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UPCOMING EDUCATORS PD EXPO

Rockhampton Regional Council is offering another professional development expo, this time kindly hosted by the Gracemere Library! This event is your chance to access valuable teaching resources, educational programs, and funding opportunities. You can engage directly with 10 of our Council teams.

The next expo will be held on Thursday, 5 September from 3pm – 5pm, at the Gracemere Library, 1 Ranger Street, Gracemere.

The expo provides an opportunity for teachers, educators, and administrative staff to meet with various Council teams to discuss and arrange speakers, excursions, or curriculum-linked resources and activities. These services are generally offered for free or through funding grants available via Council's [Community Assistance Program](#).

Accredited for professional development hours, all attendees will receive EQ & CathEd approved Certificates of Attendance. A free afternoon tea will also be provided.

If you are unable to attend, please make sure to cancel your ticket. Any event notifications, including those related to weather conditions, will be emailed to the address you provided at booking.

Take advantage of this chance to network with fellow teachers and plan your activities for 2024/2025. Limited spots available – [book now!](#)

INTRODUCING OUR COUNCIL TEAMS WITH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



Waste and Recycling

[Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling \(RRWR\)](#) offers a FREE fully facilitated and curriculum linked [Recycling Hero School program](#) to assist your school to overhaul its waste management system and develop a student leadership opportunity using peer to peer teaching.

Qualified educators will support your school to implement tailored sustainable behaviour changes to achieve the goals of a reduction in waste, an increase in recycling and less contamination, monitored by annual waste audits.

Bring your group on a bus for a **guided site tour of the Lakes Creek Road Waste Management Facility**. Learn how to use our waste facilities, understanding that your waste is a valuable resource. By separating your load, we can recycle old items into new products, contributing to Rockhampton's goal of becoming a zero waste community.

Do you need the support of a content expert? **Invite our Waste Education Officer as a guest speaker**. We can relate waste management and resource recovery across your curriculum through fun activities, including story time, singing a song on recycling right, outdoor gardening, virtual site tours and a Q&A of waste items.

Complement your learning with our **online resources**:

- [Where does your recycling go? Recycling Hero visits the MRF](#)
- [Set up your household bins](#): Bin labels, Australian Standard colour code
- [What you can do](#): Reduce food waste, Compost, Containers for Change

For further support or to enrol in our program, contact the Waste Education Officer by e-mail on rrwr@rrc.qld.gov.au or phone Council Customer Service on (07) 4932 9000.



Local Laws

Primary School & Early Learning Programs

Our education programs are delivered at your school and free of cost.

Part of the Pack

For early learning/childcare centres and kindergartens, the program teaches children about being safe around dogs and links to NQS 6.2.3 and 3.3.3.

For primary schools, the messages include staying safe and healthy around pets and responsible pet ownership. This presentation links to personal, social and community health - being healthy, safe and an active learning area.

Information about this program: [download the flyer here](#) or [head over to our website](#) to book your session.

Let's Talk Local Laws

This program has been developed to link to Year 4 HASS Achievement aspects including Civics and Citizenship. It establishes an awareness of Council and its role in terms of local government and why Council does what it does. We talk about what Local Laws are and discuss Rockhampton Regional Council's Local Laws such as parking on footpaths and responsible pet (dog) ownership. Students will develop an understanding of how their actions may impact on their neighbours and others.

[More information here](#) or [book your session here](#).

High School Program

The Good Neighbour is a program designed for Year 12/senior students, educating them about their responsibilities as they turn 18 years of age and live independently of their parents within the community.

The program establishes an awareness of Local Government and Council's role, and discusses what students' responsibilities are/will be with regards to:

- parking, including regulated parking, parking on footpaths and in the neighbourhood
- responsible pet (dog) ownership

- nuisances including smoke, noise, lighting and odours

Delivered free of cost, the one hour presentation provides the information with pop questions to encourage student engagement. Working alongside a Local Laws Officer, we share real life stories and experiences.

