



# News from your Local Councillor

## Division 2

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Dear residents of Division 2,

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I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been a very busy time in Council - probably the busiest period in my time as a Councillor. I hope you find the following information useful.

### Budget

This year's budget preparation was the most exhaustive in my time in Council. CEO Gary Stevenson described it as the most comprehensive in his 30 years experience in local government. This was partly due to the fact we have also reviewed our financial strategy and also because Councillors were particularly keen to get the organisation running as lean as possible while still maintaining services.

### Rate reform

This year, 96 per cent of households will pay no more than \$4 a week extra on general rates. Following a community consultation phase, Council has decided to adopt a 'convergence' model for residential rates. This will mediate the impacts on people in higher Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) properties. Council accepts that the UCV of a property is a very faulty proxy for people's capacity to pay. It also accepts that the UCV of a property bears no relationship to services received. Under the old model, many ratepayers (particularly long term residents) were faced with a difficult choice as to whether they could stay in their homes because of increases in rates. This reform should assist some of those people.

### Redland Performing Arts complex.

Upcoming Events include John English in the Rock Show; Busting Out; Australasian Scholarships; So you think you can Dance 2010; Queensland Youth Orchestra 2; Here's To Life Charity Variety Concert; Spirit Whispers; Gene Peterson Live; Lloyd Webber & Friends; Opera Magic; Flamenco Fire; TaikOz; art wall.



### Cleveland CBD 'Summit'

Recently, Council convened a meeting with CBD stakeholders to discuss the future of the CBD.

It was an opportunity to talk about progress on the Cleveland CBD Master Plan; possible short term initiatives and any obstacles to achieving a vibrant, prosperous town centre. Clearly this is in all our interests and I know most residents will wish us well. I can recommend the new Sunday 'farmers' market to you all. It's a great way to get good produce at good prices and support your local business community.



## Community grants

Last year, Council adopted a new community grants program, which offers a total of \$640,000 a year (an increase of \$270,000) across five funding categories. In the second round of funding for the last financial year, groups in my division received well over \$150,000. A good result. **Please note that the next round of funding opened on 26 July.**

## Cleveland Lighthouse

A team of carpenters led by local builder Roy Weddell, have been contracted by Redland City Council to work on the repairs to the lighthouse's timber structures and are expected to be onsite for the next two months.

A popular and significant historic landmark for the Redlands, the heritage listed lighthouse has been under wraps and protected by scaffolding for nearly a year to protect the structure from further damage while the necessary approvals, funding and advice was obtained for the work.

Council had previously identified damage caused by water and galahs, with corrosion around the turret and some timber damage, and undertook emergency work to prevent further damage.

Additional structural damage was uncovered during the work and temporary repairs undertaken until approval from the Queensland Government for further repairs.

Built about 1864, the Cleveland lighthouse's hexagonal wooden structure is about 12m tall and clad in painted weatherboards on a timber frame.

The repairs will include the removal and replacement of the weatherboard cladding and checking and repair of the timber framing connections under the guidance of Converge Heritage Architects, the firm engaged by Redland City Council to provide advice and guidance on the project.

Redland City Council is funding the bulk of the repairs costs with funding support also provided through the Queensland Government.

Cleveland lighthouse was not part the Narnia film project at Cleveland Point in 2009.

## Water services in the Redlands

Allconnex Water now looks after the retail (billing) and distribution (pipes) of water for the Redlands. Council no longer has responsibility for water and wastewater services.

(Allconnex water was formed through the state government's water reform process, and comprises the former water businesses of Redland City Council, Logan City Council and Gold Coast City Councils.)

**Please direct all water or wastewater related inquiries to Allconnex Water:**

**P: 1300 000 WATER (1300 000 928)**

**W: [www.allconnex.com.au](http://www.allconnex.com.au)**

*Thanks to everyone who has reported things in the area that need Council attention. I am always interested in your views so feel free to contact me. I will soon be conducting 'mobile' office consultations along with the other two Councillors in this area (Debra Henry and Wendy Boglary) so look out for those and stop in and say hello.*

*Until next time...*

Yours sincerely

**Craig Ogilvie**

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