



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

Dear resident,

The critical studies which will inform planning for the Toondah Harbour project are underway.

The preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has started and is expected to take up to 18 months, ensuring the assessment of the project, both under federal and state requirements, is rigorous and comprehensive.

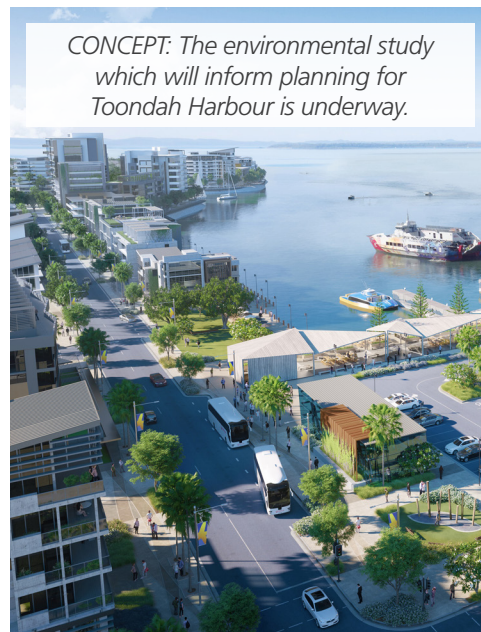
In April, the federal Minister for the Environment issued the final guidelines for the preparation of extensive environmental impact studies. When they are done, partnering developer Walker Group will be required to obtain other state environment and planning approvals, which is expected to

take another 12 months. While, like residents, Council is an interested party to the EIS process, we are not actually part of the EIS development or assessment.

The federal and state governments will assess the EIS and make the final determination. Once these approvals have been obtained, Walker can start construction of the new ferry terminal. The upgrade of the Fison Channel and port facilities would be delivered in the early stages of construction.

A community engagement program will be rolled out by Walker Group and will include community newsletters, listening posts, shop displays, feedback hotline and website updates.

CONCEPT: The environmental study which will inform planning for Toondah Harbour is underway.



WELCOMING: The official opening of our new Visitor Information Centre at Cleveland's Raby Bay Harbour.

Visitor Information Centre offers warm welcome

If you are heading to Raby Bay Harbour, feel free to call in at our new Visitor Information Centre.

Moved to Raby Bay Harbour from its previous home at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, it features stunning woven ceiling lamps by Minjerribah artist Anaheke Metua and local Redlands Coast wares, including pottery Redlands Coast keep cups by Thornlands artist Carys Martin and work by renowned Quandamooka artist Delvene Cockatoo-Collins.

The new location was selected as it is ideal for both locals and visitors on their way to North Stradbroke Island either by car, bus, rail or boat.

Visitors can drop in for a complimentary coffee and pick up the city's new holiday guide, which features more than 90 Redlands Coast tourism operators.

Cleveland action plan update

The Cleveland Centre Traffic and Transport Action Plan has identified a range of “quick wins” that will improve the walkability, pedestrian safety and connectivity of the CBD.

These short-term actions are aimed at transforming the heart of Cleveland from a car-dominated area to a high quality pedestrian-orientated centre.

These “quick wins” will allow Council to improve the CBD while

planning and consultation for longer term actions is progressed.

They include installation of bicycle facilities, reducing traffic speeds, improving pedestrian safety and accessibility, particularly between the CBD and cultural precinct, and looking at the merits of future parklets.

All are short-term, low-cost actions that Council can do to make an immediate impact

as we develop longer term transformative solutions.

They also include beginning negotiations with the Department of Transport and Main Roads for Waterloo Street to become a local road instead of a state-controlled road.

You will find more information on the action plan at:

yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au.



NEW VENTURE: The development of new whale-watching experiences off North Stradbroke Island is good news for Cleveland businesses.

Whale of a time

I am excited about Council’s new whale-watching campaign and the launch of the Yalingbila Tours whale-watching cruise, which includes Raby Bay and Dunwich as ports of call.

With more than 30,000 migrating whales passing the North Stradbroke Island coastline each year, the cruise venture - operated by Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) - is a great example of the type of eco and cultural tourism suited to Redlands Coast. Departing Raby Bay, Dunwich and Brisbane’s South Bank during whale season, the tours will bring people into Cleveland and provide another reason to stay longer at Straddie, with spin-offs for restaurants, accommodation providers and other businesses.

Council is supporting the venture with a promotional campaign establishing Redlands Coast as a whale-watching destination - either by boat or from land at Point Lookout, one of the best land-based whale watching spots in Australia. Yalingbila Tours, named after the local Jandai word for whales, is Australia’s first Aboriginal-owned and operated whale-watching experience. The tours are hosted by Quandamooka guides, such as Minjerribah songman Joshua Walker, who shares traditional stories about the area and its marine and land-based wildlife.

In years to come, Yalingbila Tours is tipped to generate \$35 million, create 25 jobs and attract thousands of tourists to Redlands Coast. The tours have been developed in partnership with University of Queensland researchers and will contribute to a global whale research initiative.

Info: visitredlandscost.com.au



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.

Stay in touch

I am always keen to hear your ideas and discuss your concerns, so please stop for a chat if you see me at my regular “pop up” consultations in Cleveland. Keep an eye on [@councillorpetermitchell](https://www.facebook.com/councillorpetermitchell) on Facebook or call my office on 3829 8607. For simple operational matters, please contact Council direct on 3829 8999 or rcc@redland.qld.gov.au.



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