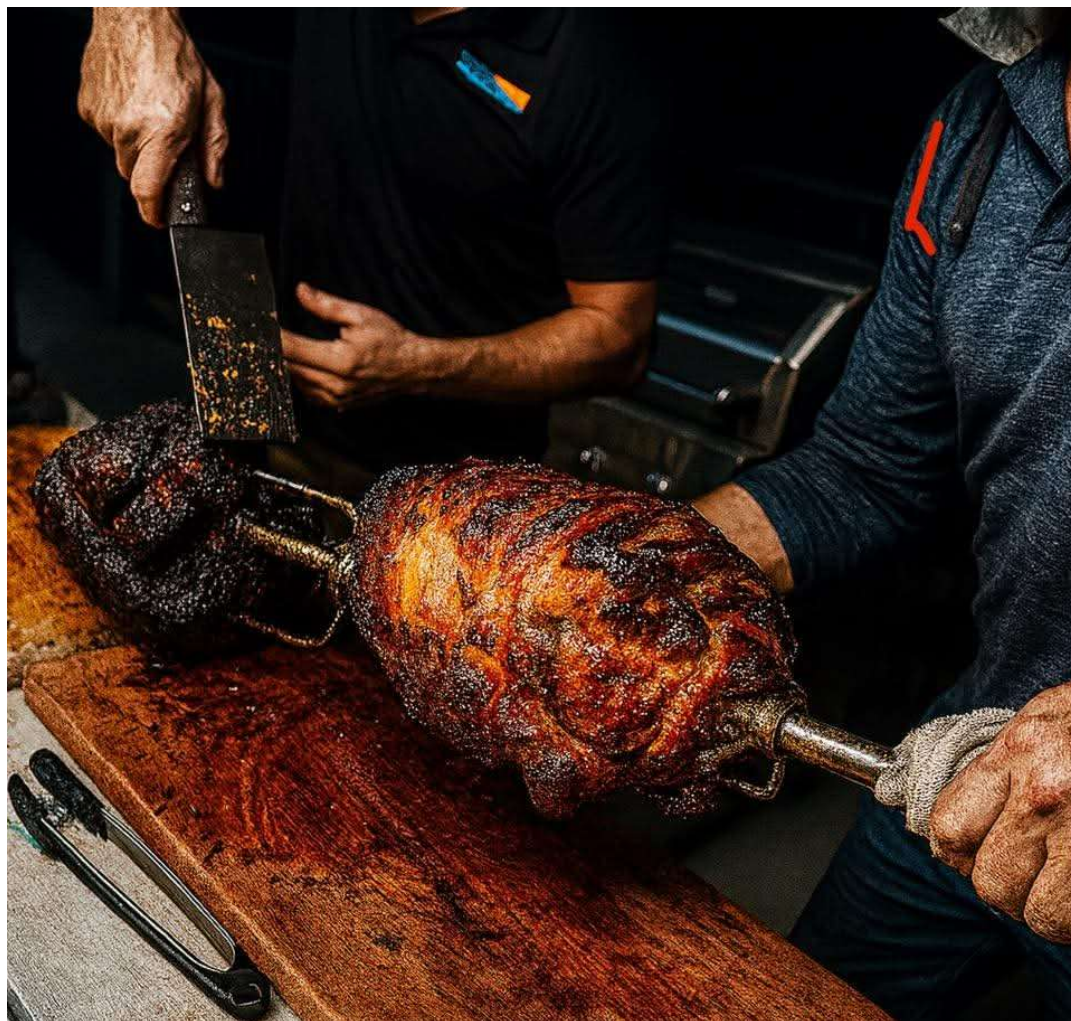


# River Heads Review

**Community news**

## *River Heads Progress Association*

The River Heads Progress Association acknowledges the Butchulla people - the Traditional Owners of the land we live, work and play on, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.



## Fishmas in July for the fishing club

The River Heads Fishing Club celebrated Fishmas in July with a lure covered Christmas tree, outdoor fires and a spit.

A star filled sky provided the tinsel on a great night out for members.

