.00pm MOVIE "Strange World" Rated PG</p>
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Bookings Essential

PH: 1300 366 616

MAKERSPACE
& other fun activities available all holidays

Calling all Cassowary Coast creatives

ROUND 2 of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) closes on 20 April 2023. Funding exists for collaborative and innovative projects which create an interactive and vibrant arts sector on the Cassowary Coast.

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between state and local Government to invest in quality arts and cultural experiences across Queens-

land based on locally determined priorities.

RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers to support diversity and inclusivity; grow strong regions; and provide training, education and employment opportunities for Queensland artists and local communities.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for grants which will help in the pursuit and completion of their creative projects.

To apply or for more information on RADF Grants please visit www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/funding-grants

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RIDE SKILLS

CARDWELL PUMP TRACK

08

APRIL

8AM - 11AM

AGES

12-17

BYO BIKE SAFETY GEAR

Qualified coaches, basic jumping & pumping skills for beginner and intermediate skills

Required: Bike (BMX/MTB), bike helmet and closed in shoes.
Recommended: kneepads, long pants and socks.

Limited numbers: to participate you must register online with Ride Fundamentals. T & C's Apply, subject to change

REGISTER ONLINE FOR A SESSION

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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

Waste Transfer Stations locations and opening hours can be found by visiting: www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/transfer-stations

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