



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Julie Talty

Dear resident,

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

Meanwhile, the alternative exit point from the Bayview Trail Park staging area has now been sealed.

Traffic calming will be added and this exit will only be used for traffic management for events.

Quarry opposition

Council sought to represent and address its interests and those of the local community throughout the lengthy appeal against the Barro quarry extension.

But despite vigorously arguing its opposition to the extension since June 2013, both in court and with the State Government, Council was left with no evidentiary basis to continue.

Council, on behalf of the community, went as far as it could but it was clear that, as the State had designated the site as a Key Resource Area and that the issues in regard to the operation of the quarry were all regulated under the operational licence issued by the State, Council faced an uphill battle.

Council asked the State Government for support when the State approved changes to the quarry's operational licence conditions.

Council represented the community's interest in this matter over the past 12 years but as a result of the State's amendments and separate agreement on conditions with Barro, it simply was left with no grounds for continuing the appeal despite opposing the quarry extensions on a number of planning and environmental grounds, and noting strong community opposition and significant impacts on existing local habitat, housing and businesses.



SEALED: The alternate exit point from the Bayview Trail Park staging area.



Update on major road upgrade

All going well, the major upgrade to the southern part 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 streetlight 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 improving 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 colleague Cr Mark Edwards, pictured – is a substantial investment in improved road safety, access and traffic flow for the area.

The finished product 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 such as the area's 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, along with neighbouring colleague Cr Mark Edwards, 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.

Park upgrades

It is great to see the playground upgrades in Seanna Park, pictured, are popular with local youngsters.

The park's facelift included improved landscaping and a small BMX track.

Some parents had concerns about the BMX obstacles which were designed to challenge over 8s, so Council is now working to provide a second tier of obstacles that are suited to under 8s.

At Mount Cotton Community Park, new static and dynamic fitness equipment will be installed soon.



Local connection

The footpath connecting the Bohemia Drive entrance to Mt Cotton Park with the Mt Cotton village centre was constructed in July. There was also an upgrade to the pedestrian refuge and crossing point across Valley Way.

Catch up for a chat

My next community chats will be at:

Redland Bay, corner Donald and School of Arts roads, from 9am-10.30am on Saturday, September 14; and

Mt Cotton Village Supa IGA on Saturday 21 September, when Council will also host a disaster management Street Speak from 8am-12.30pm.

And don't forget to plan for the Mt Cotton Community Christmas Party on Sunday, November 24 from 3.30pm.

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