



News from your local councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah edition



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Dear Straddie resident,

After such a tough year, I sincerely hope Straddie will have a special holiday season and that both residents and visitors are blessed with conditions that match the island's reputation as the jewel in Redlands Coast's crown.

I also have my fingers crossed that we will be spared from damaging storms or bushfires this summer. It pays to be prepared, so please check under "disasters and emergencies" on Council's website for practical information on what you can do.

Through your efforts we have been able to keep COVID-19 largely at bay and we can all get back to enjoying our naturally wonderful area.

Many people, however, may still be doing it tough so I urge you to check the range of measures introduced by Council to

help residents and businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic to get the assistance you may need. You will find details at redland.qld.gov.au. If you need someone to talk to, there is a Disaster Chaplaincy Hotline supported by Council specifically to help those affected by COVID-19. It operates daily from 8am-8pm on 1800 841 106.

During the holiday period, Council offices will close from Thursday 24 December 2020 and will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021. This includes our Customer Service Centres and libraries.

If you need urgent assistance for an issue that may pose an immediate risk to Council's services and significantly impact residents' amenity or capacity to access services, then please call our main number

3829 8999 as we will have crews on call. You can also contact Council by emailing rcc@redland.qld.gov.au

If you need my assistance, I am also available by phone and email. Also, keep an eye on [@councillorpetermitchell](https://www.facebook.com/councillorpetermitchell) on Facebook for updates or call my office on 3829 8607.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank all who have worked with Council and myself to combat COVID-19 and to ensure a bright future for the island. I wish you all a wonderful festive season. Keep happy and safe!

Cr Peter Mitchell
Division 2 – Island

Need for clarity on State rezonings

The recent move by the State Government to rezone several areas of the island have prompted many questions from the community.

In response, I have sent a formal submission to the State Government regarding the concerns and seeking answers to your questions.

The North Stradbroke Island Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) gazetted by the State Government over several areas of Straddie in September gave immediate effect to land rezoning, meaning applications may be lodged prior to any public consultation taking place.

Council has always believed a collaborative and transparent approach that provides a clear vision for the island is the best way to ensure the majority of the community is engaged as part of the island's future. My submission reflects this commitment.

The State Government has advised Council that public consultation on the TLPI zone changes will occur via a State direction to Council to include the changes as a major amendment to the Redland City Plan.

While Council is very supportive of genuine consultation it is unclear what scope Council has to consider public submissions, since it is understood the land outcomes are reflective of State Government commitments to Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC).

Council is supportive of the Traditional Owners' aspirations and the importance of having access to their traditional land to achieve these aspirations.

We are equally supportive of the broader island community and their aspirations and have called for exemplary and collaborative engagement regarding land-use aspirations and the island's future vision.

The rezoning of land included under the State Government's TLPI provides potential new opportunities for tourism, community and residential projects, which will most likely require upgrades to existing community infrastructure.

To support the future of the island by planning for the upgrade of this infrastructure, Council requires a clear understanding and information about what may be planned both on these properties and across the island more broadly.

These new opportunities themselves can only add to the large and growing infrastructure requirements compounded by significant population increases due to peak-period tourism.

Council and residents are right to ask who is to share and lead funding responsibilities.

I will keep you posted on developments.

Six-month Junner Street parking trial begins

Council is seeking community feedback on new timed parking arrangements at Junner Street until 30 April next year.

The timed parking trial aims to address community feedback calling for both more parking and more accessible and equitable parking.

Access to parking spaces, especially around key transport nodes, can be especially challenging for island residents, with the Dunwich foreshore an especially high-use location where we need to balance the

needs of those accessing the police station, playground, park, swimming enclosure and fishing locations, as well as those travelling to the mainland.

For residents, young families and workers needing to commute regularly to the mainland, the sight of cars parked for months at a time in limited spaces can be frustrating.

The trial arrangements formalise the local parking times so that there is an appropriate mix of available parking

for users, including holidaymakers and residents.

During the trial, 19 spaces have been allocated for two-hour parking, 12 for eight-hour parking for those who travel more frequently and 40 spaces for seven-day parking use.

I encourage all users to give the trial a fair go and provide their feedback through Council's Your Say Redlands Coast webpage at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au.

Shoreline management update



In September, Council and project consultant Water Technology presented the Amity Point Shoreline Erosion Management Plan's (SEMP) draft implementation plan to affected landowners and the SEMP's community reference group via a series of Skype meetings.

Consultation on the draft implementation plan ran from 31 August to 10 October 2020.

The project team has incorporated the feedback into the final implementation plan for adoption by Council.

Meanwhile, Council is inviting community members to provide feedback on its Draft Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS).

The CHAS is a city-wide strategy for the protection of the city's coastline,

including islands. The CHAS assesses the vulnerability of infrastructure, assets and property to coastal hazards, and recommends actions to help adapt and manage these risks.

As part of the project's next phase, Council is presenting the Draft CHAS for community consultation until 18 December 2020.

This engagement phase follows the project's June 2020 survey, which asked community members what they valued most about Redlands Coast, plus their understanding and any experiences of coastal hazards.

The survey garnered more than 370 responses, and results were incorporated in the draft CHAS, where possible. A project update fact sheet was released in September 2020, highlighting the survey's key themes. The fact sheet can be viewed on the project's Your Say page.

To submit feedback on the Draft CHAS, and for more information about the project, visit yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/CHAS

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 a 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 effect 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.

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.

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