




Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**  
**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### **Kenrick Park Master Plan; Trinity Beach Active Space**

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (9.46 am): As the Premier always says, we work best when we work together. I am proud to be part of a government that is partnering with councils across Queensland to make our communities even better. Together, we are improving livability in our towns and cities, making them even more attractive places to work, play and raise a family.

Right here in Cairns, we are working with the Cairns Regional Council to help deliver the Kenrick Park master plan for the Gordonvale community, just south of where we are today. The region is experiencing significant population growth. That is why we are investing \$3 million, matched by Cairns Regional Council, to deliver stage 1 of the Kenrick Park master plan. It will be designed to provide significant health and wellbeing benefits as well as improved connectivity for the community. Right now the park is underdeveloped, the skate park is outdated, the BMX track is dirt and the basketball court is in desperate need of an upgrade. Through stage 1 of the master plan, the new car park, seats and barbecues, cycle and walking paths, playground, pump track, dog park and basketball court will make an enormous and immediate impact for the 9,000 locals and many visitors to the area.

It does not stop there. Ten thousand people are expected to flock to Trinity Beach in the next 15 years, and I am sure all members would agree, after nearly a week in this beautiful part of the world, that it is not hard to see why. For the past 40 years or so, the current Trinity Beach Community Centre has been an important venue for local activities, hosting more than 470 events last year. For a range of community groups it is the space for everything from a charity shop to a playgroup space and a place for locals to go and perform martial arts, exercise and learn art. The current community centre will not be able to keep up with the significant population growth.

Today I announce that we are investing nearly \$1 million in a new Trinity Beach active space. I know that the member for Barron River is particularly excited about this. Thanks to our \$935,000 investment, the new Trinity Beach activity space will be a fit-for-purpose facility around twice the size of the existing centre. The space will be delivered in a fifty-fifty funding arrangement with the Cairns Regional Council and will be in the same location, adjacent to the Trinity Beach kindergarten and Northern Beaches Youth Activity Space. Our government is investing not only in big things like the Cairns Marine Precinct that will create thousands of jobs but also in local infrastructure that protects and enhances our great Queensland lifestyle, especially here in Far North Queensland.