Thanks to Bianca Henderson for this great shot

## **Rivers Bistro & Bar** — **Friday nights @ 5.30pm**

**1st Friday**  
BBQ & live music

**2nd Friday**  
Fishing Club  
Raffles, &  
RHPA raffles

**3rd Friday**  
Foody Friday with Wendy

**4th Friday**  
Foody Friday with Jenny

On the 5th Friday  
we rest



**The River Heads Progress Association AGM is on August 28 @ 6pm. More information inside.**

**0487 097 700**

45 Ariadne Street (opposite the shops)



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## River Heads Progress Association

We are a pretty small group doing a pretty big job

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month would be a huge help

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## A message from the Pres - Keith

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As we move into August and dream of warmer days ahead, I thought it time to pay special thanks to the volunteers who helped get us to this time of the year.

There are the usual faces you see most Fridays running at warp speed through the kitchen preparing your meals or those smiling faces behind the bar but so many more behind the scenes as well. Raffle ticket sales, bistro order taking, web site updating, bookkeeping, shopping and of course preparation of this wonderful tabloid, *The River Heads Review*.

Volunteers who keep our fishing club fun and welcoming; the small but dedicated crew that put music on our tourist radio, Fraser Radio 87.8 and 88.0 FM; volunteers who turn up each week so the Quilters and indoor bowlers have somewhere to participate and socialise with like-minded community members. We even have a few members that help out on our Bunnings BBQ days.

## John Weiland Division 7

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We're now into the second half of 2025, and there's plenty happening across the Fraser Coast!

A major milestone for our region, and one I'm proud to share, is that Council has recently endorsed becoming a Reef Guardian Council. This is a significant step forward in protecting our waterways, with the aim of being included in future strategic planning and funding streams to help maintain and improve the health of our marine and coastal environments.

Given the unique and highly valued waterways in our area, I was one of two councillors who recently attended the Coastal Leaders and Management Conference, which played a key role in achieving this endorsement. Fingers crossed this leads to the investment and support our waterways deserve.

## David Lee MP

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Since my election in October, 2024 I have consistently advocated for the upgrade of the River Heads pontoon. I am doing what I said I would do.

I am currently informed that Maritime Safety Queensland is conducting a feasibility assessment into the upgrade of the pontoon. The previous Labor government failed to budget for the replacement of the pontoon. I will continue to make representations to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Brent Mickelberg, for the upgrade of the River Heads pontoon. In the interim, Fraser Coast Regional Council is responsible for the maintenance of the pontoon.

It makes me wonder how many it would take to do all of these things if we were a government department.

So to each and every one of you in our small pool of volunteers, may I say - thank you.

Now that we all know how much is involved, it is time to advise you all that our annual general meeting is just around the corner and that all positions on the committee will be up for nomination. You will soon see in your email box the notification of the AGM and instructions on how you can nominate someone and the voting process. But don't forget, you need to be a financial member.

Of course, you don't have to be on the committee to volunteer, and we welcome anybody who has some spare time to join our small group and lend a hand.

See you all at the hall.

On a lighter note, I was unfortunately unable to attend the River Heads Fishing Club's Christmas in July event, but by all accounts, it was a fantastic weekend — great food, awesome prizes, and even better people. If you've ever thought about joining the club, I highly recommend it. You won't regret it!

In other news, our new community hub building has reached the halfway point. Construction is progressing well, with the final build phase and internal fit-out due to begin shortly — exciting times ahead for local groups and residents who will benefit from this space.

