

# THE ROUNDUP



St. George Project Services

Our Team... Your Success

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## BRENDEN'S BROADCAST

Well I guess the world has changed since the last newsletter due to some individual whom decided to eat a bat. Anyway there is enough commentary on Covid-19 within the remainder of the newsletter so I will not say anything further.

All staff working on TMR projects are currently working from home or remotely at site. Everyone else is working as per normal and utilising available technology where required to do so. We received advice late last Friday that we missed out on a 4 year project based in Ingham for the Great Barrier Reef Foundation. Whilst it was disappointing it gave us two new potential staff members and we will continue to try and seek relevant opportunities in this this area providing program and project management services. Also we missed out on the superintendency on the TCC leachate project at the Stuart landfill. Feedback was that we were beaten on price by DPM Water.

Next week I am expecting to hear the outcome of the Magnetic Island Recycled Water Irrigation project, as tender evaluations are being completed this week with recommendations being put forward for approval next Tuesday. Other tenders that we are currently bidding on or have bid on are the Local Buy Tender Panel, Cairns Regional Council Panel, Fraser Coast Regional Council Program Management on a large 4 year program of works and have been told that TMR Townsville will be looking to seek RFQ's from the market for a Planning role similar to what Simon and Mil have undertaken in recent years both here in Townsville and Cairns. Hecht to Yuruga to the north of Townsville is currently to market and at this stage we are looking at options to bid it outright or to provide resources to another bid. We are conscious that Ring Road 5 will go to market later in the year as well and therefore trying to plan ahead with resourcing.

We are awaiting the outcome of TMR Mackay 10 projects that went to market at the time of the last newsletter and are continuing with all previous projects. Clint is on DRFA works with TMR Townsville and Bec is taking some time off out at Richmond but is available to assist Wally as required. E2G will slow a little toward the end of this month until the design components catch up. It is highly likely that an extension will be granted to Dan's TMR arrangements here in Townsville and we are awaiting the notification of that.

Given the situation and the early part of the year is now over I can advise that SGPS have managed to keep everyone going through the wet season and down time was at the least it has ever been for February and March. It is hard to believe that we are approaching Easter already and if things ramp up as they normally do after Easter we are going to be very busy.

One thing that is sure we are some of the lucky ones whom have not been directly impacted by the current circumstances and we all need to be very grateful that we can still work as there are many others that are not.

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to advise of a couple of incidents that have happened since the last newsletter. Paul Marano had is ute struck by a tail gate that flew open as a truck went past his vehicle, luckily no one was standing in that zone at the time. Also this one is not an SGPS one as such but is related to SGPS. The somewhat fragile but courageous young Penny St George was riding her motorbike on Wednesday afternoon and had an accident that required her to be in hospital over night with some minor surgery required for a puncture wound to her upper leg. Penny is fine and recovering well and we are all wishing her well.

Hope you have a great Easter whatever your plans are and enjoy time with family and friends and most importantly STAY SAFE.



### COMPUTER HEALTH

Now is the perfect time to make sure your computer is running efficiently.

If you've had any issues i.e. programs/apps crashing, file errors, slow opening of files, or even if something strange is going on with your computer, please send Sheree an email with details on the problems you're experiencing.

The fix may be as simple as an update, a restart, or uninstalling a problem app!

Whatever the problem, we will help to sort it out.



With most people obligated to stay home this Easter, we hope you take this opportunity to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

For those working over the long weekend, please don't hesitate to call Brenden, Jodie, or Sheree on their mobiles for assistance.

HAPPY EASTER, TEAM!

### THANK YOU!

On behalf of team Brave for Ari, I would like to say thank you! We have raised a total of \$10,056.64 for the Leukemia Foundation.

