



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Mark Edwards

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### Investing in our community

Redland City's 2017-18 budget invests heavily in community infrastructure, with an emphasis on roads.

All up, we are spending \$82 million across the city to cater for priorities identified by residents and the business community.

Nearly half of that is committed to improving the road network, renewing marine transport infrastructure and upgrading footpaths, bikeways, carparks and bus shelters.

More than \$23.6 million has been earmarked for road projects alone, while transport infrastructure such as footpaths, bikeways and bus shelters will account for another \$6.5 million.

This money will lead to real improvements for residents.

The new footpath for Stradbroke Street, from Mills to Main streets at Redland Bay, should be completed about now. Also on the list are upgrades for sections of Collins Street and School of Arts Road and

pavement rehabilitation for sections of Banana and Hamilton streets. Money also has been earmarked for the cycleway along Donald Road.

New lighting will be provided for Redland Bay Community Hall.

The city's marine infrastructure and foreshores will benefit from a \$14.5 million allocation.

Money has been put aside to upgrade the Banana Street boat ramp, as well as to plan for a new ramp in southern Redland Bay.

Parks and conservation are major beneficiaries, with \$14.39 million for open space and conservation projects, including \$1.37 million for Redland Bay's Bayview Conservation Area.



ACCESS: With Mayor Karen Williams and Cr Tracey Huges at the new service centre.

### Easier access to council

If you are used to travelling to Cleveland to use the Customer Service Centre, the good news is that a new service centre has now opened in Council's library at Victoria Point. Not only is this more convenient, it will save a lot of travel time for residents.

The opening of the new centre responds to feedback from southern Redland mainland and island residents. The location is

ideal as it is serviced by public transport and surrounded by a great range of shops and restaurants.

It also has been economical as we have used an existing Council building and staff. This new centre offers all services, with the exception of building and development services, which are only available at the main Cleveland branch.

The new centre is located inside the Victoria Point Library building, entry via High Street off Lakeside Drive. Opening hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).



## Earthworks explained

While not within our division, this may answer some questions you might have.

When you drive out of Redland Bay along Boundary Street to the traffic lights (yes, those lights that hold us up when we need to be going!) there are massive earthworks on the lefthand

side and a large pond that has been created by the recent rains. This area, which was a bog, is being transformed into a park and conservation corridor.

The pond will not remain and a public space will emerge. Future sports play areas could also be built on this land.

This diagram shows what has been approved and I look forward to the completion of an area that everyone can enjoy. The layout provides a linked community parkland with full public access on both sides. The parkland will have improved stormwater quality outcomes and extensive revegetation, improving the area's habitat value.

The road network will also improve connectivity of the area, allowing traffic and pedestrians to move throughout the neighbourhood.

Approval of the project is conditional on hydraulic works being undertaken to improve flooding issues for roads and sporting fields, as well as properties both upstream and downstream.



- 1 Low-flow channel to meander through parklands
- 2 Endemic tree and shrub species to margins of low-flow channel and bio-filtration areas
- 3 Bio-filtration areas to facilitate treatment of on-site stormwater
- 4 Revegetation to low lying areas to reduce maintenance and alleviate flood events
- 5 Native grasses to batters
- 6 Feature street trees define esplanade road
- 7 Rip-Rap rock treatment to areas of potential high-velocity flows
- 8 Recreational lawn areas
- 9 Playground facilities including shelters, tables, bins and water fountain - location to be confirmed during operational works

## It's all happening at Fielding Park!

Fielding Park is one of the best parks in Redland Bay but it is sometimes overlooked by residents who choose to walk along our beautiful foreshore parks instead.

Fielding Park with its ponds, gardens and breakout spaces has been enhanced with a tactile walking area which offers kids and grown-ups alike a little bit of fun.

Along the pathway, a new shelter has been built along with a host of fun things to climb and explore, including small

bridges, a rocky dry stream, boulders and logs.

Built at a cost of about \$155,000, this innovative area is now open, so do

yourself a favour and visit Fielding Park. It faces School of Arts Road, opposite the dog off-leash area.



## Keep in touch

Why not join the hundreds of residents who have already contacted me for help with an issue?

You can email me anytime at **mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au** or telephone 0407 695 667.

Warm regards,

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