ARTS & CULTURE
• 241,357 attendances for all CRC Arts and Cultural events and activities.
• Tanks Arts Centre hosts fifth successive win as Best Entertainment Venue in the Far North at the Cairns in The Cairns Post HAT Awards.
• Activities such as Youth Culture Day workshops, a movie night, and health and fitness workshops undertaken to mark National Youth Week.
• Tanks Arts Centre hosts inaugural Cairns Children’s Festival, attracting 3,500 people.
• Gateway artwork for new Look Lake Street completed and installed.
• Cairns Esplanade hosts numerous community festivals and celebrations including Cairns Ukulele Festival, NAIDOC celebrations, UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire, Gimmy Fish & Food Festival, G20 Premier’s concert, PNG Independence Celebrations, Tropical Wave Light The Night Festival, Japanese Festival, and Pacific Island Communities Festival.
• Cairns Cultural Diversity Week activities held including annual hosting of Cultural Diversity Awards.
• $300,000 spent on improvements to Botanic Gardens, Tanks Arts centre, Regional Arts Gallery and Cairns Civic Theatre.
• Cairns hosts 12 students from six of our seven Sister Cities as part of the Youth Ambassador Program.
• Cairns Sister Cities National Day celebration held on 9 July.
• Lighting upgrade at Cairns Regional Gallery completed.
• Nine-day Cairns Festival ran from 30 August – 7 September, featuring a diverse range of free events including the Festival Parade, Family Film Nights; Music in the City program; Sunday on the Nard; Fields of Fire and Festival on Collins.
• $350,000 grant program approved for infrastructure improvements to cultural facilities (halls etc.).

COMMUNITY FACILITIES
• $2.3 million Cairns SES Headquarters at McNamara Street constructed ($1.25m contributed by State Government).
• Cairns Esplanade Lagoon heralded as one of the world’s top tourist attractions, earning a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for the fourth successive year.
• Major refurbishment of Esplanade Lagoon and amenities completed.
• Design completed and construction commenced on $1.5 million purpose-built conservatory at Cairns Botanic Gardens.
• More than 700 free classes conducted through Active Living program on the Esplanade, attracting over 50,000 attendees.
• Crystal Cascades walkway completed.
• $85,000 in new equipment for Salis & John Mitchell Park, Redlynch.
• New BBQs, shelters and beautification works at all beach suburbs.
• Mowed 2,073 hectares of parklands, maintained 525 parks and around 200 playgrounds.
• Old water tower at Norman Park demolished, with original steps and eight-column tower base retained, interpretive displays, new barbecue area, picnic shelter, playground extension and pathways installed.
• Expansion of free Community WiFi service into all Libraries, across the CBD and along Cairns Esplanade.
• Lighting improved at Palm Cove Jetty.
• Upgrade of Yorkeys Knob, Holloways Beach and Machans Beach boat ramps in conjunction with DMR.
• More than 1.3 million visits to libraries, with more than 1.2 million items borrowed.
• More than 550 Literacy, Lifestyle and Learning programs and events for all ages held in libraries.
• Completion of three-year staged refurbishment of the Cairns City Library.
• New online collection of free e-books available for free for library members.
• Trees trimmed near City Library to reduce numbers in large flying fox colony.
• Gordonvale Library celebrates 40 years.
• New parking sensor technology introduced for trial in Lake Street.

EVENTS
• Australia Day Awards, Anzac Day ceremonies, International Women’s Day and Baby Welcome events undertaken.
• 14 Citizenship ceremonies held to naturalise more than 800 people.
• Civic receptions for US Consul General and for new Governor-General Peter Cosgrove.
• Ride To Work Day event in October attracts a record 350 riders.
• Mayor’s Charity Golf Day raises $20,000 for the Oncology Unit Cairns Hospital.
• New Year’s Eve celebrations on Cairns Esplanade attract over 20,000 people.
• Infrastructure support provided for South Sydney vs Newcastle Knights NRL Future match.
• Major sponsor of the Northern Pride (2014 U16s premiers and inaugural NRL, State Champions), and Cairns Airport Adventure Festival (ironman).
• Host City Partner for 2014 U14 Mountain Bike World Cup “Rumble in the Rainforest”, also securing 2016 World Cup and 2017 World Championships.
• Sponsorship for Gold Coast Suns vs Western Bulldogs AFL Fixture match, Crocodile Trophy, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns Amateurs, Cairns Fashion passport, and five State and National Sporting Championships held in Cairns.
• Event Grants awarded to Reef Feast Palm Cove, Cairns Tropical Pride Festival, PBR (Cairns Invitational), Australian Classic (for June 2015) and Ukulele Festival.

