

NEWS from your • Local Councillor Redland Shire Council

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Dear Residents

Once again thank you for the support you have shown me over the past few months. Your involvement in Local Government issues is very welcome and I hope that you will continue to keep me up to date with your views and needs.

Cleveland CBD Expressions of Interest

The Expressions of Interest have been assessed and Council has made its decision. I believe that the community interest has been considered thoroughly and the right decision has been made. Residents need to remember to be open minded about the potential outcomes from this process and keep in mind that the Cleveland CBD has, from as long ago as the 1991 Development Control Plan, been slated to become a future economic, civic, residential and retail centre with general building height of 20 metres (dependent on design this could be five to six storeys). This position was confirmed by Council in the Redlands Planning Scheme 2006, and is also a policy setting of the State Government's Office of Urban Management.

With this in mind, it is my belief now, that the challenge for myself and Council is to do what we must, to make sure that the urban renewal outcome is the best possible for the community. I look forward to a future planning process that fully involves the community in deciding what their town centre should look like.

Redland Communities Online

One of my goals as a Councillor is to try and make sure that as the Redlands grows we don't lose that country town sensibility. One of the ways in which Council is doing that is the addition of the 'Communities Online' section on the Council website. It won't replace the 'town corner' chat but this website makes it easy for you to find, and communicate with other like-minded people in the community. Some of the categories include sport, seniors, education and the environment.

Neighbourhood Watch

Speaking of communities, NHW 12 (Smith to Bloomfield Streets & Russell to Beach Streets) could do with your help. Neighbourhood Watch is a good way to stay in touch with your neighbours and get the safety and security benefits that this brings. Meetings are held quarterly on the first Tuesday of the month. Enquiries to Frank Bradley on 3286 1473.



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Bloomfield Street Toilet Block Upgrade

The Bloomfield Street toilet block has recently been upgraded in a joint Security Improvement Program (SIP) initiative between Redland Shire Council and the State Government. Council secured SIP funding of over \$100,000 for the project, and in addition Council contributed approximately \$200,000. The upgrade came as a result of residents' concerns about the safety and security of the amenity and a high rate of anti-social behaviours occurring in and around the facility. Some residents have questioned the design. The facility has been re-built to comply with 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' principles. It has been designed and constructed to allow for surveillance and visibility of the amenity and surrounds.

Anzac Day

It was very pleasing to be part of a huge turnout at the Cleveland dawn service and then the Dunwich service later in the day. The large numbers show that, increasingly we are attending not only to remember the fallen, but to celebrate the legacy that they have left for us. LEST WE FORGET!

Climate Change

In the near future it is highly likely that we will be living in a carbon constrained economy with carbon trading a part of our everyday lives. This shift in economic winds will mean that it will become more lucrative for people to trade carbon offsets. With this in mind, I recently moved in Council that we investigate opportunities in our Shire to obtain carbon credits through the planting of trees. Potentially such a scheme could be a win for the environment, a financial win for Council, and a win for rural property owners who would be paid for the use of their land.

Guide to Parking in Cleveland

If you are having trouble finding a car parking spot in Cleveland, you will be pleased to know that Council has produced the Cleveland Parking Guide to assist. The guide has a map indicating the duration of parking in each of the streets and the number and duration of off street car parks within the Cleveland CBD. The guide can assist in planning your next trip to Cleveland as it clearly shows where to find the longer duration car parking areas on the periphery of the CBD, and the short stay spaces for quick visits. The guide is available in Council libraries and Customer Service Centres or by calling 3829 8949 to have one posted out.

Open Office - I will be at the following places on **Sunday 3 June**:

Morning		Afternoon	
Cnr of Wharf and Middle Streets	8.00am	In front of 84-88 Wynyard Street	12.00pm
Cnr of Middle and Channel Streets	9.00am	Cnr Haggup and Queen Streets	1.00pm
Island Street, William Ross Park	10.00am	Cnr Compass and Masthead Drive	2.00pm
Cnr of Russell and Passage Streets	11.00am	Cnr Smith and Long Streets	3.00pm
		Cnr Wellington and Queen Streets	4.00pm

Feel free though to contact me anytime on the numbers listed if you have any Council related concerns. I also encourage you to call if you see something that requires attention. The more 'eyes' that Council has - the better.

Until next time



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