



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

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Dear residents of Cleveland

Council has worked as a team to deliver a sound, prudent and fair 2016-17 Budget for the city.

This, my first Budget, has been approached with a city-wide focus, while vigourously representing the residents of Division 2. I am pleased to say that while concessions were made, it had unanimous support.

We have managed to keep rate increases to a minimum while acknowledging that the State Government's recent property revaluations will impact some residents.

The average rate rise is about 43 cents a week for a category 1a owner-occupied property with a land value of about \$306,450, the lowest in South-East Queensland.

This increase covers only a small part of the extra impost on Council from rises in water, utilities and other State Government charges - particularly a 9.2 per cent increase in the State Government's bulk water charge.

Improving community infrastructure while keeping a tight rein on spending was at the heart of Budget deliberations.

The Budget also delivers a predicted fourth successive operating surplus while maintaining a low level of debt. We need to live within our city's means and I will not support



ON TRACK: More than 60 people celebrated the opening of new Redland Track Park trail head additions recently. The new trail heads provide shelter, bike racks, bike repair stations, maps and information, water and a place to meet.

leaving debt for our children or grandchildren to pay because we cannot be fiscally hygienic.

We have managed to do this while still funding a healthy \$77 million capital works program.

Among the projects earmarked for this financial year are the redevelopment of the Cleveland Aquatic Precinct, for which \$1 million has been set aside.

More than \$2 million has been allocated to Raby Bay revetment

wall work and a trial of new repair methods. Problems with the revetment walls have been difficult for both Council and residents to wrestle with but residents can rest assured that their views have been heard. The \$1 million repair trial and monitoring will hopefully lead to a better, more cost-effective solution.

All up \$20.97 million will be spent on improving roads across the city, with another \$5 million to be spent on footpaths, bikeways, carparks, bus stops and shelters.

Catch up for a chat

September 2:
Middle Street cafes,
noon-1.30pm.

September 11:
Cleveland Markets,
8am-10am.

October 3:
Bloomfield Street
cafes, 11am-1pm.

October 16:
Cleveland Markets,
8am-10am.

November 2:
Middle Street cafes,
noon-2pm.

November 13:
Cleveland Markets,
8am-10am.

Call for an appointment or just drop by - look for my pop-up sign. Keep an eye on my Facebook page for updates.

Local heroes recognised

Four outstanding Redlanders who were recognised with Order of Australia Medals in the Queen's Birthday Honours were recently presented with certificates of appreciation at a Council reception. Pictured with Councillors are: Peter Beauchamp, Ross Bower and Richard Thomason. The fourth, Susan Russell, was travelling and could not be with us on the day.





Corroboree among memorable events

The Kunjiel (Corroboree) on 17 September promises to be a magical experience.

One of the most anticipated events of the Quandamooka Festival, it will bring together traditional and contemporary dance, music and arts at Dunwich from 11am-3pm. This year's Kunjiel will be headlined by the awesome Xavier Rudd.

And don't forget Redfest from 2-4 September at Cleveland Showgrounds. Check out the program at www.redfest.com.au.

The Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating and 4x4 Expo comes to Cleveland on 23-25 September, offering a great day out for the family. Info: clevelandexpo.com.au



YURA!: Sand art created as part of the Quandamooka Festival's Yura! opening celebration was a very popular attraction, particularly for youngsters. It was a great day with top company and entertainment.

City Plan update

Councillors are deep into an intensive series of workshops with Council officers on the draft City Plan.

As a new Councillor this has been an informative and engaging process, with the workshops responding to issues tabulated from more than 6000 public submissions received during the draft City Plan public display last year and in response to ongoing planning on key issues, such as employment and economic development, future urban growth areas, land availability, population growth and housing demand.

The document has been dramatically simplified without diluting the strength of local planning provisions.

Out and about



SUPPORT: Enjoying the company of Margaret Paulsen at the Cancer Council's local Man Up! event recently to promote the need for prostate checks. Heed the message guys - it's time to take the test!



HUMOUR: With the curator of the Bald Archy art prize Peter Batey, who spoke at the launch of the irreverent art exhibition at Cleveland's Grand View Hotel. It was its first time in Queensland.

Get involved

I support a robust, inclusive, targeted and results-focused consultation process and want your help in determining how best to gather community input. So please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas. Currently, excellent consultation with residents and businesses is occurring around the proposed Cleveland Station development and I would like to congratulate all involved. I am working on "think tanks" around CBD revitalisation, from streetscapes to events, and your feedback would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

Cr Peter Mitchell
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