



**Cassowary Coast
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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Thank You Cassowary Coast

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to the Cassowary Coast community for your support and cooperation as the nation anticipated Jasper's move toward the coastline.

Our thoughts are with the small business community whose trade has been interrupted for several days this week and our neighbours in the north who copped the brunt of Jasper's arrival.

Cyclones are unpredictable. Using the best information at hand delivered by the Bureau of Meteorology as well as state and national authorities, our Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) issued warnings to keep people safe. Our community's safety is the LDMG's number one priority and guides its response.

The Local Disaster Management Group is made up of [Queensland Police Service](#), [Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - QFES](#), [Queensland Ambulance Service \(QAS\)](#), [Transport and Main Roads Queensland](#), [Queensland Health](#), [Housing for Queensland](#), and Council.

A special mention goes to the amazing people at [Innisfail S.E.S Unit](#), and the SES units in Tully, Mission Beach and Cardwell for your valuable role in emergency assistance.

Thank you. 🙏

Cyclone Season Preparedness - Pick up a free booklet

Jasper should serve as a strong reminder for Cassowary Coast residents to get ready for storm season with Council offering free Storm and Cyclone Guide booklets at Council customer service outlets.

Cassowary Coast Mayor Mark Nolan explained how getting ready can minimise damage to property and save time in an emergency.

"Understand your risk, make a plan and pack a kit," said Mayor Nolan.

“Being aware and prepared will ensure everyone in your household knows exactly what to do if they are impacted by storm or cyclone.

“This week’s event is a pertinent reminder of the risks we face here in the Cassowary Coast, and we urge residents not to leave their preparation to the last minute.”

[Read the Storm and Cyclone Guide](#)

Safety First: Council Kerbside Bin Collections in the approach of TC Jasper

A decision by Cassowary Coast Regional Council to suspend kerbside collection in Jasper’s approach was made with safety of community and workforce in mind as well as landfill conditions. Council assured residents that additional services are scheduled to make up for missed bin collections.

The elevation of advice from the Cassowary Coast’s Local Disaster Management Group late on Monday to ‘Watch and Act’ triggered a safety review of services by Council, leading to the decision to interrupt kerbside bin collection services for two days.

[Read why Jasper interrupted Council bin collection](#)

LIFTED: Level 1 Water Restrictions

A Level One Water Restriction that’s been in place for a month has been lifted thanks to recent rainfall from ex-TC Jasper.

Cassowary Coast Mayor Mark Nolan extended his gratitude to residents for their efforts to minimise water usage throughout the restriction period.

“Please continue being water-wise into the future,” Mayor Nolan said.

[Learn more about water restrictions and water saving tips](#)

Tully Caravan Park Revitalisation Attracts Record Visitation

An infrastructure upgrade and edible garden has breathed new life into Tully Caravan Park, attracting record visitation and reviews since it reopened in November 2021.

Celebrating its second year of operation since reopening, the Council-owned park almost tripled its occupancy of powered sites from 23% in June 2022 to 61% in July 2023, achieving a 4.3 star rating on Wikicamps.

[Read more about why people love Tully Caravan Park](#)

Walter Lever Estate Road Culvert Update

Culvert Replacement works along Walter Lever Estate Road are now completed. Replacing the six aged culvert crossings will improve both road safety and conditions but will also increase drainage flow.

The contractor will still be completing minor tidying works along Walter Lever Estate Road over the next few weeks.

We thank the residents and community for their patience whilst these works were completed.

[Read about Council's Culvert Replacement Project](#)

Council Christmas Closures

Council offices, libraries and depots will close from Saturday 23 December 2023, and re-open with usual operating hours on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

There will be no disruption to kerbside Rubbish Collection

Waste Transfer Stations will close Christmas day and open varying hours on public holidays.

The Mayor, Councillors and all team members at Cassowary Coast Regional Council wish the community a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2024.

[See Waste Transfer Station open hours over Christmas break](#)

Last chance to have Your Say on Proposed Local Law Amendments

Council has commenced consultation on proposed amendments to its Subordinate Local Laws as part of an annual review process.

The proposed amendments involve dog off-leash areas and animal management subordinate laws, as well as Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads.

[Learn more about the proposed Local Law amendments](#)

Reminder: Summer School Holiday Activities at Cassowary Coast Libraries

From digital workshops to animal encounters, movies and art sessions, imaginations will run wild this summer at Cassowary Coast Libraries.

Cassowary Coast Libraries is pleased to present its lineup of summer school holiday activities starting 11 December 2023, through to 19 January 2024. The free activities for kids of all ages are being held across all library locations including Innisfail, Mission Beach, Tully and Cardwell.

Bookings are essential.

