



**Cassowary Coast  
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

## **Cassowary Coast Community Connect E-News**



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### **Cassowary Coast Celebrates Australia Day**

The Cassowary Coast came alive this Australia Day with a series of celebrations to welcome new citizens, award the region's most dedicated, and party by the pool with free sausage sizzles throughout the region.

- 14 new Australians from 8 countries in citizenship ceremony
- 23 recipients of Australia Day Awards with Richard Graham named Citizen of the Year
- 4 Youth Sports Bursaries acknowledging outstanding achievements in sport
- 3 SES units and groups awarded a Mayor's Community Spirit Award
- 4 pool parties across the Cassowary Coast with free entertainment and sausage sizzles

[See the full list of Australia Day Award recipients](#)

## **Team Up with Mother Nature by Helping Mould Warrina Lakes Nature Play Design**

A nature playground where imaginations can run wild is the next planned instalment for Warrina Lakes Community Parklands. With design concept elements from embankment slides to fossil digs and cargo net climbing, the Cassowary Coast Regional Council is inviting the community to share which features they'd most like to see.

The new \$780,000 Nature Play Area will be an exciting new playground for families and visitors to enjoy. Council is eager to hear which elements in the design concept are most exciting – the feedback will play a pivotal role in what the final playground looks like.

[Have your say on Warrina Lakes Nature Play](#)

## **Fur friends to celebrate additional dog off-leash areas**

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 dog off-leash areas](#)

## **\$15M Mission Beach Revitalisation Tender Endorsed by Council**

A \$15 million construction contract will progress to negotiations with a preferred tenderer for the Mission Beach Town Centre Revitalisation endorsed by Council at the January 2024 Local Government Meeting.

With the project planning dating back to 2021, Council accepted the tender as submitted by RMS Engineering & Construction Pty Ltd for the body of works.

[Learn more about Mission Beach Town Centre Revitalisation](#)

### **Morning Melodies premieres in 2024 with a tribute to Doris Day in March**

Community members are invited to go on a ride down memory lane on Tuesday 12 March with Australian Country Music legend Melinda Schneider performing Morning Melody 'A Farewell to Doris Day' at the Innisfail Shire Hall.

Self-proclaimed as Doris Day's biggest fan, Melinda has recorded two albums of Doris' songs, and co-written and starred in a theatre show based on Doris' life.

[Read more about A Farewell to Doris Day](#)

### **Cassowary Coast first North QLD council to investigate bypass system for coastal erosion**

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 foreshore protection](#)

### **Registrations open for rates consultation information sessions**

Recommendations and findings from the Cassowary Coast Rating Advisory Committee (RAC) was published with community members invited to have their say.

The Rating Advisory Committee (RAC) was formed in June 2023 and was led by an independent facilitator to review Council's current rating structure, providing recommendations for future general rates. Cassowary Coast Regional Council will host a series of information sessions in March to discuss the RAC recommendations and answer questions submitted through the registration process.

[Register to attend the rates consultation events](#)

### **Geraldton Bridge, Innisfail - temporary change to traffic conditions**

Starting from Monday through Wednesday 7 February, the Geraldton Bridge Restoration Project will recommence.

In the interest of safety, a single lane closure will be in place from 6:00pm to 6:00am to facilitate works. Traffic will be maintained in both directions under traffic control, with minor delays anticipated.

Daytime operations are scheduled for the bridge walkway and footpath underneath the bridge on the Flying Fish Point Road side, ensuring full accessibility for vehicles and pedestrians remain in place during peak travel times.

Night activities will focus on areas previously inaccessible by barge, including sealing and concrete repairs of segments of the underside of the bridge.

We anticipate low noise levels during these activities, with the contractor committed to minimising noise impacts.

We appreciate your patience as we work to enhance community infrastructure. For more information, please visit the project page

### **[Notice of Water Main Works - Mission Beach Caravan park](#)**

Council wishes to advise Contractors will be upgrading the nominated water mains within Council's water network at the Mission Beach Caravan Park between Monday 29 January - Thursday 29 February 2024.

There may be interruptions to the water supply whilst works are undertaken. Council endeavour to minimise possible temporary impacts.

[Learn more about water main works at Mission Beach Caravan Park](#)

### **[Notice of Water Main Works - Charles Street Intersection](#)**

Cassowary Coast Regional Council wishes to advise Council's Contractors will be upgrading the nominated water mains at the Charles Street Intersection of the Bruce Highway Innisfail between Tuesday 23 January – Thursday 29 February 2024.

