

Defence Welcome and Information Expo Wrap Up, NBN Announcement and Forrest Beach Function Centre Grand Opening

2023 Defence Welcome and Information Expo Wrap Up

Council, in partnership with Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry and Tourism attended the 2023 Defence Welcome and Information Expo in Townsville on Saturday 11 February 2023.

Council had the opportunity to showcase all things Hinchinbrook and reveal some of our best kept secrets.

238 people engaged at the Hinchinbrook region exhibit, with the Thorsborne Trail and Hinchinbrook Island generating the greatest interest, however a lack of availability of Permits is still a major barrier to more island visitation.

Let us all promote the Hinchinbrook region and encourage visitors to please stop and discover our products, characters and experiences.

DrumMuster Operations

DrumMuster Operations are still accessible at Halifax Resource Recovery Centre.

Despite temporarily ceasing DrumMuster collection at Warrens Hill Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre, eligible containers can still be dropped off at Halifax Resource Recovery Centre.

Please note that operating hours at Halifax are:

- Monday and Tuesday - Closed;
- Wednesday - 8.30am to 1.30pm;
- Thursday - 8.30am to 1.30pm;
- Friday - 12.30pm to 5.30pm;
- Saturday - 7.30am to 5.30pm (closed between 12.00pm and 1.00pm); and
- Sunday - 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Please be advised that the Halifax Resource Recovery Centre is closed on all Public Holidays.

Council regrets any inconvenience that these changes will cause the community, however the safety of the public must always be paramount and the community's understanding would be appreciated.

For more information about the Halifax Resource Recovery Centre, visit Council's website, *Waste Facilities and Fees* page.

NBN Announcement

NBN and the Australian Government have released the latest suburbs and towns where additional premises will become eligible to get fibre connected to their house or business by ordering an eligible wholesale speed tier1 - with up to 58 per cent located in regional areas and the rest in metro areas such as Ingham.

Full fibre connection to the NBN network offers customers access to the higher speed tiers, which delivers a better, more reliable internet experience for homes and businesses.

The enhancements to the NBN network to deliver faster speeds and more data reflect and support business and societal changes over the last two years.

To find out if you are eligible for an upgrade, register at nbn.com.au/FTTPupgrade.

Tribute to Elvis presents Throughout the Years

Australia's "King of the 50's" Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist, Brody Finlay is one of Australia's premier 50's Elvis Tribute acts.

Finlay will take you back in time to the roaring 50's with this not to be missed performance singing all your favourites including Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock, Can't Help Falling In Love and Love Me Tender.

Date: Saturday 18 February 2023

Time: 7.30pm

Where: JL Kelly Theatre
76 Townsville Road
Ingham

Cost: \$39.95 - \$44.95

Ingham Raintree Community Market

Come and enjoy the beautiful items for sale at the stalls under the raintrees!

Date: Sunday 19 February 2023

Time: 8.00am to 12.00pm

Where: Rotary Park Ingham

Cost: Free event

In the event of Rotary Park being too wet, the Ingham Raintree Community Market will be held in the carpark at the rear of Council's main office.

Knock at the Cabin (M)

While vacationing at a remote cabin in the woods, a young girl and her parents are taken hostage by four armed strangers who demand they make an unthinkable choice to avert the apocalypse.

Date: Friday 24 February 2023

Time: 6.30pm

Where: JL Kelly Theatre

Cost: \$10 - \$15

Blueback (PG)

Follows Abby, a child who befriends a magnificent wild blue groper while diving. When Abby realises that the fish is under threat, she takes inspiration from her activist Mum, Dora, and takes on poachers to save her friend.

Date: Saturday 25 February 2023

Time: 10.30am

Where: JL Kelly Theatre

Cost: \$10 - \$15

Operations Fortune: Ruse de guerre (M)

Special agent Orson Fortune and his team of operatives recruit one of Hollywood's biggest movie stars to help them on an undercover mission when the sale of a deadly new weapons technology threatens to disrupt the world order.

Date: Saturday 25 February 2023

Time: 2.30pm

Where: JL Kelly Theatre

Cost: \$10 - \$15

Good Luck to You, Leo Grande (MA)

In Good Luck to You, Leo Grande, two-time Academy Award winner Emma Thompson (Love, Actually) embodies the candor and apprehension of retired teacher Nancy Stokes, and newcomer Daryl McCormack (Peaky Blinders) personifies the charisma and compassion of sex worker Leo Grande.

As Nancy embarks on a post-marital sexual awakening and Leo draws on his skills and charm, together they find a surprising human connection.

Date: Saturday 25 February 2023

Time: 6.30pm

Where: JL Kelly Theatre

Cost: \$15

This event is a licenced event.

A Man Called Otto (PG)

Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

Date: Sunday 26 February 2023

Time: 10.30am

Where: JL Kelly Theatre

Cost: \$10 - \$15

Young Carers Connect

Young Carers Connect (YCC) is about having a laugh, playing games and meeting other young people from across Australia who care for others.

Relationships Australia in partnership with the Young Carers Team at Carers Australia are facilitating a connect session.

The connect session is scheduled as follows:

- 5.00pm - 6.00pm Wednesday 27 February 2023.

To register, send an email to youngcarers@racr.org.au with the following:

- Name;
- Date of Birth;
- Contact number;
- Email; and
- Postcode.

For further information please email youngcarers@racr.org.au.



Image: Council's Economy and Events Coordinator Julie Mac Pherson at the 2023 2023 Defence Welcome and Information Expo.

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 23/02** - Vince Corbett Park Amenities Upgrade - Construction.

Should you require further information, please contact Council's Procurement Services on 4776 4665.

Half Yearly Rate Notices

Half Yearly Rate Notices will be issued on Thursday 23 February 2023 with payment due by Friday 31 March 2023.

Have you moved house recently?

Have any of your contact details changed?

If so, please update your details with Council as soon as possible to ensure you receive your Rate Notice in a timely manner.

It is not too late to make the switch to Electronic Rate Notices.

If you would like to receive future Rate Notices electronically, please visit Council's website *Rates Fees and Charges* page or scan the QR Code to complete the online registration form.

Council encourages ratepayers who may have difficulty with payments to discuss a payment plan as soon as possible.

Ratepayers also have access to assistance under Council's Financial Hardship Policy.



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.

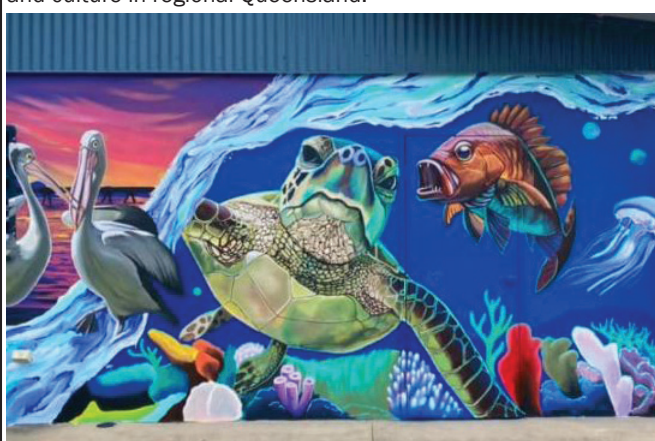


Image: Lucinda Progress Association - Borello Park Mural (Previous RADF recipient).

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FIRST 5 FOREVER UNDERWATER WONDERLAND

Baby Welcoming Ceremony

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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