This newsletter from Cairns Regional Council is aimed at keeping you up to date with works, services and activities in DIVISION 7 which takes in Edge Hill and Whitfield, and parts of Manoora, Manunda, and Brinsmead.

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**Works, Services & Activities started or completed in the last quarter**

- Upgrade of Jensen Street Park playground completed (pictured right)
- Stormwater repairs and renewal
- Garden mulching and vegetation works
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- Line marking and signage maintenance
- Kerb and channel repairs
- Footpath and drainage condition inspections
- Pathway pressure cleaning
- Footpath improvement works completed for Collins Ave, Edge Hill (pictured below)

**Works & Services coming up for next quarter**

- Smart Pedestrian Crossings to be installed on Hoare Street near Cairns West State School and Trinity Bay High School in late December
- Pedestrian fencing along Hoare Street/Eureka St to Clark Street for Trinity Bay School
- Renew footpath on McCormack Street (Cairns West School frontage)
- Additional parking and footpath works at Edge Hill State School

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**Enjoy a safe and happy festive season!**

Council offices will be closed from 21 December, re-opening on 2 January 2019. An after-hours call centre will be available at all times for urgent matters via the normal Customer Service phone number: 1300 692 247. Check Council’s website for operating times of public facilities.
COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT
WHAT A GREAT YEAR!

This is a snapshot of activities and services provided by Council since January

ENHANCING THE LIVEABILITY
- The new Cairns Performing Arts Centre opens on 15 December
- Over 80,000 people attended the 90 events during Festival 2018 in April as part of the Commonwealth Games
- Cairns Festival attracted over 75,000 attendees to 65 events
- Over 100,000 people attended programs and events at the Tanks Arts Centre and Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre
- Over 20,000 people attended events at Munro Martin Parklands
- 12,905 children from 0-5 years participated in library events
- 963,730 items were loaned from the libraries
- 200 homeless animals adopted through three Fur-Ever Home events held at Cannon Park
- 172 signs installed in the CBD as part of the Braille and Tactile Sign Trail
- 11 free Moving Picture Nights held in parks from Mirriwinni to Trinity Beach, with more than 4000 people attending
- Council approved Community Gardens in Simmonds St, Gordonvale; Gamburra Drive Park, Redlynch Valley; Pocket Gardens in Trundle Terrace, Whitfield; and Crathern Close Park, Edge Hill
- Major upgrade of Yorkeys Knob foreshore with BBQs shelters, and paths, and commenced improvements of Holloways Beach foreshore

SUPPORTING AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY
- 8.4km of new walking and cycling paths constructed
- $1.1 million spent on footpath maintenance
- 11 playground renewals/upgrades completed and one new playground established
- Extended the Northern Cycleway through Freshwater, Ryan Weare Park and Lower Freshwater Road
- $900,000 spent upgrading public swimming pools at Smithfield and Woree
- $800,000 spent establishing the Youth Activity Precinct at Little Fretwell Park, Bentley Park
- Barlow Park resurfacing project completed involving re-laying 7000m2 of track surface

STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY
- Council finishes 2017-18 year with a $1.8 million operating surplus
- Council spent $381 million in the community last financial year, with 89% spent in the local area through materials, services and employment
- Council commits $3.4 million in funding to support tourism
- Council develops Cairns 2050 Shared Vision, which identifies key initiatives that will shape and secure the future prosperity of Cairns

SUPPORT FOR MAJOR EVENTS
Major partner of:
- Ironman Asia Pacific Championships
- Cairns Airport Adventure Festival
- Targa Great Barrier Reef
- AFL Premiership match and NRL Premiership match
- Commonwealth Games
- Queen’s Baton Relay
- Reef to Reef mountain bike event
- Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships

PROVIDING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
- 20 bus stop sites upgraded in accordance with DDA compliance
- Approx. 175 additional car parking spaces provided in Minnie, Gatton, Grafton, Lake, and Kerwin Streets
- Fixed around 1263 potholes
- 18 streets received new or renewed kerb and channel
- 9 streets received road shoulder sealing
- 85 streets had resales done
- Major roadworks include upgrade to O’Brien Road, Smithfield; culvert replaced at Sandy Creek, Mt Peter Road; and Greenslopes Street / Mayer Street intersection

- Major upgrade of Earlville sewerage system well underway
- Construction of 5 new sewage pump stations completed
- $1.2 million of new water mains constructed in the CBD
- $2.7 million Northern Beaches trunk water main constructed
- $4.5 million Mt Peter gravity sewer main completed

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT
- 3.4 tonnes of household batteries collected at transfer stations and exported for recycling
- 873 megalitres of recycled water supplied to golf courses, schools and Botanic Gardens
- Completed three-year program to detect underground water leaks, more than 2100kms of water infrastructure surveyed, total 464 leaks identified
- 39.9kW solar installed on Marlin Coast Recreation Centre
- 558 tonnes of ReGlass re-used in the region
- 675 tonnes of re-saleable items sent to the BuyBack Shop
- Free green waste program in April and November yields 3271 tonnes of green waste, dropped off by 15,196 vehicles
- 16 Council-managed clean ups, with 307 community volunteers attending, collecting 15,520 litres of litter (194 x 80L bags)
- 47,537 tonnes of kerbside recycling collected