

Townsville's Friendliest Neighbours



Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community that encourages people to connect with those who live nearby. People living in neighbourhoods that are highly connected enjoy higher levels of physical and mental health.

The principal aim of Neighbour Day is to build better relationships with the people who live around us, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

Townsville City Council was recently on the hunt for our friendliest neighbours. Ten very worthy families/neighbours received \$100 voucher to purchase BBQ/party foods to get the party started in their street.

Small school big heart

Townsville West State School is the second oldest school in Townsville, located at the base of Castle Hill. The school caters to the learning needs of students from prep through to year 6.

When visiting recently with School Principal Ian Griffin I was impressed with the approach taken to engaging with students. There is a very strong focus on ensuring each student is given the best possible opportunity to learn. Ian stated one of the best ways to facilitate learning was ensuring each student develops their reading skills.

The school caters to the unique requirements of each student yet there is a strong focus on community and inclusion with the student population representative of diverse cultural backgrounds. With 120 students the school facilitates a genuine 'family feel' and staff view all students as their collective responsibility.



Division 9

Currajong
Gulliver
Hermit Park
Hyde Park,
Mundingburra,
Mysterton
Pimlico
Railway Estate
Rosslea
Townsville City
West End

Committees

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Community and Cultural Development
Committee

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Townsville Water and Waste Committee

Advisory Committees

Chair
Inclusive Communities and Arts and Culture
Advisory Committee

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State Government funding for shovel-ready community projects

Work has already commenced on 51 projects across the length and breadth of Townsville thanks to a \$21.8 million Palaszczuk Government funding injection.

The shovel-ready projects range from park, streetscape, pathway and walking track upgrades to road improvements, shade and security lighting.

The list of projects was formulated with input from all areas of council and Councillors, who nominated projects that were ready to go and of immediate benefit to the community.

"While securing funding from Queensland and Australian Governments for big infrastructure like water continues to be our biggest priority, the Works for Queensland funding for smaller shovel-ready, local projects is a big windfall for our community," Mayor Jenny Hill said.

"The 51 projects, to be rolled out in 88 locations across the city, will give us a winning trifecta – local jobs, a boost for the economy and valuable infrastructure for our community."

Townsville received more funding from the \$200 million Works for Queensland program than any other local government area, aimed at boosting the economy and supporting jobs.

All projects met the Government's criteria that they be unfunded works and could be completed by November 2017.

See inside for details on projects that will be undertaken in Division 9.

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Works for Queensland projects

In January the Deputy Premier Jackie Trad announced the Works for Queensland funding packages. Townsville was earmarked to receive almost \$22m to carry out infrastructure works which would have a positive impact in relation to employment opportunities and must be able to be completed by November 2017.

A significant amount of work will be carried out across the City creating much needed jobs and vital infrastructure and amenities.

Division 9 will benefit through:

- construction of shade structure over children's play equipment - Curralea Lakes and Reid Park Playground
- installation of deflective rails along footpaths on pathway network - Bowen Road Bridge north east side, Rosslea
- asphalt overlay of existing road – missing link on Queens Road from the railway line back along Queens Road to meet the existing work
- installation of three refuse bins including bin stands at the Lakes area
- asphalt overlay of existing road along Flinders Street back towards Fletcher Street to complete the missing link
- installation of signage and supporting infrastructure to develop an unfenced leash free area within Mindham Park drainage reserve
- connection of footpaths to extend the connectivity through Armstrong Street and surrounds focusing on Ahearne Street to the intersection at Marks Street, approximately 70m of 1.5m wide footpath
- construction of a foot path for 450m on Mary Street in West End.



For more details see: www.whatsontownsville.qld.gov.au

Supporting local business

Every day I meet some amazing people who are doing their bit to keep the economy of this city turning.

Small start-ups taking their first steps into business by having a stall at one of the numerous markets across the city, or the coffee or food vans who are trying to get their business going by being mobile, to those businesses who have taken the bigger step signing up for a lease or buying a building to commence their entrepreneurial journey.

As we continue to work through these tough economic times it remains important that we support small businesses, as collectively they are the biggest employers in many communities.

Re-cycle, upstyle or reuse products from **Vinnies Collectables** shop located at 671 Flinders Street. The shop is open 6 days a week and you are spoiled for choice with a range of furniture, glassware, tableware, musical instruments, handbags to choose from.

Kell's Kitchen and Brew Bar opened in late 2016. The café is situated at 157 Charters Towers Road a stones throw from the Townsville RSL. Kelly's brews are very refreshing and I can certainly vouch for the very tasty food on offer.

Swagger and Jaxx are a new addition to Flinders Street West a Barista Coffee and barber shop combined. The shop has some amazing décor and offers traditional gentleman's hairdressing, grooming and shaving. Give Jacqui a call to make an appointment or simply drop in for a great coffee.

Support for start-ups

If you are looking to start up a small business or currently operating a business and need some additional support the Townsville Business Development Centre (TBDC) is a not-for-profit business development service which provides access to professional advice and support.

Currently, the TBDC delivers a range of subsidised advisory services and fee for service business advice, including development, marketing, finance, planning, record keeping, policy and procedures, coaching and mentoring, across the commercial lifecycle, from start-ups through to developing and well established businesses.

The centre runs on a membership model and also operates a business incubator with a capacity to host up to 34 small business tenancies at a time. Located at 184-188 Vickers Road North, Condon you can drop in or contact them via email at admin@tbdc.com.au or telephone on 07 4723 8491.



21 May 2017

HERITAGE DAY

West End Park
10am - 2pm
FREE

4 June 2017

TOWNSVILLE ECO FIESTA

Queens Gardens
9am - 3pm
FREE

30 July 2017

AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF
CHAMBER MUSIC
COMMUNITY CONCERT

Queens Gardens
3pm

Meet Your Councillor and the Community Information Centre

Castletown Shopping Centre between Zambrero's and Figgers 10am - 1pm

Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 23rd March
Thursday 27th April

Thursday 25th May
Thursday 22nd June
Thursday 27th July

Thursday 24th August
Thursday 28th September
Thursday 26th October
Thursday 23rd November