



# Coastal Leaders **Forum**

Leading Coastal Communities: Today and Every Day

**Airlie Beach, Whitsundays**  
Shute Harbour Marine Terminal  
29-30 July 2026

# Coastal Leaders Forum

## Day one



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to be a liveable one

**8:30am**

### **Registrations open**

Tea & coffee on arrival

**9:00am**

### **Welcome to 2026 Coastal Leaders Forum**

**9:05am**

### **Official welcome**

**9:15am**

### **Welcome from host council**

**9:25am**

### **Keynote Address**

**9:40am**

### **Ministerial Q&A | On the couch with Tim Cox**

**10:10am**

### **Partner address**

**10:15am**

### **Morning tea**

**11:00am**

### **Mayoral Panel: Coastal Council Priorities**

**11:45am**

### **Riding the wave: Bruce Highway upgrade**

**12:25pm**

### **Partner address**

**12:30pm**

### **Lunch**

**1:30pm**

### **Tourist tides – Managing visitor surges**

**2:15pm**

### **Crowds, coastlines & coastal communities**

**3:00pm**

### **Partner address**

**3:05pm**

### **Afternoon tea**

**3:50pm**

### **Coastal Councils Infrastructure Showcase**

Advocacy focus on attracting large infrastructure investments

**4:40pm**

### **Partner address**

**4:45pm**

### **Close of day**

**5:00pm**

### **Coastal Leaders Networking Evening**

Sunset boat cruise from Shute Harbour

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Day two



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<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Registrations open</b> Tea & coffee on arrival
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Welcome back to day two</b>
<b>8:35am</b>	<b>Government update</b>
<b>8:55am</b>	<b>Managing coastal community's climate risk</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	<b>LGMS climate risk insurance case study</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Climate risk expert panel</b>
<b>10:25am</b>	<b>Partner address</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
<b>11:15am</b>	<b>The big swell – lessons from the disaster season</b>
<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Discussion/next steps</b>
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Thank you from the LGAQ</b>
<b>12:35pm</b>	<b>Close of day &amp; lunch</b>