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### **TULLY SHOWGROUND TO GET UPGRADE**

Cassowary Coast Regional Council will upgrade lighting at the Tully showground with funding announced by the Newman Government today.

Council has received \$240,000 from the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program to help upgrade the current lights on the main playing field and install new lights on the third sports field, the dog training ground, and show facility.

Local Government Minister David Crisafulli said the showground was an important community asset.

"Tully has a strong identity with a proud history and at the heart of that has been a vibrant show," Mr Crisafulli said.

"But the showground hosts a wide range of community activities aside from the show including local sport and public meetings.

"These upgrades form part of a larger plan for further improvements so it can serve the community for years to come."

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, warmly welcomed the announcement that the Cassowary Coast Regional Council would receive a significant amount of funding for the upgrade of the lighting at the Tully Showgrounds, which would be a significant benefit to the local community.

Mr Cripps said in addition to the annual Tully Show, regular users of the Showgrounds, such as the Tully Tigers Rugby League Club, would also benefit and it would mean the Showgrounds would be more attractive for other events that require high quality lighting to come to Tully.

"I welcome this announcement and thank the Minister for Local Government for delivering this funding outcome, particularly given the difficult financial circumstances of the State Government. It's appropriate recognition of the importance of this project," said Mr Cripps.

"The Tully Showgrounds is a hub of the local community and many important events on our annual calendar are held at the Showgrounds, so I'm very pleased that this funding will contribute towards the improvement of the facilities that support these community events" he said.

This year's Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program will see more than \$12.5 million spent across Queensland to build or improve community assets ranging from levee banks to swimming pools and drive-in theatres to libraries.

"The funding taps will start to flow immediately so councils can get on with the job of delivering for their communities," Mr Crisafulli said.

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