



13 October 2021

MEDIA RELEASE Tully

Tully grandstand complex wins public works award

Tully's new grandstand has been recognised as one of the best public works projects in the state at the prestigious Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland (IPWEAQ) awards announced in Cairns last night.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council received a highly commended award for the project in the \$5 million to \$10 million category.

IPWEAQ CEO Leigh Cunningham said the annual excellence awards recognised the success of infrastructure and engineering projects and the people who deliver them across the state.

"The Tully multiuse sporting complex and grandstand is more than public works project, it is a long-term investment that will serve the community for generations," Ms Cunningham said.

"This project highlights how public works engineering is improving our communities and growing our economies through every aspect of our lives, from transportation and water supply to road safety and recycling, to recreation at football stadiums, parks and walking trails.

"Infrastructure projects such as these will contribute an estimated \$32 billion a year to the Queensland economy every year for the next five years.

"With the state's continuing growth and the lead-up to the 2032 Olympics, Queensland's public works engineering sector will be taking a leading role over the coming decade."

The Tully complex and grandstand includes a new 600-seat multi-use grandstand with associated community facilities, creating a precinct within the Tully Showgrounds for a range of tourism, cultural and recreational events.

The project has increased the town's capacity to attract new events and encourage increased sport and recreation participation.

"This state-of-the-art facility is a drawcard for promoting the benefits of sport and a healthy lifestyle for the Tully community, the wider region, and touring organisations," Ms Cunningham said.

About 450 public works engineering professionals delivered a million-dollar boost to the Far North Queensland economy through the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland conference in Cairns on 12 to 14 October.

The Tully project is one of 30 projects recognised for public works excellence at the IPWEAQ awards.

For more information visit ipweaq.com

ENDS

Media contact: Carmel Carrick, IPWEAQ Media and Communications Manager 0414 596 105