

# NEWS

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## Dear Residents

Hope you have had a good Christmas break and enjoyed the New Years celebrations. I spent most of the Christmas break on Straddie with my family and am feeling refreshed and ready to take on the world in 2006. It has been a little while since my last newsletter, so let me cover some of the major issues that have happened.

### Water

Council introduced more severe water restrictions last year. Our current sustainable water yield for Leslie Harrison Dam plus our license level for Straddie bore fields and an adjusted figure of 8 ML/day for Herring Lagoon based on the recent dry period, provides a total average availability of 51 ML/day – variable with season. Our current use since more severe restrictions were introduced in early October last year is 39 ML/day. This is down from a high early last year of 49 ML/day. Thankfully, as a community, we have responded well and it has meant that at the end of last year Council was able to take a more relaxed attitude to water restrictions than other Councils. If you are unclear about the current watering regime please call Council on 3829 8539.

### Draft Planning Scheme

Council voted 6-5 to adopt a draft Redlands Planning Scheme for submission to State Government. I did not support the draft planning scheme. In my view, it did not accord with the wishes of the community. The scheme is likely to be finalised in March this year.

### Cleveland Showgrounds

At the end of last year Council voted 9-1 to adopt a masterplan for a \$5.1 million Cleveland Showground redevelopment. This plan was the result of a lot of consultation with both residents and user groups. The plan will be fantastic for many sporting and cultural groups and will allow increased access to the area for local residents.



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## Shade in Parks

I recently allocated a substantial amount of Community Benefit Fund money towards putting up some shade in our playgrounds. This will put some shade into Linear Park and William Ross Park. This was done as part of a Shire-wide project embraced by all Councillors. I hope that this Shire-wide approach to playgrounds will become a model for the future and that playgrounds will soon be funded as part of Shire-wide capital works budgets.

## Development in Shore St East

Just before the Christmas break Council voted to approve a six storey building adjacent to the Redlands RSL Club. I voted against the approval. There are 48 units and 57 car parking spots to be provided on site. I have some concerns that this level of car parking spaces will mean that cars will be forced to park out on the street. I believe that this will impact on the space available for RSL patrons. Further, under the draft planning scheme, this area will all one day be medium rise development. This will only further compound the problems.

## University Site in Birkdale

I have received a lot of support for Council's push to facilitate development of a University or Higher Education facility in the Redlands. You may remember that Council identified an area in Birkdale for such purposes in our Planning Scheme but that the State Government objected because it was in the Koala Coast area. State Government has since taken a relaxed attitude to other development in Koala sensitive areas and I hope that they would take a similar approach to our University or Higher Education development. Clearly such a development would be great for our kids, our business community and for the clean, green business future of the Redlands.

I have updated my website recently. So if you are interested in back copies of this newsletter, Stradbroke Island News columns, speeches and other material please log on to [www.craigogilvie.com](http://www.craigogilvie.com). I will continue to doorknock this year in an attempt to stay in touch with your views and concerns. Feel free though, at anytime, to contact me on the numbers listed if you have any Council-related concerns. I also encourage you to call if you see something that requires attention. I spend a lot of time walking and riding around the Division but the more 'eyes' that Council has - the better.

Until next time



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Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Ceremony  
at the Cleveland Cenotaph

