



**DIVISION 7
NEWSLETTER**



Councillor Kurt Rehbein

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

A message from Kurt

I couldn't be more proud to live in a city whose resilience and determination to fight against the odds constantly surpasses expectation.

It certainly has been a whirlwind start to the year, with our city being hit by a 1 in 500-year unprecedented monsoon. Townsville may have been inundated by water, but the resilience and generosity of our community filled the hearts of not only those in Australia, but people from around the world. I'm so proud to represent the diverse and proud community of our Division.

Whilst our city recovers, Council's business as usual continues with the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland funding enabling us to deliver shovel-ready projects throughout our community. Townsville City Council continues to create local jobs for the future with projects like the 1.8m diameter water pipeline and the Southern Suburbs Rising Main and the Recycled Water Re-Use Scheme pipeline well underway.

If you'd like to receive more information on Townsville, visit Council's website and sign up to City Update, our quarterly e-news bulletin.

Cn Kurt Rehbein

Heatley Park Upgrade Commences



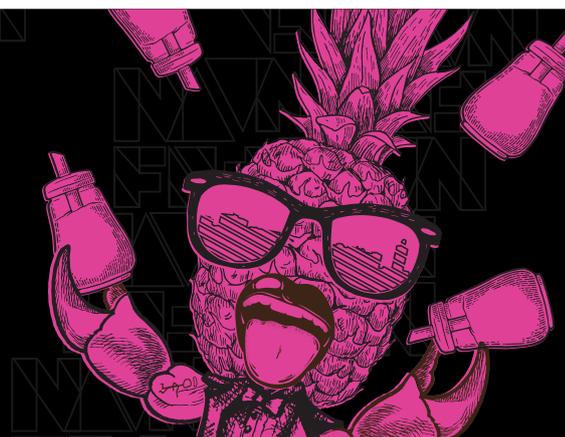
Heatley Park is going to receive an upgrade which is a huge win for local families. I have been working closely with the local community and staff on this upgrade and have been lobbying for this project since being elected. The project includes upgraded sports fields, new lighting, installing CCTV, improved irrigation, fitness equipment, playground and a pump track and will support 20 local jobs.

The park upgrade will provide top notch facilities, with something for everyone from young kids to parents and fitness fanatics. I'd like to thank the Queensland Government for supporting it with \$3.1 million in funding.

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REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

As the city gets back on its feet after the unprecedented monsoon, the resilience of our community continues to shine through.

Throughout the last two months Council has been busy assessing the damage, prioritising projects, and working with residents and other agencies to help the city start to rebuild.

It's been a huge job. But the commitment of our community to make our city shine again has been inspirational.

Moving forward

Council already had a strong vision for the future of Townsville prior to the unprecedented monsoon and this hasn't changed. We have not forgotten about our responsibilities to the Townsville community.

Council is dedicated to improving community spaces and providing top-class infrastructure which create jobs for locals and supports local businesses.

Council is committed to delivering on its promises, a few of our current major projects are:

- The Haughton Pipeline Duplication Project[^]
- Water Smart Package[^]
- Recycled Water Re-Use Scheme
- Townsville Battery Plant
- Central Park and the Stadium Precinct
- Flinders Lane
- Castle Hill Concept Plan
- Townsville Lagoon
- Central Park & Dean Street Concept Plan
- Riverway Splash Water Park
- Townsville City Bus Hub^{**}
- Heatley Park Upgrade^{*}
- Joe Kirwan Park Upgrade^{*}
- Pallarenda Esplanade Upgrade^{*}
- Charles Moroney Park Upgrade^{*}
- Nathan Street Enhancement Project^{*}
- Kerbside Collection
- North Australian Festival of Arts
- Northern Fringe Festival
- Strand Ephemera
- Festival of Stories
- Townsville Eats
- Hervey Range Recovery Facility
- 10 Year Sport & Recreation Facility Strategy

Our commitment to the Townsville community is unwavering and we're excited about the future of this great city.

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TOWNSVILLE LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GROUP

In the wake of the unprecedented monsoon, Council is leading a multi-agency, coordinated plan for a stronger Townsville.

The Local Recovery and Resilience Group comprises of Council, Queensland and Australian Government departments and agencies, local business, industry and community groups.

