



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

Dear Straddie resident,

I encourage island residents to help Council maintain a high standard of basic services – especially relating to roads, parks, animal management and rubbish collection – by reporting a problem or passing on an idea.

You are our “our eyes and ears on the ground” and reporting ensures that Council can address immediate issues and concerns promptly, as well as plan and budget for solutions to longer-term issues

Day-to-day operational issues should be reported to Council on 3829 8999 or rcc@redland.qld.gov.au. You also can “Report a problem” and upload a photograph via our webpage at www.redland.qld.gov.au (look under Online Services” at the top of the page).

When it comes to hooning and anti-social behaviour, we can all help by reporting incidents to police. There are a number of ways for residents to report offences such as street racing and burn-outs:

- If life or property is in immediate danger or the event is time critical, call Triple Zero (000);
- If it's non-urgent, not life threatening or there is little likelihood that the offenders are still in the area, call Policelink on 131 444;
- For hoon-specific information call the dedicated hoon hotline 13HOON (134 666), which goes to Policelink, or report online; or
- Contact your local police station.

By calling police when you see such behaviour, the chances of catching the offenders increases.

Residents should also remember to observe speed limits themselves and take care while on the road at all times.

I will be continuing my township-based Councillor listening posts and involve senior Council operational staff where possible, as I believe it is vital that there is prompt and direct communication between Council and residents.

Please look for township-specific announcements on community noticeboards or my Councillor Facebook site. I also remain available by phone or email daily.

For any simple operational matters, I suggest you contact Council direct.

Cr Peter Mitchell
Division 2 – Island

Consultation on island land proposals

Council has made it clear to the State Government that it needs to engage with islanders on the future use of land it wants as part of its economic transition strategy.

The government has been informed that Council is reluctant to relinquish its trust over several parcels of land on the island until the community is made well aware of the proposed uses of that land and the impact on residents.

This will help ensure the land is used in the best interests of the island.

Mayor Karen Williams and I both appreciate the State Government's commitment to the economic transition of Straddie away from sand mining, and applaud the recent signing of two significant agreements between the State, Traditional Owners, Sibelco Australia and the University of Queensland.

However, Council has received numerous requests to relinquish trust over land that is in addition to the commitments it has made through its Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Quandamooka community.

Before Council does so, it and the island community want a clear picture of what is proposed so there are no shocks down the track.

These open conversations, whether uncomfortable or not, are what is needed for the benefit of all concerned. It is a historic juncture in Straddie's history and cannot be rushed.

Council will continue to push for a coordinated and considered approach to land transfers which includes further engagement by the State Government to explain all land-use proposals and their impacts.

It also is important to frame these land proposals within the broad community expectation of the ETS process, namely that it should be considerate of ongoing benefits to all Stradbroke residents.

We do not want the significant opportunity this process offers the community to be overshadowed by concern driven by a lack of information

What is also clear from my discussions with residents is that there needs to be broad transport solutions for Straddie as promised in the State's economic transition strategy, including better public transport and the master planning for Dunwich (Goompi) to focus on legacy infrastructure to benefit all island residents and visitors.



Redlands Coast on show

Thanks to Rotary District 9630 for bringing the Ship for World Youth to Redlands Coast in February. An afternoon of sport and friendship was enjoyed at Cleveland Showgrounds – Norm Smith Park. This global youth leadership program is funded by the Japanese government and it was a real coup to have the hundreds of delegates visit our city. Minjerribah's own Yulu Burri Ba dancers did the city proud and were front and centre entertaining and welcoming the delegates from all over the world. I took the opportunity to invite the new Japanese Consulate-General to visit Cleveland and North Stradbroke Island in the future..

Public art entry statements on track

Concept designs for public art entry statements for Amity Point (Pulan) and Point Lookout (Mooloomba) are expected to go to the community about now.

Council, who is the lead for the project, has contracted QYAC to design and install the Quandamooka-inspired entry statements.

A Quandamooka artist or artists will create the designs.

Community consultation held last year by Council involved more than 100 people on the island.

The most popular subject matter for Point Lookout art was a whale, while the most popular for Amity Point was a dolphin.

The entry statements will be completed this year.

Funding for the entry statements is from the State Government's North Stradbroke Island Economic Transition Strategy.

For more information or to complete an online survey about the entry statements visit Council's your Say web page: yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

Save the dates

Some great Council-supported events are headed to Straddie over the next few months.

I am especially looking forward to the Intrust Super Cup game, sponsored by Council, at Dunwich on 28 April.

Then we will have the Straddie Salute Triathlon Festival at Point Lookout on Saturday, 18 May, featuring a range of events suited to all abilities, including a road triathlon, off-road triathlon, beginners' triathlon, kids' duathlon and a fun run. The Quandamooka Festival includes events at various locations from June to August, with the kunjiels (corroborees) real highlights, along with indigenous sports, music, eco boat tours, art exhibitions, bush tucker and plenty of fun. The Stradbroke Chamber Music Festival will be from 26-28 July, with six concerts.

Info: www.visitredlandscoast.com.au/whats-on



South Gorge update

Council has replaced what was a functional but unattractive fence and railing at South Gorge. Contractors have replaced the old black chain wire version with this new offering.

I think we can all agree that this – thanks to Council and QYAC as the chosen contractor – is much more in keeping with the natural look and feel of this popular area.