

Learning Links – this happens at our local library

Learning Links is about people learning from each other. It's a friendly, relaxed way to learn one-on-one or in small groups at little or no cost. It provides opportunities for individuals to try new skills without the pressure of formal classes.

Learning Links is community-based, informal learning in relaxed surroundings that links new learners with volunteer tutors. It consists of a register of volunteer tutors who are willing to help people learn new skills.

For further information on Learning Links or to register contact the Learning Links Officer, Community Information Centre (07) 4771 4230 or email LearningLinks@townsville.qld.gov.au.

For more information on any of the above programs or activities, please ask the friendly staff at City Libraries.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/MargieRyderDiv1/>

As most of you are aware I don't use Facebook as my normal communication tool so just in case I miss anything directly on my Facebook can I suggest you ask council on the Townsville City Council Facebook page.

The team monitors the page during business hours Monday – Friday and will make sure your questions are answered.

Go to - <https://www.facebook.com/townsvillemunicipality> and like the page to stay up to date with the latest information.

Naming of Isabella Fitzpatrick Bridge

The recently upgraded Rollingstone Bridge has been renamed in honour of Isabella Gertrude Fitzpatrick, one of the first women elected to local government and one of the first sugar growers in the Rollingstone area. The bridge provides safe and convenient access between neighbouring areas and a sense of heritage for the local community. The \$850,000 upgrade was funded jointly by the council and the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Programme.



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Alice River, Balgal Beach, Beach Holm, Black River, Blue Hills, Bluewater, Bluewater Park, Bohle Plains, Clemant, Cosgrove, Crystal Creek, Hervey Range, Jensen, Lynam, Mount Louisa, Mutarnee, Paluma, Rangewood, Rollingstone, Saunders Beach, Shaw, Toolakea, Toomulla, Yabulu.

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Division 1 News from Cr Margie Ryder

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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 1.

Cr Margie Ryder

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Volunteering North Queensland Update (VNQ)

The right volunteer position is the one that fits with your circumstances, interests and the results you want to achieve.

When looking to volunteer it may help to consider the following:

- Would you like to work with adults or children?
- Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a team?
- Would you like to work indoors or outside?
- How much time are you willing to commit?
- What skills can you offer? What skills would you like to develop?
- Would work experience assist your employment prospects?

VNQ has numerous volunteer opportunities available and a team of Referral Officers who can assist you to find your right fit with a not-for-profit or community organisation. Keep an eye out for VNQ training dates which will be released soon. Visit www.vnq.org.au to search the volunteer positions available or call (07) 4725 5990 to book an appointment.

For more information please go to: www.vnq.org.au

Community Groups – Built to Last

Community Groups - Built to Last is a Townsville City Council initiative which provides a platform to provide information and engage with Townsville community groups and organisations to ensure they have the information, skills and tools to be effective, efficient and have a sustainable future.

For more information visit council's website at [https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/community-support/services-and-](https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/community-support/services-and-works-for-queensland-program)

Works for Queensland program

Our division was allocated a proportion of the \$21.8 million Townsville received to provide employment opportunities and get some local infrastructure projects completed. A major consideration in the project was the focus on getting as many as possible into work as we tough out this difficult period. To see a full list of the approved projects please go to www.townsville.qld.gov.au

Youth Boost grants – extended to 31 October 2017

The \$20,000 Youth Boost grant is available to eligible employers who hire an unemployed young person (aged 15-24) between 1 December 2016 and 31 October 2017 (inclusive). If you employed an eligible young jobseeker after 28 February 2017, prior to announcement of the initiative's extension on 2 March 2017, you may still apply for a Youth Boost payment. Employers are able to apply for Youth Boost from 29 December 2016, noting that as part of the eligibility requirements an employee must be employed for a period of 4 weeks before an application can be made.

Applications for the first payment must be received within 12 weeks of the commencement date of the employee. Applications received after this timeframe will not be eligible.

For more information please go to- <https://backtowork.initiatives.qld.gov.au/youth-boost-payment/>



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

Bridge Opening and Australia Day Celebrations

Great to be involved in the opening of the Isabella Fitzpatrick Bridge and the Australia Day Celebrations in Saunders Beach and Toomulla



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