

## Bring dogs for a day out at event

Annual Pet Registration Day shifts from Civic Precinct lawns to off-leash dog park area near the Gooseponds

COUNCIL'S popular annual Pet Registration Day is on the move.

administration building in the Civic Precinct in recent years.

"The park has a purpose-built obstacle course they can explore."

This year's event will be held at the Police Dog Tunza Off-leash Dog Park at the Gooseponds in North Mackay.

He said this year's move to the off-leash dog park at the Gooseponds would make it even more interactive for residents' furry friends.

Cr Casey said the RSPCA Education Mobile Unit (EMU) Van would be at Pet Registration Day again this year, providing advice and information on responsible pet ownership.

It will be held on Saturday, July 30, from 9am to noon.

"Stalls will be set up in the grassed area beside the off-leash park.

He said there would also be discounted microchipping on offer for \$40, courtesy of Andergrove Veterinary Clinic.

Community Engagement Committee chair Cr Kevin Casey said Pet Registration Day had been held on the lawns of council's

"Local radio station SeaFM



Beagles Archie and Gertie at last year's Pet Registration Day. Photo: Coffee and Hops.

will again be broadcasting live from the event.

and were due by the end of this month to be eligible for a discount.

Cr Casey said annual pet registration notices had been sent out by council recently

"Pet Registration Day will be one of residents' last chances

to take advantage of discounted pet registration, where they can receive a discount of up to 50 per cent off the total cost."

>> Discount pet rego fees: Desexed dogs \$33; non-desexed dogs \$75; de-sexed cats \$10; non-desexed cats \$25. More information at [mackay.qld.gov.au](http://mackay.qld.gov.au)



## Recycling message not sinking in

IT seems residents still aren't getting the message when it comes to using their recycling bins properly.

September/October last year. And, frustratingly, the results are also similar to the last inspections in 2014-15.

The latest bin inspection conducted by council in May/June found eight per cent major contamination and 19 per cent light contamination.

Infrastructure and Services Committee chair Cr Karen May said some contamination was obviously due to residents not understanding recycling rules.

On a positive note, about two-thirds, or 73 per cent, are doing the right thing, with no contamination reported.

"For example, inspectors have found recyclables in recycling bins but they've been in plastic bags," Cr May said.

The contamination figures are similar to inspections done in July/August and

"Other types of contamination

include nappies, food scraps, green waste and building materials," she said.

"While around 70 per cent of residents are recycling right, we really need the message to get through to others.

"We'd like to see a big improvement in future recycling bin audit figures."

Three inspections have been conducted annually for the last two financial years, with 6754 bins inspected last financial year, up from 5553 bins in 2014-15.



An example of contamination of a recycling bin.

>> For more details on what residents can and can't put in their yellow-lidded recycling bin, visit [mackay.qld.gov.au/recycling](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/recycling)

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An artist's impression of the Scilleet pre-delivery centre approved in Paget.



## Stimulus given to \$60m in projects

AN economic stimulus measure aimed at helping kick-start development in the Mackay region is gaining good traction.

helped get these projects off the ground.

use of local contractors must be maximised during construction."

Under the Facilitating Development in the Mackay Region Policy, council approved concessions of more than \$1.6 million for eight projects last financial year.

"The construction costs of these eight projects amount to more than \$60 million," Cr Camm said.

"They're forecast to create 286 jobs and provide an economic output of \$112 million between them," she said.

The original infrastructure charges for the eight projects totalled just over \$3.1 million.

Cr Camm said the concessions approved by council for eligible projects were subject to conditions.

Economic Development and Planning Committee chair Cr Amanda Camm said the concessions would be a worthwhile economic investment by council if they

"For example, each project must be completed within two years from approval for the concessions to apply," she said. "Also,

The policy applies to major developments in the Mackay City Centre and industrial developments at Paget, Marian, Mirani, Sarina, Slade Point and Glenella. Aged care and retirement developments, as well as rural and nature-based tourism projects outside urban areas, are also eligible.

