

Extra catch-ups

COUNCILLORS will hold two additional community catch-ups in Eton and Midge Point — two areas hardest hit by Cyclone Debbie. They will visit Eton towards the end of this month and Midge Point early next month. Councillors attend Council In Community days once a month and they usually include a full day of briefings and meetings, as well as a chance for residents to catch up with councillors. The Eton and Midge Point visits will be specifically for residents in those areas to meet with councillors. The Eton Community Catch-up will be held on April 27 from 2.30pm to 4pm at Eton State School. The Midge Point visit will be held on May 2 from 2pm to 3.30pm at The Point Tavern, 7 Conder Parade, Midge Point.

Waste honours

MACKAY Regional Council is one of the best in the nation when it comes to waste management. Council was named runner-up of the 2017 Excellence In Landfill Award by the Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA). The awards is a credit to council's staff and reinforces the organisation's commitment to delivering socially-responsible infrastructure for our region. Check out the video at mackay.qld.gov.au/hoganspocket

Apply now

ARTSPACE Mackay's signature outdoor event, the Rock Paper Scissors Art and Design Market is calling for a special kind of stallholder. If you're a local artist, creative designer, musician, crafts person or gourmet food vendor, now is your chance to get involved. This year's market will be on a spring afternoon, from 1pm to 4pm, Sunday, September 10. Applications for stallholders are open now and close April 28. Apply at www.artspacemackay.com.au

New strategy

COUNCIL is developing a new Community Development Strategy to look at the needs and aspirations of people in our communities. The strategy will ensure our region remains a connected, thriving, healthy and resilient community. You can give your feedback at connectingmackay.com.au

Chart a course to become volunteer

VMR rescue vessel and rural fire engine among 50 exhibitors at the first Volunteers Expo next month

HIGH winds, big seas, strong currents, a loaded trawler drifting without power — it's a familiar rescue scenario for volunteer Charles Linsley.

He is a skipper with Volunteer Marine Rescue Mackay.

And while not every would-be volunteer is after adventure on the high seas, there will be hundreds of different roles on offer at Mackay's first Volunteer Expo.

The goal of the expo is to match potential volunteers to roles that suit them, their

time constraints and their talents.

In fact, according to Community Engagement Committee chair Cr Fran Mann, there will be a role to suit everyone in the community.

"Whether you want to be inside or outside and whether you want to help people, animals, the environment or the community, there will be something at the expo for you," Cr Mann said.

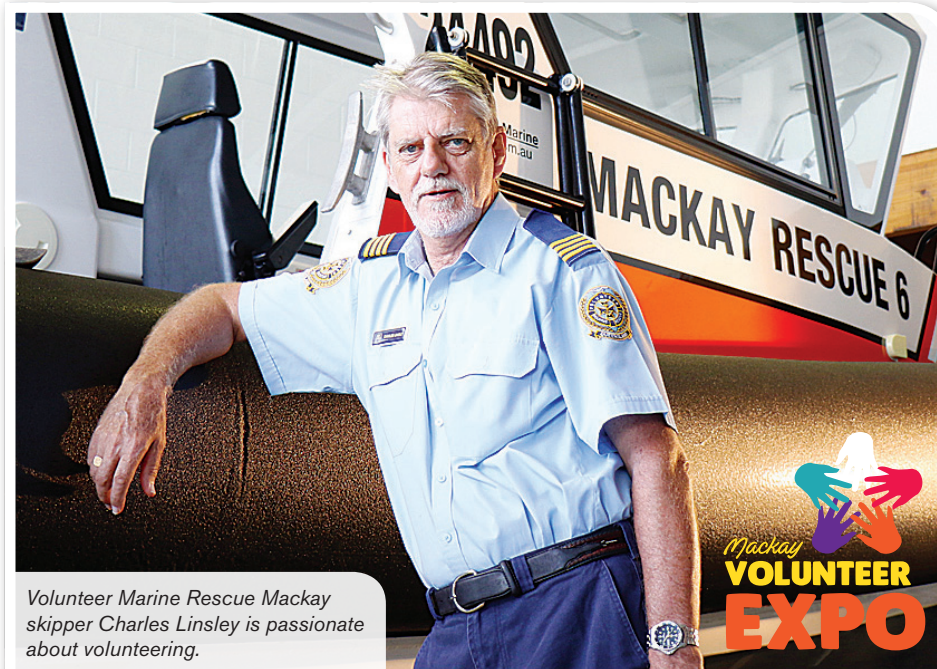
"And it doesn't matter if

you have a few days a week spare or just a few hours each year," she said.

The first Mackay Volunteer Expo is on Sunday, May 7, and will be held at the Senior Citizens Centre and on the Civic Precinct lawns.

Running from 10am to 2pm, 50 volunteer organisations will be there showcasing roles available within their operations.

