



**Cassowary Coast
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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Economic Recovery Hubs in Innisfail and Tully, 18 & 19 January

Flood-impacted Cassowary Coast businesses who need help accessing funding and support services in the wake of ex-TC Jasper, are encouraged to attend Economic Recovery Hubs in Innisfail and Tully [next week]

Council will host the Economic Recovery Hubs at Innisfail [location] on Thursday 18 January [time] and Tully [location] on Friday 19 January [time].

[See Council's directory of flood recovery support](#)

Infrastructure Grants inject \$93K to Cassowary Coast organisations

Ten community organisations will share in \$93,000 worth of Council grants that will improve infrastructure at clubhouses and sporting grounds throughout the Cassowary Coast.

With an overall project value of \$646,000, the grants will contribute to building improvements as well as field and amenity upgrades.

[See who received a grant](#)

\$1.4M Geraldton Bridge Restoration Commenced

Innisfail's iconic Geraldton Bridge will undergo a \$1.4 million facelift with the first stage of restoration commencing.

Geraldton Bridge connects the CBD of Innisfail with residents in Innisfail Estate, Flying Fish Point, and other nearby suburbs, with the scope of restoration to include cleaning, repairing concrete spalls, sealing and renewal of expansion joints.

[Learn more about Bridge Works](#)

Dive into Australia Day with Cassowary Coast Pool Party Events

Cassowary Coast community members are invited to dive in and splash out at free Australia Day Pool Party events being held across the region.

Cassowary Coast Mayor Mark Nolan invited the whole community to the annual event which includes free admission.

The Australia Day Pool Parties will be held on Friday 26 January 2024 at the following locations:

- Innisfail Memorial Baths- 10.00am to 2.00pm.
- Mission Beach Aquatic Centre- 10.00am to 2.00pm.
- Tully Pool Facility- 3.00pm – 7.00pm.
- Cardwell Pool Facility- 3.00pm – 7.00pm.

[Learn more about Australia Day celebrations](#)

Sasha-May and Thomas Flegler Recognised for International Sporting Achievements

Flegler cousins from Tully who have represented Australia in Netball and Rugby League in 2023 have been recognised by Council for their outstanding achievements in sport.

Playing for Australia in the 18 and Under Netball team of the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games Fast5 competition, Sasha-May Flegler became an inaugural champion when Australia won gold against South Africa.

Thomas Flegler's meteoric rise through the ranks of NRL in 2023 saw him represent Queensland in the State of Origin, and Australia in the 2023 Pacific Championships.

Cassowary Coast Mayor Mark Nolan presented them both with a plaque of recognition at the December Local Government Meeting in their home town of Tully, saying that it's not every year that a regional township of 3,000 people produces two international sports stars.

[Read more about why we love the Flegler cousins](#)

Kids go Wild at Cassowary Coast Libraries

Crocodiles, snakes, lizards and birds have taken over Cassowary Coast Libraries with kids going wild for an animal encounter activity which attracted a record crowd this week.

The first event of its kind to be held at the Libraries, Roaming Wild Animal Encounters entertained a captive audience of 120 people in Innisfail with further events receiving huge turnouts in Cardwell and Tully.

[Read about the Animal Encounters](#)

Story Cloth Donation pays Tribute to Hmong Community in Cassowary Coast

A piece of the Cassowary Coast's multicultural history has been preserved thanks to the donation of a Hmong Story Cloth to Cassowary Coast Library and Museum Services in Innisfail.

'Escape from Laos' was donated from the personal collection of Julianne Sweeney, an intricate cultural artwork embroidered on cloth depicting the Vietnam War. The piece was created by Innisfail resident Mrs Yong Yia Lor during her stay in a refugee camp in Thailand in the 1980s.

Ms Sweeney handed over the piece during a gathering of Hmong community members and James Cook University representatives in the Innisfail Library.

