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1. About the Project

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is commencing a project to install new beach furniture over the coming years.

Our community utilise the existing picnic tables and benches dotted along our pristine oceanfront - making these locations popular recreational areas.

Across the region, Council provides benches and picnic areas, in a variety of settings, including grassy spaces, beachside and rainforest locations. There are many tables to choose from that are perfect for family outings, birthday parties or just to sit and enjoy our World Heritage environment.

We know how popular these areas are, so Council is planning for future investment for new facilities to support residents and visitors who make use of our beach foreshore areas. The project team sought feedback from the community on where they would like to see new furniture, such as benches, picnic tables and other items installed and asked why this area is important.

Council is currently developing our Open Space Strategy and suggestions for additional furniture in Council managed Parks and Open Space will be assessed in conjunction with that process.

2. Introduction – Public Consultation

Effective community consultation is a contribution process that is the foundation for genuine community development. This process allows our community to voice their support, concerns, and identify the appropriate responses and solutions to the issues that affect them.

The Cassowary Coast region is diverse and includes people of different backgrounds, needs, values and expectations. Inclusive community engagement has been identified as a Council priority of Council to ensure community members have an opportunity to have their voice heard.

Beach foreshore furniture is of key interest to residents and visitors who enjoy spending time in nature across our region. To ensure future installations of beach furniture meet the needs of the community, Council invited interested community members to have their say and tell Council where they would like to see assets installed.

The consultation commenced Friday 17 February and concluded on Monday 17 April 2023, which generated valuable feedback with 49 submissions. Respondent submissions were received by Council via the Have Your Say website. Council acknowledges and thanks all contributors for the time taken to provide feedback on this matter.

The consultation process was supported by media release, social media campaign run via Council's Facebook and Instagram page, and advertising in Council's fortnightly Community Connect.

This report identifies and captures all feedback associated with the consultation and serves as a public document to close the loop on the engagement process. The findings contained herein are presented in their entirety and draw no conclusions or recommendations on project or strategy outcomes going forward.

3. Public Consultation Outcomes

Key findings that Council received from this consultation were:

- Widespread support for further infrastructure to be installed in Wongaling Beach, with 50% of the respondents nominating this area.
- Further support for East Innisfail and Mission Beach areas was identified throughout the Your Say process.
- There were a number of comments that requested facilities to support social activities.
- There was a theme throughout numerous comments that further facilities would allow elderly people and people of all abilities to enjoy the beachfront areas.

4. Your Say – Key Findings

The Your Say survey asked residents to place a dot on the map where they would like to see new facilities installed and provide commentary. The survey had 48 contributions made.

- Bingil Bay- Two suggestions.
- Coconuts- Two suggestions.
- East Innisfail- Six suggestions.
- Etty Bay- One suggestion.
- Flying Fish Point- One suggestion.
- South Mission Beach- Five suggestions.
- Mission Beach- Eight suggestions.
- Wongaling Beach- 24 suggestions.

The following tables provide verbatim feedback received from the Your Say Platform for each specified location.

Bingil Bay

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Northern end of bingil bay beach, under tree's (sic) in the shade, but allowing for sea view please.	Bingil Bay Beach, Queensland, Australia	-17.82716848	146.1022052
A bench seat in this approximate area would be wonderful for those that struggle physically / with a disability to walk the	379 Alexander Drive, Bingil Bay Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.83338938	146.099567

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length of the beach without stopping. I often take my aged father who has had a stroke for a walk on the beach here and he struggles with no 'stopping / rest point' available. Somewhere in this mid way (sic) area preferably with natural shade would be an incredible addition.			

Coconuts

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Highly used area, perfect view of the Johnstone river (sic) and flying fish point.	322 The Esplanade, Coconuts Queensland, Australia	-17.50721217	146.0653922
Dee (sic)	290 The Esplanade, Coconuts Queensland 4860, Australia	-17.50715321	146.0624577

East Innisfail

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Near the bollards at the end of Ryan Street on the riverbank	42 Esplanade, East Innisfail Queensland 4860, Australia	-17.52639961	146.0384627
Between the fishing platform and the big tree near Ryan Street	5 The Corso, East Innisfail Queensland 4860, Australia	-17.5262298	146.0380896
Under the Jubilee Bridge, on the walkway to enjoy the view of the arches	1 Mourilyan Road, East Innisfail Queensland 4860, Australia	-17.52549167	146.0333418
Near the Bowls Club	1 Mourilyan Road, East Innisfail Queensland, Australia	-17.52484859	146.034131
At the Innisfail Bowls Club, on the corner of where the rivers meet. Looking northward toward town / up the river toward the	18 The Corso, East Innisfail Queensland 4860, Australia	-17.5262058	146.0361966

