



\$1 million upgrade

Motorists will soon be able to enjoy new and improved conditions along Rogers Road.



Council is working on the final stages of a major upgrade project to Rogers Road.

The project, a part of council's Capital Works program, worth over \$900,000, will see the aged timber bridge replaced with concrete culverts and new approaches to the culverts.

Roads and Infrastructure portfolio councillor Kevin Casey said its imperative that council replaces aging infrastructure.

"For safety purposes and with a rapidly growing population in the Pioneer Valley area, it is critical that we have infrastructure that meets the needs of this growing community," he said.

"The upgrades to Rogers Road will allow for a greater volume of cars and heavy vehicles to utilise this road."

Cr Casey said the works are progressing well and should be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

"The remaining works include the construction of road approaches to the culverts and erosion protection works."

"If the weather is kind, motorists will sooner rather than later be enjoying this new infrastructure."

>> For more information on road works and traffic disruptions, visit council's website.



Arts funding available

Local artists and art organisations have the chance to access funding for future projects through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

The RADF, a joint initiative of Mackay Regional Council and the Queensland Government provides monetary support to local arts and culture.

For the 2011-12 financial year there are four rounds of funding available.

The first round closes on Wednesday, August 24 at 4.30pm for projects commencing after Monday, September 26, 2011.

Interested applicants are encouraged to liaise with council's Arts Development Officer on 1300 MACKAY (622 529) to ensure applications meet the RADF guidelines.

>> Application forms are available via council's website and the Sir Albert Abbott Administration Building on Gordon Street, Mackay.

Improved water pressure



Upgrades to the Marian network mean residents can expect to receive improved water pressure by Christmas time.

Water and Wastewater Services portfolio councillor Deirdre Comerford said the \$2.7 million upgrade is a result of the rapid increase in population in the area over the last few years.

"The pressure drops particularly in periods of peak demand and fire flow, when a large amount of water is being taken from the system at the one time," she said.

"The upgrade will eliminate areas of low pressure and provide sufficient capacity in the distribution system through the construction of a number of new booster pumps at the bore site."

"A new trunk water main will also be installed along with upgrades to the water mains in key locations throughout the township."

The Mirani network will undergo similar upgrades in 2012 worth \$2.4 million.

>> For further information please visit our website.

Mirani Pool set to re-open

If you are looking to get your children ready for the swim season or get fit, then look no further.

The Mirani Pool will be re-opened to the public on Monday, September 5.

The pool has been closed over winter to allow for essential maintenance work to occur.

The Pool will be open seven days a week, Monday to Friday 6am to 6pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 6pm.

Facilities available include a 50m, 6 lane Olympic outdoor pool, covered toddlers pool, easy access chair lift and activities including learn-to-swim classes and club swimming.

>> For further information on learn-to-swim classes please contact the Mirani pool on 4959 1239.



Early rate payment initiative

Rate notices for the half year ending December 31, 2011 have been posted and if you pay your rates in full before the due date, Friday, September 9 you will receive a 10 per cent discount on general rates and service charges provided.

All rates paid by 5pm Wednesday, August 24 will go into the draw to win one of three \$500 shopping vouchers.



>> Rate payment options can be found on your notice and via council's website.

Did you know?

Councillor Dave Perkins will be available at the Mirani Customer Service on Monday, August 15 from 9.00am to 12noon to discuss general matters. If you have a specific issue please make an appointment by calling 1300 MACKAY.