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Council is holding a Photography Competition as part of the 'Building an EPIC Stadium for the Future' Project. When finished, the upgrade to C.ex Coffs International Stadium will offer nearly 3000 seats as well as upgraded player, media, spectator and corporate facilities.

We are searching for stunning photographs that can be utilised throughout the Stadium Buildings that reflect the beauty of the Coffs Coast.

#### ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The competition has 2 divisions; Junior (which will be decided by an online vote) and Open (which will be chosen by a selection panel). There are also 3 categories for photographs: Urban, Hinterland, and Coastal. You can enter 1 photo per category.

#### KEY DATES

<b>Competition Closes</b>	Sunday, 15 July 2018
<b>Junior Division online voting opens</b>	11am, Monday 23 July
<b>Junior Division online voting closes</b>	2pm, Friday 10 August.
<b>Winners Announced</b>	Wednesday, August 15 2018

Winning images will be licensed to Coffs Harbour City Council, and the photographer awarded a license fee for use of the image (\$250 per selected photo in the Junior Division and \$500 per photo in the Open Division).

To find out more and enter go to

<https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/EPICPHOTO>

## Nana Glen WaterWise Kids on Song!

Nana Glen Public School students celebrated achieving their WaterWise Refresher Certificate by writing and performing a special WaterWise song at the ceremony.

But they aren't just musical – they also carried out a water audit that saved the school money and checked the efficiency of water saving taps that the school bought through a Council Green Schools grants.



*Pictured are: Teacher Tasmyn Lessells, Principal Deanie Nicholls, Mayor Denise Knight and WaterWise Educator Jane Noack. Year 3 students are wearing hats while Year 2 students have streamers. School Captain Jack Davey holds the WaterWise Refresher Certificate.*

## Startups are 'Thriving' on the Coffs Coast

'THRIVE' could be the next app buzzword following local entrepreneur Sarah Pryor's triumph at this year's Startup Coffs Coast Final live pitch competition.

"Sarah wowed the judges with her pitch for THRIVE, which is an app that connects individuals, groups and organisations to local volunteer opportunities," said Stephen Saunders, Council's Section Leader Industry and Destination Development.

"Highly Commended was Lorraine Chowdury with her 'Rate Us' app that allows aged care, disability and education sector clients to provide feedback on their care. Both winners were delighted to share a prize package worth \$30,000."

As well as Sarah and Lorraine, this year's finalists included:

- Kiss Ankle Co – Craig Hubbard. An ankle brace that works with the joint's own bio-mechanics to prevent, repair and regenerate ankle injuries.
- Smart Trail – Chris Winn. A physical network of low energy bluetooth beacons designed to engage visitors via smart devices throughout the Coffs Harbour area.
- Oxygen Health Clinics – Peter Stone. The establishment of a world class hyperbaric medical unit at the Specialist Medical Centre, Coffs Harbour.
- Dreamtime Mentors – Matthew Smith. A Zero Waste education consultancy that develops, designs, manufactures and supplies zero waste reusable products.
- Move To My Town – Roger Tindale. Website and app designed for users considering a move

to towns and cities in regional and rural Australia.

"With the largest ever field of entrants for the live pitch, all the finalists did well to get so far," said Stephen. "It was exciting to see the breadth of new businesses pitching the jobs of the future."

Startup Alley – a showcase of new local businesses – was once again full of buzz and excitement with a range of ideas from escorted motorbike tours to a social enterprise that makes you feel good while you shop online.

"Future entrepreneurs and engineers from local schools were kept busy and challenged with the popular robotics workshops," he added.

"The workshops are run by First Australia, an organisation striving to inspire today's students to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering or maths through a shared love of robots. The audience was amazed at what the students could create, program and showcase in such a short space of time. If that was any indication, the future is looking very bright on the Coffs Coast."

For more information on the event or local startup support, go to [www.facebook.com/SixDegreesCoworking](http://www.facebook.com/SixDegreesCoworking)



*Pictured are: Peter Stone – Healing Chambers, Chris Winn – Smart Trail, Nicole Bourne – KiSS Ankle Co, Sarah Pryor – THRIVE, Lorraine Chowdury – Rate Us Application, Roger Tindale – Move to my Town, Matthew Smith – Dreamtime Mentors.*

## Mayor Thanks Volunteers



The unsung heroes that form the small army of volunteers who help keep the city's community facilities operating, or offer their time and expertise on advisory groups, have been thanked personally by the Mayor, Councillor Denise Knight, at a ceremony at the Cavanbah Centre on Wednesday, June 13.

"I'm humbled every time I come across the many, many selfless heroes behind the sports, community and cultural facilities that we often take for granted," said Cr Knight. "I never cease to be amazed when I find out just how many hours of their lives people are happy to give up. In some cases, when you add it up, it's literally years.

"So I'm delighted to have this opportunity to say thank you personally to the people who do so much for the whole Coffs Harbour community."

At the event, the Mayor and Steve McGrath, Council's General Manager, presented plaques to representatives from: Ayrshire Park Management Committee, Cavanbah Centre and Community Village, Coramba Community Hall Facility Management Committee, Eastern Dorrigo Showground and Community Hall Facility Management Committee, Jetty Memorial Theatre, Lowanna Community Hall Management Committee, Lower Bucca Community Hall Management Committee, Nana Glen Sport, Recreation and Equestrian Centre Facility Management Committee, Sportz Central Advisory Committee, Toormina Community Centre Facility Management Committee and Woolgoolga Community Hall Management Committee.

A Community Service Award to mark 15 years of service to the Sportz Central Advisory Committee was also presented to Bronwyn Bursle.