Delivering for our community

Resource Centre of Excellence nears
Tenders for a Resource Centre of Excellence have closed.

We will award the tender for construction of this exciting project on council-owned land Crichtons Road, Paget (opposite the MRC depot) soon. Building works are expected to start later this month. The centre is being delivered by council and will be operated by the Resource Industry Network (RIN).

It will help foster collaboration, research and development and be a real driver for the commercialisation of new technology.

Users will include training providers, researchers, and private companies within the METS (mining equipment, technology and services) sector.

Project cost: $7 million - completion by March/April 2020. This project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and council.

Gearing up to tap into mountain biking
A mountain bike project for the upper Pioneer Valley is rolling along.

The feasibility stage for this project in the Eungella/Finch Hatton area is nearing completion.

Track designers have indicated there could be up to 11 different track/loops available for riders to use, ranging from beginner level to advanced.

We are planning to make a decision to move forward on this project to concept design and detailed design by mid-October.

New lease on life for Queens Park
Revitalisation of Queens Park is progressing well.

Improvements will range from new public toilets and pedestrian and bikeway connectivity to a dog park, additional picnic shelters, barbecues and bench seating.

A yarning circle with cultural heritage design elements is also being incorporated as part of the revitalisation.

Project cost: $8.8 million - completion by June, 2020. This project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and council.

Camilleri Street Park in full swing
Camilleri Street District Park at Blacks Beach is a hive of activity.

Contractors Convic Pty Ltd started work on a youth hub (stage one), featuring a skate park and pump track, half- basketball court and a hit-up wall, in July.

Council also recently awarded a tender for stages 1b and 2 of the project to Fergus Builders, with construction expected to be completed by November.

This project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and council.
Contractor hooks fishing pier contract

Work is about to start on reconstruction of the old Hospital Bridge fishing pier near Mackay Base Hospital.

A 15x11-metre L-shape design will be installed to replace the fishing pier that was damaged in Cyclone Debbie.

The new design will increase the structural integrity of the pier for future flood events.

Contractors Casa Engineering landed a $1.7 million contract for this highly anticipated project at a recent council meeting.

The fishing pier is expected to be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting.

Ron Camm ramps convenient links

Did you know you can now access Bluewater Trail from the Ron Camm Bridge?

Ramps have been built on either side of southern end of the bridge. They provide safe and convenient access to southside destinations, including Mackay CBD, Caneland Central and the Botanic Gardens.

Council delivered the project in line with its commitment to encouraging healthy lifestyles, with the assistance of $995,000 in funding from Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

Artwork and app brings lane to life

Have you checked out the new-look 5th Lane in the City Centre?

Wandering through it, you could be forgiven for thinking you were in Melbourne.

Along with a range of stunning artworks created by local and visiting artists, Mackay City Centre is using an app, Zappar, to bring the artworks to life. There are seven augmented reality experiences.

Download the Zappar app and then aim it at each of the artworks. Stand at the icon indicated on the ground in front of the artworks and prepare to be amazed.

Terrific turnouts for tree planting days

National Tree Day activities resulted in more than 4600 groundcover plants, trees and shrubs being planted at Illawong Park.

The plantings were done over two days by school students, community volunteers, council staff and supporters.

Almost 350 volunteers turned out on School Tree Day, including kids and teachers from five schools. Another 200-plus volunteers did plantings two days later on National Tree Day.

This was the 10th year of National Tree Day plantings. A plaque was installed at the site to commemorate this achievement.

PDA progressing

Planning for the Mackay Waterfront PDA is progressing well.

Council has just endorsed a draft masterplan for the Priority Development Area, with targeted stakeholder engagement now to be undertaken.

Mackay Waterfront and City Centre were co-sponsors of Star 101.9FM’s Fire in the Sky event, which drew a huge crowd to Bluewater Quay recently.