

NEWS from your Local Councillor

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Dear Residents

Here we are, almost Christmas! Time flies when you are having fun! I hope this newsletter finds you full of cheer and ready for a good summer holiday.

A bit of local Council news, which I hope you find informative.

Cleveland Centre Master Plan

Many residents have asked me why this study is necessary. There are a number of reasons. Firstly, the State Government has deemed the Cleveland Centre as a 'Principal Activity Centre' (second highest level of centre in the region to the Brisbane CBD) and is requiring a greater mix of uses including increased residential occupancy/persons living in the centre. Secondly, the State Government is looking towards developing the railway station site and it is important to have a community and Council view about what should go there. Thirdly, small businesses in the centre are looking for a rejuvenated and attractive Centre that looks to longer term and deals with issues like building form, streetscape, pedestrian and public spaces, public transport and parking. Preliminary work has begun on this study with the forming of a community reference group and one public input/information session has been held. This session was not well attended. There are a lot of important questions being discussed like:

- Should some buildings be higher so that we can get more public space?
- Should a higher education campus be part of the CBD mix?
- What kind of outcome do we want at the railway station while acknowledging the current opportunities provided under the Redlands Planning Scheme?

I can only urge you to participate so that we get an outcome that you like.

Water

Premier Anna Bligh has announced that she is scrapping, for the time being, plans to take an extra 22 ML of water from Straddie per day. Preliminary advice has suggested that to take the water would be environmentally risky. The Water Resources Plan studies will continue. This means that we will have a good understanding about the impact of the current take. The Premier has demonstrated good faith on this occasion and now the 'horse is before the cart' where it rightfully belongs! As I write this, the amount of compensation that we get from State Government for our water assets is yet to be determined. This is a BIG issue for us all. This community derives an income from the water assets that goes into paying for things like roads, footpaths and parks. To lose this income will be very bad for us all.



News from your Local Councillor

Toondah Harbour Redevelopment

Council has been developing a Toondah Harbour Master Plan, which should be out for community consultation soon. As I live in the area and own my house, I have deliberately not involved myself in any debate on this plan while it has been discussed at Council meetings to ensure I meet my obligations under the Councillors' Code of Conduct. However I strongly urge that you do involve yourself.

Development Middle Street

The demolition that is being done at 148-150 Middle Street is in preparation for a five storey, 45 unit apartment building. This type of development in this area was made 'code assessable' under the recent Planning Scheme. In my view it was a bad step. As such, it didn't require that the public be notified and subject to the development meeting the design codes, the applicants had a legal right to insist that Council approve the plans. The proposed seven storey development on the corner of Passage and Middle Streets is 'impact assessable' because it goes over the height limit for code assessable development as prescribed by the Redlands Planning Scheme.

Remembrance Day

I was very pleased to be present at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to see the 11th tree in our new tree tribute to our war generation planted. These trees will grow to be a nice reminder to anybody who drives through the area of the contributions that have been made. In addition they should become an attractive entry statement to the Cleveland Point area.

Cleveland Swimming Pool

I was also very pleased to be at the opening of the Aquatic Centre refurbishments and extensions. I have had a lot of positive feedback and when ever I go to do some laps, the kids especially seem to be having a lot of fun and it is a joy to see.

Community Benefit Fund

I am pleased to have been able to provide local groups with funding from my Community Benefit Fund.

- Shades in Parks (\$11,500)
- Redlands Tourism (\$1,771)
- Cleveland Bowls Club (\$3,304)
- Point Lookout Surf Lifesaving (\$4,063)
- Playgroup Association (\$846)
- Cleveland Forum (\$374)
- Redlem Youth (\$1,000)
- VMR (\$575)
- Lions Club of Redlands (\$10,000)
- Stradbroke Youthlink (\$1,628)
- Redlands Scottish and Celtic Society (\$1,602)
- Point Lookout Boardriders (\$1,318)
- Redlands Swim Club (\$500)
- Amity Point Cricket Club (commitment of approx \$7,500 subject to funding approval)

Mobile Office

I will continue to run my mobile office randomly over the next four months. Feel free to call in and discuss any Council issues or just to say hello.

With Local Government elections in March next year this will be my last newsletter for the current electoral term. I would like to thank you for the support that you have shown me and the opportunity that you have given me to contribute to Division 2. It has been a good four years!

Yours sincerely



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