



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Peter Mitchell



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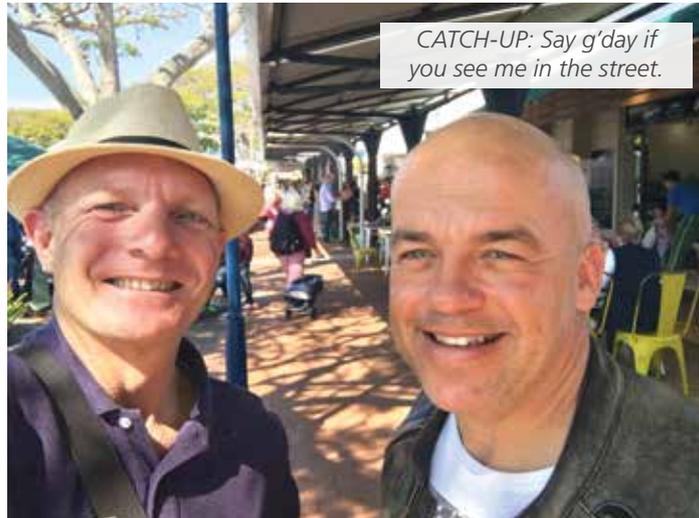
### Dear residents of Cleveland

To add to the vibrancy and excitement of the Cleveland CBD for both residents and businesses, I have reached out and asked business owners for their help.

I want to hear their vision for the city's heart. As a small-business owner, I realise how hard these people work.

While Council is not responsible for business success or failure, we can be willing and helpful catalysts to bring visions and ideas to fruition.

I hope that this initiative, launched at a breakfast at Cleveland's Pacific Resort Hotel last month, will lead to a stronger partnership between Council and our business community and also help generate



*CATCH-UP: Say g'day if you see me in the street.*

new ideas and lead to tangible results.

To show how valued their input is, I recently doorknocked more than 200 Cleveland businesses to offer a personal invitation to that first breakfast workshop meeting.

Part of the larger, ongoing process is building a communication database so that both Council and business owners are in much closer contact.

This reconnecting with Council will help us all into the future. We will start to gather worthy ideas which

### Catch up for a chat

My public consultation days will be:

**Middle Street, Cleveland, pedestrian crossing:**  
Noon-1.30pm, 21 December.

**Bloomfield Street Markets:**  
9-11am, 4 and 18 December, 19 February.

**Cleveland Train Station:**  
6.30-8.30am, 16 January and 6 February.

Look for my signs.

can be of great benefit to residents, businesses and Council.

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### Art is alive in the Redlands

I recently had the privilege of attending several functions and exhibitions which showed just how great our artistic community is.

I dusted off the suit to open the headline event, the 2016 Redlands Art Awards, which this year attracted a very high standard of works.

Congratulations to Pollyxenia Joannou for her stunning painting *Duplicity*, which was awarded first place and will now become part of Redland Art Gallery's permanent collection. An exhibition of the finalists' work will be on show at the gallery until Sunday 27 November.

Other impressive exhibitions included the Yurara Youth Art Awards and the fun Bald Archies at Cleveland's Grand View Hotel.



*IMPRESSIVE: With colleagues Cr Wendy Boglary and Cr Paul Golle at the Yurara Youth Art Awards.*



## Solar initiative

Council is investigating building a local solar farm to reduce power costs and provide greater energy efficiency.

A Renewable Energy Feasibility Study adopted by Council shows there is the potential to save more than \$10 million over 20 years through harnessing solar technology.

We will be looking into several renewable energy projects, with the most significant being a 1-1.5MW solar farm at Council's Cleveland wastewater treatment plant.



## Keeping pets under control

Wandering cats and dogs being walked off-leash are a constant cause of complaint in our community.

In the interests of public safety and community wellbeing, I would like to offer a friendly reminder that the Redlands values responsible pet ownership as well as supporting the rights of others who may be affected by straying and boisterous pets.

It is important that cat owners understand that they have a responsibility to register their pets and confine them to their properties at all times.

Dogs must be walked on a lead at all times, unless in a designated off-leash area.

## It's time to 'Get Ready'

While we were relatively unscathed by last year's storm season, we should not become complacent.

As the few summers before that showed, we are not immune to significant and damaging weather events and bushfires.

This year, the Bureau of Meteorology is expecting an active storm season, so it is important that residents take the time now to ensure their homes, family and neighbours are prepared.

The wetter-than-average winter has resulted in high moisture levels in the soil below ground level, meaning that the threat of flash flooding will be significant if the long-range forecast holds true.

The weather experts say the storm threat is higher than average and we can expect the formation of around 11 cyclones in and around the Coral Sea this season, with maybe four crossing the Queensland coast.

## Essential items to keep handy

Please assemble an emergency kit containing:

- a portable radio with spare batteries
- a torch with spare batteries
- a first-aid kit
- candles and waterproof matches
- a waterproof bag for valuables
- important documents including emergency contact numbers

If evacuation is likely or required:

- a good supply of any prescribed medications
- any special requirements for babies, the disabled, infirm or elderly
- strong shoes and protective clothing
- food and drinking water



Heat waves - classified as three or more days of high maximum and minimum temperatures - are also likely this summer, so remember to keep an eye on more vulnerable family and friends.

If you have an elderly family member or neighbour make sure they are also prepared, especially for the heat.

To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and

visitors to the Redlands is available at [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au).

The Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through its website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM radio and it would be well worth connecting with Council's social media feeds so you can keep up to date with the latest information.



## Getting in the swim at Cleveland

As patron of the Redland Masters Swim Club, I was pleased to join with Council colleagues Cr Paul Golle and Cr Lance Hewlett to provide a grant for a new laptop to help them grow participation.

For fun, fitness or competition, get in touch with this energetic bunch who train at Cleveland Aquatic Centre. You will find details at [qrbmasters.org.au](http://qrbmasters.org.au).

## Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

My family and I would like to wish all Cleveland residents a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

If you need assistance with any Council issue, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I would also love to hear your ideas on how to address issues which affect our great community as I am committed to finding long-term outcomes.