

Councillor Maurie Soars

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

A message from Maurie

It's so rewarding to represent such a great division and spend time with the people in it, ensuring it continues to improve. This newsletter includes local updates as well as news from across the whole of Townsville, but you can always find out more about our projects and events by visiting Council's website.

We've seen some great changes to Townsville this year, including the new Townsville sign and street art installations. These are really putting our city on the map as a tourism destination. Council has secured \$23.2 million of the next round of Works for Queensland funding. This will provide the means to further develop and improve our infrastructure.

Looking to the future, key projects underway are shaping our city, such as the North Queensland Stadium, which is on target to be completed in time for the 2020 NRL season.

I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you to promote our division and ensure it gets the representation it deserves.

Cn Maurie Soars

Residents get fitter with 30 Ways in 30 Days



Council conducted a massive 30-day fitness campaign in April with residents encouraged to get up and active around the entire city. The 30 Ways in 30 Days campaign kicked off on the Easter Weekend and continued throughout April. It was great to see so many people get involved!

We're so lucky to live in Townsville – it's a great city with amazing weather and we can enjoy it while staying healthy and fit.

Champions league basketball 3x3 competition



Townsville basketball fans got to experience the excitement of the sport's newest format with the Champions League Basketball 3x3 competition.

The Townsville Bowls Club was turned into a temporary basketball court as players showed their skills in basketball's version of Twenty20 cricket.

I was pleased to catch up with former Townsville Crocs sharpshooter Peter Crawford and Tim Keating, one of the top-ranked 3x3 players in Australia, to launch the event.

JOBS FOR LOCALS

Update on our water security solution

Townsville's three-point water security solution is underway. The tender has been awarded for the manufacture of the water pipeline, and Council is currently inviting tenders for civil works along the 36.5km of the new pipeline corridor.

Council has awarded the pipe tender to Iplex Pipelines. This milestone will create more than 50 new direct and indirect jobs in advanced manufacturing for Townsville.

As a result, Iplex Pipelines have re-opened a local manufacturing facility to ensure sustainable jobs for locals. The fittings for the pipeline will be made locally, and with manufacturing re-starting here there will be other pipe products made in Townsville and potentially sold all over the country and the world.

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

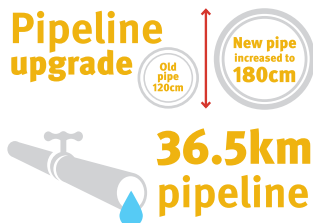
The pipeline is one of the biggest infrastructure projects in Townsville in a generation. Council staff have made sure we have got the best product to ensure the pipeline delivers long-term water security for our community.



COUNCIL AWARDS PIPE TENDER TO IPLEX

\$225 million Qld Government investment in three point water security solution:

1. Oversize pipeline
2. Water reuse plan
3. Community transition package



Creation of ongoing local jobs
in advanced manufacturing



19 mths to go

Final countdown is on

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Townsville's battery plant powers ahead

Townsville City Council and Imperium3 signed a high-level agreement to progress a lithium ion battery plant in Townsville. The battery plant will create up to 1000 direct jobs and position Townsville as a global leader in advanced manufacturing.

Mayor Jenny Hill said signing the agreement between Council and Imperium3 was the next crucial step to establishing the battery plant in Townsville. "This battery plant has the potential to transform Townsville and charge the city's economy for decades to come," Cr Hill said.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said battery technology was a natural extension of Queensland's transition to being a renewable energy powerhouse. "Queensland has long been the powerhouse of Australia," the Premier said. "Now as we move towards our 50% renewable energy target, storage solutions are a vital part of enhancing our natural strengths in renewable generation."

"Storage is fundamental to making renewable energy reliable, and that's why my Government has already committed more than \$3 million towards accessing the feasibility of this project."



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Kerbside collection going strong

Council's kerbside collection crews have passed more than 34,900 homes and collected 1,423 tonnes of hard waste on their route around the city.

The average home leaves out 96kg of waste, and regular items being thrown out include barbecues, bikes and fridges.

The service allows residents to leave up to two cubic metres of hard waste, or approximately eight wheelie bins, out the front of their home for free collection. This includes items such as white goods, furniture and televisions. However some items will not be collected such as green waste, building products, liquids including paints, car parts, tyres, gas bottles, glass and hazardous materials such as asbestos.

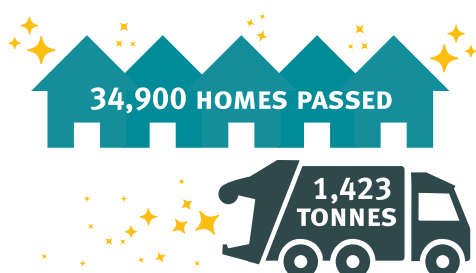
The city has been split into 25 zones, and zones 1–15 have now been completed. Residents are informed when their zone collection is approaching through a notice in their mail box, as well as general reminders through media outlets.

Our kerbside collection teams have been through our division and picked up 378.29 tonnes in total. We still have a few zones to go, so check out the other commencement dates in our division below:

- Zone 17 commences 23 July
- Zone 18 commences 6 August

To find out your zone, visit the Kerbside Collection page on Council's website and enter your address.

EACH HOME ALLOWED:



WHAT'S ON TOWNSVILLE

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SENIORS' WEEK

LIFESTYLE EXPO

Tuesday 21 August, 10am to 1pm
Townsville Stadium

LUNCHEON

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 August
10:30am to 1:30pm, Townsville Stadium



RICHARD DUNLOP: A NORTHERN SURVEY

29 July to 9 September, daily from 10am
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

► Credit: Richard Dunlop The Cure [detail] 2008,
Mixed media on cotton rag, 200 x 100 cm framed



AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF CHAMBER MUSIC

27 July to 5 August, Various Times
Townsville Civic Theatre



Australia day a great success

The start of the year saw the community celebrate Australia Day in great style. The annual Australia Day Fun Run attracted a huge (and colourful) crowd.

Councillor Ann-Maree Greaney and I made some new friends after completing the 5km run/walk.

It was a great chance to get out amongst the community while being healthy and active!



Graduates from Gtec training and development

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the graduation of a group of people from our community, who had completed a foundation skills training course with Gtec Training and Development.

The graduates not only gained a qualification, they also received assistance to gain employment in a variety of industries.

The group gave a really inspiring presentation about Townsville, in which they identified the positives within our community.

It was great to be able to celebrate the completion of the group's qualifications, and their success into further training or employment.



Townsville secures premier northern sporting city reputation

Townsville is cementing its reputation as the premier sporting city in Northern Australia. A JLT community fixture was played at Riverway Stadium on 4 March between the Gold Coast Suns and the Geelong Cats. Both teams agreed the playing surface at the stadium was perfect.

The Gold Coast Suns players also flew in early to spend time visiting local schools in the region to help promote the game of AFL.

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