



**Redland Bay, Bay Islands**

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**GATEWAY TO THE ISLANDS**

Priority declaration a vote of confidence

**The formal declaration of Weinam Creek's transport hub as a Priority Development Area is a massive vote of confidence in the southern Redlands.**

It will provide opportunities for a transport hub and waterfront recreation precinct, cementing it as a regional gateway to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

Rest assured there is a phased engagement process which includes full community consultation, and it is important residents have an input to help guide future development and parking solutions.

Phase 1 involves complete technical and background studies to identify options and will progress in consultation with developers, investors, residents and other stakeholders.

Phase 2 early next year involves public notification of the outcomes of initial studies and the community will again be invited to have its say.

Phase 3, mid-next year, will see preparation of the final development scheme, infrastructure plan and implementation plan for Weinam Creek – and this will include statutory approval by the State Government.

The final phase is the public release of the Weinam Creek Development Scheme.

The precinct will deliver the residential, transport and entertainment precinct we have been awaiting for years and paves the way for the vast potential of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands to be realised.

Importantly, it also will provide the opportunity to finally resolve the parking issue that has plagued Weinam Creek for years.

**CAMPING TRIAL**

The 12-month trial of campsites at Lions Boulevard Park at Sandy Beach will encourage more visitors to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands and enable them to take more time exploring our piece of paradise.

The two campsites, to host up to four campers each for up to three nights, will appeal to kayakers, canoeists, cyclists and hikers.

The trial will allow thorough assessment of the campsites, the length of stay and the time and frequency of campsite bookings, with opportunities for community consultation.

Also on the islands, work is ongoing to open walking trails and, on Macleay, to open up the land known as McDonald's Farm for the community. My initial focus is to make this land available sooner rather than later.

**SKATE PARK WIN**

Council has approved the Macleay Island skate park project and work should begin by the end of the year.

The community has been calling for this facility for some time and, in a tight budget year, it's a major win to get a green light. The brief for the design and construction tender should go out late July, with building of the \$500,000 project to begin early next year.



Cr Mark Edwards at Weinam Creek, set to become a dynamic waterfront recreation precinct and regional gateway to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands

**NEW HOME FOR MEN'S SHED GROUP**

I'm pleased to report we are now formalising the community space on German Church Road, 2000sqm of which has been earmarked for a Men's Shed.

With proper planning, this 6000sqm parcel will eventually be occupied by community groups which need space and facilities in the Redlands.

The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part

of Australian culture. Men's Sheds are springing up all around Australia to provide a place for arts, crafts, community activities as well as somewhere men can go to talk about feelings and emotions.

The Men's Shed organisation – and there are already eight individual groups in Redland City – is one of the fastest growing groups in Australia and enjoys terrific support on both the mainland and islands.