



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Mark Edwards



### Stage 1 of the project

Stage 1 of Redland City Council's masterplan for the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area precinct will be rolled out this year. Council-owned subsidiary Redland Investment Corporation (RIC) is working with Council to develop Stage 1, which will provide valuable car parking and include site preparation for future residential dwellings.

### Weinam Creek redevelopment

Redland City Council has a clear vision to transform Redland Bay's Weinam Creek Priority Development Area into a welcoming precinct.

This vision was developed from the public consultation which was undertaken from 10 January to 24 February 2014.

Weinam Creek is set to become an exciting and dynamic destination in its own right - as well as an effective transport hub and gateway to the islands.

Council's Weinam Creek masterplan, which will be delivered in stages, will:

- Transform the waterfront of Redland Bay;
- Improve the usability of the transport hub;
- Attract visitors; and
- Create jobs and drive economic development in the area.

Investigative works are underway across the Moores Road site and, in the near future, this will extend to the entire precinct as plans for the area progress.

The masterplan will include more open space, new pedestrian and cycleways and rejuvenation of existing parkland.

It also will include more carparks, improved drop-off and storage facilities for island residents and visitors, a new boat ramp to separate emergency and public access, and a mix of residential and retail spaces, including cafes, restaurants and potential for a medical precinct.



### What's next at Weinam

#### From now to late 2019

- Operational works on housing lots, including construction of footpaths and Moores Road site entry.
- Construction of carparking on the Moores Road site and a pedestrian bridge to the Weinam Creek ferry terminal. This car park will be converted into boat parking in the future.
- Construction of the access road for the Moores Road carpark.

Future newsletters will have further information on the progress of the Weinam Creek redevelopment.





# FAQ

## Weinam Creek project

### Frequently asked questions

#### What will the cost of parking be when the multi-level carpark is built at Weinam Creek?

The new parking facility will provide secure and safe parking for residents which, in addition to free parking, may also include some paid parking. Fees for paid parking areas won't be known until the facility is built. Council is conscious of keeping the pricing affordable so that the island community will use it.

#### How is the multi-level carpark and community infrastructure being funded?

With the redevelopment of Weinam Creek, land owned by the State Government and Council will become available for development that is compatible within the PDA. The sale of this land and the substantial infrastructure charges that are levied

on the development will provide significant funds that will be available for the cost of the community infrastructure. It is through this process that expensive construction projects are delivered without huge impacts on our ratepayers.

#### What is the time frame for redevelopment?

This is a complicated process however a significant part of the process has already been achieved, being the declaration of the PDA and the processes that needed to be undertaken to get to the point where construction will commence. Each small step in the redevelopment requires applications, plans and reports to be submitted to Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) for assessment. For example, it took many months just to have the Moores land approved for reconfiguration

and the same process is now being undertaken for parking on the Moores land. This will include further public consultation. This slow process of EDQ approvals delays the rate that construction can be undertaken and that makes it difficult to estimate when construction stages will be carried out. This year, overflow car parking should be constructed on the Moores land and will probably be followed by a private commercial construction project of some sort that will provide funding for the multi-level carpark. My personal opinion is that I would not expect the plans and engineering designs for the multi-level carpark to be completed before late next year. I would also be seeking support for the community to have access to and provide feedback on the designs, so that there is confidence that what is being built is what the community needs.

## New fire station proves its worth

The rural fire station on Lamb Island was recently officially opened however it has been operational now for more than a year.

The official opening was conducted by Fire Services Minister Craig Crawford, in the presence of a range of service volunteers, police, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Katarina Carroll, local MP Kim Richards and myself.

Redland City Council contributed \$50,000 to

assist with the construction which demonstrates the partnership between various levels of government and the community. The Lamb Island Fire Station provided nearly half the funds, which was a great effort.

The fire station has already proven its worth to the community when the water main was severed and it became the distribution centre for bottled water for islanders.



In a great partnership, the station will also be home for the State Emergency Service, Queensland Ambulance Service and Energex vehicles. This makes this facility not only unique but also designed to cater for the Lamb Island community.

## 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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## Sports court upgrade

The renewal of the multi-purpose court at Lamb Island's Pioneer Park is expected to be completed by the end of May, weather permitting. The works involve a new court surface, tennis posts, net and fencing, new lighting and a basketball tower.