If you have any questions about the educational programs or wish to discuss how we can work together to deliver any of the programs, please contact the Local Laws Education Officer by e-mailing locallawseducation@rrc.qld.gov.au or phoning Council Customer Service on 4932 9000.



Disaster Management

Are you disaster prepared? Rockhampton Regional Council's Disaster Management Unit (DMU) has a range of educational resources available to assist primary school children to understand disasters that may impact on the Rockhampton Region and how to prepare for them.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

All of our resources are available digitally for download and print on the [Disaster Management Section of Council's Website](#).

BIRDIES TREE

Birdie's Tree is information and resources to help young children and families grow through natural disasters and disruptive events. To download books and activities visit <https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/natural-disaster-recovery/>

PRINTED & ONSITE RESOURCES

We have printed versions of our 'Be Disaster Ready' story books available. We can also attend your school events with our community education trailer, engaging games and activities.

GET READY SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the Get Ready QLD Schools competition each year in August! All activities align to the Australian Curriculum so why not let them do the planning. The winner of the 2023 Get Ready Schools Competition was a local school right here in Rockhampton! Further information is available on the [Get Ready QLD website](#).

If you would like to find out more information about our Disaster Management educational

resources and initiatives, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Disaster Management Unit on disastermanagement@rrc.qld.gov.au.



Fitzroy River Water

Fitzroy River Water is a commercialised business unit of Rockhampton Regional Council and is responsible for operating and maintaining water and sewerage asset throughout the Region.

We offer free pre-booked tours of the Glenmore Water Treatment Plant in Parkhurst to schools and community groups where attendees can learn firsthand the behind the scenes of water supply - from treatment to tap! We also offer tours of the North Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant and the Fitzroy Barrage upon request. Information on the tours can be found on Council's [website](#).

We also offer educational programs to your educational establishments tailored to the needs of the participants. Topics range from water saving and water wise tips, water treatment simulation, what not to flush down the drain, water catchment awareness, and water and sewerage treatment science.

For further information, contact Fitzroy River Water on (07) 4936 8787 or email FRW on enquiries@rrc.qld.gov.au.



Libraries

Rockhampton Regional Libraries play an essential role in the community by providing access to a wide variety of information and resources, supporting literacy and education, promoting lifelong learning and responding to the communities' reading, information, learning and social needs.

Become a library member (it's free!) and borrow and return items at any of our four library branches at Rockhampton Southside (230 Bolsover Street), Rockhampton Northside (154 Berserker Street), Gracemere (1 Ranger Street) and Mount Morgan (31 Morgan Street).

There's a large selection of physical resources in a range of formats, including books (fiction and non-fiction for all ages), DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, magazines and jigsaw puzzles. Digital content is available for library members 24/7, with access to streamed movies, eBooks, eAudiobooks, online databases, digital comics and magazines.

Teachers and educators can also access a range of resources to support curriculum needs including:

- [Queensland Museum kits](#) – a small collection of seven kits focused on hands-on learning from the QLD Museum is hosted at the Rockhampton Regional Libraries for twelve months. The collection is then rotated with other QLD Museum depots in the state.
- [LinkedIn Learning](#) is a fantastic database with thousands of online courses to learn in-demand skills from real world industry experts. Ideal for robotics, coding, AI and Microsoft courses.
- A Sound Studio is located in the Rockhampton Southside Library and is designed to assist hirers in editing and recording audio and video projects, including music.
- Access to technology (computers, scanning and printing) as well as areas to work, play or just relax. Charge your device, research your next assessment piece or enjoy a quiet, air-conditioned space – we would love to see you!
- Liaise with Rockhampton History Centre staff to learn more about the local area through a variety of primary and secondary resources and request an orientation for your school group. The Central Queensland collection is located in the Rockhampton History Centre at the Rockhampton Southside Library and contains a broad range of archival material and resources relating to the CQ region.
- Graphic novels are packed with rich plots, complex storylines and captivating visual elements, and ideal for visual storytelling. The libraries hold collections of graphic novels for children, teens and adults, as well as extensive digital content available on [Comics Plus](#) for children and adults.
- Rockhampton Regional Libraries provide a range of activities and resources linked to the [First 5 Forever](#) early literacy program. Please contact our Libraries team to find out more.

