



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: Cleveland edition



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### Dear resident,

By the time you read this, the rejuvenated Cleveland Aquatic Centre should have re-opened for swimmers. The teams involved have done a great job, with the centre sure to be a hit now the weather has warmed.

The renovation was among a range of infrastructure projects brought forward to help local businesses weather the COVID-19 pandemic, with one upside being that it also helped to minimise the impact of the centre's inevitable closure on residents.

A number of contracts for work at the centre were awarded to local businesses, with the filter installation, painting, deck construction and shade sail renewal all being sourced from Redlands Coast. Redlands Coast businesses which worked on the project deserve a pat

on the back, including Marina Pools, Atlantis Plumbing and Drainage, Signature Painters, Danreg Engineering, Bennetts Carpets, Di Lizio Painting, Darben Training, Bayside Project Solutions and Advanced Shade Structures.

We now have new equipment, decking, landscaping and new shade sails over two children's play pools, with the 25m pool looking very inviting. Hopefully the new pump for the 50m pool, which was unavoidably delayed due to the pandemic, will also have arrived. Funding support was provided through an \$830,000 Works for Queensland State Government grant and Redland City Council.

I would especially like to thank regular pool users for their patience during the closure.

### Seeking parking solutions

An exciting and innovative parking trial has begun in the Cleveland CBD which will hopefully lead to benefits for shoppers and traders alike.

During the trial, 26 parking spots in Middle and Bloomfield streets will be reduced to one-hour parking and fitted with electronic sensors. Motorists will be able to use a phone app to find an available parking spot, which will also alert them when they are nearing the parking time limit.

The aim is to get an insight into the community's parking behaviours within Cleveland CBD, which currently has a bias towards longer-term parking, and to enable more equitable access in high-demand parking areas. We want to encourage long-term parkers to use longer term car parks towards the edges of the CBD, allowing easier access for people who quickly need to pop into a shop or business in the CBD at any time during the day

The trial, which started recently and reflects feedback from business operators and residents, is part of Council's transport strategy to make it easier for residents to access businesses in the Cleveland CBD and to improve traffic flow. It will also look at the merits of using in-ground sensors and apps to help drivers find parks and comply with limits. These sensors will also collect data on parking availability and turn-over which will help to inform Council's planning for the CBD.

During the trial, Council will be talking with shop owners and residents to get further feedback on the benefits or otherwise of shorter-term parking availability.

### RACQ shuttle trial moves to Raby Bay

By the time you read this, Council expects to be hosting a second long-term automated vehicle (AV) trial in partnership with the RACQ, this time at Cleveland's Raby Bay, as part of its search for innovative solutions to our city's future transport needs.

The trial, which is scheduled to continue until 30 June next year, follows the Queensland-first trial on Karragarra Island earlier in the year which unfortunately was brought to a close a couple of weeks early due to COVID-19.

At Raby Bay, the trial will include a subway-style mode similar to that trialed on Karragarra which will connect Raby Bay Harbour and Raby Bay Foreshore Park.

With the Karragarra exercise a great first test case to learn about the AV's capabilities, the Raby Bay trial will show us more about its abilities to operate in more complex traffic environments.

This will provide real-world learnings and the outcomes of this research project will help inform practical use cases in not only Redlands Coast but Queensland and nationwide. Council has also helped inform and update the regulatory framework to guide future AV deployments throughout the state.



Redlands Coast faces a number of transport challenges and small AVs such as these could be part of the solution, especially when it comes to connecting residents with transport gateways and service centres.

This latest trial will provide invaluable data as we work with the RACQ and other stakeholders to build a business case for increased use of such technology. I also hope it proves of particular benefit to locals in the area.

I urge you to get down to Raby Bay, be part of the trial and let us know what you think. The EasyMile EZ10 Smart Shuttle can travel at up to 20km/h but, as it is a trial, there will be an operator on the vehicle when it's moving.

## Road funding a welcome boost

Funding for the first stage of the \$90 million Wellington Street duplication at Thornlands has been approved in a welcome move for residents.

