



News from your Local Councillor

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Dear resident,

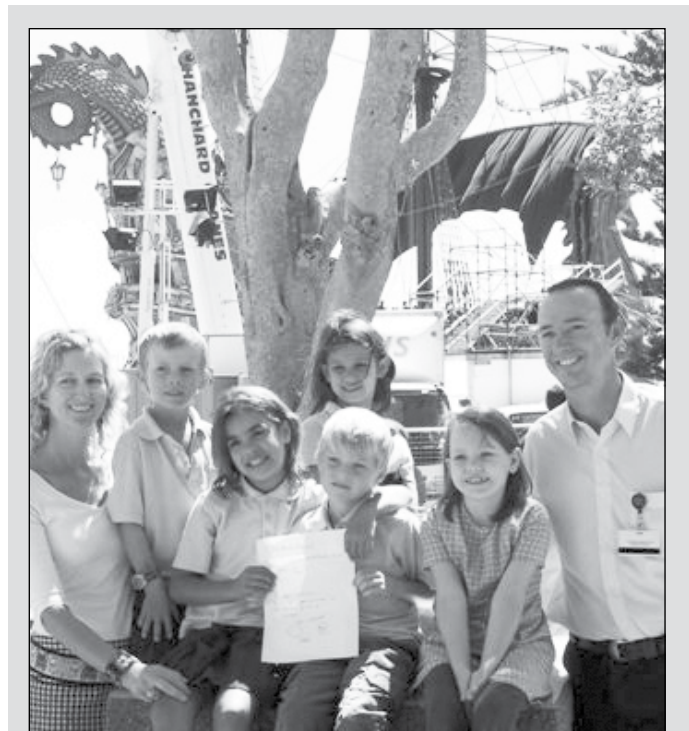
2009 is almost over. How quickly it has flown! I wish you all a festive Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rating consultation

As part of the development of Council's new Financial Strategy there has been consultation on how Council raises money. I would like to thank all those that have been involved in putting their views forward. There has been a frank and passionate exchange of views and I look forward to being part of the Council deliberations on the outcomes of this process.

Volunteers

Thanks very, very much to all the volunteers that make the island community such a strong one. Over the last couple of months you could not help but be impressed by the efforts of many of our island organisations. The Boardriders, Youthlink, Straddie Early Learning Centre, Museum, Wildlife carers, and many others, have shone. Throughout the year I just see so much volunteer, community effort going on and it is awesome. The last Census statistically demonstrated that the island does this better than just about anywhere else so pat on the back for us all!



Narnia

The filming that took place at Cleveland Point was great for the area. It was good fun and it was a great economic boost for the area. I was lucky to be able to afford some time and join Dunwich Primary School teacher, Nicole Maskell and her class on their school excursion to the film site. It was great to see the joy on the kids faces and apparently they are now excitedly reading the books.

Campgrounds

As I write the outcome of the tender process is uncertain. What I can say though is that I 100% support the decision of Council to suspend the commercial tender process in order to allow a Quandamooka Indigenous Community Forum endorsed bid to be fully developed and assessed.

This bid has the potential to put the Indigenous community in charge of 'country' and front and centre of our tourism economy. This is good for us all. Such a model would be groundbreaking and a point of difference for tourists and in keeping with the environmental and cultural ethos of the island.

Clearly, any proponents will have to be able to demonstrate the ability to manage the operations. The assessment of this has been unconventional and inconvenient for some of the existing staff members but it is a road worth travelling.

Stradbroke Islanders Forum

I sometimes hear from people that island representation is dominated by unrepresentative groups. This forum, I am hoping, will be an opportunity for everyone to participate in community discussions and then, where appropriate, have the outcomes of those discussions communicated to various levels of government. Watch your noticeboards and so forth for developments; I hope that everyone will get involved in some way.

Council's customer request system

Residents approach me from time to time requesting minor maintenance works to be done including trees, potholes and the like. I thought it may be a good time to explain the best ways to advise Council about attending to these matters.

For those who have email access, rcc@redland.qld.gov.au is the general Council address or you can contact me at craig.ogilvie@redland.qld.gov.au, phone 3829 8999 or mail to PO Box 21, Cleveland 4163. Most requests are actioned within a few days, depending on the urgency of the matter. Issues like broken glass in sand areas are addressed immediately.

I strongly advise when making contact that you ask for a customer request number, so if your item has not been fixed in a reasonable amount of time, staff or I can easily track the action undertaken.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your support throughout the year. By working together we will continue to enjoy the lifestyle we are so lucky to enjoy. Happy Christmas.



Craig Ogilvie

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