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Interested in the decision making process within Council?
Members of the public are most welcome to attend Ordinary Council Meetings and any or all of the monthly Standing Committee Meetings, these take place on the following dates and times:

- Ordinary Council (4th Tuesday of the month 9am)
- Infrastructure Committee (2nd Tues of the month, 9am)
- Townsville Water and Waste Committee (3rd Tuesday of the month 11am)
- Planning and Development Committee (2nd Wednesday of the month 12pm)
- Community and Cultural Committee (2nd Thursday of the month, 11.30am)
- Smart City/Sustainable Future Committee (2nd Thursday of the month, 9.30am)
- Health and Safe City Committee (2nd Thursday of each month, 9.30am)
- Governance and Finance Committee (3rd Tuesday of each month, 9am)

If you are interested in understanding the decision making process followed by Local Government I would encourage you to attend a meeting if you are able. All Agendas and Meeting Minutes are available on the Council Website: www.townsville.qld.gov.au

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The end of an Era for Townsville City Council
On the 30 October the majority of Councillors voted to transition the operation of the Worinda Occasional Child Care Centre to the Gowrie effective 2 February 2015. At this same meeting council also resolved to enter into negotiations with the Department of Social Services to novate the Home Services Program funding to Lifetec for the delivery of the Home Service program from December 1 2014, for the duration of the funding. I did not support these actions and am disappointed and saddened that this step has been taken. These services have been cornerstone services in council’s suite of support services to families, (particularly families with children with a disability), seniors and people with a disability within in our community.

Both Worinda and the Home Services program have been with council for over 25 years, staff have worked tirelessly to represent council and to deliver services to the community which are of the highest standard. I wish to acknowledge the staff of Worinda and Home Services for the dedication they showed to their community.

I wish them well and believe this is an incredible loss to council.

West End Park
As highlighted in my last Newsletter, West End Park play equipment which was so callously destroyed by vandals has been restored. It is also important to highlight if you witness suspicious behaviour please call crimestoppers (1800 333 000) It is only by working together that we can help stop, solve and prevent crime.

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- Footpath repairs are scheduled to be undertaken on Kings Road
- Kerbing and Channelling Repairs:
  - Purves Street Hyde Park (10m)
- Linemarking of Existing Network:
  - West End section linemarking is scheduled to be undertaken
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Open Drain Program:
- Cleaning of culverts and open drains between 186 -188 Hugh Street Currajong

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Townsville celebrates its many cultures

Each year Townsville plays host to a number of different festivals celebrating our diverse culture. These celebrations provide the community with the opportunity to experience the foods, dance and cultural experiences available in our own city.

Most of these festivals are offered free to the community and provide a great deal of entertainment for the whole family.

If you are wanting to find out more about the amazing cultural events available to you throughout the year contact the Community Information Centre.

Experience It Live 2015 Launch - 13 December from 3.30pm - 6.30pm at Riverway Precinct

Townsville City Council will be launching its 2015 Experience It Live program for the new season in theatre, arts and events.

Come and get those special Christmas gifts and have the kids entertained with Santa's Toy Workshop, or join in the Life Drawing Picnic or just come along to have a browse and listen to the up and coming bands and soloists on the entertainment stage.

New Year’s Eve Pictures in the Park - 31 December from 7pm - 12.30am at The Strand Townsville

Townsville City Council's New Year's Eve Pictures in the Park is a free community event for the whole family.

Bring a picnic rug and the family down to watch two movies, fireworks at 9pm and midnight plus food and coffee vendors will be on site.

Come along and join in the family friendly fun and welcome in the New Year in a traditional relaxed no-fuss North Queensland style!