

# YOUR CAIRNS



## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

A CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER / DECEMBER 2023

# Christmas in Cairns

**Carols in the Park**  
Sunday 17 December  
6.30pm-8.30pm  
Munro Martin Parklands and CPAC

**New Year's Eve**  
Fireworks 8:30pm  
Esplanade, Edmonton and Palm Cove

**School Holidays**  
Boredom busters on our website

**FREE Family Movie**  
6:45pm  
Esplanade and Edmonton

**Midnight Fireworks**  
Esplanade

These events may be cancelled at short notice in the event of unfavourable or unsafe weather conditions.

For more information and road closures associated with these events scan the QR code or go to [cairns.qld.gov.au](http://cairns.qld.gov.au)

## Council festive closures

Council's Customer Service Centres will be closed from 4.30pm on 22 December 2023 and reopen at 8.30am on 2 January 2024. An after-hours emergency call centre will operate 24 hours a day via the normal customer service number 1300 69 22 47.

### Waste collection

There will be no interruptions to kerbside waste and recycling collections. Residential collections will be as per normal schedule on all days, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Waste transfer stations are open every day except Christmas Day when they will be closed.

For information on opening hours of all Council facilities go to the website at [www.cairns.qld.gov.au](http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au).

## Did you know?

Cairns has the largest Urban Forest in Queensland, with estimates that there could well over 500,000 trees in Council parks, foreshores and lining our streets.

Each year, Council looks to add to the urban canopy by planting over 20,000 trees.

## Videos outline ideas to growing well

Council has released a series of eight short videos outlining the key concepts it believes need to be considered for the city's sustainable growth.

The Cairns population is predicted to reach up to 241,000 by the year 2050, an increase of almost 70,000 people.

The short videos explore the factors that determine where and how to accommodate future growth, while protecting the things the community loves about the city and region.

Council is encouraging residents to be part of shaping a whole-of-community conversation on growing well

in Cairns. Watch the videos, share them with your family and friends, or strike up a conversation at your next barbecue or fishing trip.

The videos can be views on Council's website at the following link: <https://haveyoursay.cairns.qld.gov.au/growing-well-cairns>.

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### BRAMSTON BEACH MIRRIWINNI BABINDA ALOOMBA GORDONVALE EDMONTON

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Stage one redevelopment of Kenrick Park, Gordonvale, commenced (far right, top)
- Johnson Park, Gordonvale, public amenities upgrade, underway (far right, below)
- Kerb and channel and shoulder sealing on Whitman St, Mirriwinni, completed
- Giangurra Park, East Trinity, public amenities upgrade, completed
- Footpath renewal at Spender Cl, Gordonvale, completed
- Footpath renewal on Munro St, Babinda, completed
- New footpath on Riverstone Rd, Gordonvale, underway (below)



## DIVISION 2



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### EDMONTON BENTLEY PARK MT SHERIDAN

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Minor asphalt works on Suhle St, Edmonton, completed
- Roundabout landscaping works at the Mill Rd/Mt Peter Rd intersection, Edmonton, completed (above)
- Pavement rehabilitation and stormwater renewal on Graham St, Edmonton, completed
- Construction of new South Cairns Gymnastics building, supported in part by Council funding of \$900,000 and a Council bank loan guarantee of \$400,000, completed (above right)
- Bridge maintenance works on the Page Rd, Edmonton, completed (right)



## DIVISION 3



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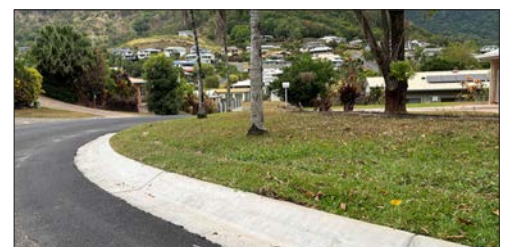
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### WHITE ROCK MT SHERIDAN WOREE BAYVIEW HEIGHTS FOREST GARDENS

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- New public amenities building at The Lakes Park, Mount Sheridan, underway
- Sewer rising upgrade on Links Dr, Kowinka St and Skull Rd, White Rock, underway
- Odour control unit remediation works at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Links Dr, Woree, completed
- Water main road crossing on Links Dr, Woree, completed
- Street lighting upgrade on Progress Rd, White Rock, completed
- New footpath along the cane rail line from Shannon Dr to Anderson Rd, Bayview Heights, completed
- Drainage works on Johnson Rd, White Rock, underway (top right)
- Drainage works on Lancewood Cl, Mount Sheridan, completed
- Kerb and channel renewal on Sandpiper Court, Bayview Heights, completed (below right)
- Minor asphalt works on Anderson Rd, Woree, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Kamar St, White Rock, from Yangoora St to Sheehy Rd, completed
- New water pump installed for Forest Gardens duck pond.



