



Kowanyama News

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This year's Annual Australian Local Government Assembly was held in Canberra and attended by all of the above from Queensland including Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, Cherbourg Mayor Bruce Simpson and Torres Shire Mayor Elsie Seriat (front row). Mayor Dick is also pictured (inset) with Australian Governor General, Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC. More than 1500 elected officials and CEOs from Local Governments across Australia attended ALGA this year to a theme of "National Priorities need local solutions".

Budget prioritises infrastructure

Council adopted the new financial year's budget at its Ordinary Meeting late in June, Mayor Territa Dick says.

"The 25/26 budget reflects not only financial responsibility, but our collective vision for a more vibrant, functional, and connected community," she said. "This year, we've made infrastructure upgrades and town beautification a clear priority. "From improved streets and green spaces to revitalised town centres and public amenities, this budget lays the foundation for a place we can all take pride in—whether you live, work, or visit here. Council thanks the community for there feedback into the development of this years budget and the big thanks to the CEO and Ops team especially Councils Executive Manager Corporate and Financial Services, who we know put a lot of effort putting this together for Council."



Key budget points are:

- New apprentices and trainees
- New public toilets and seating areas in public spaces
- Upgrades to parks, council fencing and signs.
- Funding for grassroots programs in women's services, Our Learning Our Way, cultural centre and an Indigenous Knowledge Centre as well as community and cultural events.

ARO Training

Our Airport team have successfully complete re-certification of their Airside Reporting Officer training. This is a requirement of any and all staff that work with aircraft at aerodromes.



Cert III Water Training - Nathan Holness

Essential Services Water Officer, Nathan Holness has been travelling across the Cape Communities completing training sessions towards a Certificate III Water Industry Operator accreditation.

Nathan has completed blocks in Mapoon and Aurukun to date, with blocks in Pormpuraaw, Napranum and Lockhart River coming up.

Nathan also recently attended the Indigenous Local Government Drinking Water Symposium in Weipa.

These experiences and training Nathan will bring back into Kowanyama to ensure that our drinking water complies and meets our Drinking Water Quality Management plan and is reliable for our Community.

Roads Projects

Our new street signs have been installed and look great!

Road safety programs have also begun with new speed humps installed along Chellikee St.

Pindi St road re-development and drainage works are full steam ahead, with new sections of concrete pavement being laid, as well as new lay-back kerb.

Drainage swales have also been excavated behind the sub division to improve storm-water movement during wet season and stop localised flooding around Man Narkrh St.

Thanks for the patience of the residents whilst the works are underway.

Emergency works have been completed on Kowanyama-Dunbar road, Shelfo Rd, Topsy and out to South Mitchell.

KASC have also undertaken restoration works for Carp Shire along Dunbar road heading towards Mareeba. Anyone who has driven the road to Cairns or Normanton lately will agree our KASC Roads Crew, made up of Wheels, Pigdog, Rueben and Smokey, have done an amazing job and have our main access road in fantastic shape.



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