



News from your Local Councillor Cr Peter Mitchell

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Transport strategy update

Council is keen to hear your views on the city's future transport needs.

With community engagement on the Draft Redlands Coast Transport Strategy now underway, we are keen for feedback through yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au.

One of the key things we want your input on is the prioritisation of projects.

This strategy will guide how and where Council spends your rates: on local road upgrades, cycle ways or programs designed to change travel behaviour, for example.

It also will guide which state roads, state infrastructure and state services Council will advocate for upgrade, duplication, extension or improvement of - and the order in which these advocacy projects are prioritised.

The draft strategy was guided by engineers, transport and urban planners, futurists and other experts - and we listened to what the community told us at transport forums, and through other community consultation activities.

But it is important that you tell us whether we have got it right.

There is a copy of the draft strategy on the website, as well as an interactive map where you can make comments about certain locations in our transport network, such as the Cleveland CBD. You also will find a survey and fact sheets.

Pop-up engagement sessions are also continuing for residents to get information on this strategy, which will affect everyone who visits, works, or lives in our great city.

I encourage you to write a formal submission to Council if you would like to contribute to our planning for the city's future transport and traffic needs.

Give your feedback by taking a quick survey available on yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

Meanwhile, the Cleveland Centre Traffic and Transport Strategy is also being developed, on which community feedback will be sought early next year.

Any comments specific to the Cleveland CBD that are made during the citywide transport strategy community engagement will be considered when drafting the Cleveland Centre strategy.

Stay safe this summer

As we head into summer, ask yourself: "Am I ready for storms and bushfires?"

With warmer than usual conditions predicted and the ever present threat of severe storms at this time of year, it is important to be prepared for all conditions.

Simple tasks you can do today to keep you and your loved ones safe include:

- Clearing debris from roof gutters
- Cleaning up your yard
- Creating an emergency evacuation kit with all the essentials in one easy-to-access spot, and
- Having a plan for what you would do and where you would go in an emergency to protect yourselves and the things that are important to you.

For information, go to redlandsdisasterplan.com.au



Community

I am always interested in hearing from local community groups which need assistance with their programs. I was recently pleased to present a Councillor small grant to treasurer Paul Barnes of the Redland District Committee on the Ageing.



Garden diplomacy

Pressing our case to state and federal governments on behalf of Division 2 is an important part of my role as Councillor.

I take every opportunity to promote infrastructure and services for our community, such as road and rail improvements, digital connectivity, the Cleveland aquatic precinct upgrade, North Stradbroke Island economic development and local police and health services.

While much of this occurs in formal submissions and meetings, some of the best and most genuine diplomacy and advocacy can happen when least expected. Mayor Karen Williams and I caught up with Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Minister Kate Jones while at the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers in September, pictured. We had a warm and productive conversation about Redlands Coast.

Have your say

The community will have its say on whether dogs should be prohibited or restricted from Cleveland Markets.

Dogs have actually not been allowed at the markets since 1997 but, following recent complaints from residents wanting the local law enforced, Council erected signs to educate the public about the local law. No infringement notices have been issued.

In order to respect those residents who have asked for the local law to be enforced, the ban on dogs at the markets will remain until the review is finalised.

Go to yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au for details.

Help the shelter

Help the Redland Animal Shelter during the busy Christmas period by donating some canine and feline creature comforts for summer:

- ✓ Dog treats such as Schmackos
- ✓ Unused towels
- ✓ Dog and cat toys
- ✓ Dog and cat collars
- ✓ Pooper scoopers, kitty litter trays and crystal cat litter
- ✓ Whiskers Chicken Pouch (kitten 2-12 months) and adult cat food tins.



Redland Animal Shelter 

Council's holiday closures

Phone services: Closed from 5pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 8am Tuesday 2 January.

Cleveland and Capalaba Customer Service Counters: Closed from 4.30pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 8.30am Tuesday 2 January.

Victoria Point Customer Service Counter: Closed from 5pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 9am Tuesday 2 January.

For urgent assistance over the closure, please call 3829 8999.

Best wishes of the season

I would like wish everyone a wonderful and safe Christmas.

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 happy they are being well received. 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.

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