



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.



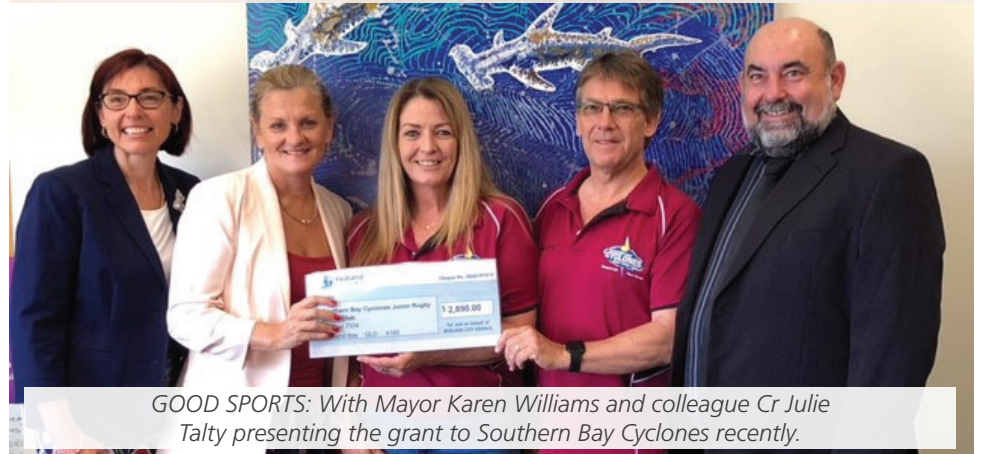
New shed a hit



OPENING: With Mayor Karen Williams and colleague Cr Julie Talty at the opening of the new Redland Bay Men's Shed, which is proving a great asset for the southern Redlands Coast community.

Supporting community

Council was pleased to be able to support the Southern Bay Cyclones Rugby Union Club with a grant toward improvements to the clubhouse at Charlie Buckler Field. A new three-tiered seating unit to make it more comfortable for supporters of both the cricket and rugby clubs is also on the way. Engineering and project planning is also continuing toward the upgrade of car parking. Plans for the long-term improvement of the grounds are progressing.



GOOD SPORTS: With Mayor Karen Williams and colleague Cr Julie Talty presenting the grant to Southern Bay Cyclones recently.

Community garden update

Local community group Redlands Coast Salad Bowl is continuing to work with Council, Cr Julie Talty and myself to create a new community garden in Fielding Park, Redland Bay. The garden will be run by volunteers, so if you are interested in joining the gardening group you will find details on [f/RedlandsCoastSaladBowl](https://www.facebook.com/RedlandsCoastSaladBowl).

The vision for the garden is to create a place where local people of all ages come together to grow fresh food, to learn, relax and make new friends. Community consultation on the proposed site for the garden is

complete and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, so the garden should be getting off the ground soon.

The site has been selected to provide accessibility to the broader community, while retaining all the large, open kick-out play areas in Fielding Park. The proposed garden will preserve existing vegetation and activate the park with an exciting new feature. It will include communal areas, raised garden plots for individuals and families, tree planting and an open orchard for community use. Some built

structures are also proposed for the storage of gardening materials. The group hopes to be able to host community talks and information workshops on topics such as organic growing and "paddock to plate", and eventually hopes to be involved in farmers markets.

Several local youth groups, including Scouts, have signed up to participate in garden activities, as well as local organisations assisting seniors, with the ultimate goal of encouraging local schools and aged-care centres to join in the fun and activities presented through the garden.



Road works well on track

The Collins Street and School of Arts Road upgrade project is progressing well, with works currently ahead of schedule.

Major drainage upgrades are currently being installed and major service relocations are all but complete.

Over the next few months, works will start on the upgrade of the existing road, which will necessitate the altering of traffic flows through the project.

This substantial project is now expected to be completed in February next year.

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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