



News from your Local Councillor

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Dear residents of Division 2,

I hope you find some of the following information useful.

Budget news

This was easily the toughest budget that I have been involved in. The recent decision by the state government to cap water prices AND infrastructure charges was a surprise and required quick action so that Council could remain on track to return to operational surplus in 2013-14. Council was keen to moderate impacts on ratepayers so this has meant serious cutbacks in goods and services and staffing levels.

The bottom line for ratepayers is what most of you are interested in and I'm pleased to report that 97% of owner occupied properties will be paying less than \$3 extra per week and 88% will be paying less than \$2 extra per week. The overall 'headline' increase for the Redlands is 6.09% as opposed to say, Ipswich which is 11.31% and the Gold Coast which is 7.28%.

Pensioner remissions have also been increased to \$330 for full pensioners and \$165 for part pensioners. These remissions are amongst the highest in QLD.

Some capital project highlights are:

- \$652k for the ongoing upgrade of the Cleveland Point Reserve
- \$520k for the Cycleway between Masthead Drive and Wharf Street
- \$100k for a Cleveland pool carpark reseal
- \$56k for Raby Bay foreshore playground.

Raby Bay Canal levies

Recent changes to legislation prompted a review in consultation with residents of how canal and wall maintenance is paid for. This has resulted in changes and the CEO recently wrote to all residents explaining these. If you haven't received that letter or need more information then please contact me.

Major Sporting Precinct

Two years ago a study concluded that the Redlands would face a major shortfall in sporting facilities in the near future unless something was done. Since then officers have been looking at where these facilities might be provided. There are long lead times for getting these facilities to play-ready.

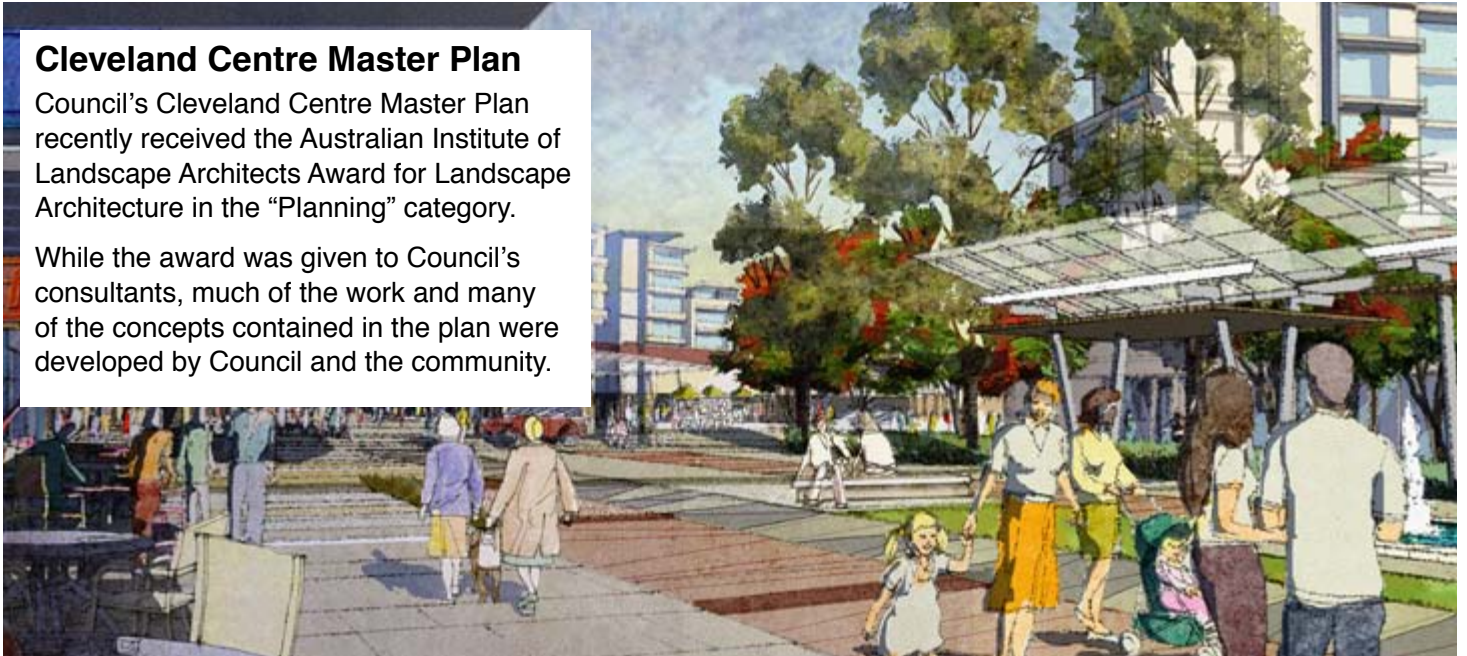
A lot of the financial commitment is in later years and will be supported by state and federal grants. Our population is around 142,000 and we are expecting another 40,000 under the 2006 Planning Scheme to be here in 2030, so it's time to get going on this project.



Cleveland Centre Master Plan

Council's Cleveland Centre Master Plan recently received the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Award for Landscape Architecture in the "Planning" category.

While the award was given to Council's consultants, much of the work and many of the concepts contained in the plan were developed by Council and the community.



The Cleveland Centre Master Plan can be found on Council's website at:

<http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/PlanningandBuilding/Planning/StructurePlansandMasterPlans/Pages/ClevelandCentre.aspx>

'Cleveland Town' on Facebook

For those that are interested in all things Cleveland and have a Facebook account then you might want to check out the 'Cleveland Town' GROUP. It might be hard to find at first because it is a group. The idea is that it becomes another way that the community can share information, news and views about things to do with Cleveland Town. A couple of the town traders have already used it to advertise specials so there is that there as well.

Dob-in-a-pothole

The incredible amount of rain has posed problems not only for the mowing of parks but for our roads. When the water table rises under a road it then pops the bitumen. Council has filled over 12,800 potholes this year but we realise there are more out there so please ring and dob-in-a-pothole on 3829 8999.



Community grants

Council has given out over \$174k to worthy organisations out of its grants program and the Regional Arts Development Fund. Recipients from the Cleveland area have included: Redlands District Committee on the Ageing, Rotary Club of Cleveland, Redlands United Football Club, Ormiston House, and the Old Schoolhouse Gallery,

As usual, I'd like to sign off by thanking everybody who has taken the time to report issues and provide feedback. Council relies on the community to be their eyes and ears and it helps a lot. Until next time,

Yours sincerely,

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