

# KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

11 October 2019

Katherine Town Council is excited to launch what will be the first of many newsletters to our community.

The newsletter serves to provide a one-stop-shop for all things Katherine and an easy way to stay up to date on Council projects, grants and public news stories. It is hoped this newsletter will also provide helpful insights in the collaborations Katherine Town Council has with other governmental departments and local organisations, highlighting the amazing work being done by these front line services in addressing the areas of need within our community.

## Message from the Mayor

This newsletter, in addition to being a helpful communication resource, comes off the back of the noted need for further dialogue such as the 'Let's Talk, Katherine' community forum held in May 2018. This forum saw passionate community members come together to raise issues of concern in a constructive manner, with all relevant local and Territory government departments in attendance. Attendees particularly raised their concerns around crime, youth engagement, education, mental health services and general community amenity.

With amazing work occurring across all areas of our community, Katherine Town Council is also proud to compliment this with the redevelopment of highly valued community assets such as upgrades to the sportsgrounds and showgrounds. The highly publicised Hot Springs Project is nearing its completion (due December 2019) and the CBD Revitalisation Project will continue with a strong focus on community amenity, safety and connectivity.



The consultation for the Leight Creek bridge crossing has been completed with Tenders for construction to be released early in 2020.

Katherine Town Council is working to release land to the Northern Territory Government to begin the civil works and essential services to develop the Agribusiness Hub off Victoria Highway – another development supporting the growth of Katherine.

With a strong, coordinated effort from all corners of our community, Katherine can look towards a bright and prosperous future. We are the service centre for a vast region (nearly 400,000 square km's) and will continue to work towards developing our town and region for the benefit of locals which in turn benefits the tourism industry.





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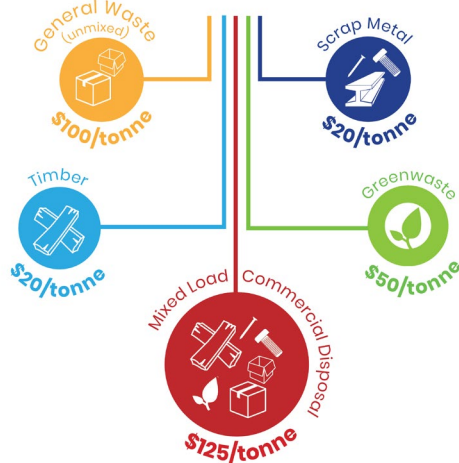
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Did you know the role of Deputy Mayor alternates through the electoral term? At Katherine Town Council the role rotates from one Elected Member to another every 8 months, giving all Elected Members an opportunity to fill the role.

## SEPARATE & SAVE.



### Seperate & Save on Waste

The Katherine Town Council have increasing the rate of MIXED COMMERCIAL waste to \$125 per tonne. The 'Separate & Save' incentive is aimed at encouraging separation of waste to optimise the Councils ability to recycle, creating a more sustainable waste management service for the community. For more information call 8972 5500.

**There are no changes to domestic waste charges.**

### Sportsgrounds Lights back up & Running

After the Cockatoos damaged the Oval 2 Sportsgrounds lights, leaving the oval in darkness, Katherine Town Council are happy to announce the lights have been replaced and are in full working order again. Measures have been put in place to ensure this issue doesn't reoccur, including the installations of improved light fixtures and bird scarers. Katherine Town Council would like to thank the community for their patience and cooperation whilst repairs were undertaken.



# Katherine Hot Springs

The Katherine Hot Springs has been a regular topic within the community, particularly with the latest announcement of a \$1.5M transfer from the CBD Revitalisation project funding. After commencing construction in 2016 the original works were paused in 2017 after issues were identified in the structural integrity of some areas. Studies and approvals were accomplished and rectification works commenced in July 2019 under the guidance of a highly experienced project manager and the delivery by an accomplished civil construction firm, DAC Enterprises.

Stage one (1) works included the bank rectification works which are nearing completion and will achieve a significant milestone in a project that has experienced sizeable setbacks. Stage two (2) involves the upper section consisting of park upgrades, landscaping and beautification works.

Considering the significance of this community asset, the public’s interest and the length of this project Katherine Town Council considers it is of the utmost importance to see the completion of this project. Despite the significant delays previously experienced, rectification works are progressing well with construction scheduled to be completed by December 2019.

Katherine Town Council would like to extend our thanks to the entire community for your patience during this time and we look forward to providing an upgraded asset for the enjoyment of the community and visitors alike.



^ Geocell being installed for erosion control measures.

Australia Day  
Citizen of the Year Awards  
**2020**



CELEBRATING PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Citizen of the Year Awards

Citizen of the year nominations are now open! Nominate someone who makes a real difference in your community and give them the opportunity to be rewarded and recognised for their contribution. Nominate someone for Citizen, Senior Citizen, Young Citizen or Community Event of the Year. For more information or to make a nomination visit the Katherine Town Council website.  
[www.katherine.nt.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.katherine.nt.gov.au/whats-on)

# CBD Beautification

Katherine is coming alive with colour with the installation of a number of murals through the CBD.

Katherine Town Council has worked closely with the Department of Chief Minister and Katherine Regional Arts to install two (2) commemorative murals, acknowledging significant aspects of our community.

The Katherine Flood mural, located in the proximity of the Shell Service Station depicts and commemorates the progress of the Katherine community since the devastating 1998 Floods (designed by local resident Mandy Tootell).

The Defence inspired mural, located on Railway Terrace in the proximity of the Cenotaph, highlights the important and long-standing connection the military has in Katherine and will compliment commemorative events held at the Cenotaph (designed by Territory artist David Collins).

The Katherine Public Library has also benefited from a major signage upgrade, calling for readers ‘to get lost in your imagination’. The library sign was designed with the intention to be vibrant and recognisable, to

those in the community and passing through as well as to add value to the immediate streetscape of the CBD.

These projects help beautify Katherine and we encourage shop owners to submit applications for the Shopfront Beautification Grants which can provide up to \$5,000 towards works that encourage an improved streetscape. Does your shopfront need a little touching up? For the guidelines and application visit: [www.ktc.nt.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.ktc.nt.gov.au/whats-on)



## Katherine Visitor Centre BEST YEAR YET!

Great news coming from the Katherine Visitor Information Centre with 2018/19 being the Centres best year yet for booking values. With over \$1.34M in total booking values for 18/19, the Centre quickly followed this achievement with a new monthly sales record in July 2019 and an increase in the average stay of visitors, pushing out to 3-4 nights. These figures are only representative of the Visitor Information Centre’s trade however help demonstrate another successful year for the tourism industry.

The Visitor Information Centre offers more than just information/booking for tourists. We encourage Katherine residents to go in and discuss what activities are available in Katherine or book tours/accommodation for your next holiday in other locations including the Top End, Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia. We cover a large region and the staff are full of information. You can also buy souvenirs and gifts whilst enjoying a coffee on the verandah.

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