



News from your Local Councillor

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ISLANDS EDITION



UNDERWAY: Work has started on the Macleay Island foreshore capping and carpark.

Protecting residents from fire risks

Council has solidified its commitment to protecting residents from fire risk with work now well underway on 52 of the Fire Management Review's 56 recommendations. The other four recommendations from the report handed down in July depend on the finalisation of other work.

Council has worked closely with the community to encourage the spring cleaning of properties and we have found residents to be very responsive. Residents are to be congratulated on getting themselves prepared. There have been significant improvements, especially on Russell Island, where there's an obvious reduction in dumped car bodies, litter and overgrown vegetation.

Council also continues its own program of fire-risk mitigation, including fuel reduction burns and maintenance such as slashing and mowing. Officers also have been speaking with residents about what to do to in case of a fire. Initiatives underway include simplified disaster management plans and improvements to Council's 'Red-e-Map' service, which allows users to check their risk of bushfire and the location of evacuation centres.

Macleay Island foreshore update

Most Macleay Island residents will be pleased to see that construction has started on site capping and new parking on the foreshore.

Although it is anticipated the project will take 12 months to complete, the contractors, Pensar Civil Pty Ltd, have started well.

Also pleasing is that there is no loss of existing parking during construction.

At a cost of \$8.5 million, the project will include a new seawall and sealed carpark, associated road works and marine infrastructure, a new two-lane recreational boat ramp, a third lane for a future floating walkway, and access stairs.

The original plan included an artificial beach which appears to have fallen away in the final State Government approvals. I will be advocating for this beach to be

included in future works, as it will provide a great community benefit.

The redevelopment consists of a total of 178 parking bays, comprising 122 car parks, 12 disabled car parks, 26 car-trailer parks, eight motorcycle parks, loading bays, a taxi bay and an emergency vehicle bay, as well as an improved drop-off zone and safer vehicle access.

Currently there are seven parking bays being used for drop-off/pick-up with a 10-minute time restriction. Council is currently re-examining the plans to help ensure the most appropriate location for the loading zone.

The current provision of six disabled parking bays is doubled in the new carpark.

A total of 40 bicycles will also be able to be stored on racks.



JEWEL: Karragarra is well worth the visit.

Wonderful Karragarra

The recent Karragarra Island Sea Market Festival was an outstanding success.

With more than 80 stalls it was the biggest island event of its type I have attended.

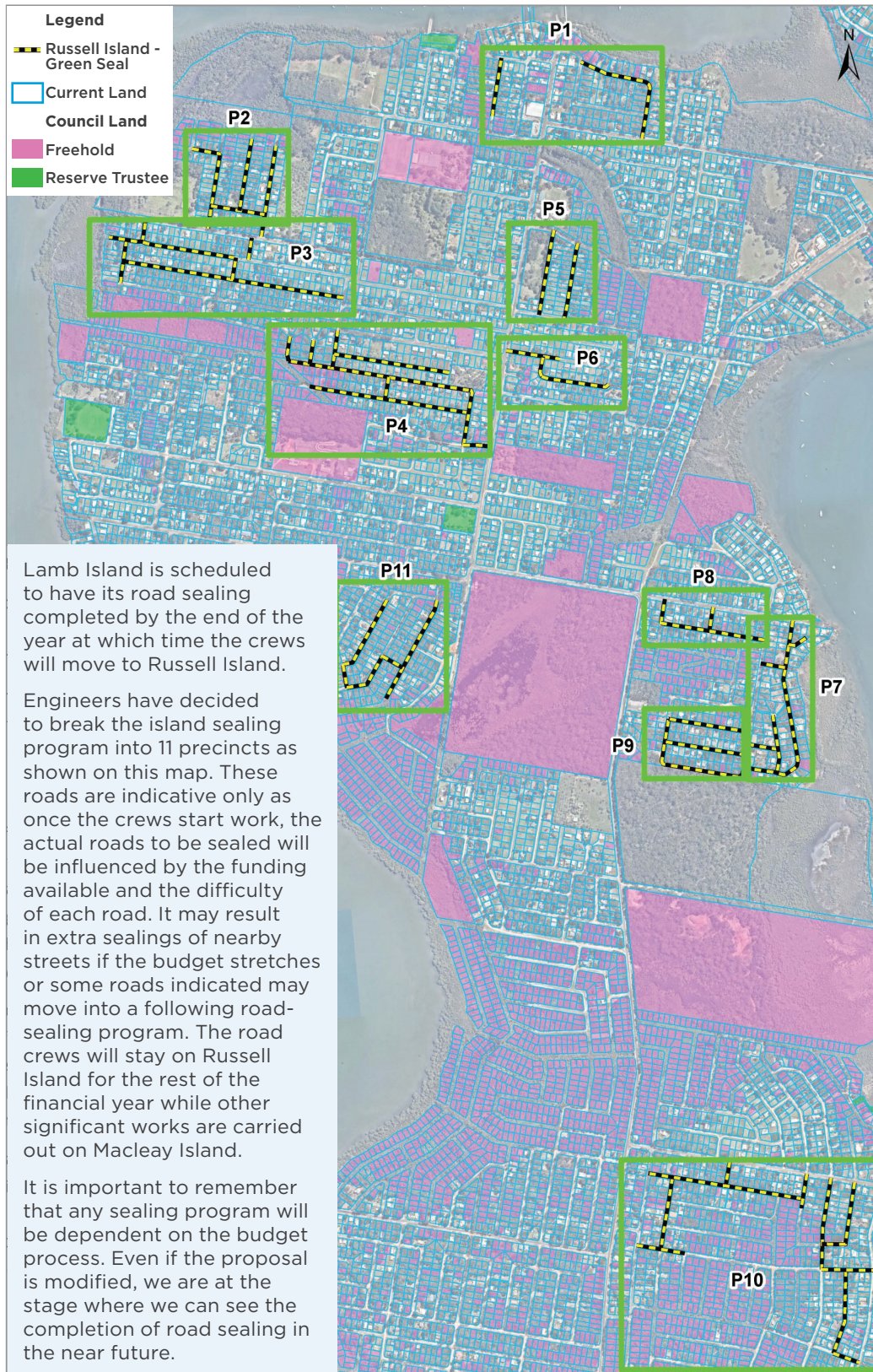
The crowd was huge, with ferries from the mainland and islands mostly full.

I was able to provide a grant to provide additional ferry services however the unexpected number of people attending meant some unfortunate delays in departing.

But that's how we learn and I will support the organisers for the next festival. We all love Karra and love that festival!



Possible road sealings on Russell Island



Lamb Island road sealing

The great news for Lamb Island is that all of the residential roads will be sealed this year.

However the access point to the community facilities, always known as Hine Court, has been omitted. There is no “conspiracy” as it turns out that Hine Court is not a gazetted road and is actually on the park.

This driveway to the community facilities is part of a wider planning project currently being assessed by Council, which is looking at future park upgrades including the location of a sealed driveway and parking area that will not need to be altered in the future.

Once officers have completed the design, it will align as a future capital works project.

Merry Christmas

I would like to wish all residents of the Southern Moreton Bay 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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