



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Peter Mitchell

### Dear resident,

I encourage 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 at [rcc@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au). You also can “Report a problem” and upload a photograph via our webpage at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://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 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. I am also available by phone and email seven days, so don't hesitate to get in touch. I will vary the times and days to reach as many people as possible, so keep an eye on [@councillorpetermitchell](https://www.facebook.com/councillorpetermitchell) on Facebook or call my office on 3829 8607.

**Cr Peter Mitchell** Division 2 – Mainland

### CBD parks, parking and other works

Council has trialled a “parklet” – essentially a footpath extension where people can gather - in Cleveland's Bloomfield Street as part of its look to the future of the CBD.

These mini-parks enhance streetscapes, providing people with a place to sit, relax and enjoy the area. Generally, they are designed as a platform that is protected from traffic and have special features, such as seating, tables and landscaping that give each parklet a unique character.

These welcoming, public spaces benefit businesses by attracting customers. They also create a more vibrant community feel for residents and visitors by offering a more pleasant pedestrian environment.

The recent trial introduced the concept of parklets to the Redlands Coast community and generated discussion about how our streetscapes can be used.

The response overall has been mixed, some of it no doubt due to the shock factor, although the feedback box available at the parklet returned mostly positive reviews and comments. It certainly got people talking, which was part of the intention.

The parklet trial is part of a broader plan Council is developing for the Cleveland centre, with a completed plan expected to be ready

for residents' input in the coming months.

Anything which entices people to spend more time in the city centre, and more money in local businesses, is well worth considering, so I will keep you posted on developments.

I believe it is important to try some ideas as we search for winners as we cannot continue to do the same thing and expect a different result. Through trials such as this we can at least get business and residents to help shape the future.

Council is committed to focussing on more immediate, on-the-ground action in a range of areas, including better management of available parking.

I recently spent three months parking outside the regulated area and walking to my Council office and really enjoyed it. I encourage others who work in the CBD to try it, as it will free up prime spaces for people using CBD businesses.

Residents will no doubt have noticed the work that has been going on in Middle and Doig streets and Kyling Lane: This will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as improve the liveability of the town centre.

There also has been an increase in street sweeping in response to public requests.



## 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.

## Raby Bay update

### Projects done or on the schedule

- Routine cleaning of canals.
- Annual mangrove removal program.
- Stormwater sediment removal works.
- Capital works revetment wall project at Seacrest Court.
- Capital work revetment wall project at Piermont Place
- Detailed design for revetment wall capital works for 2019/20.

### In the pipeline

- Annual rock restacking program.
- Revetment wall capital works construction in Mainroyal Court.

For more detailed information contact [rcc@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au)

## Save the dates

Two big Council-supported events are coming up in Cleveland, underscoring its attraction as a great day-trip destination.

The colourful and crazy Redlands Rockabilly Revival returns to Redland Showgrounds - Norm Price Park on Saturday 4 May, bringing with it plenty of rockabilly-themed entertainment, including live music, pin-up pageant, markets, gourmet food trucks and rides. There will be hundreds of hot rods and classic cars on display. Information: [www.rockabillyrevival.com.au](http://www.rockabillyrevival.com.au).

If you are looking for something special to do on Mother's Day, you can head to the Sweet As Dessert Festival at the showgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 May. You will be able to indulge in food creations from some of Queensland's best dessert makers. There will be eating competitions, live music, pop-up bars, dessert cocktails, kids activities and cooking demonstrations each day. Info: **SweetAsDessertFestival** on Facebook.



## Helping community

Congratulations to the University of the Third age cycling group.

Along with Mayor Karen Williams and Cr Lance Hewlett, I was able to provide a small grant to help buy new jerseys.

The group is looking to update the design to reflect the new #redlandscoast city brand.

## Keeping in shape in our parks

I recommend that residents consider taking the opportunity to join one of the activities in Council's Redlands Coast Healthy & Active Program.

Our popular group exercise program offers a diverse range of low-cost activities across Redlands Coast, at just \$5 per person, per session. This year, the program has introduced some new activities, including ninja warrior, cardio tennis and Billy's Buddies, a children's rugby league

based program founded by former Queensland Origin great Billy Slater. Also returning are the very popular Zumba classes, as well programs which cater for all levels of fitness.

The program is having a positive impact on the community, with about 1500 people taking part in more than 20 different activities.

Visit [redland.qld.gov.au/rchap](http://redland.qld.gov.au/rchap) for details.

## William Street breakwater

Detailed design, drawings and technical specifications have been prepared for the William Street breakwater project.

Council is now awaiting the required Marine Parks permit to allow it to begin extending the existing breakwater by about 100m.

The preliminary works will involve relocating services at the entrance to the breakwater from the boat club carpark.

This project, jointly funded by the Council and Department of Transport and Main Roads, is welcome news for boaties and our Volunteer Marine Rescue crews, making the boat ramp much safer in marginal conditions.