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REQUEST FOR TENDER CONTRACT NO: RFT-807-TO VALIDATION OF MAXIMUM LOAD LIMITS FOR SELECTED COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL ROAD BRIDGES

Tenders are invited for the validation of maximum load limits for selected road bridges, and develop/improve procedures and ancillary systems suitable to support the National Heavy Vehicle Law.

Interested parties are required to register via Council's E-tendering portal www.tenderlink.com/coffsharbour to download documents and submit tenders electronically free of charge. If you have difficulties accessing the above website please call the Tenderlink Help Desk on 1800 233 533. Enquiries and requests for additional information should be directed to Paul Sparke (02) 6648 4459 or via the Tenderlink online forum.

Submissions must be submitted electronically via the Tenderlink electronic Tender Box no later than **3:30pm on Tuesday, 9 January 2018**.

Council's policy advises that the canvassing of Councillors and/or Council Staff will disqualify any tenderer.

EVENT FUNDING PROGRAM – ROUND 2 SUBMISSIONS

The second round of Council's Event Funding Program is now open.

Funding is available in two categories:

Event Seed Funding Grants up to \$5,000: for start-up or new events running within the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area (LGA), aimed at providing support to events in their critical early stages.

Event Destination Marketing Funding Grants up to \$10,000: for events targeting overnight visitation from outside the Coffs Harbour LGA. This funding is designed to assist in developing a marketing campaign to drive visitation to the Coffs Coast, and the event, from outside the LGA.

Please visit www.coffscostevents.com.au to apply.

Applications close **Friday 15 December 2017**.

BOAMBEE CREEK BOAT RAMP WORKS

Coffs Harbour City Council, thanks to funding from the RMS, is undertaking a major upgrade to the Boambree Creek Boat Ramp located off Hogbin Drive South. The upgrade works will include removal of the old ramp, replacing it with a new concrete ramp to enable safer use of the facility, the works will take approximately two weeks starting on **Thursday 7th December with completion planned for the 23rd December** (weather permitting). The Boat Ramp will be closed for the duration of the Works, Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

Supporting Student Start-ups



Encouraging the entrepreneurs of the future is the aim of a new initiative coming to Woolgoolga High School and supported by Council and 6 Degrees Woolgoolga.

The Youth Entrepreneur Program (YEP) initiative has been developed by local company, HR Werx, and will initially involve around 20 Year 10 students.

"Council is an innovator and major supporter of local entrepreneurs and start-ups through its award-winning 6 Degrees project. With the world of work evolving so rapidly it makes a great deal of sense to be equipping our youth with the skills to turn their own ideas into business start-ups as soon as possible," said Stephen Saunders, Council's Section Leader Industry and Destination Development.

"We're proud to be a part of the Youth Entrepreneur Program."

The Year 10 students will participate in educational workshops where they will learn how to take an idea, establish a business and take a product to the market.

Successful local employers will mentor the students to give them the benefit of direct

experience in learning how to innovate, think strategically and problem-solve.

On completion of the course, students will:

- Have an in-depth understanding of entrepreneurship;
- Be equipped to create and implement ideas in a business framework;
- Be able to consider opportunities from an entrepreneur's point of view; and
- Network with local leading entrepreneurs.

The course will run for 20 weeks over two terms and will be delivered at the 6 Degrees Co-working Hub in Queen Street, Woolgoolga.

"Not only will the students gain vital skills and a fresh horizon in that time, but they will also create closer links with the local community and its employment landscape," added Mr Saunders.

Woolgoolga High School and the Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce are also key stakeholders in the Youth Entrepreneur Program.

Council Supports Anti Violence Campaign

As part of its support for the White Ribbon campaign against domestic violence, Council's senior staff and Lifeguards took part in a series of Mentors in Violence Prevention training sessions and a community event at Park Beach Surf Club.

"Domestic and family violence is a blight on society. Training and events to highlight the issue will help get the message through that we all need to stand up, speak out and act," said Coffs Harbour Mayor Councillor Denise Knight, who has been a long-standing supporter of the White Ribbon campaign.

Council staff and Lifeguards undertook workshops in the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme – Bystander Training.

This training has three main goals:

- To help people develop a range of options for intervention in specific situations and scenarios;

- To foster a peer culture that motivates everyone to get involved in challenging and interrupting all forms of abuse and to help create a climate in which abusive attitudes, beliefs and behaviours are seen as unacceptable, uncool and unwelcome;

- To help people of all ages and backgrounds develop the skills to become leaders and mentors to others on the issues of sexual assault and relationship abuse prevention.

All the Council staff involved signed the White Ribbon oath pledging to stand up and speak out to prevent violence against women.

The event at Park Beach Surf Club was run by the Coffs Coast Committee Against Domestic and Family Violence and supported by Council. It featured a range of speakers, dance performances, activities and a fund-raising sausage sizzle for the Club's nippers.



Pictured are Council's Lifeguards after signing the oath at the community event.

First STILL Art Prize Winner

The first ever winner of the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery's STILL: National Still Life Award is Sydney-based artist Sarah Goffman.

Her work 'Asian Table' is a reproduction of ancient Chinese ceramics, but created from intricately-painted, recycled plastic.

"I am overwhelmed and so grateful to win this award," said Ms Goffman. "Art prizes present a conundrum. I have mixed feelings, if only every artist in this exhibition could be awarded \$20,000. It's brave to make art, we make ourselves vulnerable and we're not always rewarded for it."

There were a total of 605 entries for the Award, which is open to all forms of artworks.

The judge of the biennial prize - Lisa Slade, Assistant Director, Artistic Programmes, Art Gallery of South Australia - described STILL as 'a game changer'.

"STILL has placed the still life genre at the heart of contemporary art practice. There is a real sense that something new is happening here," she said.

She awarded five commendations to Tiffany Cole, Sarah Edmondson, Guy Gilmour, Sam Leach and Prue Venables.

The People's Choice Award of \$5000 was shared by Coffs Harbour artist Ben Fayle for his work 'Rose Coloured Glasses No.2' and Sydney photographer Greg Weight's 'Bohemian Table'.

The exhibition at the Regional Gallery features the work of 63 finalists from all states and the ACT. It includes painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, ceramics, glass, sculpture, video, printmaking and textiles.

STILL: National Still Life Award is supported by Mercedes Benz Coffs Coast as Major Sponsor and Slater & Gordon, Saso Creative and Moving Art as Supporting Sponsors.

The exhibition is open at the Gallery on the corner of Coff and Duke Streets until 20 January 2018.



Todd Blewitt of major sponsor Mercedes Benz Coffs Coast (left) and Gallery Curator Jo Besley (right) congratulate STILL Winner Sarah Goffman.