



November 2021

## Captain Cook Highway Smithfield Bypass Project Construction Update

### Cairns community comes out in force to green the Smithfield Bypass (SBP) Project

The Cairns community recently planted more than 1500 trees alongside the new bypass road to create a legacy for future generations.

During August more than 150 people including young families got their hands dirty to create native fauna corridor connecting two wetland habitats next to the project.

The all-ages community tree planting was organised by project contractor, Highway Construction - Albem Operations Joint Venture (HAJV) with the support of the Cairns Regional Council's *Green Space Our Place* volunteer program.

According to the project's Environmental Engineer, Ikem Onyene, the project sourced and prepared plant stock in consultation with the Cairns Regional Council and local nurseries to make sure they were appropriate for the location.

"The species list includes a diverse and resilient range of predominantly native species including Swamp Mahogany, Golden Penda, Honey Myrtle, Lily Pily and various Melaleucas.

The tree planting is part of a 12-month landscaping program which is integral to the Infrastructure and Sustainability Management Plan for the 3.8-kilometre Smithfield Bypass Project," Mr Onyene said.

HAJV Project Manager Japan Shah said, "It was wonderful to see mums, dads, kids and a real sense of community spirit at play in the lead up to our project completion later this year."

By project completion 56,000 mostly native plants will be planted along the project area between McGregor Road roundabout and the new intersection of Captain Cook Highway (CCH) and Cairns Western Arterial Road (CWAR).



*Volunteers included a number of young families.*



*Mariana Medero, Bruno, Milena and Maxi Canepe.*



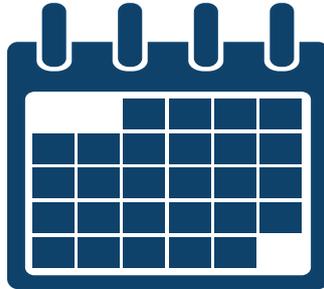
*Green Space Our Place's Sarah Gosling, Andrea and HAJV environmental engineer Ikem Onyene*



# Project Completion Community Event - Date Claimer

28 November 2021, weather permitting

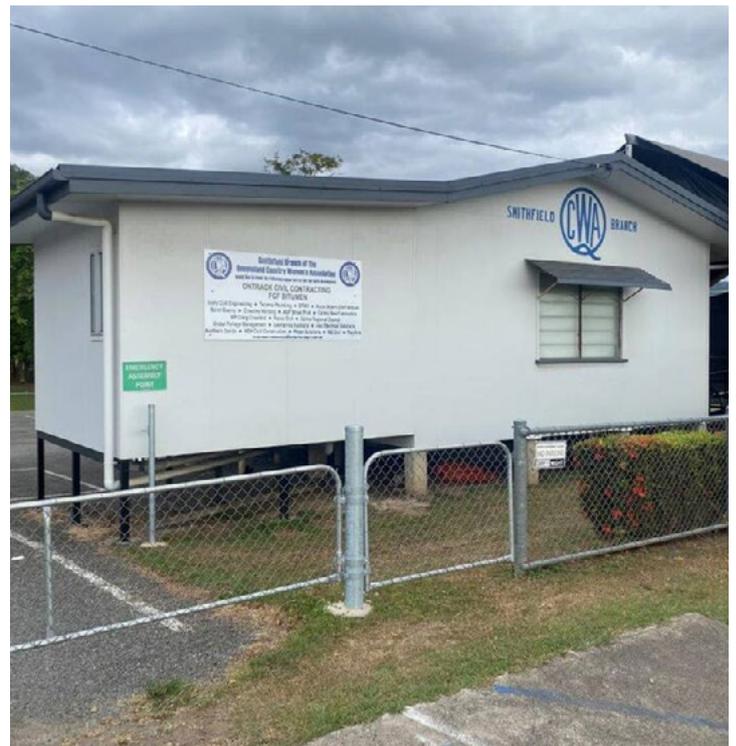
After nearly three years of construction since December 2018, the \$164 million SBP project is almost complete. A community event including a fun run and cycling race is planned for 28 November 2021, weather permitting.



Stay tuned for further details

## Cairns community works together to construct a new Country Women's Association (CWA) car park

As part of the SBP project works to widen CWAR from CCH to the signalised intersection at Caravonica State Primary School, car parks adjacent the CWA community hall were removed. A new car park at the rear of the property was constructed with the help of the local business community, including HAJV as pictured below.



The CWA community hall.

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