- Jodie





Leslie Creek Bridge – Tablelands Regional Council

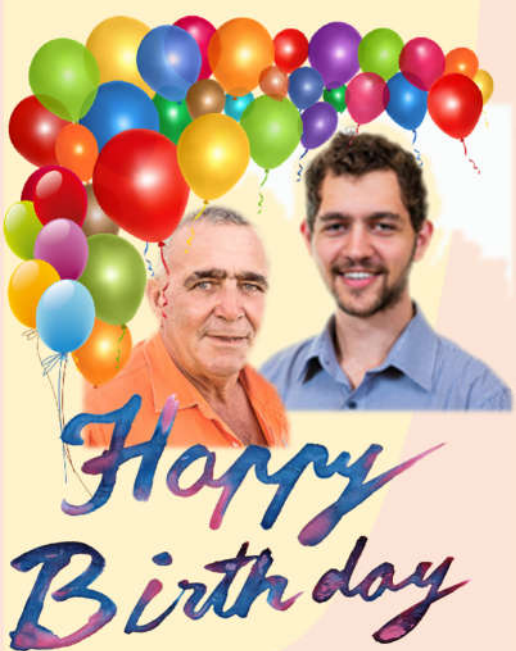


With the recent government regulations regarding social distancing now in place, many of our Engineers have begun working from home.

SGPS have recently compiled a Working From Home Plan for employees to read. This plan outlines all issues associated with WFH arrangements, and discusses expectations of both SGPS and the employee. If you haven't yet received a copy, please let our admin team know.

Creating a safe, comfortable, and efficient WFH environment is our top priority. Feel free to contact admin if there are any stationery items, or tech accessories you need in order to make your WFH experience top-notch!

This week we received some photos of the luxury home office set-ups of our WFH Engineers. It's safe to say they're settling in nicely. **See page 3 for pics.**



# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

**Matt Schembri**, with assistance from **Dwayne Ellem** and **Paul Marano** are currently completing the Southern Suburbs Rising Main Project for Townsville City Council. Stage 1 is on track to be completed by June and Stage 2 by September 2020.



Going into a period of social distancing, self-isolation or quarantine may feel daunting or overwhelming, and can contribute to feelings of helplessness and fear. We encourage the following tips;

**Perspective** – try to see this time as unique and different, not necessarily bad, even if it is something you didn't necessarily choose

**Connection** – think of creative ways to stay connected with others, including social media, email and phone

**Be generous to others** – giving to others in times of need not only helps the recipient, it enhances your wellbeing too. Is there a way to help others around you?

**Daily routine** – create a routine that prioritises things you enjoy and even things you have been meaning to do but haven't had enough time. Read that book, watch that show, take up that new hobby.

Limit your exposure to news and media. Perhaps choose specific times of day when you will get updates, and ensure they are from reputable and reliable sources.

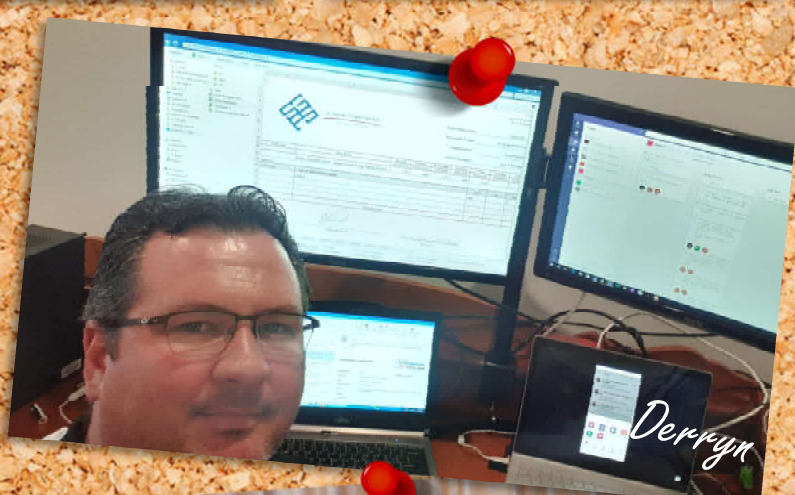
The above information has been sourced from lifeline. Please head to **[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)** for more information on how to look after your Mental Health during this time.



# WORK FROM HOME



Major (Dan)



Derryn



MIKE



Etienne



Shaun



JOSH



SIMON