

Celebrating our unsung community heroes

Insurance Costs

Council continues to lobby the Federal Government to take action to address insurance premiums.

At a recent meeting, Insurance Council of Australia representatives informed that insurers were pulling out of areas and either not offering insurance or raising premiums to non-affordable levels as the areas were "not profitable".

Whilst we accept that all businesses are entitled to make profit, we do not consider it appropriate that insurers are allowed to pick and choose the areas in which they will or won't operate to the exclusion of others, based on profitability.

Insurance has always been considered a broad based industry on the notion of risk share and the Federal Government must ensure against the ability to pick and choose areas of operation, when considering licenses to conduct insurance business.

We have very good local insurance brokers so please seek advice when renewing your insurances so as to maximize your protection at the best available price.

Digital News

Many people are expressing frustration about not being able to read local news digitally without having to subscribe and pay. Some even mention that they are missing out on the news because they do not have the equipment to subscribe.

Whilst I can sympathise with these people, it must be noted that the method of publishing news is a corporate decision made by the relevant publishing agencies.

Council is aware that many in our community are not connected to digital media and that is why Council continues to use traditional newspapers for its advertising and news needs.

The simple fact is that the use of social and digital media for news is a form of conditioning. Remember what a few banks did in our area recently. Taught everyone how to use internet and associated banking – then closed the walk in branches on the basis that they were no longer needed.

I accept that news in digital format is quick and convenient and is the way of the future and that people are entitled to choose as to how they receive their news. But I fear the day when our newspaper announces that there will be no more Herbert River Express "because everyone wants their news on smart phones". No more newspaper and no more 4-6 jobs in the community. That is the dilemma we face with the technological world that is happening.

Community Volunteers

Volunteers are a very valuable and irreplaceable part of our community.

Without volunteers the standards we enjoy would simply not be there. Whilst many volunteers offer their time and services to worthy organisations such as Meals on Wheels, Visitor Information Centres, Galleries, Libraries, sporting and community based organisations, many other people fly very much under the radar, on their lonesome, helping the community by doing a job or jobs that no one would really think about, but which really helps our life and amenity along.

You never notice these people and you really take what they do for granted. One of these people is Ellis Huddy. Ellis has been cleaning and disinfecting the rubbish bins at Mona on a weekly basis for years and years - under the radar without fear or fame.

Unfortunately, some people tend to throw their bait and fish scraps in the bins and without Ellis' dedication one would imagine

the smell and condition of the bins.

On behalf of our community a big shout-out and thank you to Ellis. We really appreciate your effort.

Ellis' only request is that the people using Mona respect the bins and not dispose of fish scraps in same. 'A good fisher-

man knows how best to use and dispose of fish frames' said Ellis.

If you know any other unsung heroes in our community please let me know.

Ramon Jayo
Mayor



Photo: Mayor Ramon Jayo with Mr Ellis Huddy.



2019 North Queensland Sportstar Awards

The North Queensland Sportstar Awards are held to recognise the achievements of our outstanding North Queensland Athletes across all sports.

Nominations are now being called for a number of categories for the 2019 Awards.

Know a local sporting legend who you would like to nominate? This year all nominations are to be completed online via Council's website *Awards and Bursaries* page.

Please note that nominations close 5.00pm Friday 13 September 2019.



Seniors Lifestyle Directory Now Available

The Seniors Lifestyle Directory is a freely available resource for Seniors to use to stay informed and connected in the community.

To view the Directory, please visit Council's website, *Ageing in Place* page or collect a copy from Council's main office or at the Hinchinbrook Shire Library.

The Directory is an initiative of the Ageing in Place Advisory Committee.



Current Works Helens Hill and Bambaroo

Council wishes to advise that works are due to commence on **Monday 16 September 2019** on a number of unsealed roads in the Helens Hill and Bambaroo areas.

Ongoing works will occur between 6.00am and 6.00pm with a number of traffic conditions in place during these times.

Works are anticipated to be completed by **Friday 20 December 2019**, weather permitting.

For further information on current roadworks, please visit Council's website, *Roadworks* page or contact Council on 4776 7006.

Council takes this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and patience during this necessary phase of works.

Eligible works will be jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



Dungeness Marine Facilities Temporary Closure

Council wishes to advise that the Dungeness Commercial Wharf and the Dungeness Public Pontoon will be closed from **16 September 2019 to 30 September 2019**, subject to weather and material availability.

These scheduled works are to allow for pile replacement.

For further information, please contact Council's Infrastructure Services Delivery Department on 4776 4605.

Council takes this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and patience during this necessary phase of works.



Attention Local Suppliers, Contractors and Service Providers

HSC 19/33 – Supply of Council Uniforms

Offers are invited from local service provider(s) for the supply and delivery of Council uniforms as per the approved uniform list.

Offers close 2.00pm Wednesday 25 September 2019.

Further information is available by downloading the tender documents via Council's website, *Current Procurement and Tenders* page.



Experience Development Masterclass

Presented by Russel Boswell, BozOz

Date: Wednesday, 16 October 2019

Time: 5.30pm to 8.00pm

Cost: \$25.00 including light supper

For more information on the *Think Business Series*, or to book your spot please visit Council's website, Economic Development, *Business Workshops* page.



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