



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

Dear Straddie resident,

Dunwich and the offerings of North Stradbroke Island went on show recently when the Intrust Super Cup came to town.

It was the fourth Indignous recognition game to be hosted on the island, this time as part of a great event sponsored by Redland City Council in partnership with the Deadly Choices organisation, which spread an excellent message relating to good healthy choices.

It was a pleasure to meet Deadly Choices ambassadors and

Queensland legends Steve Renouf and Petero Civoniceva.

The televised game included substantial promotion of Straddie as a great place to visit as the jewel in the crown of the Redlands Coast.

Tourism and local business benefited from the event itself, where Quandamooka hospitality and culture was front and centre, with the coverage also expected to increase visitors to the island.

Events such as this are part of Council's continued planning for the future of Straddie and the Redlands Coast.

Meanwhile, Council is continuing to advocate for increased funding and on-the-ground projects to help the island transition from sand mining.

Congratulations to Auntie Sandra Delaney, who designed the Wynnum-Manly jersey for the Indigenous recognition game ahead of NAIDOC Week.



GOOD SPORTS: With Petero Civoniceva and Steve Renouf at the recognition game.



MESSAGE: League legend Steve Renouf addresses spectators.



Supporting community

I am pleased to be able to assist a range of worthy local groups through my Councillor Small Grants program.

These grants are a small way that I can recognise and help the great work being done for fellow residents by members of sporting, youth, cultural and not-for-profit groups.

As local Councillor I get to see first hand the extent of the work that is done every day in our community and I regularly hear how much it is valued by residents.

Recently I have been able to help the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club and the island's Rugby League and All Sports Club, as well as Point Lookout Surfriders, our Volunteer Marine Rescue crews and the Stradbroke Early Learning Association.

These grants will support the growth of these great local clubs and community organisations which do so much to promote island wellbeing.

Redland City Council also supports community projects from cultural events to wildlife programs through its annual community grants program and I urge anyone with an initiative that clearly benefits our community to apply.

For eligibility criteria and to learn more about how to apply for grants or sponsorship, visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/Grants, email grants@redland.qld.gov.au or call 3829 8999.



Artist's impression of a new 3.5ha South Bank-style foreshore parkland area, including a lagoon pool and water play area proposed for inclusion in Walker Group's Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area project. Image courtesy of Walker Group.

Toondah Harbour project to proceed to next stage

The Federal Government recently announced that the proposed Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area development is a "Controlled Action", allowing the project to proceed to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) phase.

This decision follows the unveiling of Walker Group's updated proposed masterplan for the project, which incorporates a number of new initiatives and feedback from leading environmental and wetland experts, the public and Federal Government. Walker Group lodged a new referral with the Federal Government to incorporate the new initiatives in early June 2018.

The Federal Government's decision to declare the proposed project a "Controlled Action" is an important milestone. It is also an important step for the community and the beginning of a process that will include ongoing community engagement and consultation by Walker Group.

The EIS phase will take approximately 12 to 18 months and will address all potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the proposed development during its construction and operational phases. Environmental, construction and traffic impact management plans will be developed as part of this process.

For further information please visit www.toondah-harbour.com.au.

Experts to look at coastal hazards

Redland City Council will hold a series of workshops with local experts and Council representatives in August to ensure it has identified areas affected by coastal erosion.

Straddie - particularly Amity Point and Point Lookout - is particularly susceptible to the impact of natural hazards.

In response, the State Department of Environment and Science has provided Council with \$490,000 to develop a Coastal Hazards Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) under the QCoast2100 Program.

This will identify areas most at risk, the level of risk and Council's response taking into account what the community wants done in each location.

The upcoming workshops will include one about Stradbroke Island and one focusing on the north Redlands mainland, including Cleveland and Raby Bay.



Responsible dog ownership

There continues to be problems on the island with people ignoring our local dog laws.

Anyone who is caught letting their dog off the leash in public faces a \$261 fine. Not everyone is comfortable when there are unrestrained dogs around and they can also be a safety hazard near roads.

Reports of dog attacks are treated with the highest priority. If your dog attacks or frightens people or other animals, your dog may be declared a menacing or dangerous dog, and you may also face prosecution.

Regular proactive patrols are also increased in response to complaints of dog owners ignoring the requirement to keep their pet on a leash at all times in public, unless in a designated off-leash area.

Residents who are concerned about straying dogs or those left to roam can report it to Council on 3829 8999. You can find full details of off-leash areas on Council's website at www.redland.qld.gov.au by searching for dog parks.



Catch up at a 'listening post'

I am happy that my township-based Councillor listening posts are continuing to be well received by residents, with senior Council operational staff very receptive to joining me when needed on visits to each township.

The next Straddie township meeting will be at 1pm on Saturday, 18 August at Dunwich Public Hall. This will be a chance to discuss issues and ideas important to the island.

I also remain available by phone or email daily.

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