WASTE
• Council coordinates Great Northern Clean Up.
• Re-discovery Education Centre refreshment completed at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), allowing increased capacity to accommodate groups of up to 30 for schools, tertiary, technical and community groups.
• Waste and recycling technical facility tours conducted for international delegations from Nigeria and Papua New Guinea.
• Pre-sort upgrade completed at the MRF aimed at improving recycling recovery.
• Council’s Buy Back Shop upgrade completed to improve shopping experience and provide increased weather protection.
• Recycling education campaign results in 1400-tonne reduction of contamination in kerbside waste and a 500-tonne reduction of contamination in kerbside recycling.
• Approximately 1000 tonnes of mulch given away during free mulch program in May. Another free mulch giveaway scheduled for December.

ECONOMY
• 13 sewer pump stations upgraded throughout region.
• Intersection upgrade at Green Island Road and O’Connell Street.
• Bridge safety inspection at Picnic Bay.
• Bank remediation and sealer upgrade at Eastwood Road.
• Around 1,886 m of kerbing and footpath works nearing completion.
• Right hand turn lane created at Troysi Drive and Mawson Road.
• $1 million new link provided for People with Disabilities (Mt Sheridan), and Deeral Boat Ramp relocated.
• $300,000 on improvements to kerbing and footpaths installed at the Esplanade.
• $250,000 spent on culverts installed at Cenotaph.
• Commenced foreshore works at section of the Esplanade.
• Water Laboratory completes about 9,600 tests per month.
• 13 sewer pump stations upgraded throughout the region.
• More than 8,000 confirmed incidents captured.
• $3.2 million Endeavour Park (Mt Sheridan) and Deeral Boat Ramp public toilets underway.
• Upgrade undertaken on Council’s Local Laws, with a particular focus on the Local Laws (Views) Scheme.
• More than 830 people.
• Created partnership with Queensland Bank Governors meetings.
• $4 million Suburban Drainage repair completed.
• Commenced foreshore works downstream of the basin at the Esplanade.
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**WORKS**

- $9.5 million flood mitigation works including construction of a 100 ML detention basin at Ramsey Drive and levees downstream of the basin to provide increased flood immunity for residents in the Moody Creek catchment.
- $21 million Centre Alive redevelopment of Lake Street completed six weeks early. Practical completion of Lake Street on 6 September 2014.
- Lake Street redevelopment named Design and Construction Project of the Year at Engineers Australia Far North Queensland Engineering Excellence Awards.
- Community consultation undertaken on Shields Street Heart project and detailed design commenced.
- $17.4 million reconstruction of Machans Beach Seawall with Stages 1-2 well underway and tender awarded for Stage 3.
- $6.5 million road improvement works delivered, including asphalt, resal, road and kerb and channel rehabilitation.
- Intersection upgrade extending Lake St to Airport Avenue road constructed providing an important second road link to the airport and CBD.
- $1 million new link provided at Shaws Access Road in Redlynch.
- Filled around 2,000 pot holes and other minor road defects.
- Right hand turn signal installed at intersection Spence / McLee streets.
- Right hand turn lane created at Spence / Lake Street intersection and removal of old Spence Street toilet facility.
- Replaced Fairweather Bridge, Stager Road Bridge, and two new pedestrian bridges in Manora and Gordonvale.
- More than $1 million in street lighting upgrades completed.
- Construction of Deerai boat ramp public toilets underway.
- More than $1 million of kerb and channel renewal completed.
- Around 1,866 m of kerbing completed.
- Bank remediation and stabilisation works at Dalziel Street, Strathfield.
- Bridge safety inspection programs and geotechnical investigations undertaken at 12 bridges.
- Maintenance and replacement program for 150 pedestrian bridges.
- $6 million Suburban Enhancement Program delivers around 12,000 m² of road shoulder sealing and new kerb and channel.
- Commenced foreseeable improvements including all abilities compliant path from Palm Cove holiday park to Vipers Road.
- $300,000 of new footpath constructed.
- $1.5 million Disability Discrimination Act compliant bus stops delivered.
- Removal of McCoombes Street culvert to reduce upstream flooding.
- $600,000 of drainage improvements undertaken across the city.
- $200,000 spent on culverts under major roads.
- $300,000 on improvements to underground stormwater program.
- $300,000 on stormwater drain relining program.
- Machans Beach Access Road drainage repair completed.

