



New Materials Recovery Facility for the Fraser Coast

The Fraser Coast's new recycling sorting centre at the Maryborough landfill will open in early April, replacing the old facility in Dundowran.

The new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) is three times larger and uses advanced technology to sort recyclables faster and more accurately.

The new centre will help reduce waste sent to landfill and improve recycling rates.

It will also create opportunities for innovative recycling initiatives, like making park benches from plastic or cat litter from cardboard.

A key feature of the new facility is an expanded education room to raise awareness and encourage residents to adopt better recycling habits.

Fraser Coast residents are encouraged to use tools like the Recycle Mate app, which gives disposal advice specific to your location anywhere in Australia.

More information is available at frasercoast.qld.gov.au/recycling



The Top Five Recycling Contaminators

These items do NOT go in your recycling bin:

- ✗ Medical Waste (Sharps in particular)
- ✗ Dirty Nappies
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Vapes
- ✗ Dirty foil trays





Rebate boost to desex pets during April

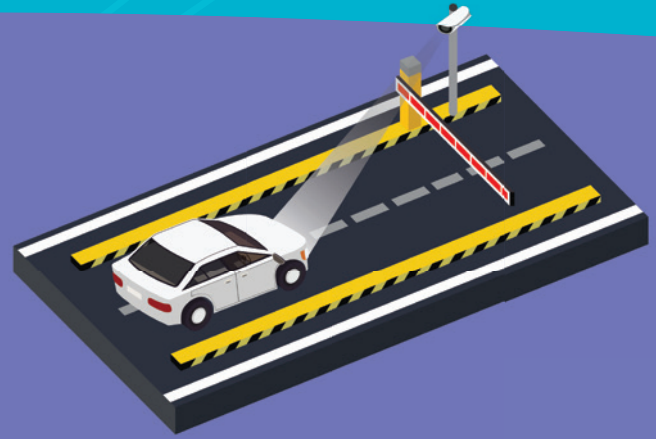
Fraser Coast residents can claim a \$100 rebate per pet when they desex their dog or cat this April, as part of Council's efforts to promote responsible pet ownership.

This limited-time offer coincides with the next Dog's Day Out event and brings the rebate for cats in line with that for dogs. Normally available only to Queensland concession card holders, the rebate will be open to all residents for the month.

Desexing has many benefits, including reducing roaming and aggressive behaviour and lowering the risk of health issues.

The Dog's Day Out event will be held at Brendan Hansen Park in Granville from 8am to 12pm on Sunday, 13 April.

For more details about the animal desexing rebate, visit frasercoast.qld.gov.au/responsible-pet-ownership



New tech makes airport parking easier

Parking at Hervey Bay Airport is now quicker and more convenient with the introduction of a ticketless system.

Number Plate Recognition technology scans your car's number plate when you enter. When leaving, you can pay at a pay station at the terminal or use your credit card at the exit.

The airport now offers 30 minutes of free parking, making pick-ups and drop-offs easier without needing to use the two-minute zone.

With Jetstar's direct flights between Hervey Bay and Melbourne, the airport is busier than ever, welcoming around 20,000 passengers each month.

Council is also upgrading the baggage handling system with new equipment to reduce wait times, prevent breakdowns, and speed up luggage handling.

Work to restore Urangan Pier

Work is underway to restore the historic Urangan Pier to keep the much-loved landmark safe and accessible for everyone.

The project includes replacing damaged timber, adding new railings and kerbs, restoring historic features, and repainting.

The work is expected to be completed by 4 April, weather permitting. If there are delays, the Pier will fully reopen for the Easter holidays, with works resuming on 23 April.

This \$1 million project is supported by the State Government's Works for Queensland program.





Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of the **2025 Australia Day Awards!**

From showcasing the Fraser Coast on film to preserving Indigenous heritage and supporting athletes with disability, the Fraser Coast 2025 Australia Day Awards highlighted a diverse range of worthy recipients.

More information about the Australia Day Awards nominees and recipients is available at frasercoast.qld.gov.au/australia-day

Citizen of the Year – **Glen Miller**

Young Citizen of the Year – **Matthew Hillier**

Arts and Culture Award of the Year – **Fraser Coast Films**

Sport and Wellbeing Award of the Year – **Trinity McPhie**

Community Group or Organisation of the Year – **Rally for a Cause**



Burrum Heads caravan park revamp



The first stage of the Burrum Heads caravan park redevelopment is now complete, delivering larger camping sites and making it the Fraser Coast's first Council-owned dog-friendly park.

Stage one focused on the southern section of the park and included new roads, underground power, water and sewerage systems, a barbecue area, new toilets, and a new manager's residence.

The redevelopment also included larger sites to meet the needs of modern campers.

Stage two is now underway, improving the area between Burrum Street and the Burrum River. The upgrades are expected to be finished by October this year.

The redevelopment will transform the park into a premier holiday destination, reinforcing Burrum Heads as a must-visit location for campers, caravanners, and holidaymakers.



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