



DIVISION **4**
NEWSLETTER



Councillor Mark Molachino

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

A message from Mark

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.

Cr Mark Molachino

Charles Moroney Park Upgrade Underway



A multi-million dollar upgrade for Charles Moroney Park has commenced, with the project supporting more than 20 jobs.

Charles Moroney Park is being upgraded with a new playground, pump track, fitness facilities, sports fields, car park and improvements to the existing dog off-leash area.

The project has been allocated \$4.25 million in funding from the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program.

The upgrade will provide long overdue works to bring this park into line with other areas of our city.

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STRAND
EPHEMERA 2019
North Queensland's Sculpture Festival

TOWNSVILLE'S
FESTIVAL OF STORIES

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



Cr Mark Molachino and Rhyce Bullimore, president of the Townsville Barramundi Restocking Society releasing fingerlings in Lake Ross

Ross River Dam Recreation Management Plan

Townsville City Council's Planning and Development Committee has recommended progressing to Stage 2 of a proposal to open the Ross River Dam for more recreational uses.

Stage 2 of the proposal includes creating a community engagement strategy and the development of a Ross River Dam Recreation Management Plan (RRDRMP).

The community has been supportive about opening the Dam for more recreational uses and I'm happy to see this progressing.



Townsville City Council has upgraded a Kelso pathway that supported up to 17 jobs – and has made it safer for children to walk to school.

Students from Rasmussen and Good Shepherd Catholic School will use this pathway in the morning and afternoon which will improve accessibility and safety.

The Allambie Lane footpath upgrade is another local project delivered in the Upper Ross under the Works for Queensland program.

I was fortunate to be invited to present badges at the Thuringowa High School Leaders Induction ceremony. These students have been selected to represent their school and have been identified as leaders in their respective age groups. I'd like to wish them all the best for the year in their respective roles.



Daniel Dubbeld (Chappy Dan) has been working tirelessly in the area with the students at Thuringowa State High and Rasmussen State School to provide breakfast for the students, as well as advice.

I would like to thank Dan for all he does in our community and I encourage all students to catch up with Dan should they need any advice as he is one of the greatest mentors the Upper Ross has seen.

I spent an awesome afternoon with the winners of the 2019 Neighbour Day competition in Kelso. The residents of Elberry Crescent invited the Mayor and I along to their barbeque to meet them all. What an impressive group of neighbours they have in this street. The theme for this barbeque was for all the residents to bring some food from a different country. Italian, American, Irish and Chinese dishes were served up. They continually look out for each other and have regular catchups in the street. I thoroughly enjoyed my time meeting everyone and look forward to the next one.



TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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