

Australia Day Wrap Up, Cameras added to Hinchinbrook Disaster Dashboard, Is Your Pet Microchipped and Half Yearly Rate Notices

Australia Day Wrap Up

On behalf of Council, we would like to congratulate the 2023 Australia Day Award winners and nominees.

Without committed, community minded people like you, our community would be a poorer place. Congratulations also goes to the two residents that we welcomed as Australian Citizens as part of the ceremony on Australia Day.

There is no greater privilege than our citizenship.

It is a life long commitment to Australia's values of freedom, democracy, equality and respect.

In addition to the Official Awards and Ceremonies that are hosted each year on Australia Day, this year Council held a Pool Party in partnership with the Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre and a Beach Party at Forrest Beach in partnership with the Forrest Beach Progress Association and Surf Life Saving Club.

269 residents enjoyed a day of free entry to the Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre where smiles were on the faces of everyone who cooled down in the pool, the smell of a free sausage sizzle drifting through the air followed by cold drinks to keep hydrated.

Forrest Beach foreshore was a sea of happy faces. Beach goers enjoyed a day cooling off in the water while being entertained with music and activities and spending quality time with family and friends.

The food and drinks served by Forrest Beach Progress Association and the Forrest Beach Surf Life Saving Club catered to everyone's needs. It was a day enjoyed by everyone.

To view the images taken on the day, please visit Council's website,

Photo Gallery page under Community and Environment.

Cameras added to Hinchinbrook Disaster Dashboard

Thank you to the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads for making more flood cameras available to residents via Council's Hinchinbrook Disaster Dashboard and on Queensland Traffic's website.

The following locations are currently feeding regular still images to the Dashboard:

- Bruce Highway at Helens Hill Road (one image);
- Bruce Highway at Pombel Road (one image);
- Bruce Highway at Haughtys Road (one image);
- Bruce Highway at Gairloch (one image);
- Anabranche Bridge (four images);
- Bruce Highway at Seymour River (one image);
- Bruce Highway at Arnot Creek (one image);
- Abergowrie Bridge (two images); and
- Dalrymple Creek (two images).

Residents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with our latest addition to the Hinchinbrook Disaster Dashboard before the wet season is upon us.

To access the Disaster Dashboard and flood camera images, please visit disaster.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au, click on the Map Layer 'Flood Cameras' and choose which camera you would like to view.

PCYC Emergency Services Cadets Hinchinbrook Unit Take Up New Base in Halifax

Monday 30 January 2023 saw the PCYC Emergency Services Cadets (ESC) Hinchinbrook Unit take up new residence within the Halifax State School complex.

Special guests from Education Queensland, Emergency Services and PCYC ESC Program Coordinator attended the event.

It is fantastic to see that the PCYC Cadets continue to expand.

Thank you to the Cadets, parents and guardians for your continued support within the Shire.

A thank you also goes to the Department of Education for facilitating access to the new premises.

A Fresh Start on your Waste Journey

With the festive season behind us and the new year well under way, here are six small ways we can step up in 2023 and make a big impact both locally in the Hinchinbrook Shire and globally.

1. **Go paperless** – switch your bills and bank statements to an electronic version to save on paper waste and the resources needed to deliver mail;
2. **Cut food waste** – on average, Australian households throw out more than \$2,000 worth of food a year, which once landfilled produces huge amounts of the greenhouse gas, methane; Bring your lunch to work to save money and packaging, do more batch cooking and freeze food, and put your fruit bowl in the fridge.

Apart from bananas and whole pineapples your fruit will stay fresher for longer;

3. **Buyless stuff!** – overconsumption is costing us the Earth, not just in money, but the resources needed to make all the things we buy and the environmental costs of their eventual disposal. This year why not swap things for experiences and make memories instead of waste;
4. **Decluttering and donating** – round up the things your family no longer need and save them from landfill by having a garage sale at home, donating useable items to local charities or dropping items to Council's Tip Shop, currently located at the Halifax Resource Recovery Centre;
5. **Start composting** – organic material makes up close to half of what we throw away in our wheelie bins each week, and as mentioned earlier produces methane, a gas 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Composting is easy and fun, and you don't need a big back yard. There are benchtop or under-sink units that are clean and odourless; and
6. **Recycle right** – use your kerbside bins the right way by reducing contamination in your yellow bin and save valuable resources by not throwing recyclables in your red bin. If you are unsure of what goes where, refer to the waste section on Council's website or download the #DontWasteHinchinbrook App to your Smartphone.

Whilst it is easy to feel that what we

do as individuals does not matter, with just a few minor changes, we can collectively make a big difference this year (and beyond) when it comes to our waste and recycling journey.

Is Your Pet Microchipped?

Council wishes to remind the community that it is a requirement under Queensland Legislation to have all dogs and cats microchipped with current and relevant information.

If you have already microchipped your pet, please ensure that the details are up to date.

Not only is it necessary, it also assists Council in returning your beloved pet quickly if they have escaped your yard, and potentially avoid any fees.

It goes without saying, there are penalties for intentionally not microchipping your cat or dog.

For further information, please visit Council's website, Microchipping page under Community and Environment or contact your local vet.

Half Yearly Rate Notices

Half Yearly Rate Notices will be issued soon.

Make the switch today and register to receive your rate notices electronically.

Simply visit Council's website, [Rates Fees and Charges](#) page or scan the QR Code to complete the online registration form.



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Regional Arts Development Fund Public Applications Round Two 2022-2023

Do you or someone you know have a project idea that could contribute to Arts and Culture in the Hinchinbrook Shire?

Applications for funding through Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program are open for Round Two from Monday 30 January 2023 until 5.00pm Friday 24 February 2023.

RADF provides funding to successful applicants for up to 70% of the total project cost.

To download an application form and to find out more visit Council's website, [Grants and Funding](#) page or contact the TYTO Regional Art Gallery.

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

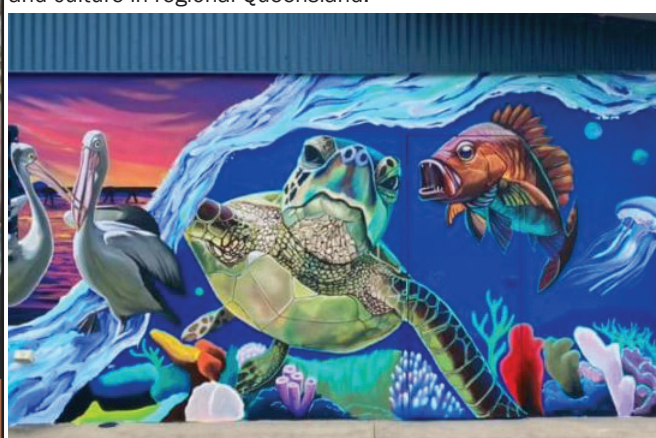


Image: Lucinda Progress Association - Borello Park Mural (Previous RADF recipient).

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Baby Welcoming Ceremony

FIRST 5 FOREVER UNDERWATER WONDERLAND

Families are invited to attend the upcoming First 5 Forever Underwater Wonderland Baby Welcoming Ceremony.

Each new baby that has arrived in the community over the past twelve months will receive a Welcoming Certificate, sapling and gift bag. Enjoy a fun filled morning of yummy food, activities, arts and crafts and entertainment for the whole family.

Registration essential by 4.00pm Wednesday 22 March 2023 for your child to receive a certificate and sapling.

Register today

SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2023
10.00am until 1.00pm
TYTO Conference and Events Centre
73-75 McIlwraith Street Ingham

For further information please visit Council's website [Events Calendar](#) page or phone 4776 4600.

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