

NEWS

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Dear Residents



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It has been another interesting year in Council and I hope you find this newsletter informative.

Cylinder Beach

After the Master Plan was adopted by Council, Council continued to work to refine the plan to something that both met the needs of the community and met the objectives of the Master Plan. The new plan has permanent space for approximately 28 car spaces. The balance of the area will be boom gated and opened up on busier days. Most of the year it will function as a passive recreational area and hopefully will be used by people for BBQs and gatherings. These plans are currently on show at the local library and to date no adverse comments have been received.

Toondah Harbour

Redland Shire Council has been proactively facilitating the necessary planning of the dredging operations. Council has lodged a Development Application with the Environmental Protection Agency to place dredged spoil at Mud Island. Redland Shire Council does not have a direct responsibility for dredging in Toondah Harbour. It is a public transport matter so dredging and channel maintenance is the responsibility of the Queensland State Government. Nevertheless, Council will be contributing \$350,000 to this project and we have agreement from the operators for the cost sharing of the dredging works. Ultimately, there needs to be a mechanism in place that facilitates the ongoing maintenance dredging of this harbour so the current situation never develops again.

Bikepaths

Queensland Transport, have included the on-road bikeway links between Dunwich, Amity Point and Point Lookout in the draft release of the Integrated Regional Cycling Network Plan (IRCNP). I have been pursuing this link as a priority for North Stradbroke Island and I believe it has a much better chance than Old Peat Mine Road for getting the necessary funding support.





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Toondah Harbour Precinct Plan

Council has been working with the various stakeholders in the Toondah Harbour precinct to come up with a plan to reorganise and redevelop that area. One of the key priorities is to provide an enhanced experience for the general community and travelling public. The plan will be available for public comment in 2007. I hope that it will give us some direction for the next financial year.

Amity Boat Ramp and One Mile Jetty

Council has continued to petition the State Government for funding to upgrade these facilities. I am hopeful that this may reach some resolution soon.

Mobile Phone Coverage

I often get comments about the poor quality coverage on the island for mobile phone users. I recently made representations to some of the major carriers and I am pleased to report that one will be soon upping their coverage in Cleveland, Amity and Pt Lookout so that from the mainland to the Point should be well covered.

Eco Tourism

Council recently partnered with Queensland Tourism, Redlands Tourism and Eco Australia to run a workshop on ECO Certification program for operators on Stradbroke Island. This program provides a quality assurance program for nature based and eco businesses. This is a small step forward in making sure that tourism on Stradbroke respects and builds on the values of the destination.

Point Lookout Water Pressure

Council has made a few pump control adjustments, which have had successful test results and should mean better water control and improved reliability for residents.

Island Time Festival

This festival had both positive and negative impacts on our local community. On the positive side there was a tourism benefit with about 600, mainly well behaved, people attending with the sole purpose of seeing the festival. There was also a cultural benefit exposing many in the community to a range of great talent and giving some of our indigenous and non-indigenous local talent a chance to show of their stuff. On the negative side there were noise and amenity impacts. My view is that this festival showed real promise and we need to work with organisers to minimise any future impacts on residents. Council officers have already met with organisers to discuss a range of issues and we will be closely monitoring any future event application.

Dunwich

Council has been coordinating with some pro-active locals to pretty up the Dunwich CBD area in time for Christmas. I hope many will join the Christmas celebrations that are being planned.

Thanks goes out to all those people who have been my eyes and ears in the division and have pointed out things that could be done better. And a big thanks to those people who have volunteered in some way that has brought benefit to the community.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!



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