

Take a look at our new \$5 million landfill cell



Mackay Regional Council is constructing a new \$5 million landfill cell at Hogans Pocket to meet the needs of our growing community.

A second landfill cell is being built at Hogans Pocket as the remaining airspace in cell one will be filled by 2012.

The available airspace in each cell is capable of holding about 700,000 tonnes of waste.

Waste Services portfolio councillor Greg Thomsen said cell two is being constructed to ensure a seamless transition of waste

disposal between the two cells.

"A new lined leachate pond is also being constructed to capture all contaminated water that has been in contact with waste. Leachate is then re-circulated into the active waste cells to accelerate waste decomposition," he said.

"It's important that we continue to recycle to help reduce our landfill."
- Cr Greg Thomsen.

"Recycling items such as plastics, cardboard, bottles and steel cans will help reduce our landfill and also reduce the amount of natural resources such as trees, sand, oil, iron ore and bauxite being used to make new products,"

"It is expected that cell two will be completed by November and it will take approximately five to six years to fill dependant on growth and waste division."

>> For further information on recycling right, log onto council's website.



Aquatic Facilities

Free Assessment and Come and Try Day - Bring the kids along and have your child's swimming ability assessed to ensure they are booked in for their correct level of swimming needs.

Friday, September 23 from 9am to 12noon at the Pioneer Swim Centre

Bookings are essential, simply contact the Pioneer Swim Centre on 4957 5767.



Botanic Gardens

Mysteries of the Lagoon - Kids will discover secrets and mysteries of one of the many different environments at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. They will seek out the wonders of the Lagoon, and be amazed as they find and observe bird life, water plants and inspect the tiny macroinvertebrates that live in the quiet waters. The sessions in September include story reading and creative activities.

Thursday 22, Friday 23, Monday 26, Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29.

There is one session per day from 10am to 12noon on the above dates. Each session is limited to 10 children aged 5 and older. Cost is \$5 per child and bookings and payments are required before the day. Contact the Gardens on 4952 7300 or email botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au.

Library Services

Spring into your local library - Step into Spring during these school holidays at the libraries where kids will get busy in the garden decorating their own pots and labelling and planting some garden seeds.

> Gordon White Library
Wednesday, September 28

> Mackay City Library
Thursday, September 29

> Sarina Library
Friday, September 30

Sessions are free, run from 10am to 11am and are suitable for children from Prep to Year 7. Bookings are essential and parental supervision is required. Phone your local library on 1300 MACKAY (622 529) to book in today.

Sarina Youth Centre

Speed Song Writing Workshop

- Are you in a band or write your own songs? the Tremadours invite you to a free workshop on speed song writing, exploring the structure of a song, what you need to write a song and how to find inspiration for writing.

Thursday, September 29 from 1pm to 4pm at the Sarina Cultural Centre

For further details and to register contact council's Youth Development Officer Paul Taylor on 4961 9277 or paul.taylor@mackay.qld.gov.au.

>> To view a full list of council's school holiday activities or for opening hours and locations of our family-friendly facilities, visit council's website.



Survey Winner!

Congratulations to Samantha Hurrell of Mirani who has won \$1000 worth of Bunnings voucher as the winning recipient of the Community Plan Survey competition.

Samantha became aware of the competition via council's Facebook and plans to spend her winnings on home renovations! Thanks to everyone who submitted their thoughts on the Draft Community Plan.

>> For all the latest news follow our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mackayregionalcouncil.

Recipe book features local gourmet sauces and liqueurs



Sarina Shire Dip

Ingredients

- > 250g Philly cream cheese
- > 2 sweet gherkins finely chopped
- > 1 small onion finely chopped
- > 1/2 red capsicum finely chopped
- > 2 crushed garlic cloves
- > 2 tbsp Chefs' Gusto SarinaShire Black Sauce
- > 2 tbsp tomato sauce

Method

1. Mix ingredients together and roll into a ball.
2. Sprinkle with paprika or crushed nuts.
3. Serve with crackers.

Recipes include dishes such as Lime Sweet Chilli Prawns, Mango Rum Liqueur Trifle and Rice and Meatballs; all guaranteed to tantalise your tastebuds and impress your family and friends.

