

Mayor's Message



It was a great opportunity to join the Minister for Regional Development, the Hon Jaala Pulford this week to acknowledge the completion of the Foster Main Street Redevelopment Project. For those who don't know, the project provided streetscape upgrades for improved parking and drainage, heavy vehicle diversion, visual features and general street appeal. The main street now looks fantastic and it is expected that it will be a catalyst for greater retail expenditure by residents, holiday-home owners and tourists. This is expected to have a flow-on effect to property values for further prosperity in the region.

We are thankful that the State Government contributed \$500,000 from the Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund towards the much-needed project following Council's contribution of \$1.2 million. Without this additional funding the project would simply not have been possible. We are also thankful for the Foster Chamber of Commerce and Foster Community Association whose members were great leaders for this project. Projects that have strong community ties are always beneficial and the Foster Main Street Redevelopment Project has been no exception.

For those of you who haven't seen the completed works yet it certainly is a great excuse to head to Foster to see the changes. Anyone visiting on Thursday (12 July) is encouraged to head to the Manna Gum Community Centre for NAIDOC Week celebrations.

NAIDOC Week this year is focusing on the essential role that women have played – and continue to play – as active and significant role models at the community, local state and national levels. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Council is supporting the event which will have a range of activities for children including storytelling, textiles, damper cooking, colouring and drawing. The rest of the family will also be entertained by Radio 3MFM's outside broadcast and music alongside a free afternoon tea.

It certainly is expected to be a wonderful day and I hope many of our community members can join in and celebrate.

Cr Lorraine Brunt
Mayor