

Murray Sports Complex goes to tender



The design of the new Townsville International Sports Centre at Murray has been completed and the project will go out to tender next month.

PDT Architects, who specialise in sports stadium planning, has presented the council with a detailed design that seats 2,000 and utilises banks of glass

windows and louvers to maximise light and ventilation.

When completed, the complex will be home to the Townsville Fire WNBL team, the NQ Steel Cats state netball team, Sporting Wheelies, futsal (indoor soccer), volleyball, badminton, and a range of school and community sporting events.

Facilities will include three international-level multi-use playing courts, a gymnasium area,

community rooms, a first-floor mezzanine, public amenities and change rooms.

The Townsville International Sports Centre is being co-funded by three levels of government, with the council contributing \$2.35 million, the Queensland Government providing \$8.2 million and the Federal Government \$3.05 million.

Construction is due to start in October and is expected to be finished by the end of 2010.

Upgraded Flinders Street



It's all systems go on the \$56.6 million redevelopment of Flinders Street, following the finalising of funding commitments from the State and Federal Government to top up the council's one third contribution.

Flinders Street, including the current Mall section, has been recognised by all tiers of government as in urgent need of an upgrade.

This redevelopment project will reinvigorate a CBD that is home to more than 1,100 businesses and 14,000 employees and is worth one billion dollars annually to the north Queensland economy.

Every week, Townsville's CBD is used by more than 110,000 people

for business and social needs. They include the city's workers, residents, tourists, students, and members of Townsville's 7,000 strong defence force community.

By realising the full potential of Flinders Street, the redevelopment project will improve the city's liveability for local residents and for a regional community that supports major defence, education and tourism sectors. It will generate new investment in a CBD that presently accounts for 10.4% of north Queensland's economy.

(Top) Artist's impression of the Flinders Street upgrade. This view shows the pedestrian plaza that will connect the street to Victoria Bridge and Palmer Street.

The Kokoda Memorial Pool is being transformed!

Here's your chance to have your say on how the Kokoda Memorial Pool can be turned into a new aquatic showpiece.

Through community consultation, the council plans to collect feedback on the draft masterplan.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

The draft masterplan will be completed and available for review late June or early July.

You can register to attend a community consultation workshop. Alternatively you can view the masterplan and provide feedback online at council's website.

To book your place at a workshop, register online at council's website or call the Customer Service Centre on 4727 9000.

Prior registration for workshops is required due to venue capacities.

WHY DOES THE POOL NEED REDEVELOPMENT?

Although the pool has served the community well for the past 43 years, the facility has come to the end of its functional life as a contemporary community swimming pool.

WHAT WILL THE DEVELOPMENT ENTAIL?

It is anticipated it will include a heated program pool, children's play pool and playground facilities, picnic facilities and a multipurpose centre. The council has also included land free of charge to the State Government to construct a hydrotherapy pool.

WHEN WILL IT OPEN?

Stage one is expected to be completed in 2010.

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

- » Attend a community workshop.
- » Visit our website at www.townsville.qld.gov.au
- » Email us at sport@townsville.qld.gov.au

Local ideas help improve new skate park

Great ideas generated by local skate board riders are set to be included in the design for the new Riverway Skate Park.

The ideas include a quarter pipe, steps, fun box, rails, ledges, bowl, ramps, shade and bubblers.

The changes will give skaters and bike riders better flow, and enable them to reach higher speeds.

The new skate park will be located in a section of the car park opposite the cricket practice nets at Tony Ireland Stadium.

Construction will start in June this year.

The project is a partnership between the Department of Housing Community Renewal, Department of Communities Sport and Recreation Services and Townsville City Council.

Skaters and bikers will reap the benefits from a new Riverway Skate Park.

