

# Cassowary Coast Community Connect E-News



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### Cassowary Coast Welcomes New Council and First Female Mayor

Cassowary Coast Regional Council welcomed the region's first female Mayor Teresa Millwood and nominated its Deputy Mayor Nicholas Pervan at this morning's post-election meeting held in Innisfail.

Alongside the declaration of office for Mayor Millwood were new Councillors Peter Reed (Division 1) and Ellen Jessop (Division 2), as well as returning Councillors Trudy Tschui (Division 3), Nicholas Pervan (Division 4), Jeff Baines (Division 5) and Renee McLeod (Division 6).

Mayor Millwood congratulated her fellow Councillors on their appointments and said she's looking forward to working with Council to deliver priorities for the community.

"We need to get back to essential services and provide value for money so that our community is satisfied that they're receiving the services they're paying for," Mayor Millwood said.

[Read More Here](#)

### New Study Hub Brings Higher Education to Innisfail

The Cassowary Coast region is poised for a significant advancement in higher education accessibility with the announcement of funding for a regional university study hub in Innisfail, spearheaded by community-based organisation Vocational Partnerships Group (VPG).

Innisfail will soon be among the proud hosts of ten new Regional University Study Hubs across Australia, after a \$16 million investment from the Federal Government aimed at providing more students from small towns access to tertiary education.

Maryanne Tranter, VPG Chief Executive Officer, expressed her elation at the announcement.

"This is an incredibly exciting time for the Cassowary Coast community.

"With the establishment of this study hub, locals will have the opportunity to pursue their higher education dreams confidently, knowing that they have the support and resources readily available to help them achieve their academic goals."

[Read More Here](#)

### Construction of Revitalised Mission Beach Town Centre to Commence

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is pleased to announce that construction is scheduled to commence in April 2024 on the Mission Beach Town Centre Revitalisation Project. It is envisaged that this project will transform the Mission Beach town centre through infrastructure roads, drainage, landscaping, and lighting.

The construction contract has been awarded to RMS Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd. Construction is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2025.

The \$18.98 million Mission Beach Town Centre Revitalisation Project includes the upgrade of ageing stormwater infrastructure and redevelopment of the Mission Beach Village Green and adjacent Porter Promenade.

[Read More Here](#)

### Event Recap: Mission Beach Revitalisation Construction Announcement

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Mission Beach Project Team's announcement of construction event which was held at @The Garage Bar and Brewhouse last week.

It was fantastic to see so many traders and operators of Mission Beach come together to celebrate this exciting milestone.

Here's a quick recap of the event:

Traders and operators had the opportunity to meet our Contractors and Council's team who are delivering the project.

Attendees got a sneak peek at the artist's impressions of the final design, igniting excitement for the future!

Insights were shared about the staging of the works, ensuring everyone is informed and prepared for what's to come.

Everyone is encouraged to stay up to date with project news ensuring transparency and collaboration every step of the way.

[See Facebook Post](#)

#### Exciting News for Kurrimine Beach families and visitors!

The wait is over!

Council's open spaces team has recently installed a new playground at Taifalos Park, Kurrimine Beach.

We had to say goodbye to the outdated equipment and hello to a new playground that is safe and ready to spark imagination and laughter!

[See Facebook Post](#)

#### Reports of Croc Sighting at Kurrimine Beach

The Department of Environment and Science have advised Council that Wildlife Officers have deployed sighting signs after recent reports of approx. 3m saltwater crocodile was spotted in Kurrimine Beach.

Sightings have been reported near the Maria Creek boat ramp and along the beach foreshore.

See below for ways you can report croc sightings:

- QWildlife app ( you can also view reported and targeted crocodiles through the app)
- Report sighting online <https://cutt.ly/Sw93xWfQ>
- Call 1300 130 372

No waterway in Northern Queensland can ever be considered crocodile-free.

<http://www.qld.gov.au/.../living-with/crocodiles/becrocwise>

See Facebook Post

### Sand Nourishment Project Halfway Mark South Mission Beach

South Mission Beach is half way through its sand nourishment program with 3,600t of sand recently transferred to site offering valuable protection to the foreshore during recent king tides.