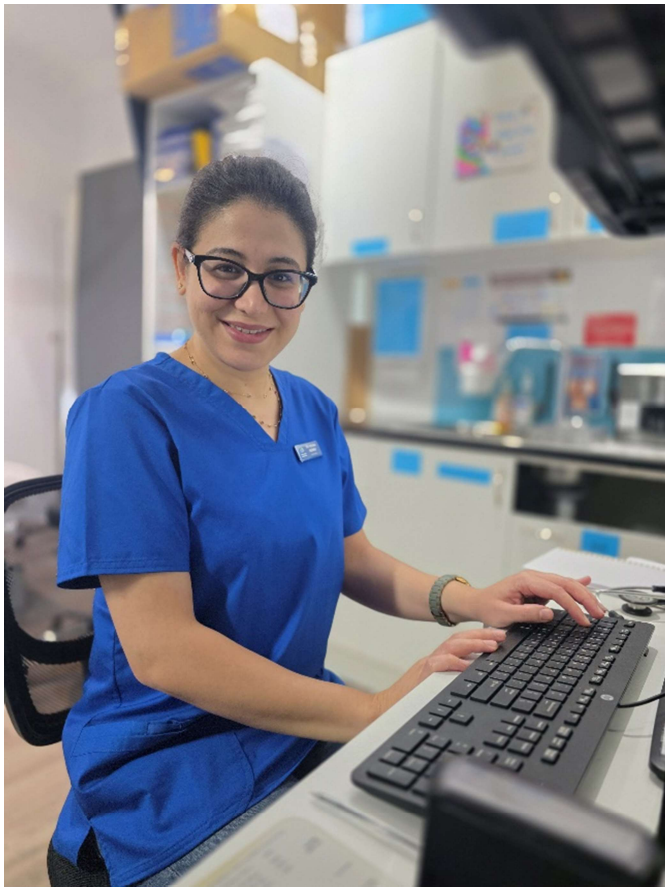
Finally, we are currently running a community consultation on cemetery services. Council is seeking your feedback to help shape a long-term plan for burial and memorial options that reflect the values, needs, and expectations of our community. You can have your say at *Fraser Coast Regional Council Cemeteries Consultation* online — we'd love to hear from you.

Last week we announced 26 units for supported accommodation for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness and another 18 units for seniors' social housing. There are several state-owned land sites in Hervey Bay that have laid dormant for years. I am committed to securing our housing foundations by making better use of these dormant land sites.

We are also making progress with the fit-out of level 2 of the Hervey Bay Hospital Emergency Building with 10 ICU beds and 25 general medical beds and a new state-of-the-art helipad. Until next time, take care.

Warmest regards, David Lee MP

# New GP joins River Heads Family Practice



River Heads Family Practice has recently welcomed Dr Hosna Aeineh to join their little team. It is great to see the team expanding and new talents brought in. Dr Hosna is all ready for new patients. To help the community know her a little better, Dr Hosna tells us about herself and her background in the following write up:

### *My journey into medicine*

I'm originally from Iran, and medicine has always felt like the right path for me. I was drawn to the idea of making a real difference — helping people when they're vulnerable, easing pain, and being a steady support in their health journey. I graduated as a medical doctor in 2016 and worked as a GP for almost six years before moving to Australia.

### *Moving to Australia*

I arrived in Australia in 2023. When I was considering where to move, I had a few key things in mind. First, I wanted to continue working in medicine, which I'm passionate about. Second, I was looking for a country with a good quality of life and a healthy work-life balance. And finally, I hoped to find a place where I could feel welcome and part

of the community. Australia met all those criteria and quickly became my top choice.

### *Settling down and working in Australia*

After arriving, I lived in Melbourne for a few months, then moved to Darwin and later to Alice Springs, where I stayed for nearly two years. Eventually, I started looking for opportunities in Queensland and came across the River Heads clinic. I had a great conversation with Dr. Ahmos Aziz Youssef and felt it would be a good fit. I'm really happy I made the move — the town is beautiful, peaceful, and full of kind people. It already feels like home.

### *Differences in medical systems: Iran vs. Australia*

There are quite a few. In Australia, general practice plays a key role and there's a big emphasis on preventive care and continuity. Patients often have a long-term relationship with their GP, who helps coordinate their overall care. In Iran, the system is more mixed and patients often go straight to specialists. I also appreciate the focus on shared decision-making in Australia — patients are encouraged to be involved in their own care, which I find really important.

### *Why the move to a smaller town*

Smaller towns have a unique charm. Life moves at a calmer pace, and people know each other. There's a real sense of connection and community. In big cities, it's easy to feel anonymous, but here, people greet you with a smile and you quickly feel like you belong. That sense of closeness really matters to me.