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Geraldton Bridge			
The location would be under the Jubilee Bridge, so you can sit and look across and see the arches under the bridge.	65 Coronation Drive, East Innisfail Queensland 4860, Australia	-17.5341309	146.0324068

Etty Bay

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Popular beach and more tables and seating would be great.	Etty Bay, 530 Etty Bay Rd, Etty Bay, Queensland 4858, Australia	-17.567313	146.084004

Flying Fish Point

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Seating for the very northern end of the Environmental Park so people can watch the boats and trawlers enter the Johnstone River. There was once two sets of seating there years ago. Would be great see new ones there again. Please consider shade.	19 Esplanade, Flying Fish Point Queensland 4860, Australia	-17.50424908	146.0762578

South Mission Beach

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Popular spot	104 Kennedy Esplanade, South Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.93939929	146.0940911
This would be a great spot for an additional table / chairs to be amongst others and enjoy the view	158 Kennedy Esplanade, South Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.93306006	146.0960845
This is a cultural meeting space used	104 Kennedy Esplanade, South	-17.93939929	146.0940911

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
twice a day. Good for good health and well being (sic) improving mental health issues and physical health	Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia		
A very popular regular meeting place. I often see large groups of people sitting there. Another picnic setting will support the usage and protect the area.	104 Kennedy Esplanade, South Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.93939929	146.0940911
Would love a seat or table here to watch the sun rise with girlfriend.	14 Kennedy Esplanade, South Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.94800653	146.0914002

Mission Beach

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
At the beach end of the sand walkway on the southern side of the electrical sub station (sic) (leading from Plenty Restaurant). This is a beautiful spot for a bench seat with a great view to Dunk Island.	2 David Street, Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.86775717	146.1083513
I do not see any mention of BBQ's? (sic) It would be unfortunate if the Council did not include modern electric BBQ's along with tables and chairs. This would impose a cleaning responsibility on council but it would be well worth it. We own a unit in Lilani.	62 Porter Promenade, Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.86160717	146.1117184
Area of grass adjacent to the beach for seating	10 Donkin Lane, Mission Beach	-17.87067411	146.106914

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would be beneficial in this area, being close to the existing carpark and providing shade	Queensland 4852, Australia		
Seating in Ross Overton Park looking out to sea. Currently unable to enjoy the park and area towards the Eco village as this area is overgrown, with a very bad mosquito problem. This area from the Tourist info. Centre (sic) to the Eco Village needs cleaning up, thinning out with more open space for locals and tourists to enjoy and look out to sea. Grassed area for the elderly to walk and sit whilst being able to enjoy a view. Currently Mission Beach foreshore is over grown (sic) with trees taking over open space (recreational ground), creating a mosquitos haven (health Hazard) with piles of dead branches gathering (Cyclone hazard).	62 Porter Promenade, Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.86238056	146.1109155
Seating at the Clump Point Boat Ramp. Covered seating would provide shade from the sun and weather for tourist's waiting to catch tours to Dunk Island or reef trips. Locals could also use the table and chairs to sit and have a view while eating takeaways etc. A good	540 Clump Point Lookout Road, Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.8565495	146.117647

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position would be on the concrete near the bollards and disable parking at the entrance to the concrete wharf. Unused tables from Ross Overton Park could be utilised at Clump Point.			
This area would be a major draw card if furniture was installed combined with clearing of vegetation, growing grass areas and subsequent maintenance was introduced.	86 Porter Promenade, Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.85975234	146.1134359
Many residents come down from Boyett road as well as at least 12 residents from Liana Place and residents along this northern end of Porter promenade	62 Porter Promenade, Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.86171949	146.1116611
Afew (sic) furniture pieces directly adjacent the Mission Beach Village will create a place for visitors to linger and immerse themselves in the village, Beach and surrounds. Enabling visitors to stay, play and spend in the local cafes, restaurants and cafes. However the Mission Beach Village stormwater drain is an eyesore for the village foreshore and needs to be relocated/ diverted. It's the first thing you see and immediately	2 David Street, Mission Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.86764646	146.1085776

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affects the vista. Even though it isn't sewerage, that's how it looks.			

