

MAGNETIC ISLAND: INVESTING IN A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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With drier weather, Council has made good progress in recent months on road, amenities and other works across the Island. This month, we've got updates on the DRFA road replacement program and causeway extensions along West Point Road. Thanks to all the local artists who answered our call; Council is looking forward to commissioning a mural for the renewed Picnic Bay Public Amenities block. Be sure to check out the new, improved mobile library vans visiting the Island **from July 2025**.

Armand Way Street Tree Planting

We recently planted two trees along Armand Way, directly across from Alma Bay Park and beside 14 Armand Way in Arcadia.

These works are part of the Arcadia Bus Service Reroute project and Council's commitment to the Island community to revegetate Armand Way following the installation of new bus stop infrastructure supporting Translink's recent service route changes.

The selected tree species is *Calophyllum inophyllum*, commonly known as the Beauty Leaf. This large tree is typically found along coastal areas and is known for its resilience to cyclones.

A local contractor undertook preliminary construction work for Council before our maintenance team began the planting activities.

We will provide further information regarding tree planting activities following these works.



DRFA Road Inspections and Reconstruction

We completed all emergency works on unsealed roads in April. Drainage and pavement repairs are either in progress or due to begin at a further 18 sites across the Island.

Council has received funding to undertake roadworks along Kelly Street, Nelly Bay. Investigations into improving drainage in the area are ongoing. We expect these works to commence in July 2025.

The Kelly Street works will need to be completed under controlled traffic management conditions while remaining open to minimise disruptions. To achieve this, materials will be pre-stockpiled in the Kelly Street industrial area.

In the coming weeks, we expect to provide the community with an indicative schedule detailing when and where our crews will be working.

We are also preparing to extend five causeways along West Point Road. Precasting of the panels is occurring off-site, and we are transporting gravel to the Island to use on unsealed roads along West Point Road, Sunglow and Parker Streets.¹

Magnetic Island Recycled Water Irrigation Upgrade

After completing environmental site investigations at the Magnetic Island Wastewater Recycling facility, the project team is currently evaluating tenders for future construction. We will provide further updates as they become available.

Gustav Creek Structure Restoration Work

We are currently in the detailed design phase of the project. A drilling rig was recently on-site to bore holes in preparation for installing piles that will support the bridge's foundation.

Council is working with the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) to gain approvals for the bridge construction. Once we receive SARA approval, we will provide an update on construction timelines.¹



Picnic Bay Reservoir Roof Replacement

Council is preparing to install the new roof and plans to use a crane similar to the one used during the roof removal process.

For three weeks during the installation, Ergon will disconnect the nearby power lines to ensure a safe work area.

A generator will provide power to the residents during this time. Council is coordinating this work with Ergon and will continue to engage with nearby residents to give updates on our progress.



Picnic Bay Public Amenities Renewal

Construction activities are progressing well. The structural steel is in place, and the installation of the new sewer pump station tank is complete.

As part of this project, Council will also undertake some additional work, including:

- Removing garden beds, installing new turf, and upgrading irrigation around the amenities
- Installing a dedicated switchboard for the remote management of the pump station
- Removing an old storage shed across the creek.



Additionally, there is an opportunity for a mural on the amenities block. We will reach out to local artists who participated in our recent Local Street Artist Call Out to express their interest.²

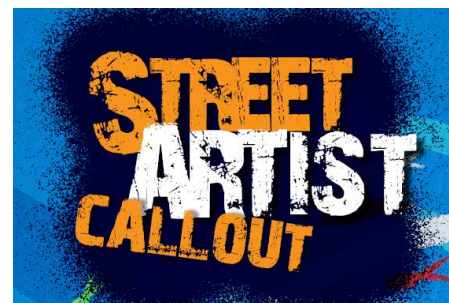


Maintenance Dredging at Nelly Bay Harbour

Maintenance dredging in Nelly Bay remains a priority for Council to complete as soon as possible. After considering community concerns and taking into account current road conditions and other projects in the area, such as the Sooning Street bridge, Council postponed the dredging works to prioritise the completion of road and bridge infrastructure repairs.

As a result of this decision, we will be retendering the dredging and dredged material management under a new contract at an appropriate time. We remain committed to our project plan, which includes utilising the Kelly Street site for the management of dredge material.

We are also working with the relevant regulators to ensure that our approvals for the maintenance dredging works continue as needed to align with the revised project schedule. We will keep the community informed as our plans to implement the project develop or change. We anticipate that dredging will take place in early 2026, weather permitting. Additionally, we are working with Marina Management to ensure that the Marina remains safe and accessible.



Local Street Artist Call Out

Council recently invited emerging and professional street artists residing on Magnetic Island to register in the Local Street Artist Registry for upcoming mural opportunities.

Additionally, Council consulted with local Wulgurukaba elders to nominate a Yunbenun artist during this process.

This registry helps Council better understand the local talent available for future street art projects and professional development opportunities.

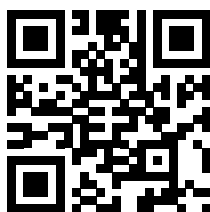
A total of nine submissions have been received: six from residents of Magnetic Island, two from the mainland, and one from outside the area.

Council will select up to four local artists from these submissions and nominations to move forward. We will contact selected artists via email and provide them with specific Artwork Design Briefs for upcoming projects.

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