### *My area of interest*

I enjoy the variety that general practice offers. I'm particularly interested in chronic disease management, women's health, mental health and paediatrics. I value being able to follow patients over time and support them through different stages of life.

### *Hopes in River Heads*

I hope to build a meaningful, lasting life here — not just as a doctor, but as a member of the community. I want to be someone people can rely on, and I truly hope to give back as much as I receive. River Heads already feels like the right place to grow, both personally and professionally.



# Fishing Club news



Hello Fishos!

## July's outstanding catches

Check out these top catches from the day.

*Men's:* Rick with an impressive 69cm blue salmon.

*Ladies:* Amanda landed another great 58cm cod.

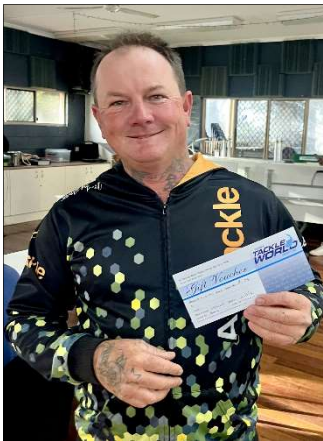
*Junior:* Ryan with a fabulous land based 47cm flathead. Go young man!

*Secret length:* Darryl 65cm flathead.

*Secrete code winner:* Mark - Infra (Latin for below, a cheeky nod to Mandi's post about freezing temps).

*Members Draw:* Ryan (double whammy).

*Meat tray champs:* The Henderson family, Peter and Neil cleaned up with some fantastic meat trays. Let us know when the BBQs are lit, we'll be right over.



## Welcome aboard

Say g'day to our newest members: junior angler Louise, new member Tim and we welcome back Peter and Stephan to the RHFC.

## Shout out and thanks

To FISHO's Tackle World, Anaconda and BCF for the gift vouchers, lures and prizes this month.

The Meat Station for yummy snags to feed our hungry fishos, as well as a sensational meat tray. Kawungan Quality Meats for consistently supplying scrumptious meat trays for our member draws.

A big thanks to our Fishmas in July supporters: Kawungan Quality Meats, The Meat Station, Anaconda Stores, BCF, Daiwa Australia and Wild Bear & Co for their generous contributions to making this Fishmas so successful.

## Club Love

Huge thanks to Gary for running the show and Greg and Bert for manning the scales as weigh masters.

Rob and Neil kept the Barbie sizzling, top job fellas. Shed duty legends, Nick, Ngarra, Amy and Rose, thank you for keeping things in order.

## Fishmas in July

What a cracker. A beautiful winters' evening filled with the succulent aroma of a mixed meat spit, fire pits, a tinny for a drinks esky and stars! Demand to do it every month has been floated.

Thank you to the talented home cooks who brought the most amazing salads, side dishes and desserts.

Much gratitude to the team for their hard work in organising such a happy and fun event. Special thanks to our spit cooks, Richard, Nick and Rick who spent hours prepping and cooking the beef, pork, chooks and spuds to perfection.

This event would not be possible without Ben and Kristen, Nick and Celena, Ngarra and Simon, Richard and Tracey, Nikki, Bella, Gary and Rick and all our fishy minions who helped out.

Thanks to all who came and made the night so great. Nice to see every one having a good time.

Congratulations to Marcus Lane on winning the stunning Wild Bear & Co wall art of Moon Point.

This club's all about mateship, healthy competition and a crackin' good time on the water. Come wet a line with us, join the River Heads Fishing Club today. Fishin' is better with your mates, especially when you out fish them!

Until next time, tight lines.



