



As you will see from driving around the city, the CBD Utilities Upgrade project is in full swing and will upgrade water and waste water infrastructure over the next three years to upgrade and replace assets.

Cyclone Sunday

The official start of Cyclone Season is this Tuesday 1 November and it is time for the community to prepare for the storm season ahead. The annual Cyclone Sunday event will be held in Strand Park on Sunday 6 November from 9am to 12noon.

Cyclone Sunday is a one-stop shop for information on living in the North, as well as the chance to talk face to face with emergency services and council personnel on how to best prepare for cyclones and other disasters. The event attracts more than 6,000 visitors each year, including many new residents to the ever-growing city as well as long-established locals who want to be up to date with information. There will be more than 40 exhibitors at the event which will include Townsville City Council Emergency Management, SES, Ergon Energy, Bureau of Meteorology, Suncorp Insurance, Police and Queensland Ambulance, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services among many others.



Cyclone Sunday is proudly sponsored by Suncorp Insurance, 4TOFM and the Townsville Bulletin.

Information on how to prepare and what to do in the event of a cyclone is also available on council's website www.townsville.qld.gov.au

Funk House Fine Foods

In each newsletter I would like to highlight local places of interest within the Division 3 area, and there are heaps of them!

Funk House Fine Foods is located at 39 Meenan Street Garbutt and Sarah and Kathy will always welcome you with a cheery hello and serve great coffee, breakfasts and lunches. While you are there try their famous "Crunchy Granolas" - you won't be disappointed.



Division 3 News from Cr Ann-Maree Greaney

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T150 Defence Force AIR SHOW and Townsville Bulletin SKY SHOW

The T150 Defence Force Air Show and Townsville Bulletin Sky Show is on Saturday 15 October along The Strand.

This exciting day kicks off with a rare opportunity to see all of the units at RAAF Base Townsville exercise their Freedom of Entry to the City of Townsville.

The Air Show will feature most of the Air Force's current fleet in addition to the latest CH47F and MRH90 helicopters from the 5th Aviation Regiment based in Townsville.

To showcase the Air Force's long connection with the region, iconic historical military aircraft which operated in North Queensland will once again grace the sky over Townsville. Spectators at the Air Show will be able to see flying displays by a Tiger Moth trainer, Hudson bomber, Catalina seaplane, Mustang fighter, a Neptune maritime patrol and Caribou tactical transport aircraft.

Council is also offering an array of entertainment on the ground with live performances and food vendors along the Strand, including a main stage at Strand Park and another smaller stage at the Gregory St amphitheatre.

After dusk, the Townsville Bulletin Sky Show will light up the sky with breathtaking fireworks.

The parade will commence at 10am from Strand Park and will conclude at Anzac Park.

For more information and a full program of events visit www.whatson.townsville.qld.gov.au.



Division 3

Arcadia, Belgian Gardens, Bohle, Castle Hill, Florence Bay, Garbutt, Horseshoe Bay, Mount Louisa, Mount St John, Nelly Bay, North Ward, Pallarenda, Picnic Bay, Rows Bay, South Townsville, Town Common, Townsville City, West Point

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Strand Waterpark

Installation of the new Strand water park playground equipment has begun with the project still on track to be completed in time for the summer school holidays. The \$2.8 million project includes a larger playground, new softfall, shade structures, lighting as well as an upgrade to surrounding landscaping.

The new water park replaces the former water park, which was in operation for almost 17 years and attracted more than a million visitors over that time. Work is on track for completion by the summer school holidays and we expect the park will be a huge hit over Christmas. The new water park would make the Strand an even more valuable asset for the residents of Townsville to enjoy.



Magnetic Island Sub Branch

The Magnetic Island RSL Sub-Branch was established in 1956 and to commemorate 60 years of the Sub-Branch's operation, life member Jim Davis compiled a beautiful book detailing the history of the organisation from its inception.



Jim Davis is a well-known Magnetic Islander who has been instrumental in many improvements to the Sub-Branch and in particular the establishment of the commemorative stone at Alma Bay which is the site of Magnetic Island's annual ANZAC day and Remembrance Day services and I was very pleased to attend his book launch at the Sub Branch on the 18th of June.