## DIVISION 4



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### EARLVILLE KANIMBLA MANOORA MOOROPOOL MANUNDA

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Kerb and channel renewal on Leslie St, Mooroolbool, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Ramsey Dr from Fitzallan Dr to Fraser St, Kanimbla, completed
- Kerb and Channel renewal on Reservoir Rd from Enmore St to Morley St, Manoora, completed
- Stormwater renewal on Smallood St, Mooroolbool, completed
- Ashpaltng on Lake Morris Rd, Kanimbla, completed
- Culvert renewal on Koppen Terrace, Mooroolbool, completed
- Cul-de-sac asphaltng in Andrea Cl, Mooroolbool, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Ramsey Dr from Fitzallan Dr to Fraser St, Kanimbla, completed
- Lions Park Tennis Court upgrade on Henley St, Earlvile, underway (right)
- Kerb and channel renewal in Hayward St, Mooroolbool, completed
- Minor asphalt works on De Jarlais St, Earlvile, completed
- Shoulder sealing on Bauhinia Ave, Earlvile, completed
- Footpath renewal along Mulgrave Rd near Kelly St, Earlvile, completed (below right)



*The above works were delivered or commenced while Cr Terry James was Divisional Councillor for Division 4, prior to his appointment as Cairns Mayor on Wednesday 22 November 2023.*

## DIVISION 5



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### CAIRNS CITY/NORTH PORTSMITH AEROGLEN WESTCOURT BUNGALOW PARRAMATTA PARK

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Water main upgrade on Chaplain Ave, Manunda, completed
- Water main replacement on McLeod St between Aplin St and Florence St, Cairns City, completed
- Tree maintenance on the Cairns Esplanade, completed
- Water main replacement on Grove St, Parramatta Park, near Martyn St, completed
- Asphalt works at the Hartley St/Lyons St intersection, Portsmith, completed
- Culvert renewal at the Bunting St/Quigley St intersection, Bungalow, completed
- Water main replacement, and kerb and channel renewal, Tills St, Westcourt, completed
- Remediation works of the eastern pier on the Cairns Esplanade, underway (right)
- Odour Control Unit remediation works at the Waste Water Treatment Plant on Greenbank Rd, Aeroglen, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Little St, Manunda, completed
- Asphalt works on Dalton St, Bungalow, completed
- Water main upgrade on the Esplanade, Cairns North, completed
- Water main upgrade on Hasell St, Bungalow, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Lake St near Wharf St, Cairns City, completed



## DIVISION 6



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### BRINSMEAD KAMERUNGA REDLYNCH FRESHWATER STRATFORD

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Public toilet upgrade at Glenoma Park, Brinsmead, underway
- Cul-de-sac asphaltng on Latreille Terrace, Brinsmead, completed
- Stormwater pipe renewal on Barron Gorge Rd, Barron Gorge, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Mary Parker Dr, Redlynch, completed
- Stormwater renewal at the intersection of Morris St and Old Smithfield Rd, Smithfield, completed
- Sewer pump station upgrade on Xavier Herbert Dr, Redlynch, underway
- Road shoulder upgrade on Kamerunga Rd, between Daphne St and Cairns Western Arterial Rd, Redlynch, underway
- Release of concept design for the Redlynch Skatepark redevelopment (right and below)
- Footpath renewal on Stratford Parade near Tully St, Stratford, completed



## DIVISION 7



Your Division 7 Councillor is:  
**MAX O'HALLORAN**

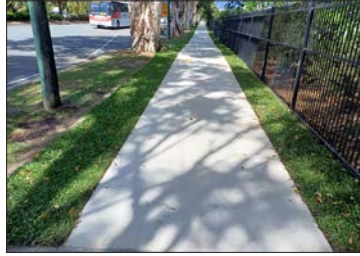
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### EDGE HILL MANOORA MANUNDA WHITFIELD BRINSMEAD

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Installation of CCTV at Harald Falge Park, complete
- Footpath renewal on Hoare St, Manunda, from Clarke St to Kiernan St, completed (right)
- Bank stabilisation works on Woodward St, Whitfield, complete
- Water main upgrade on Wilkinson St and Mylchreest St, Manunda, underway
- Asphalt works on Walsh St, Manoora, completed
- Water main connection on Little Pease St, Manoora, completed
- Asphalt works on Pease St, Edge Hill, completed
- Culvert replacement on Abel St, Manunda, completed



