



## Council community facilities prove popular

Fraser Coast residents and visitors are embracing Council community facilities in record numbers.

Find out more about Council's cultural venues at [www.ourfrasercoast.com.au](http://www.ourfrasercoast.com.au)

More information on other Council community facilities is available on Council's website at [www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/facilities](http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/facilities)



Over 33,000 people attended performances at the Brolga Theatre in 2023 – the highest number in the theatre's 24-year history. Visit [brolgatheatre.org](http://brolgatheatre.org) to find out what's coming up in 2024.



More and more people are discovering the magic of Mary Poppins at The Story Bank in Maryborough with almost 16,500 visitors going through the interactive museum in 2023 – its highest annual visitation yet.



The Orchid House at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens continues to grow in popularity, with more than 18,000 residents and tourists visiting the free facility in 2023, up from 17,000 in 2022.



The Hervey Bay Regional Gallery is also going from strength to strength with about 20,000 people visiting 17 exhibitions featuring 123 different artists since it reopened in April 2022 after a major renovation.



Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park is a premier competition venue in Queensland, hosting 130+ events in 2022/23, including the 2023 Jumping Queensland State Championships.

## Community space plan for Glenwood

A new community centre, a playground, environmental space, a community garden and storage for community groups are among the key features of a new masterplan for Glenwood.

The elements in the plan will go ahead as funding becomes available within Council's budget and grant opportunities emerge from other levels of government.

For more information visit: [frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au/gw-community-space-planning](https://frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au/gw-community-space-planning)



## Multi-million dollar upgrades for treatment plants

More than \$7 million will be spent upgrading Fraser Coast water and sewage treatment plants. Most of the works will occur at the Teddington Water Treatment Plant, with \$6 million to be spent to improve the plant's reliability and effectiveness.

Council successfully sought a \$2 million grant through the Queensland Government's Building Our Regions program for the project.

This grant will be combined with Council funding to construct a new facility, which will mean we will be able to more safely and efficiently manage the sludge and solids generated during the water treatment process.

A further \$1.1 million will be spent on replacing aging mechanical dewatering equipment at the Eli Creek Sewage Treatment Plant and the Howard Water Treatment Plant.

Work is expected to start in early 2024 and be completed by late 2024 or early 2025.



## Next stage of busy Bay intersection upgrade underway

Work is underway on the next stage of a critical upgrade to one of the busiest intersections in Hervey Bay.

Underground water mains at the four-way intersection of Boundary Road, Robert Street and Hughes Road are being relocated to pave the way for traffic lights to be installed.



The four-way intersection is particularly busy around school drop-off and pick-up times, with the upgrade needed to improve traffic flow and make this area safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

The final stage is the installation of traffic lights, which is expected to start in mid-2024 and take about 12 months to complete.

The Boundary Road extension to Urraween Road is due to finish in mid-2024.



# Congratulations to the Australia Day Awards 2024 recipients

The Fraser Coast's enthusiastic Town Crier, a passionate young change advocate, artists enriching our region's rich cultural tapestry, devoted volunteers and community groups are among the distinguished recipients of the Fraser Coast 2024 Australia Day Awards.

The annual Australia Day Awards are an opportunity to celebrate and recognise outstanding local heroes and high achievers from all walks of life, including sporting, arts and culture, STEM, community groups and volunteers.

## The 2024 Fraser Coast Australia Day Award recipients are:



Citizen of the Year – **Ken Ashford**



Young Citizen of the Year – **George Rowland**



Volunteer of the Year – **Brian Taylor**



Young Volunteer of the Year – **Toby Robinson**



Young Cultural Award of the Year – **Noah Byrne**



Cultural Award of the Year – **Willy and Di Paes**



Young STEM Award of the Year – **Grace Deemer**



Sportsperson of the Year – **Vivian Wearing**



Community Group or Organisation of the Year – **Hervey Bay Historical Village & Museum**



Community Project or Event of the Year Award – **Dunga Derby Car Rally**



Young Sportsperson of the Year – **Makayla Moller**

For details on the nominees and recipients, visit [www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/australia-day](http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/australia-day)





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