

Public Expression



The message in the defacing of the Oasis development sign at the entrance to Mission Beach is unclear and open to interpretation. A forensic officer was on site taking sample evidence from the bold graffiti statement.

Graffiti is against the law and carries a penalty.

In a small town of approx 3,000 'locals' there are many organisations prepared to hear your voice.

C4 welcomes anyone who would like to become involved and help with the work needed to ensure the natural areas and lifestyle we know and love will be protected now and for our future generations.

A good suggestion or idea may make all the difference.

Current legislation does not protect Mission Beach and the CCRC needs all the help from the community they can get to help design a plan that will truly reflect the majority view to keep Mission Beach 'magic'.

Your voice does count and **many hands make light work**.

The graffiti at Oasis may be ambiguous but the one just west of the hardware store at the entrance to Mission Beach is not. There have been several sightings of birds crossing the road at different places here. At one stage there were two sets of 'recent crossings' signs posted within a short distance of each other. Unfortunately the one just east of the 60kph advisory speed sign coming out of Fenby's Gap was the site of the second adult cassowary road death within a month at the end of 2009.



As a result of the deaths, a workshop was held by Main Roads and the CCRC on the 18th of February to discuss strategies and possible road treatment solutions for trialling in the Mission Beach area.

Thankyou to all those people who attended. It was great to see a wide cross section of the community and government agencies including three representatives from the DEWHA Queensland Assessment Team.

Everyone was there because they wanted to find a way to stop cassowaries being killed on the roads at Mission Beach.



Just to make **sure** everyone knew why they were there, a cassowary walked into the open area to forage from palm seeds growing next to the community hall. A short time later it was observed by all making a dash to cross the busy South Mission Beach road, a road on which EPA records show there have been multiple deaths.



The outcome of the workshop was a unanimous decision to trial a section of road at 'Garrett's Corridor' with a speed reduction and signage warning of a regular crossing.



Karl Depak original photo

The final design of the crossing is still to be determined. Perhaps a solution such as the above would be '**cassowary dreaming**'