# Fishing Club news





# Fishing Club news



## ***Crumbed whiting burgers with cabbage slaw and coconut mayo***

### **Ingredients:**

1 egg  
½ cup sunflower oil  
½ cup light olive oil  
2 tbsp coconut cream  
2 tbsp desiccated coconut, toasted  
½ cup plain flour  
2 tsp lemon pepper seasoning  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
2 ½ cups panko breadcrumbs

1. Coconut mayo, place egg in a small food processor. Slowly add oils a few drops at a time until the mixture starts to thicken.
2. Slowly pour remaining oil in a thin steady stream whisking constantly until thick and pale. Stir through coconut cream and desiccated coconut. Chill until ready to serve
3. Cabbage slaw, combine all ingredients in a bowl with half the coconut mayo. Season then stir to combine. Set aside until ready to serve.

1 x 100 g skinless whiting fillets  
Sunflower oil, to deep fry  
4 bread rolls split

### ***Cabbage slaw***

2 cups shredded red cabbage  
2 cups shredded green cabbage  
1 carrot grated  
2 tbsp chopped coriander leaves  
Plus extra leaves to garnish



4. Combine flour and lemon pepper in a bowl. Place eggs and breadcrumbs in separate bowls. Dip the fish first in flour mixture, then coat in egg and finally in the crumbs until well coated.
5. Heat oil in a large pan to 190C then deep fry the fish in batches for 2-3 minutes or until crisp and golden. Drain on paper towel.
6. serve fish in rolls with slaw, remaining coconut mayo and extra coriander to garnish.



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# Community news – Christmas in July



Christmas in July at the Gordon's house and the most sort after six pack in history below.

If you have an event happening we would love to see the photos!



## Annual General Meeting 6pm Thursday, August 28, 2025 River Heads Community Hall

All positions on the executive and management committees will be made vacant and available for nominations from members of the RHPA.

### Executive committee

President  
Treasurer

Vice President  
Secretary

### Management committee

Assistant Treasurer  
Assistant Secretary  
Registrar (membership)  
Registrar (keys)  
Events Coordinator  
Food & Beverage Manager  
Bar Coordinator

Roster Coordinator  
Webmaster  
Emergency Coordinator  
Social Media Coordinator  
Review Editor  
Fishing Club Delegate  
Fraser Radio Delegate

Nominations can be handed in during Friday night bistros at the hall in a sealed envelope addressed to the secretary. Or email [secretary@riverheads.org.au](mailto:secretary@riverheads.org.au). Completed nomination forms should be received by 5pm Thursday, August 21.

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# Wildlife matters – The Unwelcome Common Myna

By Peter Duck

Branch Vice-President John Williams provided attendees at the June Wildlife Talk in the Hervey Bay and Maryborough Libraries with an informative session on one of Eastern Australia's most pervasive introduced pests, the Common Myna, aka the Indian Myna.

John explained the history of how the bird was introduced into Australia, initially as a biological control agent for pests in the market gardens of Sydney and Melbourne and later the cane fields of Far North Queensland and the Bundaberg area, and he detailed the subsequent dispersion of the bird around the east coast of Australia.

John laced his entertaining talk with historical anecdotes of some of the misguided actions of seemingly well-intentioned bird lovers who enjoyed an association with these birds once they established in an area. Unfortunately, as the bird colonised much of urban eastern Australia, it became clear that the Common Myna was a pest that would displace native bird populations, and impact tree-hollow reliant faunal species.

