



# Councillor Mark Molachino

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

## A message from Mark

I'm so proud to represent such a diverse, positive community and to be Councillor for our Division.

We've had an exciting year in 2018. The second round of Works for Queensland funding has enabled us to deliver more shovel-ready projects for our city. The North Queensland Stadium is on track to be completed in time for the start of the 2020 NRL season. Our new pipeline, which is bigger than JT, is charging forward and creating jobs for locals along the way.

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

*Cr Mark Molachino*

## Congratulations to the Townsville Barramundi Restocking Group!



I am excited to report that the Townsville Barramundi Restocking Group has released another 25,000 barra fingerlings into the Ross River Dam. I attended the release and was heartened to see the level of enthusiasm from the volunteers that attended to help.

This is part of an election commitment I fought for with support of my colleagues to allow recreational uses on Ross River Dam. Our dam is in an ideal location as a sight-seeing destination, particularly in comparison to the other dams in Queensland. I will continue to work with my colleagues, the Townsville Barramundi Restocking Group and other sporting user groups to look at what is needed to open this asset up to the community.

OUR NEW PIPELINE...

### IT'S BIGGER THAN JT

#LITERALLY

179cms



**New Pipe increased to 180cm**

### Creation of ongoing local jobs in advanced manufacturing



### ON TRACK FOR DELIVERY DEC 2019



"Council is committed to having the new pipeline built by end of next year."

# JOBS FOR LOCALS

## The North Queensland Stadium

The \$250 million North Queensland Stadium will be a world class 25,000 seat facility, that can accommodate up to 40,000 people in concert mode. At the same time, Council is also upgrading adjoining parks and recreation areas. The new stadium will revitalise the CBD and has already helped attract to the precinct a proposed high-end hotel, supported by the Hilton Group.



ARTIST IMPRESSION ONLY



AS OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2018



## Update on our water security solution

Townsville's three-point water security solution is underway. Another key milestone for the water pipeline project has been reached, with work starting on the first access track. The access tracks will allow the installation of the pipeline along the 36.5km route.

The project will create approximately 50 jobs during its lifetime.

Delivering long term water security is a top priority, made possible by the \$225 million Queensland Government contribution towards Council's three-point water security solution:

- Oversize pipeline
- Water reuse plan
- Community transition package

The pipeline is one of the biggest infrastructure projects in Townsville in a generation. Council staff have made sure we have got the best product to ensure the pipeline delivers long-term water security for our community.

# Delivering on our promises



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## Is your pet microchipped?

It's well known that dogs are our best mates (and cats aren't all that bad either), and Townsville residents more than most! There are 42,903 registered dogs and approved cats currently in our city, and that number is only growing.

Our fur kids are wonderful companions, but they come with the obligation to take care of them. That's why being a responsible pet owner is so important.

One of the best ways to ensure your pet's safety is through microchipping. Microchipping makes sure that if your pet gets out and is taken to the animal shelter, Council knows how to contact you.

All stray animals taken to the shelter are microchipped by Council before they are taken into the care of the animal foster and rehoming organisations, but did you know that Council also offers free microchipping for pet owners? Free microchipping takes place once a month in various locations in the suburbs.

Check out the times below for upcoming microchipping days – you can also register your dog on the day for a fee:

- 6 November, Cnr Allambie Lane and Riverway Drive
- 15 December, Cambridge Park, Vincent

So far, Council has microchipped 412 animals since the Free Microchipping initiative started in January, so get on board if you haven't already and help us on our goal to have every pet microchipped in Townsville!



## WHAT'S ON TOWNSVILLE

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### IMMERSED: ALISON MCDONALD

Until 18 November, daily from 10am  
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

• Credit: Alison McDonald Pour [detail] 2017  
Upcycled plastic bottles



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday 11 November, from 10.30am  
Anzac Park Cenotaph and  
Riverway Cenotaph



### CYCLONE SUNDAY

Sunday 4 November, 3pm - 6pm  
Strand Park



## Community Council

In August, Council held a Community Council meeting in Division Four.

These meetings are being rolled out across the city in each of our divisions. It was well attended and we saw some excellent questions asked of Council. This meeting was held at Rasmussen State School and provided an update on projects throughout the Upper Ross and the city.



## Rowing regatta on Blacks Weir

It was great to see the Head of the River Race taking place on Black Weir. The Riverway Rowing Club hosted a rowing regatta which saw competitors and supporters attending the Loam Island facility to cheer on their respective teams. I was invited to present the medals to the winning teams and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. It is always great to see the community using the river and our community facilities. This regatta marks the end of the school season with only the Club Championship to go.



## Getting to know Division Four

I regularly set up in front of Rasmussen Woolworths to talk to residents. Recently Mayor Jenny Hill and I spent a Saturday showing our plans for the Upper Ross and Charles Moroney Park which will see a complete upgrade to all the facilities. If you see me there in the future, please stop in to say hi.

## Neck of the Woods Festival

In July I attended the Neck of the Woods Music Festival at Pinnacles near the dam. This event was a huge success and had an impressive line up of local musos bringing their own style. The event featured camping, yoga workshops, a children's area and marketplace with some of Townsville's best food and coffee. It was a great family event and I am looking forward to the next one.

