

The new
FLINDERS STREET
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Specialty stores, cafés and bars still open

Markets open every Sunday

BENJAMIN AND AMBROSE RETURN TO FLINDERS

Two famous faces that form part of the history of Flinders Mall have been welcomed back to Flinders Street.

After more than 30 years of sitting in a fountain, surviving theft of a trumpet and vandalism, Townsville's famous brass statues, Benjamin and Ambrose, have returned to Flinders Street.

These two old friends of the street were removed in May last year to be cleaned and restored to their original beauty. They have been installed on concrete plinths in a garden bed outside the Cowboys Leagues Club.



STOKES STREET UPDATE

Lower Stokes Street is really starting to take shape. The exciting Flinders Square is well underway with a hive of construction activity. While lower Stokes is home to the pavilion and Flinders Square, upper Stokes Street will have wide footpaths, a taxi rank, centre parking, parallel parking and fig trees. Construction crews are working hard to complete a huge amount of underground works before the above ground features can be seen. In the coming months, landscaping, paving and lighting will be installed to beautify this run-down section of the redevelopment project.



Upper Stokes



The Pavilion



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Aerial view of Upper Stokes and the unopened portion of Flinders Street

CBD DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

The development of the CBD is a priority for council and the Townsville Chamber of Commerce. To encourage uptake by developers and new businesses, council is offering a range of facilitative, financial and regulatory incentives. These incentives aim to achieve the economic development and growth objectives of 30,000 people working and living in the CBD by 2030.

The *CBD Development Incentives Program* has been developed to provide an immediate stimulus for desirable development, and includes:

- » resources dedicated to streamlining the development approvals process
- » relaxation of allowable works construction hours
- » assistance with road/footpath closure approvals
- » waiving of development application fees and charges for applicable projects
- » relaxed car parking requirements
- » exemption from rates and utilities charges during construction
- » concessions on headworks contributions.

An objective of the *CBD Development Incentives Program* is to create favourable financial conditions to complement the \$57 million redevelopment of Flinders Street in attracting investment in a much improved CBD retail mix. For more details, contact Commercial Development Officer, Planning and Development, Townsville City Council, on 1300 878 001 or email: investtownsville@townsville.qld.gov.au

WHAT'S ON?

FULL THROTTLE THEATRE COMPANYS WINE & CHEESE NIGHT IN THE CITY

UNWIND, RELAX AND ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT BY LOCAL MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

- Venue » Court Theatre, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Street
Time » Every Friday 4.30pm - 12 midnight
Presented by » Full Throttle Theatre Company
Contact » 4721 5433

HUMANOID DISCOVERY

UNTIL SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011

This travelling exhibition developed by *Scitech Perth* explores different body functions and organs and how they all work together to produce a being that can walk, talk, breathe and play.

- Venue » Museum of Tropical Queensland, 70-102 Flinders St. Townsville
Time » 9.30am - 5pm
Cost » Free for locals
Presented by » Museum of Tropical Queensland
Contact » 4726 0600

FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Flinders Street Redevelopment is a partnership between the Townsville City Council (\$21.5 million), the Queensland Government (\$18.9 million) and the Federal Government (\$16.2 million).

