



News from your Local Councillor

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ISLANDS
EDITION

Dear island resident

The Priority Development Area (PDA) project at Weinam Creek is progressing, with an application before the State Government to allow parking at Moores Road.

If approved, this area will provide relief parking as the project advances. The key infrastructure is a multi-level carpark located directly at the ferry terminal.

Council-owned subsidiary Redland Investment Corporation (RIC) is working with Council to develop stage one of the PDA project and plan for future stages.

RIC has advised that once the overflow parking is provided across the creek, the company will be negotiating with a number of potential partners to construct a carpark of up to five levels, catering for up to 2000 vehicles, within the ferry terminal precinct.

The final design will not be finalised until a development partnership is established.

However, it is proposed that retailers and service providers will be provided within or next to the carpark that will benefit all of the community.

There will be additional parking outside the parking facility.

RIC is looking to maximise parking options on the ferry terminal side of Weinam Creek so that the community is not reliant on the Moores Road land for commuter parking once the multi-level carpark is constructed.

The Moores Road land has never been intended as the primary parking facility for the islands but it is essential for alternate overflow parking to progress the PDA project.

The current proposal for the Moores land is to only provide basic parking.

There will be both long-term and short-term car parking options.

Once the multi-storey parking facility has been completed and other nearby parking overflow areas established to cater for the growing needs of the islands, other uses may be explored for the Moores Road land.

The provision of this infrastructure comes at a significant cost so, to save ratepayers money, this will be offset by other commercial opportunities within the Weinam Creek area.

Expect to see construction of other buildings, including residential unit

development, but keep in mind that any other development must include its own internal parking.

Funding to Council from these other developments will be directed at providing community infrastructure.

As I am advised of progress, I will share that in my newsletters.

The redevelopment of Weinam Creek will take time and there will be some inconvenience during the process.

The goal is to have a precinct that is user friendly, efficient and a welcoming place to visit and enjoy.



SOLUTION: An impression of what the multi-story Weinam Creek carpark might look like.



KIDS' STUFF: Our new sun-smart island parks.

Parks go sun smart

With summer almost here, it's important to be sun smart. To protect our children, two island parks are getting sun shade sails over the playground equipment ... and they are huge!

On Macleay Island, shade will be installed at the wonderful waterfront Corroboree Park at the end of Cotton Tree Avenue, on the water looking directly at Lamb Island.

A great park to visit, it has a wonderful playground for the kids, a kick-around grassed area, an electric barbecue and seats.

Shade sails also will be installed at Russell Island's Ranora Avenue Park, a relatively new "pocket" park halfway along Russell Island, which many residents may not yet be aware of. Turn off Centre Road at Kurrajong Street, drive to the end and turn left on Palm Beach Road and you'll find the park at the intersection of Ranora Avenue.

This is a small space overlooking the water to the mainland and has been designed especially for little children, with pirate-themed play equipment.

Be prepared for fires

Council is seeking the assistance of islands' residents to ensure our area is ready for bushfires.

Our teams have been working to reduce fuel loads on Council land but it also is important that residents safeguard their own properties.

The safety of you, your family and neighbours is greatly enhanced if you mow regularly, remove overgrown vegetation and combustible material, clear access paths and trim low branches near your house.

Under Council's Local Laws, all residents and land owners are legally required to clear overgrown allotments and unsightly accumulations of objects and materials, and reduce or remove fire hazards.

Russell Island and Macleay Island waste transfer stations are open seven days to help residents cleaning up their properties.

Russell Island, Davidson Road

Mon to Fri 8am - 2pm, Sat and Sun 8am - 4pm

Macleay Island, Eastern Road

Mon to Fri 8am - 2pm, Sat and Sun 8am - 4pm

Lamb Island, Sweet Gum Avenue

Opening times: 7 days during daylight hours

Karragarra Island, The Esplanade

Opening times: 7 days during daylight hours

All closed Christmas Day.

Market fun

This year's Karra Sea Market was wet, wet, wet! But while it did deter some people from turning up, it didn't stop the fun.

I had the honour of opening the event and exploring the variety of goods on offer at the many stalls.

It was a tremendous effort from the Karragarra Community Garden members who organised this year's event and the many volunteers who pitched in and helped out.

A shout out to Council and the other sponsors for getting behind this event, which is probably one of the largest on the islands' calendar. Let's hope for sunny weather next year.



COMMUNITY: Rain didn't dampen the fun at the Karra Sea Market.



ART: The new sculpture trail promises to be a big drawcard for the islands.

Sculpture trail update

It has taken a little longer than I expected however the "Girt By Sea" sculptures are being installed throughout the islands.

Each sculpture requires a designed footing to ensure it is secured safely and the artists were engaged to assess the suitability of the site for installation to ensure it reflected the expression of the artwork.

A couple of sculptures are undergoing restoration to ensure they will last in the elements.

Merry Christmas

I would like to wish all residents of the Redlands Coast Southern Islands and their families a great Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for help if you need it. You can email me anytime at **mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au** or call me on 0407 695 667.

Warm regards,

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