



COUNCIL  
- in brief -

## Anzac pride on show in region

Few days have more meaning than Anzac Day and this year's centenary is a special milestone for us all

WAR memorials and cenotaphs across the region are receiving final spruce-ups ahead of Saturday's Anzac Day services.

With more than 25 services taking place across the region from Bloomsbury in the north to Koumala in the south, residents and visitors have many opportunities to attend a service and remember those who have fought to protect our country.

Mayor Deirdre Comerford said the Anzac Centenary

was a milestone of special significance to all residents.

"The First World War helped define Australians as people, and as a nation," she said.

"Thirty young men from our region were killed at Gallipoli - they were young farmers and blacksmiths from Calen and Farleigh, some as young as 17.

"It is important we remember and share their stories."

Council is supporting a range

of events and activities as part of the Anzac Centenary commemorations.

"There are some fantastic exhibitions on display in our community and I encourage residents to go along and visit them," the Mayor said.

The Mackay Military Museum's Anzac 100 exhibition is on display at the Mackay Showgrounds until Anzac Day.

"Volunteers have put hours into the exhibition to bring



Jim Fredericksen from the Mackay Military Museum and Cr Alison Jones are encouraging residents to visit the Anzac 100 exhibition this week.

Anzac history to life for residents of all ages," Cr Comerford said.

Exhibitions at the Mackay Showgrounds and Artspace

Mackay will be open on Anzac Day for residents to enjoy following the main service at Jubilee Park at 9.30am.

Pioneer Valley Museum will

also be open on Anzac Day from 3.30pm for residents to view WWI display panels and DVDs prepared by museum volunteers.

## Gathering before dawn at Town Beach

### Commemorating 100 years of Anzac

A SPECIAL dawn service will be held on Binnington Esplanade, overlooking Town Beach, on Anzac Day to honour the 100th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli.

The dawn service will begin at 4.28am - the precise time the Anzacs landed at Gallipoli in 1915.

Mayor Deirdre Comerford said the dawn service would be an historic occasion not to be missed.

"Council and the Mackay RSL Sub Branch wanted to do something special for the Anzac Centenary," Cr Comerford said.

The service will overlook Town Beach and Cr Comerford said she hoped a large crowd would gather on the esplanade for the milestone event.

Special guests at the Mackay dawn service include Lieutenant Commander Luke Dixon, of the Royal Australian Navy, and Major Reay Tuck, of the New Zealand Army, to name a few.

Mackay RSL Sub Branch president Dennis Paidley said residents should arrive from 4am to ensure they witnessed the full ceremony, including the pipers and dawn parade.

"There are plenty of streets off Binnington Esplanade for car parking, including

Shakespeare, Mulherin and East Gordon," Mr Paidley said.

"We have established a designated car parking area for elderly or anyone requiring assistance. This will be located near the Iluka Park basketball court, which is best accessed at the end of Shakespeare Street."

SES volunteers will provide assistance and directions to vehicles and public.

**Program for dawn service:**  
**4.05am:** parade formation, Binnington Esplanade at East Gordon Street  
**4.15am:** parade marches off  
**4.28am:** call to order  
**5.10am:** ceremony concludes



ANZAC SERVICES -  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

- > **Bloomsbury:** 5.30am
- > **Calen:** 4.25am and 11am
- > **Eton:** 4.30am
- > **Farleigh:** 5.30am
- > **Finch Hatton:** 4.28am and 6.30pm (sunset)
- > **Gargett:** 8am
- > **Greenmount Homestead:** 6.40am
- > **Hay Point/Half Tide Beach:** 5.30am
- > **Kinchant Waters:** 7am
- > **Koumala:** 7am
- > **Kuttabul:** 5.30am
- > **Mackay Town Beach:** 4.28am
- > **Mackay Jubilee Park:** 9.30am
- > **MADASSIA (South Sea Islander Hut):** 3pm
- > **Marian:** 4.28am
- > **Midge Point:** 5am
- > **Mirani:** 4.30pm
- > **Northern Beaches:** 10.30am
- > **Sarina:** 4.28am and 10.30am
- > **Seaforth:** 6am
- > **Walkerston:** 5am and 7.45am

>> Keep an eye on council's Facebook page for updates and photos of Anzac Day Centenary activities across the region

>> Visit [mackay.qld.gov.au/anzac](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/anzac) for a full list of Anzac Day services and locations around the Mackay

### Artists wanted

WANTED: Artists to take part in Greenmount Homestead's Heritage Fair celebrations on May 31. Council is seeking artists for an Artists Village at the fair, which will celebrate the centenary of the Homestead. A variety of artists are being sought, with a focus on quality, local and unique. For more information contact council's Arts Development Officer Fiona Bishop on 1300 MACKAY (622 529).

### Reserve a spot

A CALL has gone out for exhibitors for the Mackay Seniors Expo 2015. Held every two years, the expo regularly attracts more than 60 exhibitors and thousands of community members. This year's expo will be held at the Mackay Senior Citizens Centre in Macalister Street from 9am to 2pm on Friday, August 21. Places for stallholders are limited so an early reply will ensure a reservation. Contact Alison Fearnley for a booking form on [lamp@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:lamp@mackay.qld.gov.au)

### Nominate now

THERE is just over a week left to nominate for the 2015 Heritage Awards. There is prize money of \$6000 up for grabs, with winners in each category receiving \$1000 and a certificate for a gold award and \$500 and a certificate for a silver award. This year is a big year in heritage. Events include the Anzac and Greenmount Homestead centenaries. The awards have been expanded to recognise heritage contributions over the past 10 years. Nominations close on May 1, with winners announced at Greenmount Homestead's Heritage Fair on May 31. More information is available online at [mackay.qld.gov.au/2015heritageawards](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/2015heritageawards)

### Buskers shine

THIS year's Mackay's Got Talent event has been run and won, with 12-year-old singing sensation Tia Mullins taking out the top award. The popular event also helped add some extra ambience to the City Centre. Mackay's Got Talent performers were busking in the City Centre in the lead-up to the final. The buskers were a joint initiative of council's Economic Development and Community Development departments.