For more details see: www.whatsontownsville.qld.gov.au

CEO Sleepout

Each year, the St Vincent de Paul Society holds the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, to raise awareness of the growing issue of homelessness. It challenges business and community leaders to sleep rough for one night, experiencing firsthand what homeless people experience every night. Approximately 1,300 people sleep rough in Townsville every night. This year Cr Doyle, Cr Cook and myself were part of the team of 21 who slept rough on 23rd June at the old railway station and raised \$11,305 for Vinnies.



Mundy Creek Natureway Regeneration Project

Exciting works have recently been completed at Mundy Creek in Garbutt by the Mundy Creek Catchment Care (MCCC) Group, led by Bernadette Boscacci. Funded by the NQ Dry Tropics Community Landcare Grants, MCCC group have made great improvements to the site which is now beginning to resemble a healthy riparian system. Mundy Creek provides an important habitat for many animals in the Townsville region. Frequented by many bird species, this particular section of the creek and the associated grasslands serves as a green corridor connecting Castle Hill to the Town Common wetlands.



This particular stage of the project followed on from earlier community engagement at the site. Previous events and activities on the site (since 2012) were necessary to build up the momentum and volunteers needed to complete the current works which saw the largest portion of environmental works conducted on the site. Here's some impressive numbers for you - in just over 6 months the MCCC group have treated 22.4 ha of weeds, planted 63 native plants, held 17 events, involving 228 volunteer visits totalling to 639 volunteer hours worked on site - phew, that's a lot of work.

The once bare creek bank is now planted with native trees, shrubs and grasses that will continue to grow and shade out future weeds, both terrestrial and aquatic. By replanting riparian species MCCC are aiding the return of the creek to a semi-natural state and helping to protect the vital green corridor through a highly urbanised environment.

The Mundy Creek Natureway Regeneration project is evidence of the hard work and dedication of the local community who banded together with a common goal to make a difference in their own backyard. Through this work they have forged partnerships with many groups and organisations from around Townsville including Conservation Volunteers Australia, Green Army, Townsville City Council, NQ Dry Tropics, local school groups and Indigenous elders.



If you would like to come along and see the work completed by the MCCC group and get involved yourself, Mundy Creek Landcare Day is held on the 1st Saturday of the month from 4 pm and all are welcome.

Handy watering hints

We are hearing a lot about what we cannot do during our drought so I have provided you with some solutions on what you can do to keep your plants alive.



Dripper Hose and Dripper Fittings

These hoses can be used anytime of the day due to their minimal water usage along with plug in dripper fittings for all that have irrigation systems installed. Drip hoses are a water wise option; they can be used at any time and are not regulated by council under the current restrictions. These can be purchased at local hardware stores, at the same cost as a normal garden hose.

Do not confuse with a soaker hose which cannot be used as it is classed as a sprinkler.

Date - Meet the Councillor:

Aitkenvale Library and Castletown Shopping Centre along with Community Information Centre staff, Sandra James.
Castletown: 4th Thursday 10am-2pm

Date - 11 October 2016

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - CITYLIBRARIES AITKENVALE
Need help getting your older baby (6 months +) to sleep? Kerry from Queensland Health will give practical tips and advice at this free information session. **Children are**

Date - 11 October 2016

MURRI RAINBOW BOOKCLUB - CITILIBRARIES AITKENVALE
Your local Murri Rainbow Bookclub happens every second Saturday of the month. Join our discussions on First Nation Peoples literature and other interesting books.

Date - 21 October 2016

RIVERWAY MOVIE NIGHT - INTERSTELLAR - TONY IRELAND STADIUM
An epic science fiction movie that will leave you thinking about what the future and galaxies above behold.

Date - 4 December 2016

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - REID PARK, BOUNDARY STREET, SOUTH TOWNVILLE
Celebrate the Christmas spirit under the big top with a special visit from Santa, amusement rides and a variety of food and beverage stalls.

Date - 31 December 2016

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Hold this date to bring in the New Year with a magnificent fireworks display and family entertainment.
For more details see: www.whatsontownsville.qld.gov.au