



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Mark Edwards

### Dear resident,

On Karragarra Island, a small extension to the ambulance parking bay has been built to prepare for the next stage of a planned six-month trial of an “autonomous electric bus” on the 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 shuttles can be used to improve transport for island and other communities, as well as within controlled precincts such as airports.

This is an exciting milestone in Council’s search for transport improvements across Redlands

Coast and especially for our island communities.

Self-driving technology can connect residents to the ferry terminal and improve mobility for those who are unable to drive. Such a service would reduce demand for car parking at the ferry terminals.

The vehicle to be used will be the Easy Mile EZ10 fully-autonomous shuttle which has been designed to cover short predefined routes and carries around 10 people.

Equipped with advanced technology, the vehicle can safely respond to changes such as moving pedestrians, cyclists and other cars. However during the trial there will be a “bus driver” who will be

in the vehicle as added security.

The shuttle, which will begin in November on the island, will be free to users. If this trial proves successful, I believe that Karragarra and Lamb islands would be ideal fits for these smaller buses. They would also be useful connectors to Weinam Creek carparks.



### Delivering to the islands

Lamb Island’s Pioneer Park is in the process of getting a makeover.

The planned work includes the consolidation of the playgrounds into one play space with new equipment that provides opportunities for toddlers to school-aged children.

The park shelter will also be renewed, with seating to be installed closer to the swimming enclosure. This will make this beautiful beach area more inviting for the community and a key destination. It follows the recent renewal of the Lamb Island tennis court.

On Macleay Island, there has been a major upgrade to the pathway on Koonwarra Parade, linking Baracotta Street to Morwong Street. It has been a difficult



*KIDS' STUFF: The proposed play equipment for Lamb Island's Pioneer Park.*

section to connect due to the drainage required and the topography. While a major undertaking, it is a vital step in providing an around-island pathway.

There are several more links in the pathway to establish and I will be seeking future funding to connect Golden Sands Boulevard, which is a divided road, over the headlands. This will be an expensive undertaking considering the terrain however a pathway around the island with several waterfront sections will only enhance our island lifestyle.

On Russell Island, the \$1 million extension of the footpath from Stradbroke Drive to Glendale Street is expected to be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. If not, it won't be far off.

Footpaths are very expensive but vital for our islands as they provide a safer passageway for the many residents who choose to walk or cycle. The plan, from my perspective, is to build a concrete footpath to the southern end of Russell Island and then extend the footpath to the end of Canaipa Point.

That is not the end. We need to build footpaths along all the major road connections so this will be a program that will be ongoing for many years.



## 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](http://garagesaletrail.com.au/RedlandsCoast) to register your sale or plan your route.

## CCTV closer to installation

After many years of lobbying, Council this year agreed to a CCTV policy that makes Weinam Creek parking area a priority area for the installation of CCTV cameras for carpark coverage.

Weinam Creek takes priority over all other areas of the city for CCTV installations.

As with most things, the devil is in the detail and a partnership needed to be developed and agreed upon between Council, the Queensland Police Service and Translink in order to determine who is responsible for various roles. There is no point in installing cameras if there is no set process to monitor and maintain the cameras and to prosecute offenders.

A memorandum of understanding will lead to the next stage: acquisition of the cameras and their installation costs.

Funding is being sought from Canberra which will make this a great "all levels of government" project.

I expect that funding will be forthcoming this year to enable cameras to be installed in various positions at Weinam Creek. I have a lot of sympathy for people who have had their cars vandalised over the years and these criminals need to be identified, charged and prosecuted through the courts. That is what I hope the cameras will do: bring these vandals to justice. Cameras may not stop the crime but I am sure it will reduce it and lead to people being charged for their crimes.

## Ferry terminal upgrade

Council and the State Government are a step closer to a \$34 million upgrade of the four island passenger ferry terminals.

Council has welcomed a State Government offer to design and co-fund with Council the long-awaited rebuild of the terminals and has started negotiations for a Deed of Agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

The state's offer followed negotiations over many months with TMR and Translink to upgrade the passenger ferry terminals at Russell, Macleay, Lamb and Karragarra islands.

Council has been determined to lock in a deal that best serves the interests of island residents and visitors well into the future.



The upgrade of the Russell Island ferry terminal will be given top priority because of the condition of the facility, with sequencing of the other upgrades determined during the planning phase.

The State and Council are working together to share the construction costs, ensuring this vital infrastructure provides reliable and safe transport for our Southern Islands.

Council is keen to work with TMR to develop an operating model that ensures the long-term viability of this significant community infrastructure.



### Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.

### 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](mailto:mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au) or telephone 0407 695 667.

Warm regards,

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