



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: Cleveland edition

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### Dear resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your faith and support in re-electing me as your local Councillor for another term.

As we emerge from COVID-19, I look forward to supporting our diverse range of local community groups, businesses, schools and sporting clubs, as well as addressing residents' individual needs. On the back of this newsletter you will find information I hope you will find useful.

Never has it been more important for our community to support local businesses. One way is through Council's recently launched smartphone app which makes it easy to access bargains within Redlands Coast.

The free Redlands Coast Deals and Rewards App, designed to encourage local

shopping by residents and visitors, can be downloaded for free via Apple App store or Google Play for android phones. If you enable notifications on your phone it will alert you of deals as you walk past shops. It is believed to be among the first apps of its type developed by local government to support businesses across an entire city. It is also the first app initiative by Redland City Council.

To learn more about the app or to sign up your business for free, visit [redlandscoast.com.au/business-deals](http://redlandscoast.com.au/business-deals).

I am always keen to hear your ideas and discuss your concerns and you can get in touch with me via @councillorpetermitchell on Facebook or the contacts below. For operational matters, you can contact Council direct on 3829 8999 or at [rcc@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au)



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### Getting active

I am keen to see the formation of an "active travel" advisory committee to explore ways to reduce the reliance on cars to get around and enjoy Redlands Coast.

In the past, the Redlands Bicycle Advisory Committee has provided advice on active travel projects across the city but it hasn't convened in several years.

Work is now underway to enable the formation of a refreshed active travel group that looks beyond just cycling and has a broader role in providing advice and influencing the creation and implementation of active travel project across the city.

Let me know what you think.

### Sign of the times

A new digital sign that includes a real-time bus timetable has been installed at Raby Bay Harbour Park, opposite the Cleveland train station.

Council funded the plinth with the assistance of Optus which contributed software for the digital sign.

The digital sign includes a Translink real-time timetable feed for buses. The sign can also run important community messages and tourism.



### Refreshing addition

Council recently installed a new water bottle filler station at Raby Bay Harbour Park for the convenience of those exploring our city.

It's at the cross-over point from the train station and convenient for commuters as well as people enjoying the park.



# Your Council is here to help

**Council has measures in place to ensure eligible ratepayers, community groups and clubs directly affected by COVID-19 can access provisions to waive, suspend or defer Council fees. Payment arrangements for rates and utility charges are also available to support you at this time.**

Through our business support program, dedicated officers are also assisting local businesses and groups with information about the various government support programs available.

You can keep up to date with the support available and the COVID-19 measures still in place by staying connected with Council via our COVID-19 Business and Community page. The very helpful team at Council's Customer Contact Centre on 3829 8999 can also direct you from 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

## Getting Redlands Coast moving

Council has provided a \$2 million stimulus package so far to help residents, businesses and community and sports groups recover from the effects of COVID-19.

Council also has already put forward for funding 64 projects worth \$82.9 million that we will be ready to deliver under the Local Government Association of Queensland's job-creating Battleplan for Queensland Local Communities.

The city's "buy local" preference has also been strengthened, with the benefits already starting to flow through.

Council has established a dedicated webpage with industry-specific information and regular updates about government support packages, COVID-19 fact sheets and resources to support businesses at this time.

Future tourism campaigns are also being developed to promote and encourage post-COVID visitation to Redlands Coast.

## Helping our clubs

Council is developing support packages for local sporting and community clubs, as well as offering assistance in accessing potential funding streams.

Clubs directly affected by COVID-19 can access Council's provisions to waive, suspend or defer Council fees.

A one-off contribution equivalent to three months of network charges has also been made available to clubs and associations directly affected by COVID-19 and registered under Council's Community Electricity Scheme.

## Grants assistance

Council has introduced targeted grants to support local businesses and community organisations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic totalling approximately \$290,000.

It has also focused its Advancing Regional Innovation Program budget to support businesses introducing innovation to their business operations of approximately \$80,000, bringing the total grants assistance pool to \$370,000. For details, go to Council's COVID-19 Business and Community page at [redland.qld.gov.au](http://redland.qld.gov.au)

## Public centres and spaces

Council is working to restore operations across the city, with popular services such as libraries already open under state rules with some restrictions.

For the latest on what's happening at the libraries, art galleries, Redland Performing Arts Centre, IndigiScapes and Animal Shelter, check Council's website.

Parks, playground equipment, dog off-leash areas, skate parks, outdoor exercise equipment, basketball hoops, picnic settings and barbecues have re-opened subject to state rules.

## Watching your back

The Redland City Local Disaster Management Group continues to monitor COVID-19 developments around the clock and is working closely with state authorities and Councillors to ensure the safety and resilience of residents.

## Stay informed

Council's recovery measures are guided by the State Government and its expert medical advice. You can monitor the latest state directives and advice by visiting the Queensland Health website at [www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus)

Supported by Council, a Disaster Chaplaincy Hotline has been established to help those affected by COVID-19. It operates daily from 8am-8pm on: ☎ **1800 841 106**



## Caring for our coast

In 2020, Council began work on phase six of its Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS), a city-wide plan that identifies key assets and values in Redlands Coast that are at risk from the likes of sea-level rise, storm tide inundation and erosion out to the years 2070 and 2100. The strategy will outline how Council, the Redlands Coast community and other stakeholders can adapt to these hazards and manage the risks. Phase six of the strategy involves Council identifying a list of potential adaptation options that will help safeguard our region long into the future. Council is seeking feedback from the community on what they value most about Redlands Coast and their understanding and experiences of coastal hazards via an online survey. The survey will be available from June. More information on the strategy, and the survey, can be found on the project's Your Say page at [yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au](http://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au) by searching Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy.

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