The key ingredient in the creation of this full-colour cookbook is using the Shed' own gourmet sauces and liqueurs.

Copies are available from the venue (situated in the Field of Dreams Parkland, Sarina) for only \$9.95.

The Sarina Sugar Shed conducts tours daily from Monday to Saturday at 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm.



>> For tour costs and further information log onto www.sarinasugarshed.com.au or phone 4943 2801.



Pool safety requirements

Now that Spring is upon us and the warmer months are fast approaching, residents are being reminded of vital pool safety requirements for their homes.

Did you know that if you are selling, buying or leasing a property with a pool you must obtain a Pool Safety Certificate from a licensed Pool Safety Inspector?

A list of registered Pool Safety Inspectors in the Mackay region can be found on the Queensland Government's Department of Infrastructure and Planning website (www.dip.qld.gov.au/poolfencing).

Owners are also required to register their pool online at the same website by November 4; failure to register by the deadline may result in a fine issued by the Pool Safety Council.

>> For more information on the State Government's new pool safety laws, contact the Pool Safety Council on 1800 340 634, email psc@dlgp.qld.gov.au.

Qantaslink River 2 Reef Festival



Saturday, October 1
Bluewater Quay, River St
9am to 9pm

It's a river party for the whole family! The annual Qantaslink River 2 Reef Festival is bigger and better than ever this year with a jam packed day of excitement along Mackay's picturesque Pioneer River.

The day will feature:

- Childhood Cancer Support Pelican Push
- The Boom Sherrin Raft Race
- Mackay Music River Rocks Concert
- Mackay Leukemia Foundation World's Greatest Seafood Grill
- Live music, markets, kids activities and the Caneland Central Fireworks spectacular!

There's plenty of action on and off the water and for more information on what's planned for the family-friendly day, visit council's website.

>> The 2011 River 2 Reef Festival is proudly presented by Qantaslink and Mackay Regional Council.

Save the date!

Sunday, October 30
Global Grooves Multicultural Festival @ Queens Park in East Mackay
> 10am to 6pm
Free family fun - more info at www.mackay.qld.gov.au

Did you know?

Council is holding an Auction this Saturday (Sept 24) from 10am at our Bedford Road Depot - 271 Bedford Rd, Andergrove. Everyone is welcome, so for a great chance to grab a bargain on cars, equipment, office furniture and more, come along!

2011 Queensland Sustainable Cities Award



Congratulations to the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) who have been crowned with the Energy Innovation award in the 2011 Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland awards.

The MECC has been working hard to become more energy efficient and has achieved a massive reduction in their energy costs - well done!

>> Find out how you can become more sustainable and reduce your carbon footprint at council's ecoMackay website, www.ecomackay.com.au.

Win a \$500 City Deals voucher!



Grab your codeword and enter online at www.mackay.qld.gov.au to go into the draw. Competition closes October 2, 2011.

Codeword: Council Connect

For full terms and conditions visit council's website.

www.mackaycitycentre.com.au

Project Snapshot >>

City Centre Works - Wood Street to Victoria and Gordon streets

Scope of project > As part of council's 'Rebuilding our Roads' campaign and Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements council has invested about \$4 million on the roadwork in the City Centre. The storm water drainage system in Wood St from Victoria to Gordon streets has been replaced and the road pavement, travel lanes and parking areas have been reconstructed. The road along Victoria St from Wood to Sydney streets and Gregory to Wood streets has been replaced, the parking areas restored and a final asphalt surface laid. *Note: Works on River St are progressing well with completion expected late October, for a full update check council's website under road works.*