For more information head over to the [Libraries page on Council's website](#) or check out [our Facebook](#).

If you would like additional information, contact the Library Administration office on 4936 8043 or Libraries@rrc.qld.gov.au.



Environmental Sustainability

Rockhampton Regional Council offers a number of environment and sustainability resources that can be accessed by local educators. You can get involved by:

- Following the [Living Sustainably Program](#) and signing up to the monthly [Living Sustainably e-newsletter](#);
- Entering the annual [Schools Sustainability in Action Competition](#);
- Working with your School P&C / P&F to apply for Council's [Environment and Sustainability Grants](#);
- Requesting free [native plants](#) from Council for National Tree Day;
- Joining or hosting [National Tree Day](#) planting activities or [Clean Up Australia Day](#) activities;
- Participating in a range of free [Citizen Science](#) activities;
- Contacting a range of [local environment groups](#) for specialist presentations, and
- Hiring a [Portable Water Station](#) (water bottle refill station) for events.

For more information, head over to the [Environmental Sustainability web page for educators](#) or download the [Sustainability Resources for local educators fact sheet](#).

You can also email sustainability@rrc.qld.gov.au or contact Council's Environmental Sustainability team via Customer Service on (07) 4932 9000.



Major Venues

The Major Venues unit operates The Pilbeam Theatre, Walter Reid Cultural Centre, 62 Victoria Parade and Rockhampton Showgrounds. The unit is also responsible for providing services to external hires and management of various venues including Archer Park Rail Museum, Rockhampton Music Bowl, Mount Morgan Rail Museum and Mount Morgan Showgrounds.

We are responsible for the delivery of annual performing arts programs including See it Live Theatre Season and Morning Melodies concert series. The unit also delivers a range of civic events and community celebrations including Carols by Candlelight and assists in the delivery of the Taste of the World Cultural Festival with Central Queensland Multicultural Association. We also facilitate the Regional Arts Development Fund in conjunction with Arts Queensland the Queensland Government.

See It Live

We are currently finalising our Children's Program for 2025 and hope to include the following touring shows:

- The Gruffalos Child
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- James and the Giant Peach
- Josephine Wants to Dance

We will also be engaging the following for a school holiday program:

- Flipside Circus

Other productions which may interest local high school students:

- Looking For Alibrandi

Most shows have discounted pricing for groups, students and teachers, so please do not hesitate to ask our friendly Box Office team upon booking.

For each of our community events a school art project is distributed to schools and if returned, are displayed as an installation at our community events.

Year round, free school and community theatre tours are available to be booked by groups at the Pilbeam Theatre and include backstage access and can be customised for the group.

The full calendar can be viewed at <https://www.seeitlive.com.au/Home>

To book a tour, contact the Major Venues Administration at majorvenues@rrc.qld.gov.au

To book a show, contact the box office at Major Venues Box Office mvboxOffice@rrc.qld.gov.au. Please note bookings for the Children's Program will be released in early 2025.



Heritage Village

Let us help you make learning fun!

We can cater for school tours from Prep and above. Our tours are catered to match the school learning curriculum and can be customised to suit your learning requirements.

Take a walk through one of our cottages which are over 100 years old where the living conditions were very different to the creature comforts we have now!

Finish off your trip with a farmyard animal experience where you can hand feed different breeds of goats, sheep, miniature horse and even our Clydesdale horses.

See below the flyers for School Tours:

- [Grades Prep to Year 2\(PDF, 2MB\)](#)
- [Grades 3 to High School\(PDF, 563KB\)](#)

Guided tours start from \$10 per person and go for three hours.

Please note, the maximum group booking is 80 students.

To make a booking, contact us by phoning 4936 8681 or email rhv@rrc.qld.gov.au.



