

MAGNETIC ISLAND: INVESTING IN A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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Townsville City Council is currently undertaking various projects on Magnetic Island, which include renewing community infrastructure, upgrading water and wastewater assets, and improving roads.

This investment aims to attract further regional development, positioning Magnetic Island as a connected and sustainable destination driven by lifestyle and nature.

Henry Lawson Pedestrian Bridge

In response to feedback from the Magnetic Island community, Council has conducted an additional structural assessment of the bridge, which provided the following recommendations:

- Maintain the current load limit of two (2) people on the bridge at any one (1) time.
- Conduct monthly visual inspections to monitor the condition of the structure and its temporary supports.
- Assess defects and corrosion every six (6) months.



Based on these recommendations, Council is working with a structural engineer to prolong the life of the pedestrian bridge and, as a safety measure, relocate existing services.

Council commenced services relocation on **Monday 10 March 2025**, and expects to take **six weeks to complete**, weather permitting.



Alma Bay Pedestrian Bridge Deck Removal

Work to remove the deck of the Alma Bay Pedestrian Bridge following the recent tropical low that impacted communities in North and Far North Queensland recommenced and was **completed on Tuesday 4 March 2025**.



Gustav Creek Structure Restoration Work

The Townsville Local Disaster Management Group (TLDMG) stood up amid heavy rainfall and localised flooding in Townsville between Thursday 19 December, and Tuesday 24 December 2024.

During this weather event, the culvert along Sooning Street that crosses Gustav Creek in Nelly Bay sustained significant damage. The structure suffered further damage from Friday 31 January to Monday 3 February 2025, due to the tropical low that affected the North and Far North Queensland communities.

Work has commenced on a design report taking into consideration the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning constraints and approvals associated with working in and around fishways and mangroves.

Additional fencing has been erected around the site to prevent access due to safety concerns.

Council will update the community on the progress of our investigations, consider all community feedback, and continue to share updates as soon as they become available. ¹

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Arcadia Bus Service Reroute

Council is pleased to announce that the installation of new bus stop infrastructure supporting Translink's recent service route changes is complete.

In partnership with Translink and Kinetic, Council is committed to investing in shared transport services and infrastructure to ensure your bus journey is as safe and comfortable as possible.

In doing so, we aim to provide infrastructure that supports passenger transport services for the entire Island community and its visitors.

Future works, including enhanced parking availability on Hayles Avenue and planting trees along Armand Way, require future budget allocation and will be considered for inclusion in the 2025/26 Capital Plan budget.



Picnic Bay Reservoir Roof Replacement

Council is replacing the roof of the Picnic Bay Reservoir, which provides potable water for Picnic Bay and parts of Magnetic Island.

Local contractor A. Gabrielli Constructions is undertaking the work on behalf of Council.

To undertake this work, cranes will be used onsite and Ergon will temporarily disconnect nearby power lines for safety.

The few affected properties will receive notification in advance of any power outages or disruptions.

Council commenced work on **Thursday 6 March 2025** and expects to take **six months to complete**, weather permitting.

Wastewater Recycling Facility Environmental Site Investigation

Council is undertaking environmental site investigations at the Magnetic Island Wastewater Recycling (MIWR) facility.

These investigations are in preparation for installing a megalitre storage tank to store recycled water at the facility.

As part of Council's environmental approvals, investigations will focus on the flora and fauna habitat in and around the facility before and after installation.

Council is working with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services and is in contact with property owners of land adjacent to the MIWR facility.

Council commenced work on **Monday 17 February 2025**, and expects to take **four weeks to complete**, weather permitting.



Maintenance Dredging at Nelly Bay Harbour

Council will be carrying out essential dredging work at Nelly Bay Harbour from mid-April 2025. The Bay and Marina facilities will remain open and accessible during this work.

Around 7,000m³ of material will be dredged from the Harbour, and taken by truck for management/storage at Council's Kelly Street site, for later reuse on Magnetic Island. We expect minimal impact on residents or businesses from dredging, transport, management or storage of this material.

It's expected to take around eight (8) weeks to return the waterways to safe, navigable depths.

Dredging work must only be carried out at the appropriate time to ensure minimum impact on the marine environment, maintain access to the marina and canals during significant events such as Magnetic Island Race Week and ensure work can be done in the most efficient and effective way.

We expect that the dredged material stored at the Kelly Street site will be managed and reused within 12 months.

Council will be holding a community information session at Horseshoe Bay Community Centre on **Saturday 15 March 2025** between **10am and 12pm**.

Picnic Bay Public Amenities Renewal

Council is carrying out a project to renew the public amenities in Yule Street, Picnic Bay.

This work is necessary as the existing amenities have reached the end of their useful life and are no longer compliant or functional.

The Magnetic Island community consultation in 2023 favoured upgrading the amenities at their current location.

The temporary public amenities will remain during the construction period and will be removed once the new facilities are built. The works will not impact the bus stop. The playground may be affected at times and Council will provide further updates when this occurs.

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