

NEWS from your • Local Councillor

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Dear Residents

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Where did the year go? Not long before Christmas! I hope that the recent wild weather has been kind to you and that you find the following news helpful.

Cleveland Aquatic Centre

The renovations to the pool have been completed in time for summer! There has been a lot of positive feedback and a lot of local kids are going to have a whale of a time this summer in the new area. It's pleasing as a local Councillor to see things like this come off.

Water

State Government investigations into the viability of an increased water take from Stradbroke Island are continuing. My thanks and congratulations go out to the very active community members who are ensuring that the investigations are thorough and appropriate.

The State Government has recently announced the finalised institutional water arrangements. Council will have virtually no involvement in water delivery but will be left with the responsibility of charging you for it if we choose to remain in the retail business. There is an option for Council to consider selling its retail business to a larger provider. Ultimately, the new prices for water will reflect the large water infrastructure projects being built in south-east Queensland.

Revised water restrictions are in place. The major difference is that residences with town water will only be allowed to wash their vehicles with a hand held hose or a high pressure water cleaning unit in the allotted hours. Full details are on Council's website, www.redland.qld.gov.au.

Cleveland Meals on Wheels

In my role as Councillor I deal with many worthwhile community groups. One of these is the Cleveland Meals on Wheels whose volunteers are a physical and spiritual lifeline to the wider world for many of our socially isolated elderly. Congratulations to all those who recently received recognition for years of volunteering.

Cleveland CBD

Soon you will have an opportunity to have a say in how you would like to see the CBD look in years to come. This is an important opportunity to have a say about your town centre. I urge you to take part.



News from your Local Councillor

Donald Simpson Centre 20 Years!

Congratulations also to the manager, committee and volunteers who contribute to the ongoing success of the Donald Simpson Centre. The number of 'seniors' in the Shire is predicted to increase threefold over the next twenty years. This centre is a hub for a range of activities that cater for seniors and along with RDCOTA, RAGOSI, and U3A gives us a good foundation to make sure that seniors are living interesting, active and fruitful lives.

Raby Bay Residents

A fruitful meeting was held at Raby Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) in August. Since that meeting a delegation of residents has met with the Mayor and CEO to discuss concerns about the Canal Levy. Another meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 October - 7.30pm at VMR to discuss outcomes.

State of the Environment Report

This report is set to become a key part in the ongoing management of the environment in the Shire. It is based on key themes including atmosphere, bio-diversity, land, waterways, human settlements and cultural heritage. I recommend that anyone concerned about these things should visit the Council website for further info on how to get a copy and make a comment.

Cars on Footpaths

Just a reminder that cars should not be parked up on footpaths. There has been a lot of this happening in Cleveland lately and to ensure community safety our compliance officers will be monitoring this and taking appropriate action where necessary. So be careful.

Climate Change

Many residents would now be purchasing green power or offsetting their emissions through some of the schemes that are now available. I recently moved in Council that we hold discussions with Brisbane City Council with a view to setting up a local tree planting carbon sequestration scheme. This would enable residents to make sure that any money put in to these schemes was invested in local trees.

Pensioner Rebate

I have been contacted lately by a few people who believe that the current pensioner rebate on rates could be higher. Council currently contribute \$280 per year to this rebate. In addition the State Government contribute a further \$180 per year. I am pleased to report that Council will be reviewing this rebate and cross referencing it against other Council's rebates before the end of the year. Watch this space.

Thanks to everyone who has been in touch about issues of concern. It helps me make sure that Council is working for you.

Until next time,



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Cleveland Aquatic Centre Opening