This is a true team effort – working together to help our region recover.

Our efforts are focused around key areas of need:



HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES



THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



ECONOMIC RECOVERY

We're doing whatever it takes, for as long as it takes. The people of Townsville are resilient. Our unrivalled community spirit will help restore our region and positively shape its future.

Log onto Council's Emergency Management Dashboard to keep up-to-date on recovery efforts: disaster.townsville.qld.gov.au

A MESSAGE FROM JENNY

Our city has just survived its worst ever natural disaster due to an unprecedented monsoonal event. While not every home or every family were impacted by flooding, there was significant damage to homes, property and infrastructure throughout our community.

Yet stories abound of great courage, resilience and community spirit that North Queenslanders are renowned for particularly Townsville.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Council staff, Defence, SES, police, Fire and Emergency Services, Health, Ambulance, Ergon and all members of the public who worked together in a united way to help the people impacted, neighbours, friends and family – often while their own family were impacted.

We must acknowledge the loss many have faced and are still suffering. Previous events have shown that recovery takes far longer than response and reconstruction.



As a community, we have a responsibility to continue to check in on our families, neighbours and mates and remind all there is help available. There are agencies, including church based and not for profit groups, ready to assist and help those still feeling the effects of the devastating flooding and rain event.

I want to reassure everyone in our community – especially those directly impacted by this monsoonal event – that the city's recovery effort is a coordination and community-led approach combining agencies from all levels of government, the not-for-profit sector and the business community.

Council has short, medium and long-term plans to repair damaged infrastructure, assist local residents and support the city's economic recovery.

Council had a strong vision for the future of Townsville prior to the unprecedented monsoon and this has not changed – myself and my team of Councillors will deliver on our commitments to the community.

We are totally focussed on getting our city through these challenges and is more resilient than before.

We are doing whatever it takes, for as long as it takes, to help people get back on their feet and fully recover from this unprecedented natural disaster.

Cr Jenny Hill
Mayor of Townsville



Mount Louisa Community Information Breakfast a Success

Townsville City Council's Mount Louisa Community Information Breakfast was a great success with hundreds of residents attending the event on Sunday 31 March.

The Mount Louisa Open Space Masterplan was released last month and aims to transform Mount Louisa into an activity and recreation hub – the project is a key pillar for Council's Townsville2020 Masterplan.

The breakfast was a great opportunity for residents to share their thoughts about the proposed Masterplan.

Council will use the feedback collected from the engagement to help inform the priorities for delivery of the Mount Louisa Open Space Network.



Dalrymple Service Road improvements

The access from the end of Farrell Street to Dalrymple Service Road was a well utilised dirt track. Council crews improved access and the safety of residents by upgrading the area.



Brass attend Nationals

The talented, dedicated and passionate musicians that make up the Townsville Brass and Thuringowa Brass Bands attended the Nationals competition in Brisbane during April.

There is a tremendous amount of rehearsing and fundraising that goes into attending this competition.

Be sure to keep an eye out for any performances they hold – check out their Facebook for more information.



Wheeler Park Upgrade

I am very pleased that the Wheeler Park playground in Greenwood Estate has been upgraded. Along with the improved facilities the playground is now covered with a shade sail that will help protect our families from the sun.

Thank you to the families who raised the need for the park improvements with me.

Charles Street Footpath

Work has started on an important suburban footpath project to provide a new pedestrian link for families living on or around Charles Street.

The Charles Street footpath project in Heatley includes delivering almost 2 kilometres of new footpath which will improve access.

A number of residents raised with me that they wanted a new footpath to improve safety in the local area.

I'm very proud to be part of a team of Councillors delivering on important community projects – such as new footpaths and park upgrades – right throughout the community.

I'd like to thank the Queensland Government for partnering with Townsville City Council to upgrade community infrastructure and create jobs for locals.



Nathan Street beautification project begins

Work is underway to spruce up one of Townsville's busiest suburban streets.

The Nathan Street Enhancement Project will revitalise the streetscape – including new garden beds, irrigation systems and plantings – between Dalrymple Road and Charles Street.

The project received \$1.56 million in funding for the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program.

This project will employ around 25 locals and improve the look of our great city.

