

Local Contracts Awarded, Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre Management

Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre

Council has temporarily taken over management of the Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre and has employed additional staff whilst this is occurring.

The Council will soon consider possible future business models and anticipates advertising for new management in the near future.

Local Contracts Awarded

Ingham Kelly Theatre

The renovations and upgrade to the Ingham Kelly Theatre amenities contract of \$145,800 has been granted to local firm Blanco Carpentry.

The project is expected to commence in three weeks and be completed within a period of seven weeks.

Seating and Information Shelters

A Forrest Beach based builder has been awarded a key Council contract for the construction of seating and information shelters as part of Council's Works for Queensland major foreshore redevelopment projects.

Local builder DJ Duffy had successfully secured

the \$257,949 contract, a huge coup for a small town business.

The contract involves building two shelters, one at Vince Corbett Park, Forrest Beach and the other at Borello Park, Lucinda.

The new shelters have been designed from the Hinchinbrook Way Master Plan as part of a staged approach to the upgrade of the foreshore areas and key tourist destinations.

DJ Duffy has also recently been appointed as builder for a smaller shelter planned for construction in Halifax as part of the State Government's Works for Queensland funding program.

Selective Inspection Program Forrest Beach

Council recently approved a Selective Inspection Program at Forrest Beach. Council Officers are provided with additional powers of entry to allow them as Authorised Persons to enter and inspect premises.

This will assist inspectors in determining a shed's compliance with the Building Act 1975, Building Code of Australia and Planning Act 2016.

The purpose of the Selective Inspection Program is to determine compliance with relevant Acts for the habitation of Class 10a structures on land within the Forrest Beach locality.

The inspections are expected to commence 15 March 2021 and continue for approximately three months.

Flying Fox Management

Council wishes to remind residents that morning relocation activities, including the use of bird fright, will remain ongoing between 5.00am and 7.30am each morning to dissuade any animals from attempting to roost in undesirable urban locations.

Flying foxes generally land at or just before

dawn as they return from their foraging activities overnight, to seek suitable roosting sites to rest during the day.

The timeslot for the dispersal activities is critical, as once the flying foxes settle, they are quite difficult to move on. It is recommended that all pets are secured during the operation times.

Private landowners are reminded that if flying foxes land in your trees, you are allowed to dissuade them from staying by use of non-destructive disturbance techniques including smoke, water sprinklers, visual deterrents such as imitation predators, bright lights and noise from various commercial or improvised products.

Please do not attempt to touch a bat with bare hands.

For further information on what you can and cannot do with flying foxes, please visit the Department of Environment and Science website at www.des.qld.gov.au.

Should you wish to report flying foxes that have taken up temporary residence in an undesirable urban location, or you require further clarification regarding the dispersal activities, please contact Council on 4776 4740.

Adventure Playground

The Adventure Playground is scheduled to commence installation on Friday 26 March 2021 at the TYTO Parklands, weather permitting.

Successful Grant Writing Workshop

Through the Hinchinbrook Way Ambassador program, Council supported the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency in providing a Grant Writing Workshop for the community, held Thursday 25 February 2021 at the TYTO Conference Centre.

This successful workshop helped people understand what is needed in a grant application, how to increase the chance of success, and understanding which grants are suitable for eligibility. This was a great opportunity for the community.



Image: Concept Image Only - Seating and Information Shelters to be located at Lucinda and Forrest Beach

Current Procurement and Tender Opportunities

Keep up to date with opportunities available through Council by visiting the *Current Procurement and Tender Opportunities* page on Council's website.

Current opportunities include:

- **HSC 21/01** – Insitu Stabilisation of Pavements – Crisps Road, Liborios Road and Mullins Road; and
- **HSC 21/03** – Pavement Renewal Works for Jabiru Street, Toobanna and Heard Street, Ingham.

Tenders close 2.00pm Wednesday 17 March 2021.

- **HSC 21/04** – Supply of Topsoil for Warrens Hill Landfill Facility.

Tender closes 2.00pm Wednesday 24 March 2021.

For more information, please visit Council's website *Current Procurement and Tender Opportunities* page or contact Council on 4776 4665.

CLASS 10A INSPECTION PROGRAM APPROVED

Council at its General Meeting held Tuesday 23 February 2021, approved a selective inspection program for Officers to inspect sheds that are suspected of being inhabited in the Forrest Beach area.

The approved program gives extended power of entry to Council's Authorised Officers in the Built Environment team to inspect sheds only where approval for living in the structure has not been granted.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Council on 4776 4600.

FLYING FOX MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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For more information, please contact Council's Biosecurity Team on 4776 4740.

3 PUBLIC MEETING ANZAC DAY 2021

A public meeting is hereby convened to consider arrangements for the commemoration of ANZAC Day 2021.

The meeting is to be held **5.30pm Wednesday 3 March 2021** at the RSL Club rooms, Hawkins Street, Ingham.

Interested persons and representatives of local organisations are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Council on 4776 4784.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you need an approval to demolish a house?

While it is commonly known that approval is required to build a house, it is a lesser known fact that you also need a building approval to demolish a house.

Please make sure you speak to Council's Built Environment Team before you carry out demolition works to make sure the right approval is in place and the community around you can feel safe and assured that the works are lawful.



THE HINCHINBROOK WAY

The Hinchinbrook Way **What's On** is a Community Events Calendar.

Did you know that you can promote your upcoming event on the site for **free**?

To submit an event or to check out what's happening, find all upcoming events within the Shire by visiting www.hinchinbrookway.com.au/whats-on.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Council's Tourism and Business Team on 4776 4600 or via council@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au.



COMEDY WORKSHOP

With Stand-up Comedian Anthony Lamond

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2021

RSVP MONDAY 29 MARCH

For further information or to RSVP please contact the Hinchinbrook Shire Council
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