

## Wastewater upgrade underway

Townsville City Council's largest ever infrastructure project is underway, with a \$189 million plan to increase the capacity of the city's sewerage network.

One of Australia's biggest engineering and building firms, Boulderstone, has been appointed to carry out construction.

The centrepiece will be a replacement for the city's oldest treatment plant at Mt St John.

The facility – to be built on the

same site – will have more than double the capacity of the existing plant.

The expansion of the wastewater network is designed to meet the needs of the city's rapidly increasing population and stricter Environmental Protection Agency guidelines and will service areas including Pallarenda, Cranbrook, Kirwan, Mount Louisa, Heatley, Vincent, the industrial area of Garbutt, Bohle Plains, Deeragun and Mt Low.

The upgrade at Mt St John will allow three older treatment plants to be shut down and will meet new, stricter EPA guidelines.



## Locals cash in on Flinders Street Redevelopment

Preparations for the Flinders Street Redevelopment have forged ahead with the naming of the preferred designer for the project.

Cox Rayner Architects and Planners and the local offices of AECOM Townsville (formerly Maunsell) have been appointed as the project design team.

With the masterplan in place and funding secured, it is now time to finalise the project designs.

The Cox Rayner/AECOM team will be predominantly locally based. The council has reinforced its commitment to using local trades, skills and materials wherever possible in the redevelopment.

Under federal government funding arrangements, the council must commence construction within six months of signing the funding agreement. To comply with this provision and better manage the impact of the project, an early works package in Flinders Street East will begin in late November this year.

This will allow the detailed design



Preliminary renders of the redeveloped Flinders Street East precinct.

and engineering for the comprehensive and complex redevelopment of the Flinders Mall area to continue concurrently.

Construction is intended to start within Flinders Mall from March 2010, depending on the wet season.

## Against the Grind

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This is the PCYC's largest skate event for the year and will also include YWAM's massive ramp, with keen skaters and BMX riders showing off their skills for a chance to win the title.

There will be a host of entertainment, including live performances from The Medics, Werewolves, Five Star Streets, The Short List, Woje and 2 Steps from Home.

Local young talent will be selling off their amazing bags and shirt designs, and there will be food and drinks, mobile skirmish, the UFO, inflatable soccer, giveaways and more.

Many Townsville community organisations have banded together to support the event, with Lifeline hosting Parkour Sessions (the urban sport of moving

from one position to another as quickly, smoothly and efficiently as possible, often up or over objects or walls), Queensland Police and Upper Ross PCYC hosting an inflatable soccer game, the Youth Network NQ Inc hosting a photography workshop and more.

Best of all, the festival is FREE and everyone is invited.

**WHEN** » Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October

**WHERE** » Riverway

**TIME** » 10am to 6pm Saturday and 10am to 10pm Sunday

**COST** » FREE

For more information about Against the Grind contact council's Youth Team on 4727 9000 or visit [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au).

Ivan Edeling, Aaron Henderson, Darrien Warren, David Fowles, James Kelly and Fiona Saxby hang out at one of Townsville's skate parks.



David Fowles, 16, of Annandale practices his skating techniques.