[See the full line up of activities and movie features](#)

Extended: Nominations for Australia Day and Youth Sports Bursary

Due to disruptions to business caused by ex-TC Jasper, Council is pleased to extend its nominations to Thursday 21 December 2023.

See below for categories and links.



Now open... **GRANTS & AWARDS**

Australia Day Awards

Submissions close midnight 21 December 2023 (AEST)

- Achievement Award
- Arts and Culture Award
- Citizen of the Year
- Community Event / Project of the Year
- Community Group Award
- Excellence and Innovation Award
- First Nations' Fire Award
- Lifetime Contribution
- STEM in Education Award
- Service to Sports Award
- Sports Person of the Year
- Sustainable Environment Award
- Young Arts and Culture Award
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Young Entrepreneur/s Award
- Young Sports Person of the Year
- Young Sustainable Environment Award

[Find out more about Australia Day Awards](#)

Youth Sports Bursary Program

Submissions close midnight 21 December 2023 (AEST)

- Junior Sports Female (Age 8-12)

- Junior Sports Male (Age 8-12)
- Senior Sports Female (Age 13-18)
- Senior Sports Male (Age 13-18)
- Youth with a Disability Sports Person Male (Age 8-18)
- Youth with a Disability Sports Person Female (Age 8-18)

Find out more about Youth Sports Bursary Program

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COUNCIL OFFICES, LIBRARIES AND DEPOTS

All Customer Service Centres, Libraries and Depots will close commencing Saturday 23 December 2023, and re-open with usual operating hours on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

KERBSIDE RUBBISH COLLECTION

No disruption - collection as per normal service days.

SWIMMING POOLS

Please visit applicable swimming pool Facebook page or contact pool directly for holiday hours.

WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS OPERATING HOURS

Cardwell

CLOSED Christmas Day
CLOSED Tuesday 26 December.
OPEN Monday 1 January, 10am to 2pm. All other days follow normal operating hours.

Bells Creek

CLOSED Christmas Day
OPEN Tuesday 26 December, 10am to 2pm.
All other days follow normal operating hours.

Hull Heads

CLOSED Christmas Day
All other days follow normal operating hours.

Tully

CLOSED Christmas Day
OPEN Public Holidays Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January, 9am to 1pm.
All other days follow normal operating hours.

Murray Upper

CLOSED Christmas Day
All other days follow normal operating hours.

Stoters Hill

CLOSED Christmas Day
OPEN Public Holidays Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January, 9am to 4pm.
All other days follow normal operating hours.

Mission Beach

CLOSED Christmas Day
OPEN Public Holidays Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January, 9am to 1pm.
All other days follow normal operating hours.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

at the library

Innisfail Library

Kirigami Christmas Cards

Tuesday 12 December 10.00am (6+)

Festive Placemat Weaving

Tuesday 19 December 10.00am (6+)

Roaming Wild Animal Encounters

Tuesday 9 January 10.00am

Design Your Dream Place

Tuesday 16 January 10.00am (6+)

Mission Beach Library

Salt Dough Christmas Ornaments

Thursday 14 December 10.30am (session 1) &
Thursday 14 December 2.30pm (session 2)
(6+)

Digital Christmas Cards

Monday 18 December 10.30am (6+)

Canva Calendars

Friday 12 January 10.30am (6+)

Oil Slick Art

Tuesday 16 January 10.30am (6+)

Cardwell Museum & Heritage Precinct

Follow the Heritage Trail

Tuesday 16 January 10.30am (6+)

Cardwell Library

Girramay Traditional Weaving Workshop

Monday 11 December 10.30am (8+)

Papier Mache Workshop (part 1)

Monday 8 January 10.30am (6+)

Roaming Wild Animal Encounters

Wednesday 10 January 10.00am

Papier Mache Workshop (part 2)

Thursday 11 January 10.30am (6+)

Fun with Art

Monday 15th January 10.30am (6+)

Tully Library

Children's Christmas Morning

Thursday 14 December 10.00am

Salt Dough Christmas Ornaments

Thursday 14 December 2.30pm (5+)

Roaming Wild Animal Encounters

Thursday 11 January 3.00pm

Design Your Dream Place

Thursday 18 January 2.30pm (6+)

MAKERSPACE
available
all holidays!



Bookings Essential

PH: 1300 366 616

Scan the QR code for our events page
or visit www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries



ROAMING WILD ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

at the library

Innisfail Library

Tuesday 9 January
10.00am - 11.00am

Cardwell Library

Wednesday 10 January
10.00am - 11.00am

Tully Library

Thursday 11 January
3.00pm - 4.00pm



Bookings Essential
PH: 1300 366 616
All ages welcome to attend.



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