



Kowanyama News

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Pic by Chrystalyn Jones

Carl 'Romano' Douglas Jnr has been knocking them dead on the rodeo circuit this year with wins at the Chillagoe and Gordonvale rodeos. He has also been selected as part of the International Miniature Bullriders Association (IMBA) 2025 Mini Bull World Finals team, who will travel to Utah in September. Council is proud of you Jnr, keep up the great work!



FROM THE MAYOR ...



Council has secured \$8 million in funding for critical water infrastructure – a major investment that will help ensure the long-term reliability and sustainability of our water systems.

We are currently in Phase One of our community safety consultation, with valuable feedback already gathered from the public meeting held earlier this year.

This input is helping us identify key community concerns, including gaps in social services and the need for better community infrastructure.

These priorities will be reflected in our next budget and future strategic plans.

It was heartening to see such strong community support for our Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness march (pics next page).

Thank you to everyone who continues to show up, speak out, and support a safer, stronger community.

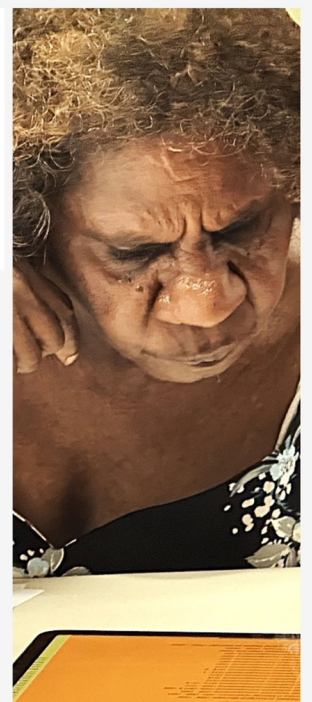
Mayor Territa Dick



We are counting down the days to Thursday, 17 July, when our Indigenous Knowledge Centre will be officially opened!

Refurbishment and a technical fit-out of our space in the MPC, where there will be access to the latest media tech to inquire, create and communicate our stories, is nearly ready to go. E-Sports competitive gaming, video drone piloting, professional audio recording, video capture and editing, digital art creating and ancestral researching, as well as training opportunities and skill development, will be on offer.

Watch this space for more!



Dulcie Patterson researching her family history at a recent State Library of Queensland workshop. Pic Mark Weaver.



Kowanyama's Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness march provided a culturally safe space for truth-telling, healing, and connection.

Mayor Territa Dick said there were with powerful stories shared, and support services on hand.

"Events like these are powerful reminders of the strength in unity and the importance of raising our voices against violence," she said.

"Council looks forward to hosting more events throughout the year that shine a light on key issues and create safe spaces for honest conversations."

She said it was a reminder that change starts with conversation, community, and collective action.

Council stands alongside our community in the ongoing fight to end domestic and family violence.

We thank all those who helped organise, participated in and supported this important event.



As we move through the year, our operational focus remains firmly on delivering the essential services our community relies on every day – from waste collection and maintenance to community programs and infrastructure delivery, CEO Kevin Bell writes ...

In parallel, we're working behind the scenes to ensure Council is well-positioned to respond to the needs identified through recent community consultations.

Our teams are assessing service gaps, planning future infrastructure projects and aligning internal resources to support both short-term improvements and long-term strategic goals.

Thank you to our staff, partners and community members who continue to contribute to building a more resilient and responsive Council.



Staff undertaking Authorised Officer Training. Left to right is Animal Control Officers Reynold Jupiter and Julieus Bernard, Building Service's Manager Darryl Pollard Jnr, Governance Officer Danael Maltby and Acting Governance Manager Chris McLaughlin.



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