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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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| <b>Consent Authority:</b>    | Coffs Harbour City Council                            |
| <b>Applicant:</b>            | TAJ PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD                     |
| <b>Application for:</b>      | Subdivision (11 lots, including new road and reserve) |
| <b>Land:</b>                 | Lot 1 DP 567045, 14 NEWMANS ROAD WOOLGOOLGA           |
| <b>Application Category:</b> | Integrated Development                                |
| <b>Approval Body:</b>        | DPI Water   |
| <b>Approval Required:</b>    | Controlled Activity Approval                          |
| <b>Council file:</b>         | 0254/19DA   |

The application and the accompanying documents may be viewed at Council's Customer Service Centre during office hours from 8:30am to 4:30pm or on Council's online application tracking (DA Tracker) at [www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au](http://www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au) from 24 October 2018 to 21 November 2018. Any person may make a written submission to Council during this period.

Submissions must be accompanied, where relevant, by a "Disclosure Statement of Political Donations and Gifts" in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008 No. 44. Disclosure forms are available from Council's Customer Services Section or may be downloaded directly from [www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/DisclosureStatement](http://www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/DisclosureStatement).



### Event Funding Program:

Council's Event Funding Program is now open for events planned for January – June, 2019. Funding is available in two categories:

#### Event Seed funding

Grants of up to \$5,000: For start-up or new events running within the Coffs Harbour LGA, aimed at providing support to events in their most critical early stages.

#### Event Destination Marketing funding

Grants of up to \$10,000: For events targeting overnight visitation from outside the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area (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.

To submit your application, review the Essential Criteria and complete your application form at [www.coffscostevents.com.au](http://www.coffscostevents.com.au).

Applications close at 5pm, Thursday 8 November 2018.

## Statewide Library Funding Push

Coffs Harbour City Council has joined other local councils in a united effort across NSW to call on the State Government to double its funding to help fill a shortfall that threatens the long-term viability of local public libraries.

"Our public libraries are at the heart of our communities and valued places where people meet, access knowledge and share ideas," said Coffs Harbour's Deputy Mayor Councillor Tegan Swan. "Providing high quality and popular library services is a job we take very seriously and that's why we're proud to support the Renew Our Libraries campaign."

At last Thursday's Council Meeting, Councillors agreed to join the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) and Local Government NSW (LGNSW) in a major grassroots push to deliver a sustainable funding model.

The campaign was sparked by the NSW Government's move to reduce public library funding by 18% in its budget earlier this year. The government later announced a \$60m new funding commitment, which would increase

library funding over a 4 year period per head of population from \$1.85 to \$2.85 by 2022/23. However, the budget implications for the Coffs Harbour library service of the current State budget and the details of the new funding commitment is still unclear.

"Every year local councils like ours contribute over \$314m to support over 360 libraries while the NSW Government currently provides only \$23.5m in recurrent funding, a vast difference" said Cr Swan. "In my opinion, this is an unbalanced burden for us to bear, particularly when local councils' much smaller budgets are already stretched.

"At around 7.8% of total funding, the NSW contribution to libraries is the lowest in Australia, despite the fact that yearly visits to NSW public libraries increased from 27 million in 2000 to over 35 million in 2017. It's time we encouraged the NSW Government to contribute a more substantial amount as, I feel, it's only fair."

For more information visit: [www.renewourlibraries.com.au](http://www.renewourlibraries.com.au)

## Community Thanked for Marysville Fund-Raising

The Coffs Harbour community was thanked last week for its generosity at a ceremony to mark the opening of MiRA – the new Marysville Information + Regional Artspace – in Victoria which was built using funds donated following the devastating Black Saturday Bushfires of 2009.

Shortly after the scale of the disaster became known, Coffs Harbour City Council established an appeal fund at the request of Russell Crowe and with the support of his friend, Australian basketball great Luc Longley.

In total, the 'Russell Crowe, Luc Longley & Coffs Harbour City Council and Community Centre Bushfire Appeal Fund' raised \$500,000 for the town of Marysville from members of the Coffs Harbour community and local sporting groups and service clubs.

Since 2009, the Federal Government, Victorian Government, Murrumbidgee Shire Council and local residents have worked through a number of proposals to find an appropriate and long-term use for the funds. During that time, they have been held in Trust by the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation on behalf of Council.

The final result was MiRA - developed in consultation with Murrumbidgee Shire Council, community arts groups and the Marysville and Triangle Business and Tourism Inc. (MTBT Inc.) – which has transformed the former Rebuilding Advisory Centre into a community and tourism hub that combines a gallery, museum, retail space for local artisan wares and produce and performance and meeting spaces.

As well as the contribution from the Coffs Harbour appeal, funds were provided by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund and the Victorian Government. The Victorian



*The Marysville centre was built with help from Coffs Harbour's community.*

Government has also approved funding assistance towards the ongoing operational costs of the Centre.

Coffs Harbour Mayor Councillor Denise Knight sent a message for the opening ceremony on behalf of the Coffs Harbour community in which she wished the people of Marysville the best for the future.

"This is not a time for looking back, but a time for looking forward and celebrating the opening of the Marysville Information + Regional Artspace," the message reads.

"All those from the Coffs Harbour community who donated to the 'Russell Crowe, Luc Longley & Coffs Harbour City Council Community Centre Bushfire Appeal Trust' will be delighted to know that they have contributed to the establishment of what will be an exciting and vibrant space for your community and visitors.

"Marysville was forever changed in 2009: it will never be the same community it was before the fires, but it is now a new community and one that is characterised by resilience and togetherness."

## LEGO® Bots Do Battle in a Coffs FIRST

LEGO® battlebots will go head-to-head next month in the very first LEGO® League Qualifying Event ever held in Coffs Harbour.

Student teams from Toormina, Korora, Narranga and Glenreagh schools will build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in an all-day, Robot Games battle event at Toormina High School on November 20. Local teams will also face competition from students from Port Macquarie, Camden Haven and Kew.

First LEGO® League is a competition challenging students aged 9 to 16 to think like scientists and engineers. It is designed to expose teams to problem-solving using science and engineering solutions.

The competition is supported by Coffs Harbour City Council's 6 Degrees. Acting Section Leader Fiona Barden said they were excited to be supporting this opportunity to foster interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

"By engaging young people in a fun event like this, we can encourage them to be excited about science, engineering and technology at the same time as they are learning skills that may lead to a fantastic future career," she said.

"Working in teams in a high-pressure Robot Games environment also gives them self-confidence and grows communication and leadership skills.

"We saw this as a fantastic learning opportunity for our local student community and next generation of leaders."

Winning teams from the regional qualifying event in Coffs Harbour will advance to state competitions, with 70 successful teams being invited to the National Championship in December.

The top teams from the Australian National Championship 2018 will receive invitations to compete internationally, including exclusive invites to the World Championships in the USA in 2019.

FIRST® Robotics is an internationally acclaimed robotics program that inspires a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in young people. Australian teams have enjoyed success at the FIRST® World Championship Tournament each year from 2006 to 2014. Worldwide there are 32,600 teams made up of 350,000+ students from nearly 80 countries. 64,000+ Mentors and 66,000+ event Volunteers and Affiliate Partners donate their time to make FIRST® possible.

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