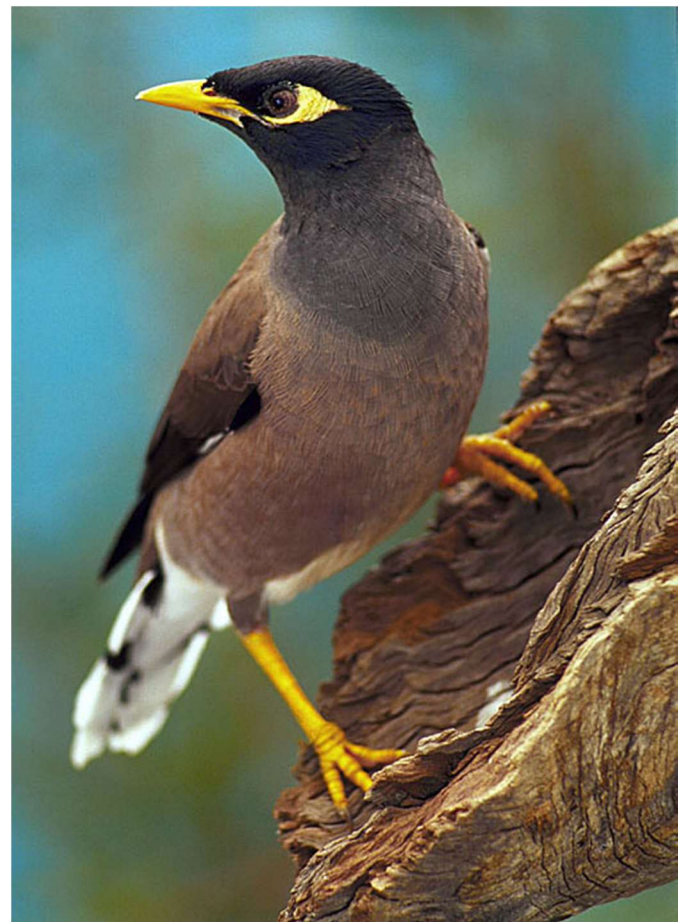
John also gave an account of methods to trap and remove the birds. A lot of this knowledge came from John's time coordinating an awareness and education program that was conducted by the Fraser Coast Branch of Wildlife Queensland. A series of workshops explained the process of how to construct traps and lure birds in successfully. Many of the participants from those workshops continue with their own campaigns of eradication and provide John with feedback of their success, along with advice about improving capture rates and trap modifications.

He presented a case study of a large community program in the ACT targeting the Myna which saw the bird go from the third most common bird in the Canberra region to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Nevertheless, John is fairly pessimistic about the prospect of full eradication, citing the clever and elusive nature of the bird.

At both the Hervey Bay and Maryborough talks there were comments relating to the native bird the Noisy Miner, and the suggestion that through its aggressive nature it presents as big an issue as the Common Myna. This was echoed in some of the commentary on social media in response to

promotional posts. John went to lengths to explain the difference, noting the only connection between the birds was a homophonic one.

While John acknowledged the native Noisy Miner was extremely territorial displacing many smaller more timid bush birds, he reminded them that, as a native bird, it is protected in Queensland by the Nature Conservation Act. He stressed that, unlike the Common Myna, the Noisy Miner builds a nest and does not displace native faunal species from nesting hollows.



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## Library talk

Members of Wildlife Queensland Fraser Coast Branch do bush walks in the Fraser Coast region the first weekend of each month, nine times a year. This month Marlene Luce is giving a talk on these walks in the Maryborough Library, August 29. Below is an account of her experiences.

Rarely do we go to places that are familiar and signposted such as Takura Environmental Reserve, most are in forested areas without signage. In 2024 I moved up to the walks team. We plan where and when to go, then visit the spot, placing ribbons and lightly pruning to provide a safe walking trail for the mainly senior walkers. Some members have specific interests and it is great to listen to them identify plants, insects, birds or any feature in our natural environment while taking in the surrounds and benefitting from the exercise and knowledge.

I am showing off places that we have never seen before. There is a lot to see on the Fraser Coast. To come, is a beach walk, wildflower walk, mountain and end of year party in a state forest.

My bigger passion is multi-day hiking - pulling on a backpack with food and supplies and heading off with friends to see spots around Queensland. Another passion is being in my large country garden.

Bookings on 41974220 or online at Eventbrite. The talk will run from 1-2pm. Bookings essential.



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# Fraser Radio – your local tourist information radio station

By Ed Martin, station manager

Welcome to our July 2025 update for Fraser Radio. We are already into the next half of 2025 and our whale watching season has commenced here in the Bay, with an influx of tourists here to experience the exhilaration of viewing our huge marine mammals.

Other attractions include a visit to K'Gari, Urangan Pier, the waterpark, botanic gardens, mini golf, Regional Gallery, The Story Bank, Hervey Bay Museum and Historical Village and much more. We welcome visitors to the Fraser Coast and trust they have a wonderful and memorable stay.

Fraser Radio provides these visitors entertainment and information about our local region, through our programming which is also available via streaming.

