



New water main to increase flows to Walkerston

Construction has commenced on a new trunk water main in Bold Street to enhance the region's water supply.



The \$260,000 project which extends from Dutton Street crossing under Bakers Creek and connects to the pump station at the corner of Bold and Pugsley Street will allow for greater water supply into the community.

Water and Wastewater Services portfolio councillor Deirdre Comerford said the population in Walkerston is increasing and we need infrastructure that meets the needs of this growing community.

"From 2009 to 2010 there has been an eight per cent increase in the population in the Walkerston area."

"By adding a new 200mm diameter trunk main beside the existing 100mm diameter water main, we will be able to cater for future growth by delivering a higher volume and maintaining a continuous supply of water to the Walkerston community."

The project is expected to be completed by the end of July, weather permitting.

>> For further information please visit council's website: www.mackay.qld.gov.au



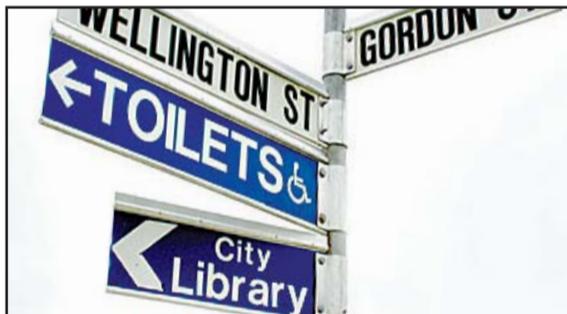
Youth benefit

Council has spent close to \$17,000 upgrading the Mirani Community Hall so that the Valley District Youth Council have a functional area to operate from.

Council sealed the walls of the rear room in the Mirani Community Hall and upgraded the fittings and fixtures.

The Youth Council is Queensland's longest standing Youth Council who assist with the management of the hall for community use and utilise the back room for storage and administrative purposes to perform their important work, engaging in community decision making.

Missing Street Signs >



Council is calling on residents to be their eyes and ears on the streets and advise them if any street signs are missing or damaged so council can replace them.

The call comes due to an increase in the number of street signs stolen and vandalised in the region.

Roads and Infrastructure portfolio councillor Kevin Casey said it is imperative that we have street signs to ensure the safety of our community and for emergency services and visitors to find their way.

"It will take Emergency Services longer to respond to an emergency and disrupt the flow of traffic if street signs are not visible."

"By removing or damaging street signs you are putting lives in danger."

The removal or damage of street signs is also a cost to the community and a serious offence under the law.

>> To report a sign that is missing or damaged please phone council or lodge a request through council's website.



If your organisation is involved in the development, construction or infrastructure industry then it is imperative that you and/or your organisation take part in council's *Development Summit*.

The one day summit to be held on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre will include an overview on the newly released draft Queensland Government Regional Plan and council's intended response.

Developers will be encouraged to ask questions on the draft Plan and offer suggestions on growth management strategies.

>> For further information or to book your spot at the Development Summit please contact Luke Young on 4961 9131.

Pet safety

Just like dogs, cats are now required by law to be registered with council.

To help cat owners comply with the new laws, council is extending the amnesty for registering desexed cats for another 12 months, allowing owners to register their cat for free.

For the month of June pet owners can also register their dog and cat with council for half price.

>> To register your pet please visit your nearest council office or phone council.



Rebuilding our Roads Update

A number of roads in the Walkerston and Pioneer Valley area have been earmarked to be reconstructed and repaired under council's 'Rebuilding our Roads' campaign.

\$106 million in joint Federal-Queensland Government Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements will assist council repair our roads. Perry Road and Farleigh Habana Road are among many roads to be repaired.

>> Regular updates detailing work schedules and projects are available on our website.

Did you know?

That all backyard pools must have a building approval.

To find out if your pool has approval you can apply for a building records search through council.