



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Mark Edwards

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TRANSFORMATION: Council is focused on ensuring Weinam Creek provides a welcoming experience as well as being an efficient and effective transport hub.

Dear resident,

An important chapter in the transformation of Weinam Creek has begun with Council deciding to take the lead in developing this important waterfront precinct.

Several years ago, in response to Council's request, the State Government declared the site a Priority Development Area (PDA) in order to allow private commercial development on state and Council-owned land at Weinam Creek, Redland Bay, on the condition that a range of community infrastructure was delivered.

From an Expression of Interest process, the Walker Group won the rights to design a plan for a mixed-use development within the PDA. A number of excellent proposals were presented however, due to the relatively small area to be developed, it was deemed that commercial returns would be insufficient to provide the community infrastructure required.

An amicable decision has been reached with all parties for Council to take the lead role in developing the site.

How development progresses is still being formulated but it is most likely to be a mix of Council (or wholly Council-owned Redland Investment Corporation) undertaking some commercial development along with private enterprise.

The significance of Council being the lead developer is that the area can be planned with a focus on delivering the community infrastructure needed and ensuring the commercial elements which fund the development are sympathetic to the overall outcome of Weinam Creek.

It will ensure Weinam Creek evolves into a precinct that provides a welcoming experience to all as well as being an efficient and effective transport hub for the islands and surrounding communities.

The transformation of Weinam Creek will take years and elements within the plan will be responsive to future needs.

The strategic acquisition of the Moore's Farm land provides the platform for the redevelopment.

This year, the focus will be on work that will expand car parking. It may

also include residential development along Moore's Road that will visually screen the carpark from the road frontage and will also generate income to fund infrastructure.

The next development steps are flexible and will be driven by commercial opportunity to fund the overall design.

Parking is the primary issue that needs to be addressed due to the growing islands' population.

A multi-storey carpark at the ferry terminal would provide the primary parking.

Parking will also be provided throughout the PDA, with provision for a second multi-storey carpark.

These parking stations could be sleeved within a building of mixed uses if there is the economic return.





Future on show

Residents were given a taste of transport options for the future when an EasyMile EZ10 electric driverless shuttle operated in Cleveland recently.

Council is now working with the State Government to host a longer trial with a possibility that it will be on a bay island.

The autonomous buses have the potential to solve many of the transport challenges islanders face, with Council interested in how the technology can assist in planning for the City's future transport needs.

There are a range of applications for this technology in the Redlands, from connecting people from car parks to bus, train and ferry stations, transport within events, or even within shopping, health or industrial precincts.

Island residents could benefit greatly from these driverless shuttles as a general mode of island transport or on the

mainland operating between ferry terminals and off-site carparks to improve transport connectivity for island commuters.

Driverless technology, such as the EasyMile EZ10, will complement the region's existing transport network while helping Council to deliver innovative and cost-effective solutions to our public transport challenges.

These "smart mobility" solutions are suited to small geographical areas or short runs to and from specific destinations where parking is problematic.

The EZ10 has a capacity of 14 customers and has been designed to cover short pre-defined routes. Larger vehicles are also available.

They use sensory technology to respond to environmental changes such as pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles.

It will be interesting to see whether this technology is taken up by Transdev and extended to island use.

Follow the dog rules

The Southern Moreton Bay Islands are a beautiful place for residents, visitors and their pets.

Council undertakes ongoing patrols to keep people, wildlife and pets safe. If your dog is found straying it is likely to be impounded and you could receive a penalty infringement notice if your dog is off-leash in public (except in a designated off-leash area). Help keep the Bay islands safe by ensuring your dog is appropriately contained while at home and on a leash while out and about. Feel free to use the dog off-leash areas at:

Pioneer Park, Lucas Drive, Lamb Island. Unfenced with drinking water (near tennis court) but no water bowl. Pioneer Children's Memorial Park, High Street (corner Jackson Road), Russell Island. Fully fenced with seating and a water bowl.

Lions Boulevard Park, The Boulevard, Russell Island. Unfenced with beach access (at specified times of day and year) where dogs can go in the water. Check the shared hours on Council's website.

Attunga Street Park, 13 Attunga Street, Macleay Island. Fully fenced with seating but no drinking water or shelter.

Safer coast

Coast Guard Redland Bay now has improved facilities, with a bigger and improved pontoon and additional radio equipment.

At the official opening in March, which was attended by about 60 people, QF7 Commander Jason Boon was left almost speechless when Redland City Mayor Karen Williams, neighbouring councillor Lance Hewlett and myself presented him with

a cheque for \$3000 to help upgrade radio equipment.

This continues Council's long association with assisting marine rescue operations. With an extensive coastline and four populated islands in our division, boating is very popular, making a capable and professional Coast Guard vital.

Our local Coast Guard relies on volunteers and if you would like to find out more, you can contact them on 3206 7777.

Keep in touch

Why not join the hundreds of residents who have already contacted me for help with an issue?

You can email me anytime at mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au or telephone 0407 695 667.

Warm regards,

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