

## Australian Fishing Championships to hit Hinchinbrook waters

The Australian Fishing Championships (AFC) Barra Series and AFC Footy Series will once again take place in the Shire later this week.

A combination of the best Australian Barramundi anglers, NRL players and Australian Cricketers whom have a passion for angling will be competing for their respective coveted titles. With the awesome action being filmed in Hinchinbrook waters, from the spectacular Herbert River Gorge to open waters on Thursday and Friday.

I encourage people to come along to the TYTO Precinct at 4.00pm Friday 25 October to attend the AFC Awards. Enjoy a BBQ with the best Australian Barramundi anglers, NRL players and Australian Cricketers, including Ben Hampton and Andrew Symonds and watch as the Champions are announced. There

will also be a chance to check out the AFC boats on display.

Having part of the International Fishing Series hosted in the Hinchinbrook Shire really puts us on the World stage when it comes to being a destination for keen anglers and their families.

For further information on the series, visit Council's website, *Latest News* page.

To RSVP for the AFC Awards, please phone 4776 4618.

### Senate Inquiry – Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas

I recently had the opportunity of appearing before a Federal Government Senate Committee inquiry into *Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas*. Council has submitted that current Government policy on environmental permit processing is not only causing loss and

damage to existing industry, but is also driving away support and investment appetite for new industry in the district. Examples put forward included inability to clear long standing existing drains through mangrove for flood relief; uncertainty of scientific opinion on effect of agricultural practices on coastal areas; overzealous interpretation of legislation governing proposed development adjacent to marine areas, particularly in circumstances where studies conclude no significant residual risk.

### Local Government Association of Queensland Conference

Last week Cr Mary Brown and I attended the Local Government Association of Queensland conference held at Cairns where all 77 Queensland Councils were represented. Many matters of con-

cern to all Councils were discussed and Council has placed the motions deliberated upon by the assembly on our web site for your viewing if desired.

Matters of immediate significance included lobbying the State Government and the Electoral Commission of Queensland to introduce measures to reduce increases in election costs.

Local Government elections, due in March 2020, are run by the Electoral Commission. An estimate of cost provided to Council and which Council must pay the Commission for 2020 is \$125,674. Total cost for the 2016 election was \$54,408. Rest assured that Council is challenging the estimate.

### Flying Foxes

Council continues to seek information on what progress the \$900,000

State funded Flying Fox Advisory Committee investigations has made on determining solutions to current roost issues. Fresh direction regarding relocation and roost re-establishment actions and techniques are urgently needed.

Talk about trials and techniques are still ongoing and no change to the current situation or legislation has been forthcoming.

It aggrieves me to say that we remain powerless to take any affirmative action to relieve the pain and nuisance our community is suffering. What is abundantly evident is that the problem is becoming bigger and bigger all over Australia.

### Book Presentation – Commander Eric Feldt

On **Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 10.00am** Dr Betty Lee will be presenting her book 'Right Man,

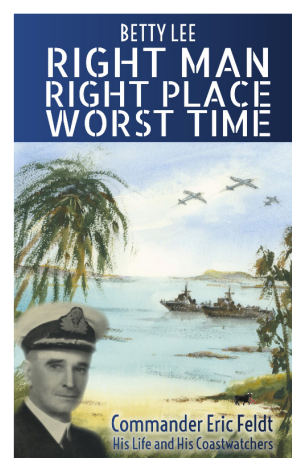
Right Place, Worst Time' to the Hinchinbrook Shire Library.

This book is about an Ingham born Australian hero, Commander Eric Feldt who was the instigator and head of the Coastwatchers, a group of heroes during WW2.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this presentation.

*Ramon Jajo*

Mayor



**Council is excited to be undertaking further community consultation for Infrastructure and Facility Enhancement across the Shire in addition to Council's 2020-2024 Corporate Plan. Proposed dates include 13, 14 and 15 October 2019. Further information will be published next week.**



### Community Activity Grant Applications Open

Community Activity Grants provide funding to not-for-profit organisations, supporting self-sustainable activities, events and individual national sporting achievements.