[Learn More about Charles Street water works](#)

### **Blackman Road, Warrami Floodway Remediation Works**

Recent weather conditions have caused a change in our projected timeline for the Blackman Road Floodway Remediation Works. Despite the challenges experienced,

our contractor has been back on site since Monday 8 January and the revised completion date is now end of February.

We will keep you updated on our progress and appreciate your understanding during the unforeseen weather-related delays.

### **Warrina Lakes Car Park Upgrade Back on Track After Rainy Roadblocks**

After delays caused by TC Jasper and heavy rainfall, we are pleased to advise that our team are back on site as part of the Warrina Lakes Car Park Upgrade.

The new concrete path, which will run alongside the pump track and proposed nature play area, has been poured last week . When the weather permits we will be able to lay the asphalt and complete line marking. We are planning for works to be completed by end of January, subject to weather and site conditions.

The \$200,000 carpark upgrade project has been funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program.

### **Port Hinchinbrook (Cardwell) STP Temporary Change in Working Hours**

As works continue for construction of the Port Hinchinbrook (Cardwell) Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP), safety remains our top priority. Due to the current heatwave conditions, there have been changes in the site working hours to ensure the health and safety of the site workers.

On Wednesday 31 January, Thursday 1 February, Monday 5 February and Tuesday 6 February works will commence from 2.30am.

On Friday 2 February, Saturday 3 February and Wednesday 7 February works will commence from 6.00am.

To minimise impacts for nearby residents, the contractor has implemented measures aimed at reducing noise levels. This includes only having essential staff on site during the earlier start times; and activities that produce loud noise such as cutting concrete blocks, are planned for regular site hours. Mains powered lighting will be utilised, to eliminating the need for generator-powered lighting.

[Read more about Port Hinchinbrook STP](#)



Cassowary Coast Library & Museum Services

# Then & Now

ONLINE PHOTO EXHIBITION



- Recreate an old photo to show how our community has transformed (tip: use a local history photo available on our website)
- Post your 'Then' and 'Now' photos on Facebook and tag us using #FFCCL and @cassowarycoastlibraries

**Submissions close: 26 February**

Please note: by participating in the Then and Now Challenge you confirm you hold copyright of posted photos and give permission to Cassowary Coast Libraries to use the photos.



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@cassowarycoastlibraries  
#LibrariesTransform



# e-Library Workshops

Unlock your library card  
and learn how to use  
our Library apps!

**Innisfail Library** 1.00pm Tuesday 13 February

**Cardwell Library** 10.30am Wednesday 14 February

**Mission Beach Library** 2.15pm Thursday 15 February

**Tully Library** 10.00am Friday 16 February



Book your place now. Phone 1300 366 616  
or scan the QR code for our events page.







# eReview COMPETITION

The competition is ON for  
Cassowary Coasts best review  
of an e-book or e-audiobook!

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our Borrow Box or Libby apps.

- Find the item on the library catalogue and click: *Add Review*
- Select a star-rating, then add your book review to the comments and continue.
- Leave the rest to us!



**Competition Closes: 24 February 2024**



[cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/libraries)



# All Abilities Movie

*Day*

Innisfail Library

**Wednesday  
14th  
February**

**BYO Lunch  
12pm**

**Free  
Entry**



**10.00am**

**Session 1**

**Champions**

**1.00pm**

**Session 2**

**Champions**



**Bookings Essential**

**PH: 1300 366 616**

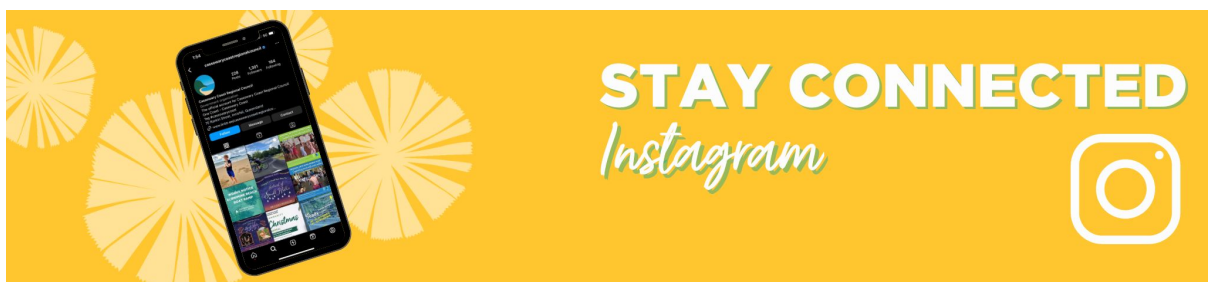
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