[Read more about the Hmong Story Cloth](#)

Community Christmas Appeal Raises Thousands for local Families

Community members and Cassowary Coast businesses were in the spirit of giving this festive season by donating to the 2023 Community Christmas Appeal. Innisfail Youth and Family Care and Tully Support Centre have both received donations to the value of \$1758.65 each.

Council thanks everyone for your generously contributions that will help spread some Christmas joy to those in our community

\$10,000 in GIVIT Flood Donations But Still More Needed

Of 182 separate requests fielded by council over the course of our Community Recovery Hubs, 55 of these requests have been matched with donations to the value of around \$10,000.00. This has included food, fuel, clothing and hardware vouchers, and offers to purchase white goods, kids bikes, cleaning supplies and gaming consoles like the one being donated in this picture. All of these donations have been made via the GIVIT website, from locals, organisations and generous benefactors from around Australia.

[Donate to the flood recovery through GIVIT](#)

Donations to School Savvy Pop Up Shop Being Received Until 16th Jan

Cassowary Coast Regional Council on behalf of Centacare FNQ has raised \$220 worth of vouchers for school supplies for [School Savvy FNQ](#). The goal was to raise enough for 100 uniforms for children and teens who have lost uniforms in the flooding. The School Savvy pop up shop will be open on the 16th of January at the Innisfail Shire Hall, with most items for sale for a gold coin donation.

Donations of school supplies and uniforms will still be accepted in the drop off bin at the Innisfail Shire Hall up until January 16.

[Learn More about School Savvy](#)

Port Hinchinbrook (One Mile Creek) Dredge Hydrographic Survey

A hydrographic survey of One Mile Creek is scheduled today (Friday 12) and Saturday 13 January. In line with Council investigations of alternative dredging options, this survey is specifically examining the option of sediment removal below 1,000 tonnes annually. The survey will inform future dredge management plans.

[Learn more about One Mile Creek Dredging](#)

Notice of Water Main Works- Silkwood Japoon Road, Silkwood

Cassowary Coast Regional Council wishes to advise that there may be interruptions to the water supply while Council's Contractors upgrade the nominated water mains within Council's water network between 10 January – 29 February 2024.

Council will endeavour to minimise possible temporary impacts but nearby residents may experience temporary impacts to traffic and access to kerbside parking, construction noise, disruption to driveway access, and loss of water supply.

[See Council's water interruptions](#)

Completion of New All-Abilities Toilets at Etty Bay

Visitors to Etty Bay will now have access to the new facilities on offer with the recently opened all-abilities toilet block.

Cassowary Coast Councillor for tourism Renee McLeod said this project represents Council's ongoing commitment to creating inclusive and accessible spaces for all individuals.

“Located next to the existing toilet and near the beach and caravan park, it ensures convenient access for individuals and their families or caregivers, promoting equal opportunities for the enjoyment of Etty Bay.”

[See the new block](#)

So You Want To Be A Councillor?

The 2024 Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 16 March 2024.

By becoming a councillor, or even just running for election, you can make a positive difference to your local community. Queensland’s councils need councillors and mayors that reflect the diversity of our communities.

In order to run, a candidate must complete the mandatory: So You Want To Be A Councillor training within six months of the nomination period commencing.

A one-hour face-to-face session will be held in Innisfail on 15 January 2024 to provide candidates information on the online training and an opportunity to ask questions in person. There's no need to RSVP, simply arrive at the venue at the designated time.

👉 **15 January from 6:00pm to 8:30pm**

👉 **Innisfail Disaster Management Centre, 11 Flying Fish Point Road, Innisfail.**

[Read more about the election](#)

Cassowary Coast Information for Business Flood Recovery - Do you need help?

CASSOWARY COAST

Information for Business Flood Recovery



DO YOU NEED HELP?