Take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit your sponsorship application regarding community activities and events occurring between **1 January 2020 and 31 March 2020**.

For more information, please visit Council's website, *Grants and Funding* page.

**Applications close Monday 28 October 2019.**



**AUSTRALIAN FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## KIDS FISHING ACADEMY

**WHERE**  
TYTO Conference and Event Centre,  
73-75 McIlwraith Street, Ingham

**WHEN**  
Friday 25 October 2019

**TIME**  
Session One: 7.00am  
Session Three: 3.30pm  
Session Two: 9.00am  
Session Four: 5.30pm

**WORK STATIONS**  
Cast net throwing  
Knot tying  
Lures and soft plastics  
Casting a rod  
Fish identification and size limits  
Tournament Boat Electronics

**BOOKINGS**  
Bookings are essential  
To make a booking please contact the Regional Event Coordinator via email [events@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au](mailto:events@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au) or phone 4776 4618.

**FREE EVENT**



Join us for the *North Queensland Sportstar Awards* and Gala Dinner to recognise the achievements of our outstanding North Queensland Athletes across all sports.

Hear the inspirational story of Special Guest Mark Knowles OAM who is celebrated for his extensive hockey career. Mr Knowles has played over 324 games for Australia including Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and World Cups.

**Date:** Saturday 2 November 2019  
**Time:** 5.00pm - pre dinner drinks service  
**Location:** Hinchinbrook Shire Hall  
**Cost:** \$70.00  
**Tickets:** [nqsports.com.au/sportstar](http://nqsports.com.au/sportstar)

For more information, visit Council's website, *Awards and Bursaries* page.



### Hard Rubbish Support Program

Council in partnership with the Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre will be providing a *Hard Rubbish Support Program* for eligible residents. The program is intended to assist people who are otherwise unable to remove large items from their home.

Acceptable hard rubbish includes white goods, furniture, beds/mattresses, large electronic waste (including televisions and computers), and other waste deemed acceptable upon registration.

Unacceptable waste includes green waste, household waste (including food, nappies and drink containers), car bodies, liquids, tyres, building and construction material etc.

To register, please contact the Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre on 4776 1822.

**Registrations close 4.00pm, Friday 1 November 2019.**



### Current Works - Line Marking Warrens Hill Waste Management Facility

Council wishes to advise that line marking works at the Warrens Hill Waste Management Facility will be in progress between **Tuesday 22 October 2019 and Thursday 24 October 2019**.

Please follow the directions of site personnel during this time as traffic changes and short delays may be experienced.

Council would like to thank you for your cooperation during this necessary phase of works.



### 2019 Rural Cleanup Program

Commencing Friday 1 November 2019, Council is offering the *Rural Cleanup Program* to assist residents in preparing for the upcoming disaster season.

Waste collection skips for general waste items and scrap metal will be placed at the below locations throughout the Shire on the indicated dates.

#### Long Pocket (Abergowrie Road, near Ashton Hotel):

1 to 8 November

**Crystal Creek (East end Crystal Creek Road):** 8 to 15 November  
Contact: Don Murray 4770 8133 or Cathy Blanco 0448 742 019

#### Mount Fox Camping Ground (opposite the school):

15 to 22 November

#### Stone River (Stone River Road, near Wilmar Farm):

22 to 29 November

#### Abergowrie (Corner of Abergowrie and Venables Road):

29 November to 6 December

#### Bambaroo (Beside Rural Fire Service Shed):

6 to 13 December

#### Hawkins Creek (Old bulk bin site on Hawkins Creek Road):

13 to 20 December

Accepted waste is domestic, non-hazardous waste only.

To arrange prompt servicing, please contact MAMS 4776 5055. Please do not place items on the ground or overfill the skip bins.

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