Rockhampton Museum of Art (RMOA)

RMOA offers a wide range of learning and engagement opportunities for schools, students, teachers and educational groups. All information is available at www.rmoa.com.au and you can [subscribe to our newsletter](#) and follow our [social media](#).

[Current Exhibitions](#) – a dynamic program that changes regularly
[What's On](#) - workshops, programs and events

School and Group Visits:

- Submit a [booking request form](#) via website
- Self-guided tours (free, brief introductory talk provided)
- RMOA staff-led tours eg. Footprints First Nations Tours (starting at \$65/hr inc. GST)

Bookings on Request:

- Artist educator-led workshops for school groups
- [Programs Rooms corporate hire](#) for teacher PD or events

Margaret Olley Art Trust Collection Study Room:

- [Artist-in-residence program](#) (artist talk, open studios, podcast)
- Request to view artworks from our [Nationally Significant Collection](#)

Learning Resources:

- [Online resources](#)
- [Podcast](#)

Opportunities for Educators:

- [Artist-educator EOIs](#) currently open
- Educator Reference Group EOIs soon
- [Become a member](#)
- [Online resources](#)

Opportunities for Young People:

- [Free school holiday activities](#)
- Children's workshops
- [Volunteering, work experience](#)
- Youth Reference Group



Rockhampton Agricultural Show

The Rockhampton Agricultural Show has something for children of all ages, whether they are entering a competition or participating in a workshop.

The school section showcases the creativity of all children/students and has a range of activities to complete in the classroom or at home. There are a range of competition classes that children and students from Early Childhood, Kindy, and Prep to Year 12 can be involved in. The competition has categories varying from scarecrows to poster design.

2024 saw the introduction of our Ag Ed Program in the Robert Schwarten Pavilion which includes hands-on workshops and educational talks for all ages covering a range of topics.

Further information can be found by visiting www.rockyshow.com.au or by contacting the Show Team on 07 4936 8800.



Rockhampton Zoo

The FREE Rockhampton Zoo opens up so many possibilities for school excursions and educational activities.

Our education vision for the future is to:

- Inspire our next generation of Zookeepers and/or conservationist

- Help the young people of the area to get some hands-on work experience of what it is like to be a Zoo Keeper, and
- Be more interactive with student tours and experiences.

School Tours:

Currently you are able to visit the zoo for free and attend our keeper talks that can be seen at the following times - [In Person Keeper Talks](#), or listen to the keeper talks at your own times with the online tour - [Online Zoo Talks](#).

We are currently working with an external provider to provide user-pay private school tours that will have links to the Australian Curriculum. We will advise on the website when these are up and running.

Student Work Placements and Tertiary Education Placements:

Placements may be available to eligible High School students 16 years and over. This can be in the form of work experience, or we can tie in with Certificate Level qualifications.

Our passionate staff are here to help your students learn the ropes in a very positive manner so they are able to get an understanding of behind the scenes and see if it is something they would like to explore as a career path.

Please follow this [link](#) for further information and an application form.

Lunch in the Gardens

Being set in the Botanic Gardens gives you a chance to not only do some educational walks around the historic gardens but also have lunch in the beautiful surroundings or down at the Garden Tea Rooms.

To find out more please email Rockhamptonzoo@rrc.qld.gov.au or call 0407 630 143.



Health & Environment

Rockhampton Regional Council Health and Environment team consists of [Environment and Public Health](#), [Vector Management](#) and [Pest Management](#).

We offer a bespoke educational program suited to your educational establishment on a number of topics. Topics that can be covered include food safety, health and hygiene,

environmental protection, disease management, mosquito breeding, vermin control, invasive plant control and invasive animal control.

Programs are tailored to your needs and can accommodate the whole school from early childhood to secondary schools where specific subjects may be relevant to a group of students for example food safety and home economics and pest management and agriculture science.

For further information please contact the Health and Environment Administration team by email: HealthandEnvironment@rrc.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 4936 8989.

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