



News from your Local Councillor

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Get involved in the Cleveland makeover

The recent 7 day makeover of Cleveland proves that results will flow from the energy, imagination and effort of the community and Council.

The decks, gardens, piano (pictured) and other outcomes are all now being enjoyed as part of the local landscape. Council wants to help keep the ball rolling through its own efforts, as well as nurturing a community "task force". The energetic core group has had an initial meeting and is currently working through the detail to ensure its sustainability, so watch this space.



Some of the smaller but tangible actions include:

- Revamp and spruce up of the two community notice boards in Library Square.
- Installation of picnic tables in Library Square for alfresco brown-bag lunching. These will be bolted into the pavement
- but be able to be removed for events.
- Installation of the checker board into the pavers in Library Square, and
- Community-centred improvements to Kyling Corner.

If you would like to get involved with this initiative, please send your details through to me.

Gastronomic delights

Cleveland is expected to be home to a new alfresco-style food market by the end of the year, with Council providing a license to operate for the innovative business.

This is an innovative project, with significant public support, which is aimed at driving much-needed economic growth for the CBD. Council spent months considering the application and we have listened to the concerns and imposed strict conditions to manage traffic, parking, noise and trading hours so it doesn't affect existing nearby businesses or residents.

Keeping the city running

This year's Council budget allows for a healthy \$82.05 million in capital works.

This includes \$23.64 million on Redland roads, while marine and foreshore infrastructure will account for \$14.47 million. Another \$14.39 million is earmarked for our open spaces and parks.

Examples of spending in Cleveland include \$950,000 for William Ross Park, \$990,000 at the aquatic centre and \$550,000 for upgrades at the Redland Performing Arts Centre.

The city has more than \$2 billion worth of assets that it must maintain. Each year starts with \$55 million of depreciation costs and this is growing.

The proper maintenance of the city is an expensive and critical exercise. Each new asset we build also must be maintained properly over its life and also budgeted for replacement.

Good work is being done to make sure the city has a true and accurate understanding of the need to live within its means.

Caring for canals

City-wide engagement on how we as a city should manage maintenance and repairs of canals and lake estates such as Raby Bay, and how it should be paid for, will start later this year.

Canal and lake estate activities can be split into two categories - maintenance of the canals and lakes to ensure they can be navigated; and the upgrade, maintenance and monitoring of revetment walls on waterfront properties.

The engagement details including how you can be involved will be on Council's website at www.redland.qld.gov.au in the coming months.

Bloomfield Street Park upgrade

It has been a pleasure to see the new shade sails at Bloomfield St Park being so well loved.

I have seen many more families using the space now that it has cover.

I was able to secure additional funding to add this simple but important addition to the existing structure, which gives it a feeling of an event space.

I saw firsthand the improved use at events such as the Candlelight Vigil for those affected by domestic violence, the Cleveland Cycling Criterium and regular Sunday markets.

It is a nice spot to sit on the deck chairs or the surprisingly comfortable artificial turf.



Helping community

It is a pleasure to be able to support community groups doing great work with grants from time to time.

Over the past few months, groups as diverse as Raby Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue, Redlands Centre for Women, Bayside Runners and Walkers and Sharks Triathlon

Club have been helped to deliver their services.

The grants process is very competitive and we wish we could help everyone but unfortunately this is not possible. To see whether your group qualifies for Council assistance, please get in touch and I will direct you accordingly.



ON THE MOVE: With members of the Sharks Triathlon Club.



EMPOWERING: Assisting the work of the Redlands Centre for Women.



COMMUNITY SAFETY: Funds for Raby Bay VMR.

Festival time

I hope everyone has their Quandamooka Festival program, with a feast of great events.

I was privileged to be at the opening ceremony for what is becoming a cultural drawcard for our city.

I am particularly looking forward to this year's Kunjil (corroboree), which will light up Dunwich on the weekend of 23-24 September with a celebration of dance, music, art, culture and ceremony.

It will feature performances by Black Arm Band, Roger Knox & Band, Adam James Band, Joe Geia and Quandamooka spoken-word artists, along with a few surprise guests.

[Check out the program for details.](#)



Parking on the agenda

I have been listening carefully to residents and the business community about parking availability around the Cleveland CBD. I also have been walking the area at different times of day to assess issues first hand.

As a result, I have asked Council to provide clear data to inform a conversation about our parking needs so we can have a clear plan going forward.

The best available information is from a 2014 independent study that showed a parking surplus of up to 33 per cent. I encourage you to read this detailed report. You will find it at www.redland.qld.gov.au by going to "roads and marine" and clicking on "parking" and then "parking in the Redlands".

This study is not reflected in the feedback I have from the community, so Council is now reviewing both current and likely future demand. The CBD Parking Feasibility Report will be part of a transport and connectivity strategy which is also looking at innovative options to ease pressure on CBD parking. I am also keen to see an integrated transport network that reflects a Redlands lifestyle where the CBD is not only for cars but for people and I encourage walking, cycling and the better use of technology and public transport.

Catch up for a chat

I am always keen to hear your ideas and discuss your concerns, so please stop for a chat if you see me at my regular "pop up" consultations in Cleveland. I am also available by phone and email, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

You will now also be able to catch me in Stocklands Cleveland north or south malls, where I will set up a regular "listening post" or mobile office. Thank you to Jodie Punshon, centre manager, for this community-focused permission. I will vary the times and days to reach as many people as possible, so keep an eye on [@councillorpetermitchell](https://www.facebook.com/councillorpetermitchell) on Facebook or call **3829 8607** for details.

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