If your group or venture is something that tourists would be interested in, let us know. We are keen to include them in our information segments.

These segments include one liners through to interviews that let visitors know; what you are, what you offer and when you offer it. Enquire about our no fee interview option as an introduction to get your venture on air. Subject to availability so be quick.

So how can you tune in Fraser Radio? If you are in

the coverage zone around either River Heads (88.0 FM) or Booral (87.8FM) otherwise use the link to listen via our online stream <https://webplayer.fastcast4u.com/touristf/>

Do you want to advertise your business or activity? We offer packages starting at \$135, these include a basic script and audio production at no additional fee. If you are a local business why not consider advertising on Fraser Radio. Fraser Radio is on the air 24/7, 365 days a year and we stream on the internet Australia wide.

We provide a mix of music from the 60s ,70s ,80s through to the present day.

New to the area or visiting? We provide a range of local information and we look forward to informing and entertaining our listeners through our FM radio broadcasts or via the on-line stream.

Fraser Radio wishes to thank our supporters for their highly valued assistance and contributions including: Urangan Fisheries, FCRC, Hervey Bay RSL and RHPA. We also wish to thank our advertisers for their continued support.

If you have something that might be of interest to communicate, please email Fraser Radio at [info@fraserradio.com.au](mailto:info@fraserradio.com.au)

Fraser Radio is a sub-committee of the River Heads Progress Association and operated by volunteers who are passionate about our local region.

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# Council news

## Nominations open for 2025 Fraser Coast Ability Awards



The 2025 Fraser Coast Ability Awards celebrate outstanding achievements of people with disability, and individuals and organisations championing inclusion across the region.

Fraser Coast Inclusive Access Advisory Committee Chair Cr John

Weiland said the annual event had become a cornerstone of Council's commitment to building a stronger, more inclusive community.

"This year marks the 27th Fraser Coast Ability Awards and we're proud to honour the people and stories that inspire positive change every day," Cr Weiland said.

"Whether it's through innovation, advocacy, arts, sport, or leadership - these awards shine a spotlight on those who lead by example and help create a community where everyone belongs."

Held on September 19 in the Brolga Theatre, this year's theme *'Sparkle – shine bright in your*

*community'* encouraging attendees to dress with flair while celebrating diversity and inclusion.

Cr Weiland said a refreshed awards structure and categories had been introduced following feedback from the Inclusive Access Advisory Committee.

Categories include:

- Hall of Fame
- Excellence in innovation
- Outstanding inclusive initiative
- Change making through leadership & advocacy
- Outstanding personal achievement in sports & recreation
- Outstanding personal achievement in arts & culture
- Significant personal success & leading by example (Ted Weber Award)

Performances by Maryborough Special School's Auslan Signing Choir, Sparks All Ability Dance Group, and a combined performance by Hervey Bay Special School and Torquay State School. Auslan provided throughout, a disco celebration to close.

Nominations by August 29 online via SmartyGrants at <https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/fraser-coast-ability-awards>

Council's Community Development team can assist on 1300 794 929 or emailing [community@frasercoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:community@frasercoast.qld.gov.au)

## New bushfire plan to help protect local communities

Fraser Coast Regional Council has adopted a Bushfire Risk Mitigation Strategy to help reduce the risk of bushfires and protect local communities.

"We've all seen the devastation that bushfires can cause, such as the 2018 fire at Tinnanbar and the 2020 fire on K'gari that burned for two months and scorched half the island," Mayor George Seymour said.

"This plan helps us take early action to reduce bushfire risk close to homes, schools, parks and community facilities right across the Fraser Coast."

The Strategy, developed by a specialist consultant and with early discussions with the Queensland Fire Department, local Rural Fire Brigades, Traditional Owners and land management groups includes:

- A five-year program of fire trail maintenance and hazard reduction burns across the region

- Managing risk in 10 high-priority bush reserves
- Guidelines to reduce fire risk while protecting plants & wildlife
- Coordination with emergency services & Rural Fire Brigades to ensure rapid & effective response

A dedicated Council officer has been appointed to lead the delivery of the plan, with work starting this year.

