

Council Corner

Your October 2014 update from Mayor Peter Long



Construction of our new hospital

Finally, after years of planning, the construction of our new hospital has commenced. Officially called the Karratha Health Campus, this \$200 million project will be another game changer for Karratha, providing state-of-the-art facilities in a 'one stop shop' for health care, bringing together in the one place services such as acute care, population health and community mental health and drug services.

The first stage is the bulk earthworks, which involves building up the hospital site and the creation of a new road around the north side of Pelago, joining Balmoral and Searipple Roads. This new road will eventually provide direct access

for traffic to each end of town without having to drive through the CBD. You may have seen the fencing installed to keep the public out of the work area as you drive along Balmoral.

Trucks importing the soil for the new road and the hospital site began their work a couple of weeks ago. They are bringing material from a pit on the Roebourne side of town and to ensure safe passage of vehicles, temporary traffic lights have been installed at the intersection of de Witt Road and Dampier Highway. We actually have black-spot funding to upgrade this intersection and permanent turning lanes and traffic signals will eventually be installed there.

Prior to this work starting, the Warambie Population Health building had to be moved from its site. New temporary premises have been erected in the grounds

of the Nickol Bay Hospital.

This new facility will improve health care for the West Pilbara community through better integration and co-location of services and improved information technology. It will have a state-of-the-art emergency capability with a significant focus on ambulatory care and will support the smaller health services in Roebourne, Wickham, Tom Price, Onslow and Paraburdoo.

Construction of the hospital superstructure is planned to start in October 2015 and will require 24 months to complete. Handover and Operations Commissioning is scheduled to commence in November 2017 and full hospital operations should begin 3 months later in February 2018.

Mayor Peter Long
City of Karratha



Dampier hub

A new multipurpose community hub for Dampier is on the cusp of becoming a reality following the completion of detailed design for the \$18 million facility.

[Read more about the Dampier Hub >>](#)



Boost for local events

A range of events will fill the year thanks to the Major Events Sponsorship Scheme.

[Read more about the scheme >>](#)



Storm surge policy

The new policy gives clarity to property owners in high storm surge risk areas

[Read more about the policy >>](#)



Tourism advisory group

A group will be formed to guide the growth and development of tourism in the city.

[Read more about the group >>](#)



Hampton Harbour Lights Up

Join us to celebrate Light the Night Twilight Tunes and Guy Fawkes Night

[Read more about the event >>](#)