

## Meet Your Councillor

As part of our campaign policy commitment we as Councillors committed to working closely with the community which not only involves setting up effective consultation processes it also means regular engagement directly with residents and the community in general. In this endeavour we as Councillors have set up stalls at various centres, shops, markets etc in our respective Divisions on a monthly basis. As Division 5 also borders with other Councillor Divisions, myself and the respective Councillors, have been setting up stalls at Stockland's Aitkenvale Shopping Centre, Aitkenvale K Mart Plaza, Willows Shopping Centre and Willows Sunday Markets. This means every four weeks we have been setting up a stall in one of these centres so please if you see us come over, say hello and if you have any questions, queries or matters you wish answered we will answer them for you.

If you wish for a more one on one meeting I also work out of the Thuringowa Library every second Friday in the Kelso Room from 9am to 1pm so if you are in there for any reason please feel free to pop in and say hello and I will venture to clear up any issues or enquiries you may have, no appointment is necessary.

In saying "no appointment necessary" if you do wish to have a private meeting please ring so that I can set aside a time which doesn't need to be at any council office or at any particular time as I will strive to meet at any place at any time that suits you and when I am available. To the above right is a recent stall set up at Stockland Aitkenvale with Councillor Maurie Soars, Councillor for Division 8.



**Water Restrictions** - While council does follow the water restrictions, council has a different type of restriction to residents. Under water restrictions council has to reduce its overall water use by a certain percentage at each level as per the below:

Level 1 – 14% reduction in irrigation

Level 2 – 24% reduction in irrigation and no watering between 9am and 4pm

Level 3 – 56% reduction in irrigation and no watering between 9am and 4pm

Level 4 – 84% reduction in irrigation volume and no watering 9am and 4pm

Council irrigates over 870 parks, gardens, medians, and community and council facilities. This huge number means we have to schedule our watering at different times to residents so it's evenly spread. With such a large network, from time to time our equipment does break. If you see irrigation systems in our parks and gardens that you think might be leaking or broken, please let us know immediately by calling 1300 878 001 so we can get it fixed as soon as possible.

### 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.**

#### Division

Cranbrook  
Kirwan  
Mount Louisa  
Thuringowa Central  
Willows

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## Division 5 News from Cr Russ Cook

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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](http://www.whatson.townsville.qld.gov.au).



## Kirwan High School

Earlier this year I was honoured to be invited to attend the opening of the "John Livingston Building" at Kirwan State High School. This great man achieved so much in his time as a teacher, principal and mentor to so many students and was affectionately known as 110 %, he influenced not only students but also teachers and staff. It is only fitting that he is remembered for his influence and achievements by having a building named in his honour, something his family will be proud of. In a touching ceremony MP for Thuringowa Mr Aaron Harper conducted the opening but the most poignant part was when the Kirwan State High School Senior Vocal Ensemble performed Johns favourite song "True colours", there were not many dry eyes in the audience.



## Installation of Safety Bollards at Willows State Primary School

Earlier this year I had a meeting with the Principal of Willows Primary School and one of the subjects we discussed was that some parents were parking on the footpath and nature strip when picking up or dropping off children in Bilberry Street. The Queensland Road rules ban the parking of vehicles on nature strips and footpaths and in this instance the practice was considered a safety concern as children used these areas as a pathway to entering Willows Primary School. Council staff conducted several site visits during the school pick up and drop off times with the result being approval given for the future installation of bollards along kerbside on the southern side of the parcel of land which also includes the Bus Zone area to control such parking activities on the nature strip and footpath areas. This work will be carried out as soon as the labour and material resources become available.



Before



After

### Graham Avenue

There have been a couple of accidents at the right turn bend on Graham Avenue over the past few years and as a result of these and coupled with requests from residents Townsville City Council has implemented road markings leading into the bend making this bend more visible. This bend is rather sharp and a couple of vehicles have failed to negotiate the turn successfully with the end result being they have left the road, it is hoped that this will prevent this from happening in the future making not only the roads safer for vehicles but also the footpath area for pedestrians walking.

## Greenview Drive & Dalrymple Road intersection

Over the past 18 months, council has been undertaking conceptual planning of the road corridor along Dalrymple Road from Shaw Road to Thuringowa Drive. This concept planning work is looking into, not only the intermediate future upgrade to 4 lanes, but also the ultimate upgrade to 6 lanes to ensure the road corridor has the capacity to accommodate for the ultimate solution, which will not be required for many years.

The concept designs are nearing completion. These concept designs will enable Council to move into a detailed design over the course of the second half of 2016 for the upgrade to 4 lanes, which will include a signalised intersection at Greenview Drive.

The scope of the works is as follows:

- Roadwork for widening 2 to 4 lanes - Thuringowa Drive to Kern Brothers Drive (2.1 km approx.),
- Significant Traffic control during construction,
- Widening two bridges – 2 to 4 lanes,
- relocation of underground services,
- any alterations to stormwater drainage,
- make provision for cyclist and pedestrian traffic,
- Upgrade street lighting to comply with standards,
- Associated signage and line marking,
- Install traffic signals (incl. poles, pits, conduits, cabling, controllers, signals, STREAMS telemetry),
- Minor pavement widening for left and right turns, any turnouts in revised layout,
- Pavement improvements to existing intersection,
- Concrete Median,
- Make provision for cyclist and pedestrian traffic on the approach, through and departing the intersection.

Once the designs are complete Council will then seek funding to enable the project to advance into the construction phase. It is envisaged that works should be complete within the next 4 years. In the interim before this works is constructed we need to encourage residents whom are having trouble turning right out of Greenview Drive to use the connection from Graham Avenue onto Liberty Drive as an alternative route.



For more details see: [www.whatsontownsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.whatsontownsville.qld.gov.au)

#### Meet the Councillor:

Stockland's Aitkenvale Shopping Centre, Aitkenvale K Mart Plaza, Willows Shopping Centre and Willows Sunday Markets for further information go to [facebook.com/russcookdiv5](https://facebook.com/russcookdiv5).

#### 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 welcome.

#### 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 TOWNSVILLE  
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.

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