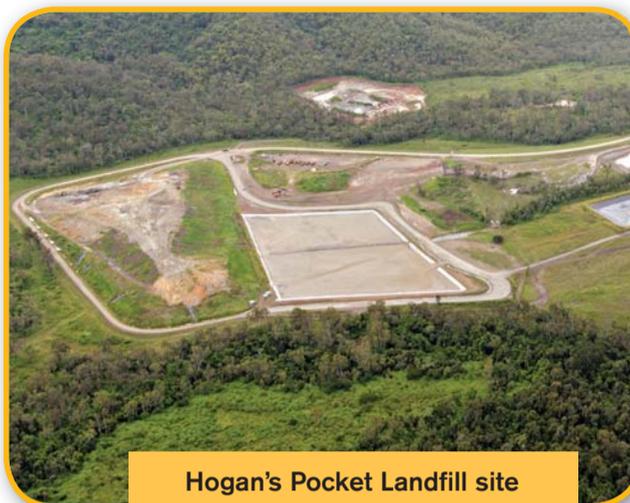




## Council focused on reducing our carbon



Hogan's Pocket Landfill site

In a bid to reduce our carbon emissions and the impact of the carbon tax on our region council is implementing gas flaring at our Hogan's Pocket Landfill site.

Works will begin on the project next month and it's expected to destroy around 18,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e in its first year of operation.

Mayor of Mackay Regional Council, Councillor Deirdre Comerford said by being proactive we are saving money for our community.

"By implementing gas flaring we will be reducing our carbon footprint and the amount of tax we are required to pay under the Federal Government's Clean Energy Plan."

"Instead of paying around \$75 million we will be paying around \$36 million over the 50 year life of the Hogan's Pocket Landfill."

Cr Comerford said we are also looking at other environmental initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint.

"Council is currently assessing the viability of gas flaring at Bayersville and the economic viability of electricity generation at Hogan's Pocket."

"Council is committed to reducing our carbon footprint and providing a more sustainable region for our community."

>> For further information on gas flaring, visit council's website or call 1300 MACKAY (622 529).



## New venue for Classical Concert

Due to wet weather the Mackay Sugar Classical in the Cane Fields Festival of Arts event - Saturday July 14 has been relocated from Greenmount Homestead to the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.

The entertainment and starting time remains the same (3pm - 7pm). You can see the death defying Shenzho Gregorio, an electric stunt violinist perform on a bungee trapeze, catch Sydney Group Aston and be dazzled by string quartet Quatro.

There will also be performances by local artists and musicians including the Mackay Youth Orchestra. Food and drinks will be available at the MECC.

This is a concert not to be missed.

>> For tickets phone 4961 9777 or [festivalmackay.org.au](http://festivalmackay.org.au)



## Building critical infrastructure

Over the next 12 months council will be busy building critical infrastructure across our region.

As part of council's 2012-2013 Budget - \$122 million has been allocated to capital projects, including \$44 million on new roads and drainage work, \$36 million on sewerage-related projects and about \$2.4 million will be spent on new parks and playgrounds to meet the needs of our growing community.

Key projects for the Walkerston and Pioneer Valley areas include:

- > The reconstruction of Mt Martin Loop Road
- > Widening and resurfacing of Owens Creek Loop Road
- > \$2.2 million upgrade to Mirani Sewerage Treatment Plant
- > \$1.9 million upgrade to Marian Water Treatment Plant

>> For a full list of Capital Projects please visit council's website



## Healthy Rural Communities

Don't let the grass grow under your feet, take the first step to a more healthy life by attending the official launch of:

Healthy Rural Communities Mackay, at Mirani Community Hall from 10am on Thursday, August 9

Healthy Rural Communities Mackay - an initiative of Mackay Regional Council and the Australian Government, will be providing a range of fun and low-cost, healthy activities in Midgepoint, Bloomsbury, Seaforth, Calen, Marian, Finch Hatton, Eungella and Sarina.

Come along and try your hand at Tai Chi or nutritional cooking at the launch.

>> RSVP by August 3 to Christine on 4961 0668 or email: [christine.stevens@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:christine.stevens@mackay.qld.gov.au)

## Don't miss out ...

Pet owners have two weeks left to take advantage of the early bird discount period and save money.

If you register your pet cat and dog with council before July 31 you will save half price on your registration fee. Instead of paying \$130 for an entire dog you pay \$65. De-sexed cats can be registered for free.



>> To register your pet please go to your nearest council office, phone council or renew your registration online at council's website.

## Did you know?

You can find out how to live more sustainably and save yourself money at council's ecoMackay Expo on Sunday, August 12 on council's lawn in Gordon Street, Mackay. There will be plenty of exhibitors and \$3000 in prizes up for grabs.