Wongaling Beach

Submission	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Generally less is more so not too many seats to maintain natural setting. Locate where there is enough parking, a bin, and established paths. In park areas so they are no close to a resident/house. If possible near established BBQ area too. Avoid areas / streets that congest parking. First consult residents in direct vicinity of any proposed sites.	100 Reid Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.9091538	146.0970291
A seat and maybe a table here would be great. If some shade trees could be planted that would be perfect. Thank you	52 Reid Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.91668587	146.0972676
There are many people (some elderly who have difficulty carrying tables and chairs) who live in nearby streets who would appreciate gathering together at this location. The importance of friendships and embracing our wonderful environment would be enhanced by seating facilities here.	100 Reid Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.90889421	146.0970459

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Thank you.			
There are many people (some elderly who have difficulty carrying tables and chairs) who live in nearby streets who would appreciate gathering together at this location. The importance of friendships and embracing our wonderful environment would be enhanced by seating facilities here. Thank you.	123 Reid Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.90999143	146.0970013
Please, please replace the green seat	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89142955	146.0991609
Koda street walkway bench seat falling apart - table would good as well	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89123564	146.0992487
The chair falling apart at Koda street (sic) walkway	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89122837	146.09922
Return a seat where the green seat is please. Great seat area was food when bench seat and foot rest (sic) however unfortunately someone decided to vandalise part of the seat and footrest but this has been such a great addition to our walk. Please consider replacing asap for your ratepayers who want to enjoy the beach but struggle to walk and	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89145972	146.0992029

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can't carry a chair to this location. Thank you			
Please replace the green seat that you are removing, this is a well used seat and located in a quiet and shady area back slightly from the beach. Please don't punish people who cannot carry a seat to the beach because we don't live on or across the road by not replacing this seat quickly. Thank you.	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.8915048	146.0991602
Would be amazing if they could replace the green bench seat at the public access entry near north end of Koda Street	32 Wongaling Beach Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89722	146.092739
Replace seat that Council are removing. Used by locals and tourists year round - young and old.	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89147928	146.0991356
Here would be great. Something between the 2 parks.	Keough Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.91265512	146.0969641
Broken seat at end of pathway needs replacing	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89143736	146.0991759
Well used seating which Council are removing therefore a seat from this location would be nice to have back. Even a shaded table & chairs would be great for all weather	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89146968	146.099155

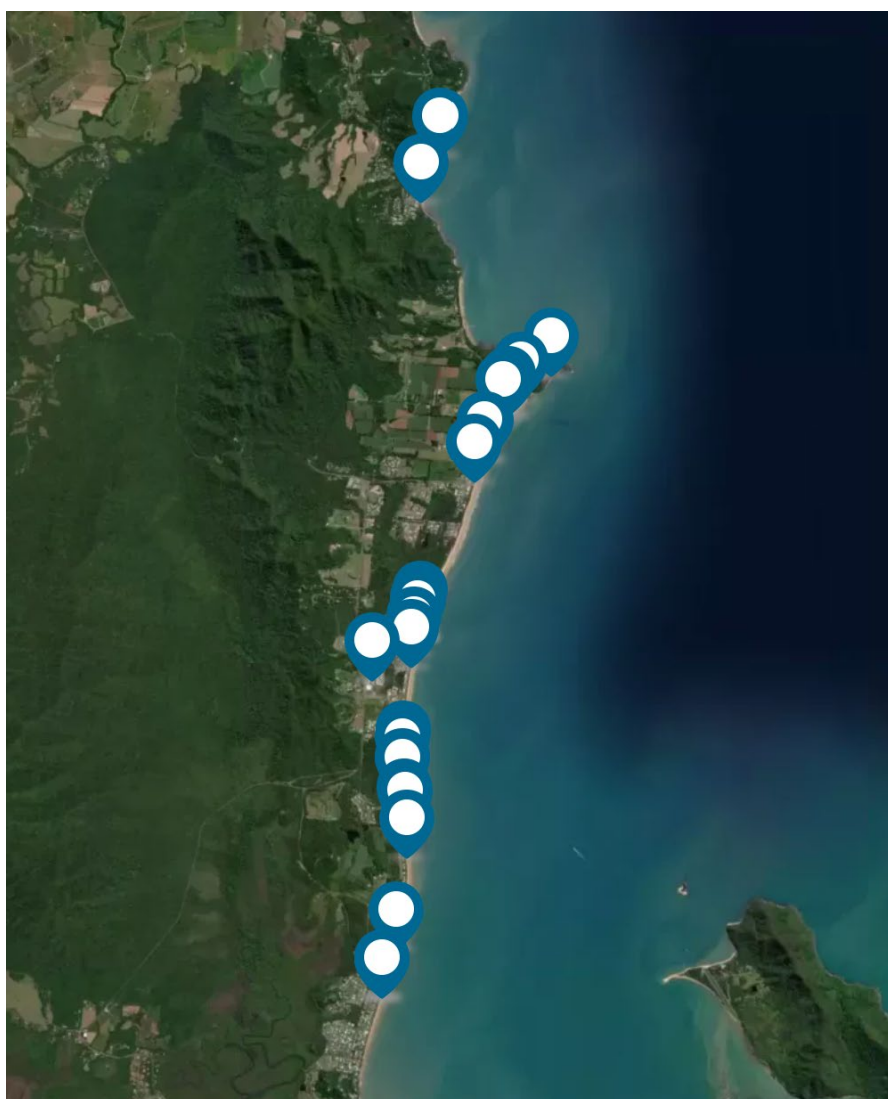
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conditions.			
It's such a nice spot to have seat	50 Reid Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.91713759	146.0973325
Would be lovely	48 Reid Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.9171667	146.0973272
Council already has very valuable information at its fingertips already about where residents would like furniture, in the form of existing furniture that it is now planning on removing. Having said that, i would like to see council spending its time effort and our money on matters more pressing such as bus shelters for school children	99 Banfield Parade, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89542101	146.0981708
This is a communal area which has been used by Koda Street residents for Easter, Christmas, NY and birthdays for decades. A picnic table and rubbish bin would be very useful here.	54 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89021356	146.0994423
We see many residents and tourists use the seat located here that is going to be removed, maybe a table and chairs somewhere along here for people to bring a drink and nibbles to relax and enjoy our beautiful	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89149152	146.09919

