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2019 / 20 ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY GRANTS PROGRAM – APPLICATIONS OPEN

Coffs Harbour City Council is seeking community applications for projects to be considered for funding under the 2019 / 20 Environmental Levy Grants Program. Council recognises the value and importance in providing a community based environmental program that offers and delivers opportunities to help sustain and improve the local environment.

Grants are available from \$2,000 to \$25,000 and community groups are encouraged to apply. Council is pleased to announce that the application and end to end process for applying for these grants has been simplified, to provide a more streamlined outcome for all applicants.

Application forms and further information; such as policy and guidelines are available on Council's website www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/elgrants. Applications will be accepted up until **5:00pm Friday, 12 April 2019**. For further enquiries please contact Council's Grants Administration Officer on 6648 4278.



Coffs Harbour City Council's Event Funding Program is now open.

Coffs Harbour City Council's Event Funding Program will open at 10am, Tuesday 5 March. Funding is available for events planned to run between July, 2019 – June, 2020.

There are two categories of funding available:

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 find out more and apply, visit www.coffscostevents.com.au.

Applications close at **5pm, Tuesday 26 March 2019**.

Gerry Wedd - Icon and Iconoclast - Storms Regional Gallery

Surfing and ceramics are not usually found in the same sentence – unless you are Australian artistic icon Gerry Wedd.

Wedd, whose career has spanned more than 40 years, made a name for himself creating subversive or unlikely images on everyday pottery objects. With an encyclopaedic knowledge of surfing, this five-time South Australian surf champion has been able to do what most people only dream of – making his two great loves his career.

“Who else would reproduce a fourth century classical Greek black ware jar but with an image of 1960s world surf champion Midget Farrelly?” said Jo Besley, Regional Gallery Curator. “Even if you think you don't know Gerry's work, he worked for Mambo from the 1980s until 2006 and designed clothing, posters, ceramics, metalwork and surfboards, so you're bound to have seen at least one of his distinctive 'scratch board' designs.

“His sense of humour – from inserting political statements into apparently staid willow pattern pieces to teapots incorporating the lyrics of Joni Mitchell – has been the thread throughout his career. He is not afraid of being called kitsch and happily claims that

he couldn't 'make a tasteful pot if you paid me'.”

Gerry Wedd has long used the images of pioneering surf photographer John Witzig on his ceramic objects. Witzig's work features in an accompanying exhibition at the Gallery - 'Ripped Off'. Both exhibitions open on Friday March 8, at 6pm. There is also a FREE 'Meet the Artists - Exhibition Tour' at the Gallery on Saturday, March 9, from 10.30am to 11.45am.

Entry is free, but bookings are advisable. Book via www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/gallery



Gerry Wedd in his studio. The artist happily claims that he couldn't 'make a tasteful pot if you paid me'

Council's Six-Month Checklist Success



The Trading Places scheme to attract more shoppers to retail areas was one of the achievements.

Milestones on major projects, improvements in Council services and many other achievements have been highlighted in the latest six-monthly progress report on Council's Delivery Program.

The Delivery Program 2017-2021 sets out a wide range of services and projects that Council undertakes to help achieve the objectives of the MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan. The six-monthly report presented to Councillors last night covered the period from July 1 2018 until December 31 2018.

“Time passes quickly, but these reports are a great way to take stock of what we are actually achieving on a daily basis,” said Coffs Harbour Mayor Councillor Denise Knight. “They are also a good reminder that the wellbeing of our community is at the heart of everything we do and we share the community's love for Coffs, which we demonstrate by creating beautiful, liveable spaces across our region.”

Many achievements are highlighted in the report, including:

- The opening of the new \$450,000 Bardens Bridge at Crossmaglen;
- The roll-out of the 'Trading Places' scheme to enhance footpath use in business areas;
- Winning the globally-acclaimed International Festivals and Events Association (IFEA) World Festival and Event City Award for the fourth year in a row;
- Coffs Harbour being named the Most Innovative Regional Council at the inaugural WAVE awards for enterprise development;
- Steady progress in the planning for a new Cultural and Civic Space in Coffs Harbour;
- The launch of the 'MyCoffs Connect' online directory and calendar of events supporting community groups and service providers;
- Council's Jetty4Shores Project winning the NSW Minister for Local Government's 2018 Award for Innovation in Local Government Engineering;

- Community engagement to refine concept plans to revitalise City Square;
- The Woolgoolga Town Centre Masterplan project winning the Urban Design Award at the AILA NSW Landscape Architecture Awards;
- Council winning the Local Government NSW Award for Culture Change Innovation/Excellence for its Precinct Place Planning Strategy;
- Coffs Harbour joining the Cities Power Partnership to help tackle greenhouse gas pollution and climate change;
- Significant investment in upgrading all four Coffs Coast Holiday Parks;
- Extensive water, sewer and transport asset works;
- An upgrade of digital cinema projection equipment at Jetty Memorial Theatre;
- Delivery of land management, environmental and sustainability initiatives; and
- Delivery of a range of community, economic and sporting programmes.

“All of Council's services, projects and key activities aim to enhance Coffs Harbour as a great place to live and to help the whole region position itself well to embrace the future,” added Cr Knight.

The July to December 2018 Six-Monthly Progress Report can be accessed via Council's website. Printed copies will be available at Council's Customer Service Centre, or at local libraries.

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connect.com

Find local events & services

MyCoffs Connect online directory was another highlight.