



Recycling centre half way through

The construction of a new Fraser Coast recycling centre has reached a significant milestone, with the project now more than halfway through.

The new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the Maryborough landfill will be three times the size of the current facility at Dundowran, which has reached the end of its working life.

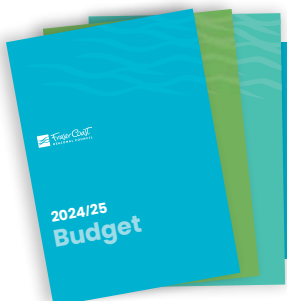
The new and improved facility will use state-of-the-art sorting technologies and advanced automation, significantly improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the recycling process.

About 20 per cent of the material going through the current MRF ends up in landfill. With the new facility, that could be halved.

Construction of the building is expected to be completed by August, with the installation of equipment to follow. This will pave the way for the facility's opening in January 2025.

About 8,000 tonnes of mixed recyclables are processed annually from the kerbside collection of yellow-lid recycling bins, with about half of that a mix of paper and cardboard. Other materials recovered include glass bottles and jars, hard plastics, aluminium and steel tins.

A key feature of the new MRF will be an expanded education room featuring the Fraser Coast Waste Monsters to raise awareness and promote sustainable recycling practices among residents.



2024/25 Council Budget

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New mobility maps developed

New mobility maps will make it easier for wheelchair users, parents with prams, and elderly citizens to navigate footpaths in Maryborough and Hervey Bay.

Council engaged Briometrix to undertake a comprehensive "mapping" process earlier this year.

A survey team, including trained Wheelchair Users (pilots), used innovative technology to gather data on footpath conditions, accessibility to public transport, parking, and toilets.

About 95km of footpaths were surveyed, and access was evaluated at more than 500 locations, including bus stops, toilets, parking bays, clubs, tourist attractions, retail centres, food outlets, accommodation providers and entrances to Council facilities.

This information is being used to create online "Mobility Maps" to help people plan safe outings. The maps are expected to be available soon on Council's website.

Pump track gets into top gear

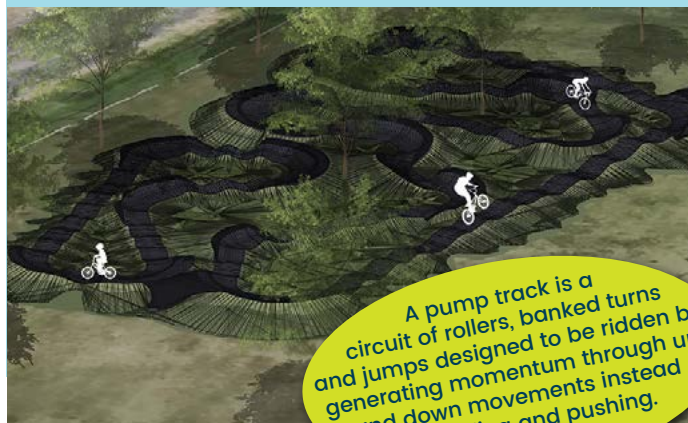
Skaters, scooter and BMX riders will soon be able to test their skills on a new Hervey Bay pump track.

The new track will cater for beginners, intermediate, and experienced users and is being built on vacant Council-owned land in Pialba between the PCYC and the current Hervey Bay Library. It is expected to be open in August, weather permitting.

The site works include the construction of a new asphalt pump track, earthworks, lighting, CCTV and basic landscaping.

Council thanks the Queensland Government for providing a \$1.3 million grant through the Works for Queensland program to design and build pump tracks in Hervey Bay and Maryborough.

The Hervey Bay pump track works are being delivered by local company JAC Civil Pty Ltd, which assisted in delivering the Maryborough pump track last year. Council also opened a smaller pump track at Tiaro.



A pump track is a circuit of rollers, banked turns and jumps designed to be ridden by generating momentum through up and down movements instead of pedalling and pushing.

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New crane building community hub

A new crane taller than nine giraffes and with an arm longer than six buses was recently installed at the Hervey Bay City Centre community hub construction site.

The flat-top tower crane is 45 metres tall and has a 70-metre jib, or arm. It will help move heavy materials during the construction of the new five-storey building on the corner of Main Street and Torquay Road in Pialba.



More than three-quarters of the development will be community space, with an expanded library over two levels, meeting rooms, creative spaces, function areas and an outdoor public plaza.

The new hub will be the community's one-stop spot for learning, socialising and accessing Council services.

The Hervey Bay Library and Council Administration Centre (incorporating a Disaster Resilience Centre) is a commitment under the Hinkler Regional Deal with the Australian Government.

More details about the project, which is due to be completed by mid-2026, are available on Council's Engagement Hub website at: frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au

Seed Library now open

Residents and community groups can now borrow seeds from their local library branch following the launch of the Fraser Coast Seed Library: From Plant to Plate earlier this year.

Library members can take home seeds to help grow their own gardens and then donate seeds back to share with others once their plants have grown.

Seeds are available in five categories: native plants, bush tucker, flowers, vegetables, and herbs.

The project was funded by a \$50,000 Public Libraries Strategic Priorities Grant from the Queensland Government and the State Library of Queensland.

Seed libraries have been established at all Fraser Coast library branches at Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Howard, Burrum Heads and Tiaro.



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