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<p>surrounds.</p> <p>Even a few chairs spread along the beach area from Banfield Parade beach entrance down to Porters Creek areas. Very popular walking area and nice to have dedicated areas to sit and rest when having a walk. Unfortunately the current ones located at Banfield Parade beach entrance doesn't allow you to enjoy the beautiful beach view, they are great for shade but also set back behind bush.</p>			
<p>Walk from Coolibah Street (Mission Shores estate) shared pathway, walk across the road from Koda Street to the beach and we'd like to see this seat replaced please... This seat has proven valuable for residents and visitors over the years and I have had knee replacements but walk this pathway most days and need to sit before and after I go for a walk on the beach otherwise I can't walk along the beach as it is too far. I can't carry a seat as I live 600 meters back and go through this pathway. I have seen so many local and visitors use this over the years and</p>	<p>38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia</p>	<p>-17.89160413</p>	<p>146.0990958</p>

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it is a shame that I won't be able to walk the beach anymore without this seat being here as it is too far for me and I'd collapse. Please think about this seriously, you are taking away my ability to exercise further not being able to sit in between which means I can now only do shorter walks.			
A seated area at the end of the public pathway between Kwila and Koda then onto beachfront makes sense and would be a great place for the public to utilise on a daily basis.	18 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89373597	146.0986086
There are many people (some elderly who have difficulty carrying tables and chairs) who live in nearby streets who would appreciate gathering together at this location. The importance of friendships and embracing our wonderful environment would be enhanced by seating facilities here. Thank you.	Keough Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.91267472	146.0970092
Walk from shared pathway in Coolabah Street to Koda Street, cross the road, walk Koda Street to beach, put chair along here as many residents already use the current chair	38 Koda Street, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.89143549	146.0991264

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Council are removing. Please consider this seriously as most who use this chair are elderly... (sic) Thank you			
At the shoreline, at the end of the public walkway, next to 12 Reid Road, Wongaling Beach.	10c Reid Road, Wongaling Beach Queensland 4852, Australia	-17.92079748	146.097556

5. Location Map



6. Next Steps

The Stakeholder Engagement report will now reach key stakeholders. Key insights were identified and summarised in this report.

From these insights Cassowary Coast Regional Council will consider and implement recommendations on where additional resources could be installed over budget periods

7. Acknowledgement

This document has been prepared by Cassowary Coast Regional Council – Communications Team. All information presented in this report has been presented in an accurate and unbiased manner and makes no recommendation on any project actions going forward.

This report has been approved by the Director (Infrastructure). For further information, please contact Council at 1300 763 903 or email enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au.