



News from your Local Councillor

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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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Seasonal cheer

We know Christmas is on its way when the weather warms and the poincianas turn our streetscapes crimson. As 2017 draws to a close, I'd like to wish all Redlands' residents a safe and joyful festive season with their loved ones.

Once again, Council is proud to host two community events to help us all come together in celebration of another wonderful year living in this beautiful part of the world.

Keep an eye on Council's website for updates on both of these events.

Lighting the tree

On 1 December, be there to witness the Christmas tree lights being turned on in Cleveland Library Square and enjoy a host of activities and entertainment. This proved to be a hugely popular event last year and is sure to be even better with the addition of twilight markets along Bloomfield Street. There will be food stalls and plenty of options for ticking some Christmas shopping off your list.

Christmas by Starlight

Make sure you also mark Saturday 16 December on your calendar, with Christmas by Starlight set to again bring Norm Price Park - Cleveland Showgrounds to life. The all-age family event will begin at 3pm with an afternoon of free children's activities, including rides, rock climbing and face painting.

A variety of food, drink and merchandise stalls will be hosted by local not-for-profit community groups and licensed commercial operators. From 5pm, a special children's Christmas show will dazzle audiences on the main stage.

The event will end with a bang at about 8pm when fireworks will fill the sky over Cleveland.



TOP SHOW: Justice Crew packed the RedFest marquee.

RedFest a huge success

RedFest 2017 saw record attendances, with more than 17,000 people filling the Redland Showgrounds over two-and-a-half days.

There was certainly something for everyone, with more than 300 performers, 100-plus food trucks, market stalls, rides and workshops.

The annual festival shone a spotlight on the Redlands, attracting media attention from across Queensland. The event also enticed intrastate day trippers from as far as Mt Isa, Toowoomba, Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast.

The marquee for Justice Crew on Saturday evening was packed to the rafters as the dynamic, energetic and talented artists entertained the masses. Troy Cassar-Daley certainly didn't disappoint as crowds flocked to the main stage to see the country music champion perform alongside his very talented wife Laurel as the MC.

Kunjiel (corroboree), presented at RedFest by the Quandamooka Festival and celebrating local Aboriginal heritage, was also a highlight.

The community's support for the event was at its strongest, with more than 150 volunteers generously donating their time to pitch in and help across many aspects of festival operations.

Not-for-profit organisations to also get behind the festival included Rotary Club of Cleveland, T.S. Diamantina, Birkdale Venturer Scouts, AITC Redlands Campus and the Quandamooka Festival amongst many others. Local businesses jumped on board by sponsoring the event and joining in on the community celebration.

Preparations are now underway for the 60th anniversary celebrations next year.

Keep your loved ones safe this summer

As we head into summer, ask yourself: "Am I ready for storms and bushfires?" Dry conditions in the lead-up to the season, coupled with a Bureau of Meteorology outlook of up to four cyclones forming over the Coral Sea between now and April, means 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'd do and where you'd go in an emergency to protect yourselves and the things that are important to you.

For information head to www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au

Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Fishing and 4x4 Expo

This annual event is a fantastic drawcard and opportunity to promote the great outdoor lifestyle our city offers. This year, the three-day event was opened by Deputy Mayor Wendy Boglary on 22 September 2017 and attracted more than 16,000 people.

There was plenty for people to see and explore, with more than 180 exhibitors showcasing some of Queensland and Australia's best, caravan, motorhome, camper trailer, boating, fishing, 4x4 and vehicle dealers. The giant fish tank, bush cooking and 4x4 demonstrations were crowd favourites. Also on offer was holiday and touring information, with plenty of requests for information on North Stradbroke Island holidays and places to visit in the Redlands.

Catch up for a chat

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 on Facebook or call my office on 3829 8607.



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