"Many people think volunteering is just for retirees," Cr Mann said.



Volunteer Marine Rescue Mackay skipper Charles Linsley is passionate about volunteering.

"That's not the case at all," she said.

"There are exciting opportunities for young people looking to upskill themselves and build their resumes as well as stay-at-

home mums and dads looking for a social activity during school hours."

Mr Linsley, who will be at the expo with a VMR rescue vessel, is passionate about the benefits of volunteering.

"Many of the volunteer organisations like VMR are registered training organisations, so you can learn valuable skills and gain industry-recognised accreditations while helping out," he said.

Fair helps celebrate heritage

LEAVE the Nintendo at home, because at this genuine old-time fair there will be family-friendly rides, attractions and activities to keep everyone occupied all day.

Mackay's Heritage Fair is celebrated at Greenmount Homestead on the last Sunday in May each year (May 28 this year).

All the favourites will be there for the kids — billycart rides, horse-drawn carriage rides, a petting zoo, jumping castles, face painting, balloon animals and a merry-go-round.

For adults, there are two stages of live music, fashion parades and competitions, gardening talks and a pop-up museum focusing on wedding wear throughout the generations.

This year's fancy dress theme is heritage weddings, so break out those old dresses and tuxedos.

>> Follow Greenmount Homestead's Facebook page.



Projects worth \$11m

COUNCIL will deliver more than \$11 million in a variety of projects as part of the State Government's Works for Queensland (W4Q) program.

Work on some of the projects is already under way, including design of an upgrade of North Street Park at Eungella.

That project, which includes improvements to the park and access to the nearby Goodes Lookout, will help promote tourism in the township.

Economic Development and Planning Committee chair Cr Amanda Camm said North Street Park was one

of a number of parks projects included in W4Q.

She said others included a \$745,000 project at Queens Park and a \$320,000 upgrade at Mansfield Drive Park in Beaconsfield.

Other projects included in the massive construction program range from upgrades to council facilities, libraries and community halls to roadworks, bus stops and civil works at boat ramps.

Council was allocated \$11.49m as part of the \$200 million W4Q program under the State Infrastructure Fund.

>> More details on projects at mackay.qld.gov.au/w4q



Local Laws officer Tracey Browne (left) shows Kristie Brown how to use the new PayStay app.

New way to pay for parking

THERE'S a new way to pay for parking in Mackay. PayStay is now in operation across all paid carparks in the Mackay City Centre. Community Engagement Committee chair Cr Fran Mann said PayStay was designed to save motorists time and hassle.

"PayStay allows motorists to pay for parking via their phone as opposed to a parking meter and eliminates the need to carry coins," she said.

"Those without a smartphone can call or text PayStay on a basic mobile phone. Residents can also ring on their home phone before they leave the house to organise their parking, if they prefer."

Council is encouraging residents to download the PayStay app, which is available on both Android and iPhone, and set up an account so they can access paid parking quickly and easily.

Residents who have pre-paid parking permits with outstanding credit will have their parking permits extended. The use of pre-paid parking permits will continue to be available following the implementation of PayStay.

There will be no changes to how these pre-paid permits are used.



>> For more information on using PayStay go online at mackay.qld.gov.au/paystay

Sweet Secrets: All will be revealed

ANTICIPATION is building for Mackay Regional Council's latest #MackayPride campaign to be launched in early May.

The full details of the promotion will be a "sweet secret" until the end of April, but residents of the Mackay region will be treated to a taste buds frenzy.

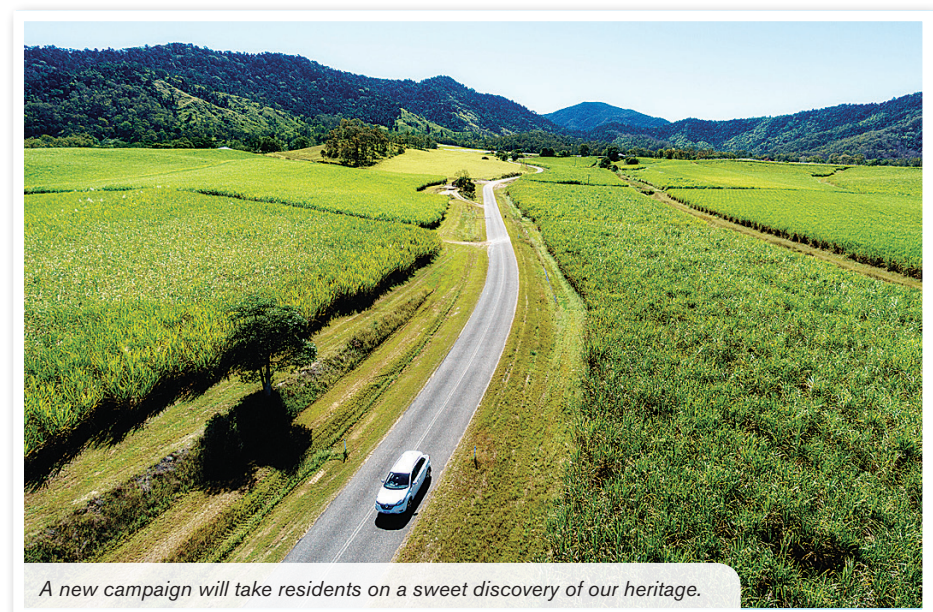
"The latest edition of the #MackayPride campaign will take residents on a sweet discovery of our heritage," said Community Engagement Committee chair Cr Fran Mann.

