

Central State School



As you are driving around the division have you noticed the new traffic lights at Central State School? Late last year, I met with concerned parents about the crossing at the school. After lobbying the Member for Townsville, Scott Stewart MP a petition was raised and tabled in State Parliament.

In early February approval was given to commence making changes to the lights. I was very excited to see the stop line has been extended, the overarm signals are in place and working, and the flashing lights operational.

The traffic lights are now more visible to motorists and I am sure it will have a positive effect on driver behavior.



Father Mick retires

After 43 years serving as a Catholic priest, our beloved Fr Mick Peters is retiring. Ordained in 1971, he spent his first year as a priest in Toowoomba. In 1973 he arrived on-loan to the Townsville Diocese and has been here ever since.

He has been the Parish priest at Holy Family, Mundingburra, Cranbrook and in 2000, after the restructuring of Dioceses, was appointed to the Mary Help of Christians Parish – Castle Hill, commonly known as St Joey's on the Strand. Since 1994 Fr Mick has also served as the Chaplain to the Catholic Aboriginal Community and says Mass every Sunday at St Theresa's church in Garbutt.

I sat down with Fr. Mick and asked him what were some of the things he had learnt along the way.

"I've learnt that life is about relationships, whether it be family or community and that all of us are meant to be caring for one another, particularly those in need. I love the Cowboys as they are a great football team and good role models and always willing to reach out to their community. My last piece of advice is to always speak the truth," said Fr Mick.

Fr Mick retired at the end of March and will be missed by the community.



Division 3 News from Cr Ann-Maree Greaney

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State Government funding for shovel-ready community projects

Work has already commenced on 51 projects across the length and breadth of Townsville thanks to a \$21.8 million Palaszczuk Government funding injection.

The shovel-ready projects range from park, streetscape, pathway and walking track upgrades to road improvements, shade and security lighting.

The list of projects was formulated with input from all areas of council and Councillors, who nominated projects that were ready to go and of immediate benefit to the community.

"While securing funding from Queensland and Australian Governments for big infrastructure like water continues to be our biggest priority, the Works for Queensland funding for smaller shovel-ready, local projects is a big windfall for our community," Mayor Jenny Hill said.

"The 51 projects, to be rolled out in 88 locations across the city, will give us a winning trifecta – local jobs, a boost for the economy and valuable infrastructure for our community."

Townsville received more funding from the \$200 million Works for Queensland program than any other local government area, aimed at boosting the economy and supporting jobs.

All projects met the Government's criteria that they be unfunded works and could be completed by November 2017.

See inside for details on projects that will be undertaken in Division 3.

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North Ward Sewer Main Duplication Project – April 2017

Hello and welcome to my newsletter, we are already into April and it is going to be a busy year. As you know, the Townsville City Council is committed to maintaining and upgrading Townsville's road, drains, pathways, sewerage and water networks and associated infrastructure.

The wastewater infrastructure in North Ward and Belgian Gardens has reached its capacity and needs upgrading in order to service continued residential expansion and urban consolidation in these suburbs.

The pipeline for the project will be laid using directional drilling under the road corridor along Isley and Mitchell Streets. This prevents the excavation of large sections of the road, verge or footpath and ensures minimal disruption to the residents and traffic. The pipe is fed through a borehole opening below the ground meaning the surface stays intact between the entry and exit pits.

Pedestrian footpaths may be temporarily impacted, however pedestrian and property access will be maintained and some parking spaces may be unavailable during this period of work.

Work began on Monday 6 March and will continue in the project zone for approximately six months. Work in the Isley Street area is expected to take six weeks, depending on ground conditions and the weather.

Normal work hours are 6am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 6am to 2pm on Saturday. If additional works are required (after hours or on Sundays) further advance advice will be provided.

Please be aware that as your Councillor for Division 3 I am committed to open communication with affected residents and businesses so please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to meet with you.



Cr Paul Jacob and Cr Ann-Maree Greaney meeting with TCC Engineering Staff to look over the project



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

Sensors providing environmental data to assist planning

On a hot Sunday morning in February I was delighted to meet the Townsville school students who are learning the skills they need for future jobs. These students have created and deployed environmental sensors at Ross Creek (Hanran Park) as part of a wider collaborative project between Townsville City Council, James Cook University and Origin Energy.

Six students from Townsville State High, William Ross State High, Willows State School and Oonoonba State School spent many afternoons late last year building the low-cost sensors at the Rowes Bay Sustainability Centre.

The Rowes Bay Sensor Network Project has given students the opportunity to build sensors that measure temperature, humidity, light, sound and soil moisture, with the data being shared to provide insight for planning developments and deploying council resources.

The project has successfully engaged with students and science clubs with the aim of engaging students in the environment, building their job thinking capacity and linking those interested in technology.

The data captured by the sensors is transmitted via a local Internet of Things (IoT) network, which sends it to the internet where the students can view their data.

Capacity Building Workshop

As Chair of Community Health and Environment it was great to attend the Capacity Building Workshop facilitated by Townsville City Council.

The workshop involved around 50 participants from over 20 different local energy efficiency businesses to learn about opportunities and challenges that currently exist in Townsville around energy efficiency, demand management and renewable energy across the wider community.

The aim of the workshop was to develop practical solutions and projects that could reduce the cost of energy to residents, create jobs and boost economic activity across the city.

The outcomes of the work will be documented and made available in the coming weeks.



1 May 2017

BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA (75TH ANNIVERSARY)

ANZAC Park
6am - 7am

21 May 2017

HERITAGE DAY

West End Park
10am - 2pm
FREE

4 June 2017

TOWNSVILLE ECO FIESTA

Queens Gardens
9am - 3pm
FREE

18 June 2017

PET EXPO

Jezzine Barracks
9am - 3pm
FREE

30 July 2017

AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF CHAMBER MUSIC COMMUNITY CONCERT

Queens Gardens
3pm
FREE

28 July - 6 August 2017

STRAND EPHEMERA THE NORTH'S SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

The Strand
FREE