

## Mayor Amy Eden, Cairns Regional Council



Amy Eden was elected as Mayor of Cairns Regional Council in March 2024, following her term as Councillor for Division 5 from 2020 to 2024. She is the second woman to hold the office, following Val Schier.

A respected community leader, Mayor Eden brings a background in social services and program delivery, with a career focused on strengthening communities, fostering participation, and improving outcomes across Far North Queensland.

She has extensive experience working across government and the not-for-profit sector, with a strong focus on youth, families, mental health and First Nations communities. Her work has consistently centred on building inclusive, resilient communities and creating opportunities for people to thrive.

A long-term Cairns resident, Mayor Eden has called the region home since 2003 and has played an active role in community life. She has been recognised for her leadership and service through awards acknowledging her contribution to community and volunteer initiatives.

Mayor Eden is a strong advocate for Cairns as one of Australia's most significant regional centres and a gateway to the Pacific, recognising the city's unique position to drive economic, cultural and strategic connections across Northern Australia and beyond.

As Mayor, Amy Eden is focused on delivering a welcoming, innovative and future ready Cairns. Her vision is for a regional city that embraces opportunity while responding to the challenges of growth and change. This vision is grounded in five key priorities of lifestyle, community safety, innovation, sustainability and a diversified economy.

She is currently leading Council through a period of significant growth and opportunity, with a focus on shaping a city that is both liveable today and prepared for the future.

Her leadership is grounded in listening, accountability and delivering outcomes for the community, ensuring decisions are informed, transparent and focused on long term value.

This includes a clear focus on:

- Managing housing growth and affordability
- Strengthening water security and sustainable waste solutions

- Enhancing public safety and community confidence
- Driving innovation and economic diversification
- Responding to climate change and environmental pressures
- Protecting and enhancing the liveability that defines Cairns

Mayor Eden's leadership is characterised by a collaborative, community first approach, ensuring local voices are heard and decision making is transparent, inclusive and focused on long term outcomes. She is committed to working in partnership with all levels of government, industry and the community to deliver practical results for the Cairns region.

As Cairns marks its 150th year, Mayor Eden is helping to shape the city's next chapter, building on its strengths as a place of natural beauty, cultural diversity and opportunity, while positioning it confidently for the future.