



I was contacted by staff and parents from Ryan Catholic College regarding cars parking across the road from the Golf Links Drive entrance. It was reported that this practice was causing a safety risk to children and also traffic using that section of the road during school start and finishing times and as a result Townsville City Council staff completed a risk assessment of the area and "No Standing" signs have been erected.

A resident was running along Golf Links Drive and noticed the concrete was cracked and was a hazard to everyone as a small piece was raised. I have worked with council staff to have the footpath repaired with the photos below showing the difference.



Residents contacted me about the faded line marking on Liberty Drive. Townsville City Council staff assessed the road resulting in new road markings being painted on. The before and after shots below show the difference.



These are just a few of the jobs or issues that residents have put through TCC Enquiries system by emailing enquiries@townsville.qld.gov.au or by phoning 1300 878 001. Myself and my fellow Councillors set up stalls at shopping centres around Townsville so please if you see any of us make sure you come over and say hello.

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State Government Funds Shovel-Ready Community Projects

Work has already commenced on 51 projects across the length and breadth of Townsville thanks to a \$21.8 million State 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 5.

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Show your support for The Cure Starts Now

The Cure Starts Now continues to tirelessly raise research funds to eradicate terminal children's cancer, aka "The deadliest Cancer Known To Man".

Over the past few years the Kirwan High Gala Ball has raised much needed funding for this valuable charity and cemented itself within the Townsville social scene.

Last year in memory of their esteemed principal, the late John Livingstone, also known as Mr 110%, the event raised more than \$55,500 for The Cure Starts Now and I was proud to join Michael Mayo, Ren Pederson and Meredith Wenta for the cheque presentation (see right). A consortium of local businesses, led by Bridges Financial, purchased Rhonda Payne's portrait of Mr 110% for \$8700 and generously donated the portrait back to Kirwan High School.

This year the Kirwan High Gala will be held on Saturday 12 August 2017 at Rydges. Tickets are now on sale and I encourage you to buy a ticket and come along and enjoy a fun night while also raising much needed funding for children's cancer.



Project Booyah

Project Booyah targets 'at risk' youth who may be involved in criminal, antisocial behaviour, self-harm, substance abuse or disengagement from school and has been running successfully in Townsville since 2014.

Run over four months the program works with up to 12 students to:

- re-engage them into schools
- assist them to gain employment
- reduce offending behaviour
- empower them to be confident and contributing members of society

The program challenges and extends the participants, through expedition-based outdoor education, vocational studies provided by Queensland TAFE, literacy and numeracy studies facilitated by teachers from Education Queensland, fitness, resilience and leadership training and job placement.

I was fortunate enough to be a guest at the cohort graduation at the end of last year. A highlight of the night was a video showing the young women at the beginning of the project and then again at the end - the difference in their confidence, their outlook on life and education was emotional to see.



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

In October 2016, I joined the Mayor at the opening of Kirwan Complete Care. Dr Paul's practice is one of the few in North Queensland with full body Active Release Technique (ART) qualifications. ART is a patented, state-of-the-art soft tissue technique that treats problems with muscles, tendons, ligaments, fascia and nerves. Kirwan Complete Care's philosophy is to form partnerships with you so that they can proactively meet your health goals. So if you are feeling the aches and pains of age or injury through sport or recreation give Dr Paul and his qualified staff a visit, I am certain that you feel better walking out the door than you did walking in.



On December 12 2016 Nadine (pictured) realised her dream with the opening of her own café Baker & Barista at Willows Shopping Centre. Nadine has a wealth of experience having worked in the hospitality industry for 16 years and been a barista for the same amount of time. Baker & Barista stocks gourmet rolls, wraps, retail bread and a range of sweets. I can attest that Nadine makes one of the best coffees in town and I am not the only one who rates the coffee highly with Baker & Barista recently being voted the second best coffee in Townsville.



I am pleased to announce that Division 5 will benefit from the recent funding of \$21.8 million allocated to Townsville as part of the State Government's Works for Queensland program. Under this program the Joe Kirwan carpark will be sealed and new Smart Water Meters will be trialed in 300 homes in the Kirwan area and another 1200 in other suburbs across Townsville. This will go a long way to ensuring that water consumption will be better managed in the future. Trials such as this and others, if successful, could be implemented into future new developments in Townsville as our great city grows.



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