



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Mark Edwards

Dear resident,

All going well, the major upgrade of the southern end of School of Arts Road and Collins Street at Redland Bay should be completed by the end of the year.

All major drainage upgrades and service relocations have now been completed, the street light installations are well underway and asphalt works are scheduled to start.

Council has allocated another \$4.5 million in this year's budget to complete the project, which highlights Council's commitment to improve road congestion and operation of the overall transport network for all users.

This \$10 million project - which I

inspected recently with Mayor Karen Williams and neighbouring colleague Cr Julie Talty, pictured - is a substantial investment in improved road safety, access and traffic flow for the area.

The finished road work will include new pedestrian pathways and on-road cycling facilities linking to existing cyclist and pedestrian facilities.

New pedestrian refuge islands will provide safe connection to community amenities on either side School of Arts Road and at Donald Road and Weinam Creek wetlands that include a new skate park, dog off-leash area, basketball courts, pathways and playground facilities.



Community garden plan progressing

Council is continuing to work with the Redlands Coast Salad Bowl group on the establishment of a community garden at Redland Bay's Fielding Park. I, and neighbouring colleague Cr Julie Talty, have had widespread support for the project since it was raised by the garden group.



While it has taken a while as Council did its due diligence relating to occupancy and consulted with stakeholders, I am hopeful the result will be something special for the southern Redlands Coast.

The proposed garden is intended to be a place where the community can gather to grow fresh food, to learn, relax and make new friends.

It will include an area for communal and private plots.

It will allow families and individuals who may not have land of their own an opportunity to learn how to grow their own produce. Community gardens such as this have a host of benefits, especially in helping us to de-stress, recover from illness or simply as a place where you can go to meet others. I will keep you posted on its progress.



Registering your pet is easy

Make sure your cat or dog is registered with Council. It's as easy as visiting redland.qld.gov.au/RegisterPet or visiting one of Council's Customer Service Centres.

It is mandatory for all cats and dogs over the age of 12 weeks to be registered.



Shuttles set for island trial as part of transport planning

Preparations are underway for a planned six-month trial of an “autonomous electric bus” on Karragarra Island. A joint initiative between the RACQ and Redland City Council, with the support of SEQ Council of Mayors, the Redlands Coast Smart Mobility Trial will provide valuable information about how driverless electric smart vehicles can be used to improve transport for island and other communities, as well as their potential for use on the mainland.

This is an exciting milestone in Council’s search for transport improvements across Redlands Coast. Self-driving technology connects residents from close to their home to the major public transport infrastructure and improves mobility for those who are unable to drive.

The deployment of the autonomous electric shuttle on Karragarra Island will be managed by Council and closely monitored by State Government. The shuttle, which will begin in November on the island, will be free to users. Equipped with advanced technology, the vehicle can safely respond to changes, such as moving pedestrians, cyclists and other cars.

If the trial is successful, we could see these autonomous shuttles servicing areas of Redlands Coast in the future.



Join the Redlands Coast Garage Sale Trail



Residents are encouraged to join in the nation’s biggest-ever weekend of garage sales on 19 and 20 October.

Following the success of last year, Council has again got behind the Garage Sale Trail. We’re hoping to see even more Redlands Coast garage sales registered, creating the opportunity for all locals to follow the trail and pick up some bargains.

This national sustainability program promotes the reuse and repurposing of goods, so less ends up in landfill. That’s an important priority for Council too.

But you may have your own reasons for hosting a sale. Perhaps it’s time to declutter your home or teach your kids about sustainability while making some pocket money. It’s also a great fundraising opportunity for school and community groups. Last year the average amount raised through community group sales was \$1997.

You can participate in two ways: host a sale or be a shopper and best of all participation is free!

If you register as a seller before 10 September, you could receive a free Garage Sale Trail Seller Success Pack – jam packed with posters, bunting and more (available to the first 1250 sellers to register). However, every registered seller will be able to access material through their own dashboard.

Visit garagesaletrail.com.au/RedlandsCoast to register your sale or plan your route.

Sports precinct for southern Redlands Coast

Council is working with master planners to prepare the draft master plan for the Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct on Heinemann Road.

Once released in October, residents, sport and recreation groups and the local community will be able to provide feedback to help inform the master plan.

The proposal for the Mt Cotton land, which was acquired by Council in 2017, is an exciting prospect for the area.

This wonderful site has scope to connect with existing and new

communities and trail systems.

The recreational potential and environmental benefits of this site will also meet many of the city’s needs, providing residents with sporting fields and recreational space in a natural setting, while also protecting a significant area of bushland close to existing Council-owned conservation land.

The master planning study is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

You will find more information at redland.qld.gov.au/SportRecPrecinct

Keep connected

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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