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Douglas Shire recognised at national Coastal Conference

Douglas Shire Council was recognised at the national Coast to Coast 2018 conference held in Hobart, Tasmania last week. In its 14th year, the Coast to Coast conference brought together coastal engineers, scientists, academics and local government, to share coastal management best practice.

Council was recognised in two presentations relating to Council's Resilient Coast program. The first presentation entitled, 'Ridges, spits, crocs, floods and communities – coastal adaptation in Tropical North Queensland' sparked an interesting discussion about the challenges of adapting to changing climatic conditions in World Heritage listed coastal areas.

The second presentation, 'Going digital in coastal asset management' used Council as a case study showing the benefits of using geospatial technology to track coastal features and important assets.

Both presentations were delivered by coastal/geomorphic engineers who have been working closely with Council on the Resilient Coast program.

Douglas Shire Council Mayor Julia Leu said the recognition reinforces Council's commitment to addressing climate change.

"With two world heritage areas in our Shire we have a responsibility to take action on climate change and the impacts this may have on our communities and environment."

“Once again we are leading the way in what coastal Councils are doing to build resilience in their communities.”

The Resilient Coast program is largely funded by the Queensland Government and Local Government Association of Queensland under the QCoast2100 program.

Council will be hosting four Community Information Sessions over 8-9 May 2018, visit the Resilient Coast website (<https://ourcoast.douglas.qld.gov.au>) for more information.

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