



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Peter Mitchell

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### Toondah Harbour update

The Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Energy Josh Frydenberg gave the green light on 9 June 2017 to progress the environmental impact assessment for the Toondah Harbour project in Cleveland.

Walker Group will now be able to take the application to the next stage of the process, which is to have the science tested through an environmental impact assessment.

The project will require innovative design, engineering, sustainability and environmental responses to deliver a world-class gateway that will better connect residents and visitors to the diverse coastal experiences and natural attractions of Moreton Bay and North Stradbroke Island.

The project will now be assessed under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act) for a decision. The Minister will identify the precise method and timing of the assessment in due course.

More information about key dates for the consultation during the environmental impact assessment phase will be made available to the community.

The scale and layout of the current proposal is preliminary and will be tested during the environmental assessment process. All community concerns also will need to be thoroughly tested and managed during this process.

The critical detail we all require will only be determined after full assessment under the EPBC Act. The widely accepted need to upgrade Toondah Harbour has been spoken of for more than 40 years but with no suitable result. I believe our community deserves to see this opportunity tested and the current assessment process completed. It is only then that we can analyse and balance all the genuine impacts and benefits for the greater good.

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### Christmas message

With the end of the year fast approaching, we are coming into a busy but wonderful time for Straddie.

As we all know, the island is a special spot to spend time with loved ones, perhaps enjoying a local seafood Christmas lunch or farewelling the last sunset of the year over the beautiful ocean.

No doubt 2018 will bring many new challenges and opportunities and I look forward to continuing my joint efforts with you all to ensure the island's strong future. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all North Stradbroke Island residents and visitors a wonderful festive season. Keep happy and safe!

### Save the date: Christmas events

I know Straddie is a difficult place to leave but I hope to see many of you at Council's annual **Christmas by Starlight concert**, which returns to Norm Price Park – Redland Showgrounds on Saturday 16 December.

In the lead-up, there will also be **twilight markets** and the **lighting of the city's Christmas tree in Cleveland Library Square** on 1 December. Keep an eye on Council's website for details on the line-up of activities and performers.

These events are not to be missed!





## Amity erosion emergency measures – September 2017

A significant erosion event occurred in early September, causing concern for a property owner adjacent to Council land along the northern extent of Amity Point in the vicinity of Millers Lane.

Council reacted quickly, practically and legally to remedy this situation on Council land, resulting in 42 truckloads of rock being placed and other civil works to stabilise the affected area.

Council continues to work with the State Government, QYAC, reference groups and other agencies to finalise the Amity Point Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) which will outline and define ongoing management strategies for the coastline in the Amity Point area.

Council officers are hopeful of presenting the SEMP strategy to the community and Council in the next 12 months.



RESPONSE: With local expert Konrad Beinssen at the Amity Point site.

## Call for SES volunteers

Our SES crews are always keen to hear from Straddie locals willing to join their ranks. Volunteers receive full training and are an invaluable community asset. If this is something you'd like to be part of, visit [www.ses.qld.gov.au](http://www.ses.qld.gov.au), then click on "Volunteer" and choose "Become a member".

Even if you can't volunteer, there are other things you can do to help our emergency services to help you. As we head into summer, now is the time to make sure you are prepared for storms, cyclones and bushfires. Simple things such as having clear gutters, cleaning up your yard and having an emergency kit can make a big difference.

For details on keeping your family safe, visit [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au)

## Magic spot for making movies

Warner Bros were back on North Stradbroke Island in early October for further filming for the upcoming Aquaman feature film. More than 100 cast and crew stayed on the island during the recent shoot, providing an economic injection for island businesses.

Warner Bros also engaged locals through QYAC to assist and manage the environmental considerations. A representative from Warner Bros thanked Council, businesses and residents for being supportive and accommodating during their recent visit. Filming on the island is now finalised and we can all look forward to the Aquaman release, slated for 21 December 2018.



OUT & ABOUT: It has been great to get around and talk with locals. Recent trips have included visits to Dunwich, where I caught up with Bernie Gee at the bakery and members of the local Volunteer Marine Rescue. I also met with Jim Poulton at Amity Point, along with members of the local progress association.

## Listening posts going well

I am happy that my township-based Councillor listening posts are being well received by residents and that senior Council operational staff have been very receptive to joining me when needed on visits to each township.

The goal is to improve results with more direct communication with the management of Redland City Council. I feel quite positive that the good intent of residents and Council will lead to improvements for the community over the coming years.

Please look for township-specific announcements on community noticeboards or my Councillor Facebook site. I remain available by phone or email daily. For any simple operational matters, I suggest you contact Council direct on 3829 8999 or at [rcc@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au)

Finally, a personal thank you to all the community members who have taken the time to send me their ideas and roll up their sleeves to work with me.

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