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**ECONOMY**

- Council doubles funding to $2 million for Tourism Tropical North Queensland.
- Council wins the Local Government Award at the 2014 Queensland Tourism Awards.
- TNQ20 Business Excellence and Tropical Innovation Awards held to recognise innovators and entrepreneurs, with 77 businesses entering.
- Conducted “Get Lucky on Lake” Campaign to support businesses in the Lake Street precinct whilst redevelopment of the street was underway.
- Council identifies four key issues in submission to Federal Government's Northern Australia White Paper.
- Inaugural Future of Tropical Economies Conference held in conjunction with JCU in lead-up to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings.
- Grant approved to Study Cairns to implement an international marketing campaign to potential students.
- Council finishes 2013-14 year with a $7.4 million surplus.
- Council spends $127 million in capital expenditure for 2013-2014 year.
- Council adopts a balanced Budget for 2014-15 year.
- $121.4 million of Capital Works outlined in Budget.
- Modest 1.2% rise in general rates announced as part of Budget.
- A comprehensive 3-year plan developed as part of Budget process. An overarching 10-year plan developed as part of the budget process and incorporated into Council’s long term financial planning.
- Council approves 9% plans for sub-divisions creating 869 lots.
- Council approves B3a building applications.

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**COMMUNITY**

- New Cairns Region Planning Scheme submitted for State Interest Review, opens for community consultation, with the scheme to be adopted by Council in early 2015.
- CCTV Operations expanded via WIFI Mesh infrastructure across city and outer suburbs. Equipment and software upgraded from analogue to digital technology.
- Installed 16 new CCTV cameras and upgraded a further nine cameras.
- Created partnership with Queensland Police Service and Ports North to maximise CCTV coverage and security across city and waterfront. Installation of fibre optic cable from CCTV monitoring room to GPS Headquarters.
- More than 8,000 confirmed incidents captured by CCTV and dealt with by CCTV Operations.
- Review undertaken on Council’s Local Laws, with 1290 responses from the public received.
- Disaster preparedness workshops for new residents delivered as part of Get Ready Queensland Week.
- Received national and state 2014 Local Government Australia Resilient Awards.
- Flooded Roads Early Warning System installed at Pelts Bridge.
- Little Taccas program launched at Botanic Gardens.
- Council hosts “We Will Remember – Does the ANZAC Spirit live in on our youth” project.
- Purpose-built trailer purchased to tackle graffiti vandalism.
- Dealt with more than 7,300 animal-related complaints.

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**SPORT & LEISURE**

- $23 million Tobaruk Memorial Pool redevelopment commences which includes a brand new 50 metre pool, a brand new artificial wave ride, a toddler waveplay pool, and a new 25 metre pool.
- First round of grants under Go Clubs program which now features 172 sporting clubs from the area.
- $3.2 million Endeavour Park sporting precinct upgrade completed, one of the region’s most heavily-used sporting venues.
- $2.8 million Southern Cycleway (from CBD to Woree), including two bridges installed over Moody and Chinaman creeks, completed.
- $2 million pathway project connecting Brinsmead, Redlynch via Goomburra Park for Woree.
- Eight community bike rides undertaken to encourage active living.
- Eight schools engaged in Healthy Active School Travel Program.
- New temporary grandstand purchased for use at major sporting events at Barlow Park and added a further 360 seats to the facility’s capacity.
- Infrastructure upgraded to support Rumble in the Rainforest Mountain Bike World Cup.
- Revised Master Plan adopted for Aitken Park Sporting Precinct, Gordonvale.
- Martyn Street Sporting Reserve Master Plan completed and endorsed by Council.
- Development plan adopted to enhance sporting facilities at Peterson Park, Edmonton.
- Purchase of $3.35 hectare parcel of land at Redlynch to create second access point to Andrew’s Catholic College, and double size of current sporting fields.
- Walker Road Master Plan completed and Stage 2 design works nearing completion.
- Lighting upgraded ($200,000) at Aitken Park sporting fields.
- $36 of land in Thompson Road, Edmonton, valued at more than $2 million, purchased to host first two Indigenous sports for the future.
- New fitness equipment installed in Tom Murray Park, Edmonton and South Hill and John Mitchell Park in Redlynch.
- New sports field underway at Machans Beach and relocation of old school building to provide a clubhouse.