- Minor pavement rehabilitation on MacNamara St, Manunda, completed
- Water main upgrade on Gatton St, Westcourt, underway
- New drainage and pit on Cannon St, Manunda, completed
- Water main upgrade on Chaplain Ave, Manunda, completed



- Kerb and channel renewal, water main renewal, and pavement rehabilitation on English St, Manunda, completed (above)
- Kerb and channel renewal on Richardson St, Edge Hill, completed
- Minor asphalt works on Clarke St, Manunda, from Warner St to Birch St, completed

## DIVISION 8



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### CARAVONICA HOLLOWAYS BEACH MACHANS BEACH TRINITY PARK SMITHFIELD YORKEYS KNOB

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Odour Control Unit remediation works at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Dunne Rd, Smithfield, completed
- Culvert renewal on Oak St and Canna St, Holloways Beach, completed
- Asphalt overlay works at the Cassia St roundabout, Holloways Beach, completed
- Asphalt overlay to car parks on Sims Esplanade, Yorkeys Knob, completed
- Cul-de-sac asphalt works at Furrow Cl, Smithfield, completed
- Footpath renewal at Vrackie St and Crauchan St, Smithfield, completed
- Asphalt overlay on Holloways Beach Rd near the Captain Cook roundabout, Holloways Beach, completed
- Asphalt overlay on O'Shae Esplanade, Machans Beach, completed (right)
- Asphalt overlay works on Holloways Beach Access Rd, at the Wisteria St roundabout, Holloways Beach, completed
- Asphalt works on the Barron River Esplanade, Machans Beach, completed
- Asphalt overlay works on Buckley St, Yorkeys Knob, completed
- Car park upgrade at Rainy Mountain Park on Survey St, Smithfield, underway (right)



## DIVISION 9



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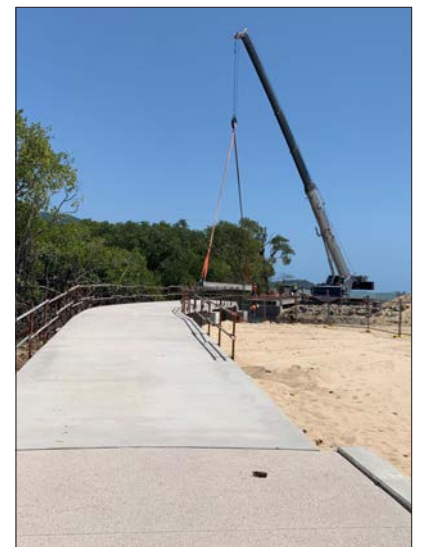
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### TRINITY BEACH KEWARRA BEACH CLIFTON BEACH PALM COVE BUCHAN POINT ELLIS BEACH

#### Works delivered or commenced since July include:

- Renovation of the public toilet block at Possum Park, Trinity Beach, including a new path to the road and car parking, completed
- Amenities upgrades at Vallance Park and Possum Park, Trinity Beach, completed (above)
- Road reseals at various locations in Clifton Beach and Palm Cove, completed
- Drainage works and footpath renewal on Olivia St, Palm Cove, completed
- Kerb and channel renewal on Mahab St, Kewarra Beach, completed
- Kerb and channel renewal on Lae St from Boroko St to Buka St, Trinity Beach, completed
- Footpath renewal from Warren St to the Captain Cook Highway, Palm Cove, completed
- Construction of the Northern Beaches Leisure Trail link from Clifton Beach to Kewarra Beach, including the bridge at Deep Creek, underway (right)
- Sand nourishment along Arlington Esplanade, Clifton Beach, completed



# BE READY

# CAIRNS

## Cairns Disaster Dashboard

Stay informed this wet season



- Emergency news
- Road conditions
- Power outages
- Flood cameras
- Weather warnings

[www.disaster.cairns.qld.gov.au](http://www.disaster.cairns.qld.gov.au)



Ask yourself these three questions

### 1 What's my risk?

### 2 Where will I go?

### 3 Can I survive for at least three days without power and running water?

Being ready for disasters is a shared responsibility between emergency services and communities. People who are well-prepared know what to do and can look after themselves. It's important to be ready for whatever may happen, particularly when weather conditions are becoming increasingly unpredictable. Understanding these risks is especially important for new residents to Cairns.

## 1 What's my risk?

Being prepared for a natural disaster is all about knowing your risk. If you live in a low-lying area prone to flooding, you could also be affected by storm surges. You can find out your hazard zone at Council's website.

