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## Our \$1 million amphitheatre takes shape

We will soon be able to enjoy great outdoor entertainment in the beautiful surrounds of the Botanic Gardens.

The \$1.1 million Meadowlands amphitheatre development at the Botanic Gardens is due to be completed by July this year.

Mayor of Mackay Regional Council, Councillor Deirdre Comerford said the development is progressing well and weather permitting, should be completed and ready to use in the next two months.

"The stage platform has been completed as well as the lower seating and over the next month we'll be constructing the 'green rooms', the roof and access stairs and ramps to the stage."

The Meadowlands outdoor amphitheatre will be centrally located in the Gardens, will cater for approximately



5000 people and will be fitted with appropriate slopes and three tiered seating for excellent visual, acoustics and direct access to central parking.

Cr Comerford said the development of the amphitheatre is part of the Botanic Gardens 10 year phase by phase development plan to transform and upgrade the Meadowlands Sector to meet today's community and environmental needs."

"Residents will be able to enjoy the flora and fauna in the Gardens and be entertained at the same time."

Local community groups interested in using the new outdoor amphitheatre are encouraged to contact the Botanic Gardens on 4952 7300.

>> For further information on the Botanic Gardens or a copy of the Gardens Master Plan please visit council's website [www.mackay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au).

## Celebrate the Queensland Spirit

Bring a blanket and help celebrate Queensland Day.

Wednesday, June 6, 5pm – 8pm  
Bluewater Quay, River Street

- > Free community BBQ
- > Commemorative M150 DVD
- > Face painting and balloon magic
- > Entertainment
- > Mackay's 10 unsung heroes unveiled
- > Citizenship ceremony

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## Road work update

Council is continuing work on Grasstree Beach Road, reconstructing and widening a 3.95km to 4.2km section of the road and constructing a bike lane. The completion date remains August 2012. Emergency Flood Repair Works are also being carried out at Koumala and Lee Street. The roads are being replaced and stabilised.



>> For information on road works and traffic disruptions in your area please visit council's website.



## Step back in time at this weekend's Heritage Fair

Celebrate 150 years at the place where it all began at Greenmount Homestead's Heritage Fair this Sunday, May 27 from 9am to 4pm.

Fair-goers can expect a great day out at this FREE family friendly event with something for everyone including working sheep dog demonstrations, vintage cars displays and something unique and very special.

Council has gone to great lengths to organise a time capsule and is looking to hear from members of the community to find out what should be stored to commemorate 2012 and our 150 year celebrations. Feedback forms will be available at the Fair and the capsule will be buried in Greenmount at the end of the year and reopened in 50 years to celebrate our 200 year milestone in 2062.

>> This event is supported by ABC Tropical North and Blueprint for the Bush.

## Welcome to Mackay picnic



Are you new to the region and looking to make some new friends? If so, you should attend the Welcome to Mackay picnic at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens on Sunday, June 3 from 10am to 12noon.

The social get together aims to address social isolation amongst our migrant communities and help new residents make friends and connections in Mackay.

Everyone is invited to attend and are encouraged to bring a dish of traditional food to share. There will be games for kids and activities for adults to join in.

This event is proudly sponsored by Mackay Regional Council and the Department of Communities.

>> For more details please visit our website.

## Did you know?

If you have a local issue that concerns you, you can discuss it with our councillors. The Mayor and councillors contact details are available on council's website.