ECONOMIC RECOVERY HUBS

Flood-impacted Cassowary Coast businesses and sport and recreation clubs who need help accessing funding and support services in the wake of ex-TC Jasper, are encouraged to attend:

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY

1pm to 6pm

Tully QCWA Hall
5 Plumb Street

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY

8am to 1pm

Innisfail CCRC Disaster Coordination
Centre, 11 Flying Fish Point Road

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

ASSISTANCE RECOVERY GRANTS

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for affected small businesses following Tropical Cyclone Jasper, commencing 13 December 2023 to hire or purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace or repair damaged infrastructure and stock and other costs associated with the recovery process.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE LOANS

Up to \$250,000 for producers and small businesses and \$100,000 for not-for-profits to repair or replace damaged assets like plant and equipment, to repair premises, or to replace stock and maintain liquidity.

ESSENTIAL WORKING CAPITAL LOANS

Up to \$100,000 for producers, small businesses and not-for-profits to allow for the continuation of operations, including paying wages, rents or rates, purchasing items such as fuel, fodder and water, or for the transportation of livestock and produce.

FREE MENTORING FOR RECOVERY AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

Mentoring for Growth program offers businesses free access to industry experts from across Queensland who can provide insights, options and suggestions to help your business recover.

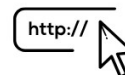
SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Businesses experiencing or at risk of experiencing financial hardship can access free, impartial and confidential support, including cash flow planning, budgeting and insolvency advice.

BUSINESS IMPACT SURVEY

The Queensland Government is connecting with business owners impacted by the recent natural disaster to identify what is needed most to help during this challenging time. Google 'Cyclone Jasper Business Impact Survey' to find the link.

APPLY:



grida.qld.gov.au



[1800 623 946](tel:1800623946)



business.qld.gov.au



[1300 654 687](tel:1300654687)

BUSINESS QUEENSLAND NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY

business.qld.gov.au/disaster | 1300 654 687

Find advice and resources to help you respond to, and recover from, a natural disaster including access to financial assistance and other support.

For a directory of support go to cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au

School Holiday Activities at the Libraries



Innisfail Library

Kirigami Christmas Cards

UPDATED DATE

Thursday 21 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

UPDATED DATES

Monday 18 December 10.30am (session 1) &
Monday 18 December 2.30pm (session 2) (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+)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS at the library

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



School Holiday Movies at the Libraries

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Movies at the library

INNISFAIL LIBRARY

Family Movie

Argonuts

Thursday 14 December 10.00am (G)

Teen Movie

The Flash

Friday 15 December 2.00pm (M)

Family Movie

Hotel Transylvania 4: Transformania

Thursday 18 January 10.00am (G)

Teen Movie

Transformers: Rise of the Beasts

Friday 19 January 2.00pm (M)

CARDWELL LIBRARY

Family Movie

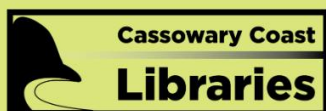
Super Mario Bros.

Thursday 14 December 10.30am (PG)

Teen Movie

**Dungeons and Dragons: Honour
Among Thieves**

Thursday 14 December 2.00pm (M)



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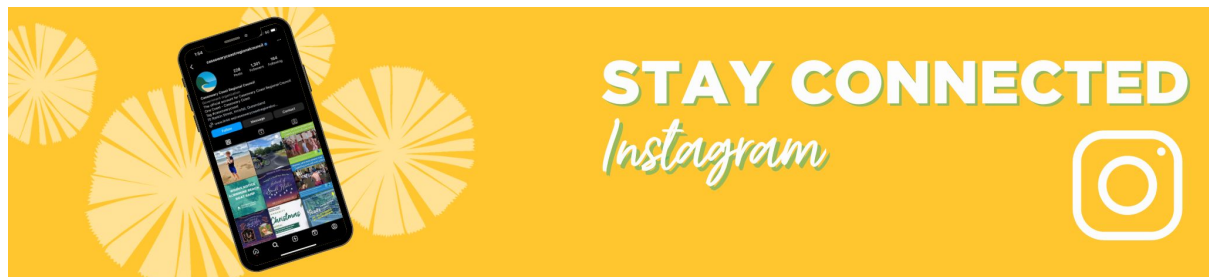
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