

COVID-19 Testing Clinic, Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre Update, Where to for Waste Oil and Reconciliation Action Plan Meeting

Ingham Walk-in COVID-19 Testing Clinic

Residents are advised that Queensland Health is running a Walk-in COVID-19 Testing Clinic located at the TYTO Conference and Events Centre.

Available clinics:

- 9.00am – 11.00am Wednesday 9 February 2022;
- 9.00am – 11.00am Thursday 10 February 2022; and
- 9.00am – 11.00am Friday 11 February 2022.

A Vaccination Clinic for children aged 5 to 11 years old will commence at 10.00am on Saturday 12 February 2022.

Changes to using Check In Qld App

Requirements for businesses to collect contact information using the Check In Qld app are changing as follows:

- Where businesses are only permitted to allow fully vaccinated people to attend, they must continue to collect contact information and proof of vaccination via the Check In app (or, where the app cannot be used, by suitable alternative means); and
- Where businesses are permitted to allow unvaccinated people to attend, they will no longer need to collect contact information via the Check In app.

COVID-19 PCR and Rapid Antigen Tests Tax Deductible

COVID-19 tests are now tax deductible for Australian individuals and exempt from Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) for businesses when they are purchased for work related purposes.

Tree Removal and Replacement - Dutton Street and Herbert Street Ingham

On Monday 7 February 2022, Council began removing trees as part of the next phase of the Dutton Street Culvert Crossing project and Herbert Street Stormwater Drainage Renewal Program.

Please be advised that the trees will be replaced with suitable species upon the completion of the upstream earthworks.

Hinchinbrook Visitor Information Centre Closure - Power Outage

Reminder that the Hinchinbrook Visitor Information Centre (VIC) will be closed today, Wednesday 9 February 2022 as Ergon Energy will be interrupting electricity supply to the premises.

The VIC will reopen 9.00am Thursday 10 February 2022.

If you require further information, please call Ergon Energy on 13 74 66 during business hours.

Reconciliation Action Plan Meeting

Council invites all First Nations people to attend a meeting to discuss ideas on developing a Reconciliation Action Plan for the Hinchinbrook area.

Date: Tuesday 22 February 2022

Time: 5.30pm

Where: TYTO Jabiru Room, 73-75 McIlwraith Street Ingham

RSVP: Not required

For further information please contact Council.

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 6 March 2022

Gather a team and get ready to clean! Registrations are now open for Clean Up Australia Day 2022.

Join thousands of volunteers around the nation taking to parks and reserves to rid the environment of litter.

Pick a location and register online at www.cleanup.org.au.

Free community clean up kits are provided and include bags, gloves and all the info to run a great event.

Register by Friday 18 February 2022 to ensure your clean up kit arrives in time.

Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre

On Monday 31 January 2022 Ryan and Sarah Sheahan commenced operation of the Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre.

Programs Offered:

- Parent and me classes;
- Learn to swim for all ages;
- Mini, Junior and Senior Squad; and
- Aqua Aerobics.

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday 6.30am to 6.30pm; Friday 6.00am to 5.00pm; Saturday 9.00am to 4.30pm and Sunday 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Regional Arts Development Fund Public Applications Now Open for Round Two 2021-2022

Applications for funding through Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program are open from Monday 31 January 2022 until 5.00pm Friday 4 March 2022.

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 www.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au, 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.

Public Art Exhibition Opening Wrap-up

Council's Public Art Exhibition at the TYTO Regional Art Gallery opened at 6.00pm on Friday 4 February 2022 which attracted 47 attendees.

The exhibition is a selection of Council's public art collection featuring many Hinchinbrook Art Award winners.

The Hinchinbrook Art Awards began in 1977 and Council has acquired an artwork through this competition each year.

This exhibition will remain on display at the TYTO Regional Art Gallery until 4.00pm Sunday 27 February 2022.

Where To For Waste Oil?

Used motor oil produced from vehicles, farm machinery and especially boats poses a threat to the environment and our valuable resources, including agriculture and tourism. Of the 500 million litres of lubricating oil sold in Australia each year, up to 100 million litres 'goes missing', emptied in household bins and skips, used for weed and dust suppression, or illegally dumped on land or in waterways.

One litre of used motor oil can contaminate one million litres of water and release a variety of hazardous materials into the environment including lead, cadmium and arsenic.

It is not all bad news though. Used motor oil does not wear out and can be cleaned, refined, and used again and again in a variety of ways.

It is also easy for Hinchinbrook residents to recycle, and it is free.

Simply take your waste oil and fully drained oil filters to the Halifax Resource Recovery Centre or Warrens Hill Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre to dispose of appropriately.

Remember, waste oil and filters are regulated waste, and fines are considerable for illegally dumping these items in the your yellow lidded and red lidded kerbside bin.

We can all do our part to protect our incredible natural environment for generations to come.



Image: Councillor Donna Marbelli with Councillor Andrew Lancini and wife Dale Lancini.

COUNCIL'S LOCAL LAWS REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

Council has received a number of consistent and ongoing complaints about local issues that affect people's use of private and public property.

Council is undertaking a number of minor changes to Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2012, Subordinate Local Law No. 1.3 Establishment or Occupation of a Temporary Home 2012, Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management 2012) and Subordinate Local Law No. 5 (Parking) 2012 to give Council the ability to better regulate and enforce the complaints being made.

These changes include:

- Clarifying the extent of regulated parking areas in the Shire;
- Restricting smoke nuisance in a residential area;
- Clearly outlining the obligation to maintain a building or structure so as not to cause a safety hazard or visual blight for the community; and
- Ensuring that appropriate connection to sewerage infrastructure occurs before temporary occupancy of structures (while in the process of constructing a home) occurs.

Council is seeking feedback on these proposed amendments by 5.00pm Monday 28 February 2022.

Feedback must be in writing and include the person's name, address and signature.

Submissions may be posted to PO Box 366 Ingham QLD 4850, delivered to Council's Office at 25 Lannercost Street Ingham or emailed to council@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au.

For further information on the proposed changes, please visit Council's website, *Current Local Laws* page or contact Council on 4776 4600.

HALF YEARLY RATE NOTICES

Half Yearly Rate Notices will be issued next week, with payment due by Thursday 31 March 2022.

- Have you moved house recently?
- Would you prefer your notice was emailed to you?
- Have any of your contact details changed?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, please contact Council prior to the rate run in order to ensure you receive your Rate Notice in a timely manner.

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.

Do not forget if you pay on or before the due date and have no rates in arrears, you will go into the draw to win \$2,000 to be spent locally at up to five Hinchinbrook Shire businesses of your choice. The winner will be drawn at Council's General Meeting on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

Current Procurement and Tender Opportunities

Attention Local Suppliers, Contractors and Service Providers.

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:

- **RF005204** – Crushing of Concrete at Warrens Hill Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre;
- **RF005206** – Development of Cemetery Strategy and Masterplan; and
- **HSC 21/29** – Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel and Oils.

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

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