## Don't trash recycling wheelie bin

WATCH out if you're putting the wrong things in your recycling bin - it may not be collected.

Waste, Health and Regulatory Services portfolio councillor Laurence Bonaventura said the new waste collection fleet was fitted with state-of-the-art technology to identify and record contaminated bins.

"This month truck surveillance technology has recorded contamination rates of up to 15 per cent, with items such as green waste, polystyrene, televisions and engine parts found in yellow-lidded recycling bins," he said.

Contaminated bins are photographed and a letter explaining why the bin was not collected issued. Residents are reminded to use their free dump vouchers, redeemable at all waste transfer stations and green waste facilities.

>> Visit [mackay.qld.gov.au/recycleright](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/recycleright)



Mayor Deirdre Comerford presents Nitro Circus corporate box tickets to (from left) Val Gorman and Kerrie Wilson, of Total Tools, and Dwayne Dickson and Peter Sturma, of Dicko's Engineering.

## Circus does trick

COUNCIL has helped raise \$2650 for victims of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu by auctioning two corporate boxes for Nitro Circus at Stadium Mackay.

The boxes, donated by council, were auctioned off by radio stations SeaFM, HotFM and Zinc last week before the event on Saturday night.

The SeaFM and HotFM breakfast crews went head to head, with SeaFM coming up with the winning bid of \$1300 from Kerrie Wilson, of Total Tools.

>> For more details visit [lgaq.asn.au/vanuatu-appeal](http://lgaq.asn.au/vanuatu-appeal)

Zinc auctioned off the second corporate box. The winning bid for that auction was \$1350 from Dwayne Dickson, of Dicko's Engineering.

Mayor Deirdre Comerford presented the corporate box tickets to the winning bidders last week.

The money is being donated to the Australian Red Cross Cyclone Pam 2015 Appeal, supported by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and councils.

## WATCH THE FLOW OF YOUR H<sub>2</sub>O

I used 504 litres of water yesterday. How much did you use? Sign up to [myh2o.qld.gov.au](http://myh2o.qld.gov.au) to see how much water you're using and how much it's costing you every day. Plus go into the draw to win great prizes.

## Footpath paves the way

THE Active Towns program is paving a path for easier walking and cycling access in our region.

A new footpath along Bridge Road between Irving Street and Binnington Esplanade is being constructed as part of the program.

Construction of the 2.5m wide pedestrian and cycle path is expected to be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

Sports, Recreation and Facilities portfolio councillor Paul Steindl said Active Towns was an initiative of

the State Government and council.

"It aims to encourage walking and cycling as part of a healthy lifestyle," Cr Steindl said.

"The 'missing link' of the Gooseponds path in North Mackay has also been completed as part of the Active Towns program," he said.

"A new section of the Cross City Link, connecting Evan Street to the Bluewater Trail along the old rail corridor road reserve in East Mackay, is also nearly finished."

>> More information [mackay.qld.gov.au/activetowns](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/activetowns)

## Land for Wildlife grows

WHEN Shanna and Alex Souvlis first bought their block of land near The Leap some areas were covered in weeds and exotic species.

There was also a riparian habitat area and a patch of dry rainforest they were keen to preserve and expand.

Several years down the track, they now have a beautiful block that supports an abundance of native wildlife, as well as providing habitat for the endangered northern quoll.

They have transformed their block through hard work, based on advice and support received through the Land for Wildlife (LFW) program.

Since joining the program in 2011, the couple has received advice on how best to remove weeds and exotic garden plants, how to stabilise the banks of the creek that runs through their



Shanna Souvlis with one of the first plants received as a Land for Wildlife program member.

block, and how to apply for grant funding to undertake further habitat protection work.

"They have also received free local native plants for revegetation works on

their property," said Parks and Environment portfolio councillor Theresa Morgan. "Being involved in the project also leads to friendships with likeminded people and recognition of the hard work," she said.

>> For more details contact Pioneer Catchment and Landcare on 4944 1979 if you live in the Mackay area or Pioneer Valley, or Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association on 4956 1388 if you property is in the Sarina area

## Events calendar packed

THE Mackay region's events calendar is jam-packed with entertainment options for residents and visitors.

"Anyone who says there is nothing to do in Mackay should get out and about to some of the events on offer," said Tourism and Economic Development portfolio councillor Greg Martin.

"Stadium Mackay hosted Nitro Circus on the weekend and we've got events like the Greenmount Heritage Fair in May, the Mackay Marina Run in June, the Mackay Festival of

Arts in July, the Mackay Beach Horse Races in August and the PBR bullriding in September to look forward to," he said.

Council has also announced the Twilight City Street Party - Beyond Your Imagination will be held in the City Centre on August 29. The street party, held for the first time last year, will return to celebrate the array of wonderful things on offer in the City Centre.

Cr Martin said new events were also on the horizon, including Fashion Week

Mackay, hosting four events over three days in October.

Economic Development manager Debra Howe is chair of the Fashion Week Mackay Working Group, with the event launched at the recent Art Meets Fashion.

Council is also working with Mackay Tourism Limited, Isaac Regional Council, the Department of Sport and Recreation and Tourism and Events Queensland to develop a Mackay Region Events Strategy for 2015 to 2018.

>> Check out council's calendar of events on its website at [mackay.qld.gov.au](http://mackay.qld.gov.au)