Projects concessions have been approved for range from industrial developments for Werner Engineering and Scilleet to an Adventure Riders Ranch and a new Camilleri fruit and vegetable outlet near Mac's Truckstop.

>> To view the policy search for "facilitating development" at [mackay.qld.gov.au](http://mackay.qld.gov.au)

## Connecting with your councillors

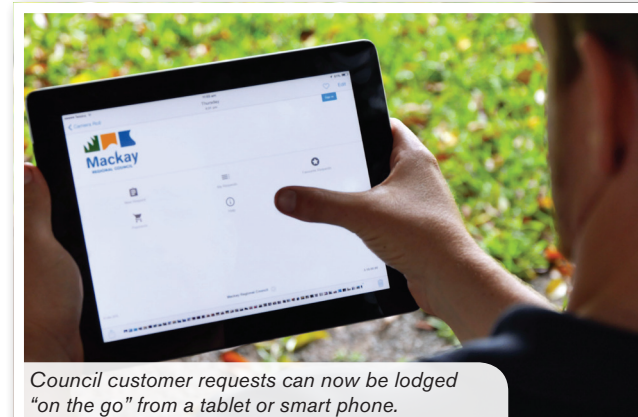
COUNCILLORS have been allocated to localities across Mackay Regional Council.

The Council in Community initiative is part of a commitment by elected members to better engage with all residents.

Two councillors share each locality, including:

**City area** - Councillors Amanda Camm and Kevin Casey  
**Northern Suburbs** - Councillors Fran Mann (nee Fordham) and Justin Englert  
**North Coast & Beaches** - Councillors Ross Gee and Laurence Bonaventura  
**Southern Region** - Councillors Karen May and Martin Bella  
**Western Region** - Councillors Ross Walker and Ayrl Paton

>> More details and locality maps at [mackay.qld.gov.au](http://mackay.qld.gov.au)



Council customer requests can now be lodged "on the go" from a tablet or smart phone.

## Lodge 'on the go'

LODGING a customer request or making payments online is about to become easier for Mackay Regional Council clients.

Council has upgraded its online services, with the new product to go live today.

The improved online services will allow clients to lodge a request or make a payment at any time, with new mobile functionality.

Council's Corporate Services Committee chair Cr Ross Walker said this included a GPS locality function and the

ability to send a photo with a customer request while on the go.

"For example, if someone wanted to report a straying dog, they could take a photo of the dog, attach it to their customer request and the GPS will automatically plot the location," he said.

"This new service is a lot more customer-friendly and looks great on a tablet or smartphone."

Extra functionality is planned to be added to online services in the future.

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## Twilight City Spooktacular

PRESENTED BY MELCO ENGINEERING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20,  
4PM TO 9PM

VICTORIA AND WOOD STREETS  
MACKAY CITY CENTRE

Get ready for Mackay City Centre's annual free family street party. Twilight City Spooktacular will include live entertainment, roving street performers, scary fun craft for the kids, delicious food and drinks, and fun scary surprises. An outdoor cinema will screen Hotel Transylvania 2.

Supported by council and the City Centre Taskforce



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## Restoration works shine

A REFURBISHMENT of the heritage-listed former Pioneer Shire Council building in Wood Street has earned another gong.

Trust awards and a Regional Commendation at the Australian Institute of Architects Central Queensland Regional Architecture Awards, the building has now been awarded the State Award for Heritage Architecture at the Queensland State Architecture Awards.

It has been recognised at both the Regional and State Architecture Awards for heritage conservation works carried out by architects Conrad Gargett and council.

This is a fantastic honour for the Conrad Gargett and council team involved in

bringing the building back to its former glory.

The conservation work engaged further interest and the building is also now used by a not-for-profit community organisation. The beautifully restored building is a valuable community resource.

The project will now vie for recognition at the National Architecture Awards to be announced on November 3.

>> For more on heritage resources search for "heritage" at [mackay.qld.gov.au](http://mackay.qld.gov.au)