"Connecting with our local

heritage and history, the campaign will run for the month of May and engage with a large number of local businesses across the region," Cr Mann said.

A local social media duo have proudly accepted the honour of #MackayPride ambassadors for the campaign and will feature in council's TV commercial, encouraging residents to go on a sweet discovery.

Weekly prizes will be on offer throughout May and a major prize will be drawn at the end of the month.



>> For more information on this new campaign keep an eye out for updates on council's website at mackay.qld.gov.au/sweetsecrets

A time to pause and reflect



ACROSS the nation, communities will gather on Tuesday, April 25, to commemorate Anzac Day, our national day of remembrance.

Mayor Greg Williamson said Anzac Day had become far more than remembering the Diggers at Anzac Cove whose courage and tenacity created a legend for a fledgling nation.

"Today Anzac Day is a day when we pause to acknowledge that the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy as Australians has come at a cost," he said.

"We remember all the men and women who had to take up arms on this nation's behalf. We salute those who have made the ultimate

sacrifice in defence of our freedom.

"As Australians we live peacefully in a diverse, secular democracy. It is important that we gather as a community and embrace the Spirit of Anzac which lies at the very core of what it means to be called an Aussie."

Residents are encouraged to attend one of 26 Anzac Day services being held around the Mackay region next week.

In Mackay, the dawn service will be held at 5am and the citizens parade service at 9.30am, both at Jubilee Park on the corner of Alfred and Wellington streets.

Council will be represented at services throughout the region by councillors.



Mayor Greg Williamson and Member for Mackay Julieanne Gilbert lay wreaths on Anzac Day last year.

>> For full details on the 26 Anzac Day services being held throughout the region go online at mackay.qld.gov.au/anzacday

Anzac Day around our region

> **Bloomsbury:** 5.30am, Bloomsbury Soldier's Hall, Doughertys Rd, Bloomsbury

> **Calen/St Helens:** 4.25am and 11am Calen Memorial Hall, McIntyre St, Calen

> **Eton:** 5am, Hotel Eton, Telegraph St, Eton

> **Farleigh:** 5.30am, Cenotaph, Farleigh Sugar Mill Grounds, Armstrong Street, Farleigh

> **Finch Hatton:** 4.28am and 6.15pm, Finch Hatton Cenotaph, ANZAC Parade, Finch Hatton

> **Gargett:** 8am, Gargett War Memorial, opposite Gargett Pub, Gargett Septimus Rd and Jim Moule Street, Gargett

> **Greenmount Homestead:** 6.40am, Memorial trees at Greenmount Homestead, Greenmount Rd, Greenmount

> **Hay Point/Half Tide Beach:** 5am, "The Shack", Half Tide Esplanade.

> **Kinchant Waters:** 7.30am, Kinchant Waters Resort, 10 Off Kinchant Dam Rd, Kinchant Dam

> **Koumala:** 7am, Cenotaph adjacent to Koumala Primary School, Bull St, Koumala

> **Kuttabul:** 5.30am, Remembrance Gardens, Hampden State School, 2880 Bruce Highway, Kuttabul

> **Mackay:** 5am and 9.30am, Jubilee Park, corner Alfred and Wellington streets, Mackay

> **MADASSIA:** 3pm, South Sea Islander Meeting Hut, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon St. Mackay

> **Marian:** 4.28am, Anzac Place, Marian

> **Midge Point:** 5am, The Point Tavern, 7 Conder Parade, Midge Point

> **Mirani:** 4.30pm, Railway Park Memorial, Mackay-Eungella Rd

> **Northern Beaches:** 10.30am, Bucasia Cenotaph, Seaview Park, Bucasia

> **Pinnacle:** 10.30am, Pinnacle Hotel, 604 Mackay-Eungella Rd, Pinnacle

> **Sarina:** 4.28am and 10.30am, Broad Street Cenotaph, Sarina

> **Seaforth:** 6am Cenotaph at ANZAC Park, near Post Office at Palm Avenue, Seaforth

> **Walkerston:** 5am and 7.45am, ANZAC Memorial Park, Corner Dutton and Bridge streets, Walkerston