

Your rates at work



Grafton waterfront prepares for a makeover

Work on the Grafton Waterfront Precinct project is set to start in early April. We will be improving access to the banks of the mighty Clarence River by building a new path from Memorial Park to Clarence St, creating arteries that will connect people to the new bridge, the river and to town.

Wheelchair and stair access at Duke St and Clarence St will

improve accessibility for all, while Memorial Park will benefit from a new toilet block with the capacity to cater for events.

A shelter will also be erected in the park.

Other improvements include landscaping, seating and a boat ramp will be constructed at Salty Seller, creating a suitable place to launch a small craft into the river.



New rules for short-term accommodation

Changes to the state's short-term rental accommodation (STRA) rules will create opportunities for more Clarence Valley property owners.

Properties in low-density housing zones can now be rented for 180 days per year, opening up a new market for home owners in certain areas across the Clarence Valley.

Information on how to register your rental property and the new requirements are available through the NSW Planning Portal.

planningportal.nsw.gov.au/stra

All hands on deck for new Yamba Skatepark

Designed in consultation with the local community, Yamba's new skatepark is set to be the envy of the region.

The redevelopment has been made possible by the hard work of the Yamba Skate Working Crew, whose passion and dedication has given life to the project.

Funded by the Federal Government Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Fund, it will deliver a dynamic, youthful element to the Yamba CBD.

Building boom for the Clarence Valley

An unprecedented surge in the number of approved Development Applications across the Clarence Valley has painted a positive picture for local infrastructure investment, with benefits overflowing to the wider community.

In the 2020/21 financial year, the number of DAs approved by Clarence Valley Council jumped by 27%. This meant 924 applications were approved, with a collective value of \$162,516,239.

The upward trend had continued into the current financial year, despite this we are currently processing DAs ahead of our target of 43 days.



Emu signage and change to speed limit on Brooms Head Rd

The speed limit on a 7.2km section of Brooms Head Rd in the Clarence Valley has been reduced from 100km/hr to 80km/hr as part of a range of measures to help save the endangered coastal emu population.

The emu protection zone also includes vehicle activated speed signs and road patches over a 2.5-kilometre section of the road, to remind drivers they are travelling in an emu protection area and to take extra care.



School Infrastructure project

Work on improving safety within school zones continued through the summer holiday period, with major works occurring while the students were away for the summer break.

Nineteen schools across the Clarence Valley are benefitting from the School Infrastructure Project with works including dedicated kiss and drop, and bus zones, children's crossings, footpaths to and from schools, pedestrian islands, and disabled parking.



Load Local Love gift cards

Hundreds of Clarence Valley shops, businesses, activity and accommodation providers, restaurants, and cafés are now participating in our LOAD LOCAL LOVE gift card scheme.

While most gift cards and vouchers limit people to a single store or services, LLL gift cards can be used to make multiple purchases at different shops and venues. Best of all, you know that all money spent is going straight back into the local economy.

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Nose-in parking at Fitzroy St, Grafton

Forty-five-degree nose-in parking is now in place on the southern side of Fitzroy St, adjacent to the Grafton Hotel and adjoining properties from 91-97 Fitzroy St.

The new parking method will result in less traffic delays and other benefits including:

- when parking, motorists can more easily view high kerbs and footpath obstructions
- vehicle exhaust emissions face away from the footpath and outdoor dining
- cars are not reversing into a pedestrian environment.

Implementation of the Grafton CBD Precinct Plan and the associated nose-in parking change are subject to external funding and there is no scheduled date to change parking in other areas at this stage.



Protecting koalas in Lawrence

Protecting native vegetation, especially koala food trees, is essential for the future of koalas in the Clarence Valley.

The Lawrence area supports a population of koalas that use both private and publicly owned land, including public road reserves, and we need your help to make sure this threatened species keeps thriving both here and in the wider region.

Make sure you know the rules surrounding tree removal on private and public land in the Clarence Valley: clarence.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Tree-management

Non-compliance with the requirements may result in fines or legal action.

In all cases, it is preferred that koala feed tree species [most often species of Eucalyptus (gum trees)] are not removed from any land unless essential.

The Clarence Valley is a pretty special place

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