



Aquatic Centre refresh complete

The Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre upgrades are complete, delivering exciting new features and modern facilities for families, clubs and casual swimmers across the Fraser Coast.

The lagoon pool reopened in September after a booked-out pool party, and the centre is now ready for summer with more shade, brighter lighting, easier access and fresh spaces to relax between laps.

Stage 1A (completed late 2024)

- ✓ New changerooms
- ✓ Improved enclosure for the 25-metre pool with better lighting and flooring
- ✓ Plant room upgrades, including new backwash and chlorine spill tanks

Stage 1B (completed September 2025)

- ✓ New interactive splash pad in the toddler pool
- ✓ New activity tower and wet play equipment in the lagoon
- ✓ New shade structures and floodlights for the 50-metre pool
- ✓ Landscaping works

Thank you to everyone for your patience during construction.

The \$9.6 million redevelopment was proudly supported by the Queensland Government's Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program with a \$3.557 million contribution.





Burrum Heads Caravan Park

Burrum Heads caravan park upgraded

The Burrum Heads caravan park is now fully open following a major upgrade.

The redevelopment was delivered in stages, with the southern end of the park finished in January and the riverfront end completed in late August.

The work included:

- ✓ Upgraded internal roads and underground power, water and sewer services
- ✓ Reconfigured and larger riverfront sites
- ✓ New camp kitchen and BBQ areas
- ✓ New amenities and toilets
- ✓ New manager's residence
- ✓ Dog-friendly section (conditions apply)

It follows the Scarness Caravan Park redevelopment, which was completed in late 2024. Work on the Pialba Caravan Park is now underway.

For bookings, visit: beachfronttouristparks.com.au



Recycling rollout on K'gari

Council is stepping up waste services on K'gari (Fraser Island) with new comingled recycling at Eurong and Happy Valley waste facilities, supported by three custom-built, off-road collection trucks.

The changes include:

- ✓ Comingled recycling drop-off now available at Eurong and Happy Valley waste facilities.
- ✓ Eurong bin compound accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- ✓ Bulk household items and hazardous waste can be dropped at Eurong's core facility area: Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 9.30am–2.30pm.

The new eight-wheel-drive trucks – built for soft sand and steep tracks – will service about 100 to 150 bulk bins each week at waste facilities and public drop-off points, covering more than 1,500km.

More information is available at: frasercoast.qld.gov.au/kgari-fraser-island-waste



New roundabout in Nikenbah

A major upgrade to the Woods Road–Chapel Road–Madsen Road intersection in Nikenbah was recently completed. The new roundabout delivers safer and smoother journeys for residents, sports precinct users, and motorists in one of our fastest-growing suburbs.

The \$4.3 million project, supported by \$951,000 from the Australian Government's Black Spot Program, started in January 2025 and finished about a month ahead of schedule despite wet weather.

Works included earthworks, new pavement, stormwater upgrades, kerb and channel, median islands and line marking. The upgrade also delivered extensive landscaping and new surfaces, using 5,171 plants, 5,400 tonnes of gravel and 2,390 tonnes of asphalt.

Council thanks nearby residents and road users for their patience during construction.



Fraser Coast 2025 Ability Award winners

Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of the 2025 Fraser Coast Ability Awards!

The awards celebrate the achievements of people with disability and those who help build a more inclusive, supportive community.

The 2025 recipients were:

Hall of Fame – **Isabella (Belle) Bellert**

Ted Weber Individual Achievement – **Marcus Renaud**

Arts & Culture – **Lachlan Woods**

Sport & Recreation – **Trinity McPhie** (*Highly commended: Bill Fuller, Gorja Ebert*)

Community Changemaker (Individual) – **Peter Kalbfell** (*Highly commended: Carolyn Robbers*)

Outstanding Inclusive Initiative (Organisation) – **Hashtag All Abilities**

Excellence in Innovation (Organisation) – **Cloud 129 (Community Lifestyles Agency)**

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