



**Fraser Coast**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Briefs – Fraser Coast Regional Council meeting held today**

### **Road works program**

Road works projects for inclusion in the 2008/09 resurfacing program were presented to the Council. Projects are planned for all areas across the region. The Council's Director of External Services Ron Smith said Council staff considered and prioritised projects planned by the four former Councils when considering this year's program. He said the 2008/09 program had to take into account increasing costs and the affordability of the projects for this Council at this time.

### **Fees to swim in Fraser Coast pools**

The Council adopted its fees for the Maryborough and Hervey Bay pools for 2008/09. Variations in fees between the two pools reflect the different facilities on offer. Fees for adults, children, carers, multi-visit passes, summer passes, annual passes, programs and pool hire are available on the Fraser Coast Council's website. [www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au).

A 50% concession is now available at both Maryborough and Hervey Bay pools for people who need water activities as part of rehabilitation from a diagnosed illness or injury. The applicant must provide either a disability pension card or health care card and a doctor's certificate saying the water activity is necessary. The concession does not apply if the rehabilitation is funded from another source.

### **Fraser Coast airports to feature at international aviation show**

The facilities and opportunities at the two Fraser Coast airports will be on show at the 2009 Australian International Air Show (Avalon) from 10 to 15 March near Geelong, Victoria. The Fraser Coast Regional Council will participate in the Aviation Wide Bay Burnett component of the 2009 Queensland Government trade display. South Burnett and Bundaberg Regional Councils are also planning to participate. Council's Economic Development staff said Avalon presented an unrivalled opportunity for the Council to market opportunities and facilities offered at both Maryborough

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and Hervey Bay airports directly to the aviation sector. Master plans for both airports should be completed before the event.

### **Tree and plaque for all Fraser Coast centenarians**

Council staff will investigate honouring all Fraser Coast centenarians with a tree and plaque. Maryborough City Council had a custom of planting a tree and placing a plaque in the Elizabeth Park Rose Gardens for every citizen who turned 100. Councillor Belinda McNeven said she recently attended the 100th birthday of a Hervey Bay resident and she thought the custom could be extended throughout the Fraser Coast. The Councillors agreed unanimously.

### **Council to bid for Crime Prevention and Community Safety Conference**

The Council's CEO Andrew Brien will investigate the possibility of hosting the annual Crime Prevention and Community Safety Conference next year. Cr Les Muckan made the suggestion after attending the 2008 conference recently in Ayr. Cr Muckan said he was impressed with the conference and thought it would be a good opportunity for Fraser Coast people to participate in and benefit from the initiatives and information presented at the conference.

### **Delays for Gatakers Bay Boat ramp**

Fraser Coast Mayor Mick Kruger said residents had been waiting years for a new boat ramp at Gatakers Bay but Queensland Transport has indicated it would start work on the new boat ramp in January 2009. Council staff are currently working on major improvements to the car park at Gatakers Bay which will include -

- Fifty five vehicle and trailer parks which incorporate grass surfaced reinforced earth pavement.
- Eight standard car parks.
- An upgrade to the existing road.
- Rigging and de-rigging areas.
- Fish cleaning facilities.

### **Queensland Eisteddfod 2011 committee formed**

A committee has been formed to organise the Queensland Eisteddfod that will be held in Maryborough in 2011. Cr Mick Kruger said he was pleased with the turn out to a meeting called to set up the committee. People from both Hervey Bay and Maryborough were keen to be involved, he said.

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