**Storm tide zone:** Storm surge is a significant rise in the ocean level caused by a cyclone. Council has three storm tide zones according to severity – red is the most at risk (closest to sea level), followed by orange and yellow. If you're not in a storm surge area you are in a white zone.

→ Search for your storm tide zone and plan your evacuation route at [cairns.qld.gov.au/stormsurge](http://cairns.qld.gov.au/stormsurge)

**Flood zone:** There's flooding in Cairns every wet season. Thankfully, it's normally minor but wet season flash flooding can rise and become dangerous very quickly. Areas near waterways within the Barron Delta and Russell and Mulgrave River catchments, are more likely to flood. Consider the risk of flooding along your evacuation route and at your property.

→ You can find flood maps at [cairns.qld.gov.au/flooding](http://cairns.qld.gov.au/flooding)

## 2 Where will I go?

Having a disaster and evacuation plan means you will be prepared no matter the situation.

What's your plan?

**Discuss these questions when preparing your plan.**

- What risks do we face? Do we live in a low-lying area that could flood or be in a storm surge zone?
- Will we evacuate, or shelter in place?
- If we evacuate, where will we go and how will we get there?
- Have we planned a back-up evacuation route in case roads are cut, or are impassable because everyone is trying to leave at the same time?
- Where will we meet? Remember that your household members may be at work, school, studying, shopping or visiting friends.

→ Use our Household Emergency Plan template [cairns.qld.gov.au/emergencyplan](http://cairns.qld.gov.au/emergencyplan)

## Important information about evacuation and storm tide shelters

In a cyclone, Council advises evacuation based on storm surge, not wind. Residents in storm tide zones can evacuate to a public storm tide cyclone shelter. If you don't live in a storm tide zone, you may be refused entry.

Public storm tide cyclone shelters are a place of last resort for residents who have nowhere else to go. They are designed to save lives by housing the maximum number of people - there are no beds, you'll have a plastic chair to sit in, and there aren't any cooking facilities.

### Sheltering in place

If you aren't in a storm surge area, and live in a property built after 1984\*, your best, and most comfortable option is to shelter at home. Choose the strongest room in your house, normally the bathroom, and take your household emergency kit with you.

Residents concerned about sheltering at home should have a plan to stay with family or friends outside the hazard area.

\*In 1984 building standards were changed to ensure homes were more cyclone resilient.

## 3 Can I survive for at least three days without power and running water?

**If a natural disaster strikes, electricity and water supplies could be cut; phones and internet may not work; the airport, port, roads and bridges could be damaged; and shops and petrol stations may be closed.**

It may take several days for it to be safe for emergency crews to begin repair works and supply lines to reopen.

If an emergency occurs, you need to be self-sufficient for at least three days.

A household emergency kit is a must. Use any type of sturdy, easy-to-transport boxes or bags to pack your emergency kit.

A disaster can strike at any time. Pack or check your emergency kit now to avoid the last-minute rush if disaster strikes.

Check your kit regularly to ensure food is in date, batteries are okay and your cash supply is intact.

## Emergency kit checklist

Each kit should have enough supplies and basic necessities for everyone in your household including:

- 10 litres of water per person
- Non-perishable food (eg canned, dried)
- Can opener, cutlery and cooking equipment
- Small portable cooking stove
- Waterproof matches and lighters
- First aid kit and manual
- Essential medications, prescriptions and dosages
- Toilet paper and personal hygiene items
- Toiletries - toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitiser, soap
- Battery/wind-up torch or lantern
- Battery powered or wind-up radio
- Mobile phone and powerbank
- Plastic garbage bags, ties
- Utility knife or multi-tool

## STAY INFORMED

### Disaster Dashboard

The Cairns Disaster Dashboard publishes real-time information on road conditions, weather warnings, and power outages.

It includes flood and traffic cams, storm tide zones and evacuation routes.

→ [disaster.cairns.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.cairns.qld.gov.au)



### Radio

A battery-powered radio is the best tool to keep you informed when the power is out.

ABC Far North has several channels  
801AM, 95.5FM, 106.7FM

Bumma Bipperra Media - 98.7FM

Cairns Community Radio - 89.1FM

### Cairns Alert

Sign up for Cairns Alert to receive crucial emergency information (such as evacuation advice) by text message to your phone.

→ [Opt-in at cairns.qld.gov.au/cairnsalert](https:// Cairns.qld.gov.au/cairnsalert)

### Social media

Our Cairns Disaster Centre Facebook page provides updates before, during and after an event.