



# Councillor Ann-Maree Greaney

## KEEPING YOU UPDATED

### A message from Ann-Maree

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 Ann-Maree Greaney*

### Pallarenda Pathway



Walkers, runners and cyclists can now enjoy a refurbished bike and footpath along the Esplanade at Pallarenda between Maskell Street and Walter Nesbit Park.

The \$700,000 project created up to 10 jobs for locals and has extended the 2.5 metre wide concrete shared path by nearly a kilometre along the foreshore on Cape Pallarenda Road.

As we all know Pallarenda is one of the most iconic seaside vistas in North Queensland and this upgrade will make it easier for everyone to walk, run or cycle along the foreshore.

Council is committed to providing our community with the best infrastructure to enjoy the beautiful outdoors, including upgrading footpaths right across the city.

The project was funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program.



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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<sup>^</sup>
- Water Smart Package<sup>^</sup>
- 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<sup>\*\*</sup>
- Heatley Park Upgrade<sup>\*</sup>
- Joe Kirwan Park Upgrade<sup>\*</sup>
- Pallarenda Esplanade Upgrade<sup>\*</sup>
- Charles Moroney Park Upgrade<sup>\*</sup>
- Nathan Street Enhancement Project<sup>\*</sup>
- 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](http://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



## Artwork at Horseshoe Bay

A smoking ceremony was held to welcome Council's first street art project on Magnetic Island. Indigenous artist Nicky Bidju Pryor was commissioned to complete a Great Barrier Reef-inspired artwork at the Horseshoe Bay public toilets.

The artwork aims to build a bridge between modern and traditional cultures – the fish represent diversity and differences moving together.

This artwork was funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program and it shows graffiti artists there are legal ways to express themselves.

Council is keen to support local artists and this project shows we can offer them some interesting locations. I hope visitors to Horseshoe Bay take a moment to enjoy it.



## Sand transfers to restore Rowes Bay Esplanade

Locals love Rowes Bay and it is a very important area within Division 3, which is why beach sand from the mouth of Ross River will be transferred to Rowes Bay beach as part of the city's recovery effort from the unprecedented monsoon.

Townsville City Council and the Port of Townsville are working together to restore the Rowes Bay Esplanade, the beach and pedestrian access paths which were affected by the monsoon.

The Port will provide approximately 10,000 cubic metres of beach sand – which reduces the cost of the project to Council and allows more sand to be used to replenish Rowes Bay beach.

The beneficial reuse of sand is a great outcome for the city and provides a great sustainable solution to supporting the restoration of Townsville's foreshore.

The restoration of other beach locations around Townsville is continuing to occur with works undertaken so far at Horseshoe Bay, Picnic Bay, Balgal Beach and Saunders Beach.

## Street Trees

Work is almost complete on an important project to re-green the CBD, which supported 25 local jobs.

Approximately 150 trees have been planted throughout the city, along footpaths and median strips, as part of the CBD Street Trees project.

Work also included installing upgraded irrigation systems throughout several city streets and repairing planter beds.

Increasing shade in the CBD will provide major benefits to locals and visitors.

Walker Street, Wills Street, Sturt Street, Stanley Street and Stokes Street all had new trees planted or irrigation upgrades as part of the project.

I'd like to thank CBD traders, shoppers and workers for their patience during this project.



I had the great privilege of being involved in the launch of Rosie Deacon's exhibition *Cockatoo Cavern Fever* and play dress ups for the evening.

This wonderful exhibition is an explosion of colour, light, play, painting and sculpture with fantasy worlds stoking the imagination of anyone that ventures into the caverns and forests created by the artist.

I urge parents to bring their kids into the city to visit the exhibition, take part in some arts workshops and then explore the other activities happening around the city.

The exhibition appeals to the whole family and includes craft workshops creating their own animal cut-outs for the kids.

*Cockatoo Cavern Fever* is on display at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery until June 16.

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