



A message from the Mayor

Cr Karen Williams

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Security camera policy uses the power of partnerships

Redland City Council will collaborate with Queensland Police and other state agencies under our recently adopted policy for determining the use of security cameras in the city.

A report that we commissioned has provided clear insights into the role, cost and responsibilities relating to security cameras but it also has highlighted that they are not a simple solution for crime.

It has been made very clear to Council that our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast is a safe place with much lower crimes against property and person than other communities in the south-east.

The new policy does, however, acknowledge that safety is important to residents and plays a significant role in community spirit, connectedness and wellbeing.

There are many factors which ensure that safety, of which security cameras are just one.

Council already uses highly regarded practices such as Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles for our parks and public spaces, as well as making them welcoming for local families. Council also already has 160 cameras for the enforcement of local laws and the protection of assets.

The report to Council shows there are a range of complex issues that need to be considered with the use of security cameras.

This includes unintended consequences such as simply causing property crime to move out of camera range and creating false safety perceptions, as well as issues relating to privacy, access, cost, maintenance, supervision and response.

Meanwhile, we are working towards a Memorandum of Understanding with state agencies such as Translink and Queensland Police which will enable access to stored camera footage for evidentiary purposes.

I have already started this process by meeting with Translink and local Queensland Police Service representatives to see how we can work together to improve public safety at Weinam Creek.

These discussions have been positive and I am confident this policy, combined with the discussions I have already had, will deliver real results for the community.

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Mayor of Redland City

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Who to call

You can report incidents to Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or **the Hoon Hotline on 13HOON (13 4666)**. If the situation is urgent and requires police attendance call 000.

Help the homeless

My brief experience of sleeping "rough" during the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout over the past few years has been enough to bring home to me just how devastating it must be for those who are left homeless, often through no fault of their own. I knew I would be back in my own bed the next night but for too many there is no such hope.

More than 20,000 Queenslanders do not have a place to call home, including about 250 people in the Redlands, so I urge those of us more fortunate to do what you can to help.

I was thrilled to exceed my goal and raise more than \$6000 for the cause. You can still make a contribution through my fundraising page at www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/karen-williams/brisbane or you can go to Vinnies CEO Sleepout home page for more information.



SUPPORT: The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is helping to raise vital funds to help the homeless.

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Redlands Coast – Naturally Wonderful

The Redlands is set to emerge with an exciting new identity after Council recently endorsed a place brand for the city, following consultation with almost 5000 locals, business owners and visitors.

The place brand and positioning statement 'Redlands Coast – Naturally Wonderful' was the clear choice among participants in the research and engagement and reflects the city's approximately 335km of coastline. Our reputation as a place is closely aligned with our ability to attract visitors, new

business, investment and skilled people.

This step in fostering economic development and tourism as Redlands Coast is especially important with North Stradbroke Island transitioning from sand mining to tourism by 2019.

The new identity – for marketing purposes – does not change the official name of the city or affect the Council logo.

Find out more at our new Redlands Coast website for locals, business and visitors: www.redlandscost@com.au



WORLD STAGE: I was pleased to be able to support Cleveland Air Magic to fly to Shanghai in China to represent the Redlands Coast in the World Rope Skipping Championships.

Proudly helping locals

As Mayor, I am privileged to be able to help, on your behalf, a wide variety of very worthy local groups and individuals who are doing the city proud.

All up, more than \$50,000 was distributed last financial year to 24 groups and 55 individuals. Among the major beneficiaries were Mt Cotton Scout Group, the Capalaba and Wellington Point rotary clubs, Mt Cotton Community Fellowship, Coochiemudlo and Point Lookout surf lifesaving clubs, Redland Museum, North Stradbroke Island's golf club, rugby league and surfers clubs, Youth of Tomorrow, The Cage Youth Foundation, Volunteer Marine Rescue and RATS Cycling.

Our favourite show turns 60

RedFest will celebrate its diamond anniversary in September with a wonderful three days of fun and entertainment planned.

A touch of nostalgia and glamour has been added to this year's big event, at the Cleveland Showgrounds – Norm Price Park from 7-9 September. We'll see the return of the Strawberry Queen Ball on Saturday 1 September and the community float parade through Cleveland on the Saturday morning of the show.

Formerly known as the Strawberry Festival, the event is a major highlight on the Redlands Coast annual calendar and one that Council is proud to support. There will be fun for the whole family with great bands, local artists, the popular lantern parade, sideshow alley, fireworks and the world famous strawberry-eating competition.

You will find more information at www.redfest.com.au

Land talks continue

Council has urged the Federal Government to fast-track its divestment strategy for the Birkdale Commonwealth land. I met with Assistant Minister to the Treasurer Michael Sukkar and Assistant Minister for Finance David Coleman in Canberra in June to stress how strategically important to the Redlands this land is. I also have recently officially requested that they speed up the process as I am concerned about the time this process may take, particularly with a federal election due by next May.

I have made it clear that community feedback has strongly demonstrated that this land should not be used for housing as outlined in this year's federal budget. Council started negotiations three years ago to acquire this strategic land and we need to have this matter resolved as soon as possible to give the community confidence that it will not be developed for housing.

