

# NEWS from your • Local Councillor

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## Dear Residents

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.

### Amity Boat Ramp

I never thought I'd see the day that we would be able to get some government action on the Amity Boat Ramp. This old and increasingly dangerous boat ramp did not officially exist and so never got any maintenance. Any maintenance was done by locals and usually under the threat of legal action. New Deputy Premier, Paul Lucas, in his former role, has recently ordered that plans be drawn up for the refurbishment of this ramp and that it be done in time for the 08/09 financial year. It's a while away yet but the breakthrough has been made!

### 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](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au)



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## **Dunwich Streetscape**

The planning for the streetscape improvements is progressing and Council officers are working hard to make sure that practical improvements are seen sooner rather than later. If there are any artists in the community who are interested in contributing to the streetscape could you please ring Len Purdie, Principal Engineer Roads and Drainage, on 3829 8927.

## **Point Lookout Community Hall**

Work on this hall has been held up while officers make an application to the Federal Government Regional Partnerships program for more money. If successful this would double the amount of money that could be spent on the hall. I have spoken to both of the major party's candidates and they have assured me that if they form a government they will do their best to secure the money for us.

## **Island Time Festival**

It's on again this year. Council officers have been working with organisers to iron out some of the bugs from last year's event so hopefully the impacts on residents will be minor. The event organisers are planning a family friendly event that involves a lot of the local community and is 'green' in nature. There was some great talent on show last year and sure to be again this year.

## **Straddie Assault**

Speaking of talent on show, some of the world's best surfers will be strutting their stuff on the same weekend as the Straddie Assault. Mayor Seccombe and I are proud sponsors of this event and I can only suggest that you make this weekend a big one and invite your friends to check out the best surfers and entertainment that Straddie can offer.

## **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.

## **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.

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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