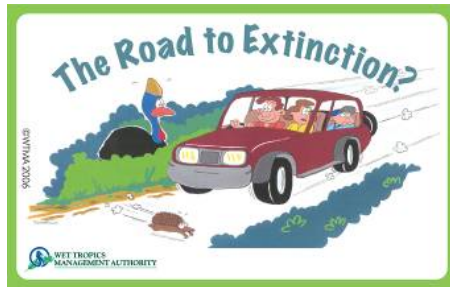
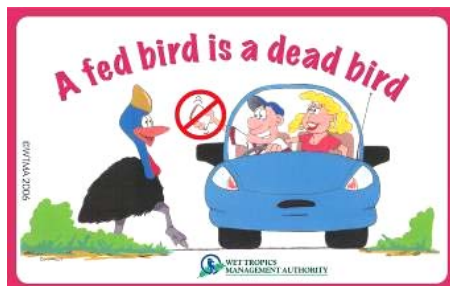


BE-CASS-O-WARY post cyclone



GO SLOW and drive with care

After Cyclone Larry cassowaries were disorientated and seen moving along roads and tracks more than usual in search of food, and at unusual times of day (not only dawn & dusk). 17 birds were hit by cars in the year following Cyclone Larry. Please drive with care and stay below the speed-limit in cassowary country (particularly the Tully / Mission Beach / El-Arish area).



DON'T FEED cassowaries

This encourages them to remain in urban areas where they are more vulnerable to vehicles and dog attacks. If they get used to being fed, individuals may become aggressive, and it is difficult to convince cassowaries to stay away from people once they associate humans with food. Too often, **a fed bird is a dead bird.**



MIND THE DOG!

Cassowaries and dogs are a lethal combination. Both adults and chicks are vulnerable. At least 6 cassowaries are known to have been killed by dogs in the year after Cyclone Larry. Please keep your dog secure at home and on a leash when walking, and encourage your neighbours to do the same, particularly if they have pig dogs. With fences down, many dogs are running loose. If you live in the area and have lost or found a dog call Cassowary Coast Regional Council on **(07) 4030 2222**. Link here: <http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/>

REPORT cassowary sightings

Report **general sightings** by email to:

cassowary.sighting@derm.qld.gov.au

Report **sick, injured, or hungry birds** by phone to the QPWS 24hr hotline: **1300 130 372**

You can also share your cassowary sightings

with other locals via the Mission Beach

Cassowaries group on Facebook. Link here:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=120942903263>