Council has identified priority sites based on risk modelling, fire history and proximity to populated areas. These will be the focus of early hazard reduction and vegetation management activities.

"Every landholder has a responsibility to be prepared and manage their bushfire risks, and this plan is all about Council managing the risk on the land it's responsible for."



# Council news

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## Lower speeds approved for Esplanade and Queen Street



New speed limits along Hervey Bay's Esplanade and Queen Street in Maryborough will take effect this month, making the popular strips safer and more enjoyable for residents and visitors.

Fraser Coast Regional Council Roads and Transport spokesperson Cr Denis Chapman said the Speed Management Committee endorsed the changes after a review and community feedback.

"The Esplanade is one of our busiest and most loved areas, with thousands of people walking, cycling

and driving along it every day.

"Reducing speed limits in high-use areas helps improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, especially near cafes, shops, parks and playgrounds."

The new speed limit changes include:

- 50km/h to 40km/h between Hervey Street and Fraser Street on the Esplanade
- 40km/h zones within one block of the Esplanade including McKean, Freshwater & Campbell Sts.
- Pavement markings and new signage to clearly indicate the updated limits
- Urangan to 40km/h on the Esplanade & Pier Street from Elizabeth Street to King Street

Cr Chapman said the Committee supported future extensions of the 40km/h zone once further pedestrian crossings or management measures are implemented, with planning underway for four additional crossings along the Esplanade.

## Council updates community support policies

Fraser Coast Regional Council has updated a range of policies that provide financial support and concessions to residents, pensioners, community groups, and businesses.

Mayor George Seymour said Council would support the community through grants and concessions valued at about \$8.5 million in 2025/26.

The updated policies adopted include:

- Financial Hardship Policy - support for ratepayers facing genuine financial difficulty, including deferred payments and interest relief.
- Pensioner Concession Policy - up to \$200 per year in rate relief for eligible pensioners.
- Water Charge Relief Policy - rebates for excess water use hidden leaks or ongoing medical needs, now covering leaks caused by Council maintenance or construction.
- Conservation Area Rates Concession Policy - rate relief for landowners managing and protecting environmentally significant land.
- Waste Management Fee Concession Policy - waives landfill disposal fees for community

groups that organise clean-ups of public spaces.

- Community Grants Policy - providing grants, donations, and sponsorships to local projects, events and initiatives, with updates to ensure fair and consistent distribution of funding.
- Community Groups Concession Policy - support for not-for-profit organisations delivering cultural, sporting or welfare services, up to 100 per cent on general rates and some utilities.
- Principal Place of Residence Policy - correct rates and charges for main residence, not investment or rental properties.
- Refurbishment Concession Policy - relief on rates and utilities for commercial property owners upgrading heritage or significant buildings closed during refurbishment works.

The updated versions of the policies will soon be available on Council's website at <https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/policies>, while more information about Council grants programs is available at

<https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/grants>



## *The Cheeky Home Cook creates – Peru chicken with green sauce*

### **Chicken**

1kg chicken thighs remove skin and bone

5 cloves garlic

1/3 cup soy sauce

2 tbsp lime juice

1 tbsp olive oil

2 tsp cumin

1 tsp paprika

1/2 tsp dried oregano

Black pepper

### **Green Sauce**

3 jalapenos remove seeds

1 cup coriander leaves

2 green onions, green parts only

2 cloves garlic

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup Greek yogurt

1 tbsp lime juice

1/2 tsp salt

1/4 tsp black pepper

2 tbsp olive oil



### **Method**

- Puree garlic, soy sauce, lime juice, olive oil, cumin, paprika, oregano and pepper in a blender.
- Place chicken in a bag with marinade, refrigerate 8 to 24 hours.
- For the green sauce: blend all of the ingredients except the oil. Once blended drizzle the oil in while you continue to blend until smooth. Refrigerate.
- Preheat barbecue or grill. Grill the chicken for 5 to 6 min per side or until cooked through.
- Serve with rice, lime wedges and drizzled with the green sauce.







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