We have now coming to the end of another financial year which has skipped by very quickly but many things have been achieved in the time. The council is in a good financial position to meet the challenges and needs of the community in the coming financial year due to good management by council staff.

Much needed new equipment for the council staff to do their work more effectively and upgrading of infrastructure around the town.

The handing over of more new homes to families of Doomadgee Community. Now having our own apprentice's on the job with the construction of more new houses down in the village. It’s great to see local men building houses for local people this is a major step forward for the community.

The past month has been a busy time for council with a trip to Palm Island for the Indigenous Leaders Forum, all the mayors and many councilors from around the Cape region attended. It was a productive couple of days for all in information delivered on many topic concerning the region as a whole.

Myself, Vernon Ned, the CEO Rod Richardson, Garry Jeffries Project and Infrastructure Manager, Adam Seiler Corporate Services Manager made a trip to Gunbalanya in the Arnhem Land NT to look at their abattoir and meat processing plant also their wet canteen which works well for the whole community of Gunbalanya.
Project Supervisor Shane Robinson said the work is proceeding in a timely manner with the boys working hard to complete the goals set out in building program for the new houses. The boys are all trying new things and are eager to learn which is great to see.

The new addition to the council fleet of works machinery. The CEMENT TRUCK will be used in the building of the new house being built by council and general works around town.

Gavin AhWing has been on the job learning how to operate this new machine with all its many leavers and buttons.
The first 2 weeks of June a Silk Felting workshop was held for the women of Doomadgee. Kaylene and Kylie discovered this work whilst on a visit to Mornington Island and thought this would be something the Doomadgee women of all ages would like to do.

The workshop was conducted by Donna Brown, a well-known person in the art world, and under her guidance in just 9 days, 31 pieces were completed to a high standard.

Several of the items were modelled by the Bushfire Softball girls at an event on Wednesday night the 18th of June followed by an exhibition of all items at the Youth Hub on the 19th of June.

The process of silk felting is easy and the results are very rewarding. One piece was sold on the night of the exhibition for a tidy sum of money. More workshops will be held in coming weeks so keep listening to the radio for times also poster will be put up for times when you can come to the Hub and produce your own works. Kaylene will be able to assist you to make a wonderful piece or work.

This was funded in part by Indigenous Regional Arts Department Fund, Queensland Government and Prime Minister and Cabinet, Federal Government under Breaking the Cycle Funds.
LOOKING BACK ON THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Big tidy up of the old cars getting crushed and taken away for recycling.

Council is seeing a lot of dead cars around town again in yard and on nature strips. These are a hazard and good place for snakes to hide.

If you want these removed get in touch with the Council Office and they will arrange to have them removed for you.

Youth Hub was opened in November it has great equipment in it BUT we would like to see many more youth taking advantage of this facility. It's for 16-25 year olds so if you are in this age group come along and join in the fun or just chill out.

Just one on the many new pieces of equipment that has been purchased over the past 12—24 months.

The new addition makes the men's job easier and quicker so they can move onto the next job.

Water line being connected to the PCYC Oval to keep it green and good to play on.
Leak detection Course conducted this was one of the many types of training done to upskill council staff.

We said a sad farewell to Carlene who went to the NT to be with Walter who also left our works force to take up a mentoring position at Bachelor College for a few months and be closer to their children who attend boarding school in Darwin. Carlene pictured with Gavin and Kyanne baby Jai who is coming up for 1 in the next couple of weeks.

COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO RE-MIND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO BE VIGILANT ON LOOKING OUT FOR PEOPLE OR KIDS WHO ARE DAMAGING PROPERTY THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO THEM. PLEASE TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY WHETHER IT BE THE KIDS TO GET OUT OF THERE AND STOP BREAKING THINGS LIKE BRICKS AT THE NEW BUILDING SITE. BRICKS THAT ARE BEING USED TO BUILD HOUSES FOR DOOMADGEE FAMILIES. CALL THE POLICE OR COUNCIL 47459090 OR 47458351

Our new office in Cairns giving the girls in Cairns much more needed work space to do their work in.

The building also gives much more archiving room for records so they now have room to put their files on shelves and not on the floor like in the previous one room office in the building they shared with other.

New Crib Room for the Outdoor Staff giving them their own space for morning meetings, make a cuppa to get them going with their early starts.
GET YOUR MATES TOGETHER AND TRY OUT EQUIPMENT HAVE COMPETITION ON WHO CAN COMPLETE THE MOST OF EACH EXERCISE. THERE ARE 5 DIFFERENT UNITS TO TRY.

Vet Visit held in May

Melissa giving some handy advice to some young horse owners on how they should look after their horses:

1. When riding give the horse a spell from continual riding as they get tired and need a drink and a feed just like you if you do a lot of running around.

2. Horses need lots of fresh grass as they graze all day so they need a big area to roam in.

3. If you put your horse in a small paddock make sure it has plenty of fresh hay, fresh water and shade.

4. If your horse is a young pony don’t ride it till it grows up a bit as its bones need to toughen up but you can still lead him, feed him, brush him down so you get know each other and then when he has grown up a bit more then ride him.

5. **DON’T TREAT YOUR HORSE ROUGH** as we are sure you don’t like being treated roughly.

The vet will be out again in late August for another visit, so if you have unwanted puppies or kittens we can take them or if you have any dog that you and don’t want them to have any more puppies the vet can help there as well.
NEW STAFF MEMBER FOR THE YOUTH HUB
Brendan Peter has joined Kaylene at HUB so come along
Open 1.45pm to 10.pm Monday to Friday

COME TO THE HUB AND CHECK OUT THE COOL WALL ART
AND CREATE YOUR WORKS ON CANVAS OR THE WALL IN MIDDLE PARK
COME AND SEE US FOR MATERIALS

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UPCOMING JEWELRY WORKSHOP
August the 17th is the start of a 2 week jewelry workshop that will be happening at the Youth Hub for 2 weeks so come along and make ear rings pendants and rings from silver and semi precious stone. The work shop is open to who ever wants to join in. The workshop is free so you get to take your pieces home with you. This workshop is open to both male and female participants. Come along for a short time or a long time it doesn’t matter.

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN
Who do I ask ...
If I didn't get a Council job and I don’t know why: Make an appointment through Carlene at the office to see the H.R who will talk about it with you.

If I want to get some maintenance repairs done on my house: Come to the Council office and ask for Scharrayne. She will help you. Or call 1300 650 912, the blue phone at the Housing Office is available for you to call about your house.

School Excursion by the Year 7 Science Students to the Doomadgee Water Plan

Ms. Leonard's year 7 science students had a conducted tour from the river to the Water Treatment Plant in Akehurst Street.

The tour was conducted by Mr. Chris Toby the Water Plant Operator for Doomadgee and he explained how the water is pumped from the river and the processes it goes through to come out clean and treated into our homes.

The Doomadgee Council was please that the students gained first hand informative information about our water in the community and why we shouldn’t waste it.