Help make community accessible
WHAT does an accessible community mean to you?
That’s the question being asked of residents as council begins the Accessible Communities Action Plan for the next five years.

Accessibility was a number one priority for council, said Community Engagement Committee chair Cr Kevin Casey.

"Now is the time to plan for the future to make sure our community is as inclusive and accessible as the ‘possibly can’," Cr Casey said.

"We are interested in knowing what a limiting factor is from participating in community activities and programs, or how we can improve access to our facilities and information."

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Council Paget warehouse trainee Sam Boath.

CRUSHED glass has been used in the construction of a new bitumen pad area behind council’s Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at Paget.

Local cell works company Rock and Road used the recycled crushed glass in the area.

Recycling & Technologies (RDT) national operations manager Zaine Morey said a good portion of the sand replacement in the recycled crushed glass from the facility.

"Around 25 per cent of the mass is the recycled impounded glass product produced at the MRF," said Mr Morey.

"The glass crushing plan now diverts more than 2000 tonnes of glass from landfill each year, which is a great environmental outcome."

Stone and Food Day and Canal midi Lunches Concerts are the perfect platform for these young, upcoming stars to get valuable experience in front of a crowd.

"With the stage located just below the busy Canal midi local court, they will have the opportunity to perform to hundreds of shoppers who pass through this area over three days from July 12 to 14."

Other popular festival events, like GAS Engineers Wine and Food Day and Canal midi Lunches Concerts are free to attend as part of this year’s Mackay Mazda Festival of Arts. Entry to GAS in the Gardens is a gold coin donation.

"Previously, the area was just a grass paddock," she said.

"This has transformed the area into two slices with a formal channel and three purpose-built rock-ramp footways."

"This will help improve fish passage through the area, which is essential to many species’ life-cycles."

"This project has also improved the appearance of the area, which will provide better environmental outcomes and it will be easier to maintain."

Earthworks are due for completion later this month, with recognition to be delivered in following months.

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Lagoons Creek given makeover

STAGE two of the Lagoons Creek rehabilitation project is nearing completion.

Economic Development and Planning Committee member Fran Parkinson said the grassed area beside G servicio Connection and Lansdowne roads had been completely redesigned.

"It is exciting to see a product developed at the MRF’s Metropolis, Paris Underground, Carbon, Friends of the MECC, Mackay Mazda Festival of Arts, Dinner and Gourmet Safari.

"Ongoing maintenance is important and we have engaged a local contractor to maintain the site for the next five years."

"The project area is about 120 metres in length, in total," said Economic Development and Planning Committee member Fran Parkinson.

"By all accounts, the community is happy with what has been delivered, knowing that the vegetation needs time to fully establish."

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"This project is jointly funded by Mackay Regional Council, Reef Catchments and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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Desex pets

WITH dog and cat registrations due next month, council will be offering "Operation Wanteds" to raise awareness about desexing (20 per cent off) until August 31. Participating vet will be Better Pet, Mackay Veterinary, Dr Carter, Surgery and Northern Beaches Vet.

"Desexing is a great opportunity to draw a win a Harvey Norman, any day pet friendly beach holiday, plus vouchers. More details at openerpamd.com.au.

Top gardens

MACKAY Regional Botanic Gardens has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence Top Advisor. The award reflects consistently positive feedback by reviewers on the TripAdvisor platform. The gardens is the perfect place for a leisurely stroll or a longer walk through the gardens. The gardens isn’t complete without a trip to the gardens and see what’s on offer, from regular guided walks to exciting school holiday programs and related events. Don’t miss your chance to see the gardens. Find out more at mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au

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Rock Paper Scissors Art & Design Market 1pm to 4pm, Sunday, July 3

In the green space of the Civic Precinct behind Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street Artspac’s annual free design market is on again, with more fantastic art, craft and ‘made-design’. The market will showcase the best practitioners in the region, so get ready to shop. Whether you are preparing for The Great Mackay Day Desexing Drive, or looking for the perfect gifts for someone, it’s the perfect time to grab a bit to eat from one of the many local cafes. There will be local live music and craft activities for the kids.

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