

Cassowary Coast Community Connect E-News



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Kerbside recycling coming to the Cassowary Coast

The Cassowary Coast will soon commence best practice waste management with the introduction of a new kerbside recycling collection service to be implemented across the region.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is looking to transition its current waste separation system with 240L yellow lidded 'recycling' and 140L red lidded 'mixed general waste' bins in the coming 2024/25 financial year.

The announcement follows a Special Meeting held on Thursday 11 April where Council endorsed the CEO to commence negotiations for a new collection and transfer services contract with preferred vendor JJ Richards and Sons from August 2024.

[Read FAQs about the new kerbside collection service](#)

Foreshore planning is underway for Kurrimine and Cowley Beaches

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is developing a Foreshore Management Plan (FMP) for the Kurrimine and Cowley Beaches. The Foreshore Management Plan aims to integrate existing plans and strategies, offering a comprehensive approach to guide future land-based activities, enhance coastal resilience, and improve both community and environmental outcomes.

[Have your say on the Kurrimine and Cowley Beaches Foreshore Management Plan](#)

Geraldton Bridge Restoration advances to stage two

Commencing on Monday 8 April, the works will primarily focus on essential bridge maintenance, particularly targeting the expansion joints. This maintenance involves precise attention to the bridge's key structural elements, including the piers and girders, with a critical emphasis on replacing specific arrangements to uphold the bridge's integrity.

The anticipated timeline for this maintenance is approximately three weeks, pending favourable weather conditions and site readiness. To minimise disruption to the local community, work will be conducted at night on Monday to Thursday from 8 to 24 April, 6:00pm to 6:00am. Traffic management measures will be implemented to ensure safe passage for motorists, with the bridge operating under single-lane closure during this period.

[Read More About Council's Bridge Restoration works](#)

Fish frames a dangerous boat ramp feed

Fishers who discard fish frames and bait at boat ramps in Croc Country are attracting crocodiles and putting themselves and the lives of other people at risk.

Wildlife officers from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) have installed three recent crocodile sighting warning signs at the Maria Creek boat ramp at Kurrimine Beach on the Cassowary Coast.

Director Northern Wildlife Operations Lindsay Delzoppo said DESI had received three sighting reports in recent weeks of a three-metre crocodile hanging around the boat ramp and eating discarded fish frames.

[Read the media release here](#)

Water main replacement work - Mars St to Geddes St, Tully

Council will be commencing the replacement of the water main along Mars Street to Geddes Street starting on Monday 8 April 2024. This project is estimated to take 6 to 8 weeks, subject to weather conditions.

The affected area includes:

- Mars and McQuillen Street intersection
- Mars/Brannigan Streets intersection
- Geddes Street

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time.

Cassowary Coast participates in global partnership to support climate smart asset management

Thanks to the support of the Australian Water Association and the Federal Government's Australian Water Partnership program, Cassowary Coast Regional Council is participating in a partnership program with Vietnam to help support a resilient and climate-smart global water sector. The partnership enables two-way knowledge and skills transfer in areas such as:

- Climate resilient water management
- Climate smart asset management
- Incident management and response to climate change related emergencies

Participating in this program is at no cost to Council and allows us to share our knowledge and experiences with Vietnam's water sector in a collaborative effort towards a climate resilient future.

[See Facebook Post](#)

Unsealed Road Maintenance

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is responsible for maintaining over 514 km of unsealed roads and has annual budgets of approximately \$1.8 million dedicated to unsealed road re-sheeting and 1.6 million on maintenance grading. Unsealed roads are a highly dynamic asset as the condition of the road can change rapidly due to traffic movement, weather, and variability in terrain. Soil types and gravels also add to the complexity of maintaining unsealed roads.

Council has four grading crews that are used for maintenance grading, re-sheeting, and road reconstruction works. We also regularly hire contractors to supplement our fleet.

To learn about works conducted or being planned for unsealed roads near you, see Council's "Unsealed Road Report" which is published on our website each week.

[See the Unsealed Road report](#)

Tropical Cyclone Jasper: Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in Cassowary Coast

QRA officers are being deployed for the first follow-up damage assessments on properties impacted by disasters over the summer period.

Starting this week, Damage Assessment and Reconstruction Monitoring (DARM) teams will be in the Cassowary Coast door knocking homes and businesses damaged by ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

Officers will check on recovery progress and talk to affected residents to collect information on property damage, repairs, insurance matters, and residents' ability to access financial and personal support where required.

The data captured will be shared with local councils and government agencies to provide ongoing support where possible and inform planning for future disasters and current advocacy needs.

[Read the QLD Govt. media release](#)

Lest we forget... ANZAC Day on the Cassowary Coast

Cassowary Coast Regional invites all residents and visitors to ANZAC Day commemoration services which will be held across the region on Thursday 25 April 2024.

- Innisfail RSL Dawn Service, 5:25am at Jack Fossey Park cenotaph
- Innisfail RSL Morning Service, 9:30am at Jack Fossey Park cenotaph
- El Arish RSL Dawn Service, 4am assemble at the community hall, 4:20am parade moves to the El Arish cenotaph
- Tully RSL Dawn Service, 5:30am at Tully Leagues Club
- Tully RSL Morning Service, 9:40am assemble at Mitre 10 Butler St for parade
- Cardwell RSL Dawn Service, 5:45am at the Cardwell cenotaph
- Cardwell RSL Morning Service, 10:45am at the Cardwell cenotaph
- Kurrimine Dawn Service, 6am at Kurrimine Beach



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Morning Service: 9:30 am - Cenotaph, Jack Fossey Park

El Arish RSL

Dawn Service: 4:00am assemble at the Community Hall,
4:20am parade moves off to El Arish Cenotaph

Tully RSL

Dawn Service: 5:30am - Tully Leagues Club
Morning Service: 9:40 am - assemble at Mitre 10, Butler Street

Cardwell RSL

Dawn Service: 5:45am - Cardwell Cenotaph
Morning Service: 10:45 Cardwell Cenotaph

Kurrimne Beach

Dawn Service: 6:00am - Kurrimine Beach

We're here to help!



30 MINUTE ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS

Tully Library

Every Monday

Bookings between 10.30am -
12pm

Innisfail Library

Every Tuesday

Bookings between 9am - 11am

Cardwell Library

Every Monday

Bookings between 2pm - 4pm

Mission Beach Library

Every Thursday

Bookings between 2pm -
3pm

& Friday

between 10.30am -
11.30am



Bookings Essential - Please phone 1300 366 616
or ask a staff member today.

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Acknowledgement

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