

## **Centacare FNQ Launches Disaster Recovery Services in Tully**

On Wednesday, April 9, Centacare FNQ hosted a morning tea at their newly opened Tully office to mark the official launch of their disaster recovery services across the Cassowary Coast region, following the floods of January and February this year. The event saw community leaders, local residents, and service providers come together to celebrate the launch and acknowledge the ongoing efforts in the recovery process.

The morning tea began with a heartfelt blessing of the new office by Fr Joby of St Clare's Catholic Parish Tully. Cassowary Coast Regional Councillors Trudy Tschui and Ellen Jessop shared inspiring words about the resilience and strength of the Cassowary Coast community in the face of adversity. Penny Jones from the Community Recovery team, also spoke, thanking the local services and community, especially noting the immediate response at the time of the flood events.

Around 40 local community members and groups attended the event, showing the incredible support and solidarity already present in the region. The Centacare Cassowary Coast team, a mix of local residents and Centacare staff from Cairns, will continue providing vital recovery assistance through case management, door-knocking initiatives, and connecting individuals and families with resources.

The event highlighted the importance of collaboration between Centacare and local service groups, a core value in their approach to disaster recovery. As they move forward, Centacare FNQ remains committed to supporting the Cassowary Coast community in its recovery journey, making a difference together.

*Centacare FNQ's Tully office is open from 9am – 4pm Monday – Friday and the Cardwell office is open on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9.30am – 12.30pm.*