The upgrade of this major north-south arterial link will be delivered as part of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan to accommodate increased demand in the area. The first stage will duplicate Panorama Drive/Wellington Street into four lanes between Boundary Road and South Street. Providing four lanes along this stretch will have enormous benefits through alleviating peak-hour congestion, improving work commute times and increasing safety at intersections. It will also include a dedicated bicycle lane.

It will be funded by Council and also benefit from Federal Government funding

for intersection upgrades at Ziegenfusz Road/Panorama Drive, Panorama Drive/Wellington Street and Wellington Street/Weippin Street.

Construction of the first stage is expected to start in 2021 and be completed in 2023. Subsequent stages will eventually duplicate Wellington Street all the way to Russell Street in Cleveland. Council will work to keep traffic disruptions to a minimum during construction. Fortunately, much of the work will allow for the existing road to continue to carry traffic, while the new lanes are constructed on the adjacent road reserve. Some works, especially around the intersections, may be done outside normal working hours to minimise disruptions. For more information and to watch a project animation, visit **yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/wellingtonstreet**

## Your voices heard

Thank you to residents who provided their comments and feedback during the recent engagement on Council's new draft Corporate Plan.

These will be invaluable as Councillors now work through the recommendations before deciding on the necessary changes in December.

The new plan - *Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond* – will include a 2041 vision for Redlands: "Connected communities. Enviable lifestyle. Embracing opportunities".

The plan will also outline the catalyst projects and key initiatives that Council will deliver over the next five years.

We have heard your ideas about what else Council can do to improve city leadership,

build strong communities, make our neighbourhoods more liveable, support the natural environment and a thriving economy, and for Council to be more efficient and effective.

Catalyst projects include a Redlands Coast Adventure Precinct to add to the sport and recreation activities in the area; opportunities to harness new forms of energy from Council's waste water treatment plants; investing in active transport through improved cycling and pedestrian facilities; revitalisation of Cleveland Central Business District; a Redland Health and Wellness precinct; and a Minjerrabah/North Stradbroke Island Coastal Walk from Point Lookout to Cylinder Beach.

## Managing our assets

Council has recently completed an important initiative by updating the system used to manage and maintain our community infrastructure assets and amenities.

Now Council-wide, the system supports efficient works planning to ensure cost effectiveness and facilitates the automatic delivery of works requests out to field staff almost straight away. For example, the manual steps and paperwork previously needed to prepare and issue works out to

field staff have been drastically reduced by the new system and its use of mobile technology. This means you may now see Council officers out and about in the community working from their mobile devices while undertaking their day-to-day asset maintenance activities.

This new technology is the start of a journey towards a more efficient way of cutting costs and better way of serving the needs of our community. It will greatly assist in promptly meeting your requests.



## Supporting community

I am thrilled that a number of very worthy local groups have been awarded Community Grants to continue their exceptional work for our community.

Council also has invested in major local events to support our economy as we emerge from the effects of COVID-19. These grants can have a significant multiplier effects as the successful applicants engage and employ other local partners.

The most recent community grants included funding for Donald Simpson Community Centre's Wynyard Street community garden project in Cleveland, which aims to bring together locals with an interest in gardening and organic farming together.

Council is supporting the Redlands Centre for Women (pictured above) and its Addictive World project, which provides skill-based treatment programs and education and community awareness training relating to addictive behaviours, along with Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club to upgrade its website. Sponsorship was provided to the Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating and 4x4 Expo, as well as the Australian Junior Surfing Titles on North Stradbroke Island.

## Best wishes of the season

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. I am always keen to hear your ideas and discuss your concerns and will resume my regular "pop up" consultations in Cleveland in the New Year once it's considered COVID-safe to do so. Keep an eye on **@councillorpetermitchell** on Facebook for updates or call my office on 3829 8607. I am also available by phone and email, so don't hesitate to get in touch. For operational matters, contact Council direct on 3829 8999 or by emailing **rcc@redland.qld.gov.au**

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