An added bonus is that nature gave us a helping hand in naturally compacting and re-settling the new sand to offer our community a newly nourished beach.

The remainder of the works will soon commence with an overall 6,250t of sand to be delivered for this program.

See Facebook Post

### No. 6 Branch Road Closure on behalf of MSF

Council wishes to advise on behalf of MSF, No 6 Branch Road will undergo a temporary closure for approximately 10 weeks, from April 9th to June 21st, 2024.

During this period, there will be a full road closure with a single-lane side track under Give Way Signage to facilitate the replacement of the rail crossing on No.6 Branch Road.

The Speed limit will be reduced to 40km/h for the safety of the community. Please travel with caution and be mindful of the signs in place.

[View Road Closure Map Here](#)

## COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

**APPLY NOW**

**CLOSES 7 APRIL 2024**



**Cassowary Coast  
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

PROGRAM STREAM	APPLICATION EXAMPLES	FUNDING AMOUNT AVAILABLE
<u>Environmental Sustainability</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eco Events</li><li>• Community Garden Initiatives</li><li>• Waste, Recycling or Reduction Projects</li><li>• Environmental Monitoring</li><li>• Conservation initiatives</li><li>• Environmental Education Projects</li></ul>	Minor Projects Up to \$2000 Major Projects Up to \$5000
<u>Community and Economy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sporting Events</li><li>• Physical Activity Classes</li><li>• Peer Support Groups</li><li>• Neighbourhood Groups</li><li>• Workshops and Classes</li><li>• Events providing economic outcomes</li></ul>	Minor Projects Up to \$2000 Major Projects Up to \$5000
<u>Sports and Recreation Club Insurance Support Program</u>	Any local sporting club or active recreation club that pays public liability insurance outright or through its associated affiliate eg Football Queensland, Tennis Queensland	\$250 towards Public Liability Cost

**Community Grants and Support Program - APPLY NOW**



# MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

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**SUNDAY 28 APRIL - Innisfail  
Con Theatre  
6:15 PM DOORS OPEN  
7:00 PM START**

**TICKETS \$30PP  
BOOKINGS VIA  
[trybooking.com/COSGW](http://trybooking.com/COSGW)  
Drinks and snacks available to purchase**

Show Warnings:  
Performances often contain coarse language, adult themes, sexual references and material that may offend. The show is recommended for people aged 15 years or older.  
Smoke Machine/Hazer may be used during this performance. Brief lockout for late arrivals.



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Cassowary Coast Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland



[Book Tickets Now](#)

## Get Crafty and Creative this school holiday at Cassowary Coast Libraries

Cassowary Coast kids are invited to unleash their inner artist at local libraries this school holiday.

Free and fun school holiday workshops are being held across Cassowary Coast Libraries, as well as Creation Stations, Makerspace activities, and games.

Bookings are essential by calling Cassowary Coast Libraries on 1300 366 616

Thursday 4 April 10:30am Felt Wall Banner Mission Beach Library

Thursday 11 April 10:30am String Pull Art Cardwell Library

Thursday 11 April 10:30am Paint-a-Pot Innisfail Library

Thursday 11 April 2:30pm Leaf Art Tully Library

Book Online Now

# School Holiday

## ACTIVITIES

### Mission Beach Library

Felt Wall Banner

Thursday 4 April - 10:30am  
(Age 6+)

### Cardwell Library

String Pull Art

Thursday 11 April - 10:30am  
(Age 6+)

### Innisfail Library

Paint-a-Pot

Thursday 11 April - 10:30am  
(Age 6+)

### Tully Library

Leaf Art

Thursday 11 April - 2:30pm  
(Age 6+)

## CREATION STATIONS

Available in branch - every day!

*Makerspace*  
available all holidays!



Bookings Essential

PH: 1300 366 616

Scan the QR code for our events page  
or visit <https://cassowary.spydus.com>



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