

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.

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.

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! Thanks to everyone who mobilised to protect the island. This victory is as sweet as the water.



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.



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Straddie Assault and Island Time

It was a bit of a gala weekend for the island but clearly there were some problems. These problems were magnified by both events being on the same weekend. A community meeting was held on 10 November 2007 to discuss the problems and Council officers will work with the Police, community groups and event organisers to ensure the events are managed more effectively next time.

Saltwater Murriss

It was pleasing to be at the official opening of the Saltwater Murriss Gallery/Shop recently. I have been a proud supporter of this venture and congratulate everybody involved. Around the same time, the bus stop mural painted by Saltwater Murri was installed at One Mile. This mural was partially paid for by my Community Benefit Fund. I think it is a great 'entry statement' and displays the talents of the artists beautifully. If you haven't already checked out this growing art group it might be wise to get on to it before the prices start going up.



Amity Petition

I recently tabled a petition from Amity residents requesting that Council resist approving 'small lot' houses in this township. The residents are worried about the town character being destroyed.

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. I've enjoyed it!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Ogilvie".

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Discussing Amity Boat Ramp with Phil Weightman MP