



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell



Getting the DV message across

Council is throwing its support behind WAVSS Across the Redlands, the first domestic violence support service to operate in the Redlands for 20 years.

The not-for-profit organisation, which launched its Redlands operations last September, offers free information, support and counselling, predominantly for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

To coincide with Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in May, signs were posted on Council bus shelters, waste collection trucks and other vehicles to send a clear message that domestic and family violence will not be tolerated.

As an organisation, we've also introduced a 10-day leave allowance for Council staff members who might be affected by domestic violence.

On behalf of WAVSS, we're also including a bumper sticker with this newsletter to help kick off their "Non-violence is contagious ... give it to your friends!" campaign.



For information or to seek support, visit www.wavss.org.

The service offers a range of support, including free information, court support, counselling, crisis response and perpetrator intervention programs.

Dear residents of Straddie

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the residents of Division 2, for your support and assure you all that I am here to listen to your ideas, issues and concerns.

I am committed to bringing energy and respect to my role as Councillor and represent Cleveland and North Stradbroke Island robustly while working for the betterment of the entire City.

My contact details are included with this newsletter, so please don't hesitate to get in touch. I also plan to have community sessions in Cleveland, as well as Dunwich, Amity Point and Point Lookout, where we can meet in person.

For those who I have yet to meet, I have lived in the Redlands since 1990 and raised my family here, as well as owning and operating a physiotherapy business in Cleveland for 25 years and being involved with a range of sporting and community organisations.

I have had great pleasure in supporting local sporting and cultural events such as the Koala Fun Run and the Straddie Salute triathlon, and I have served on the committee of the

Redland City Chamber of Commerce and also the Victoria Point Sharks Triathlon Club. I also volunteer with a local Bushcare group.

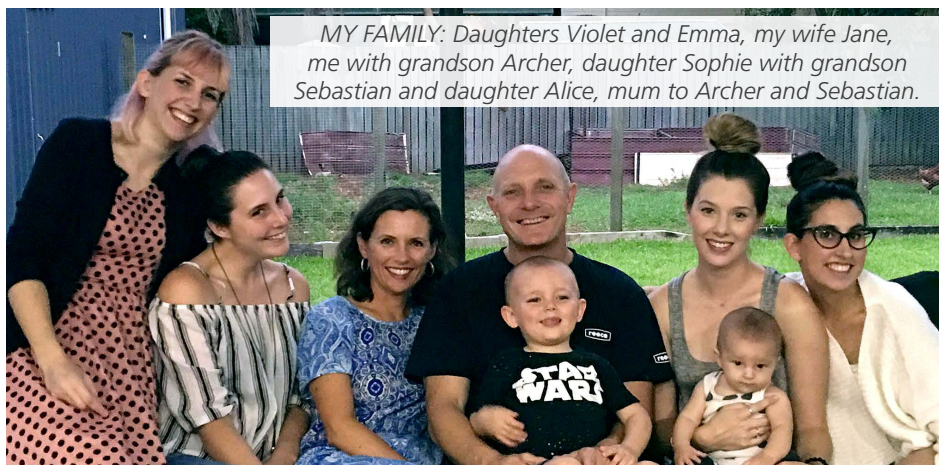
There are many ways we all can contribute to a vibrant and united City and, to that end, I encourage all residents to get involved in an event or cause of their choosing as well as engage with Council on issues which matter to you.

There are many challenges ahead and, as more people are falling in love with the Redlands, I believe this Council needs a united voice to push for better roads and transport to ensure our infrastructure can keep up with community needs.

I want to be the kind of Councillor that people are proud of. I want to ensure I listen to people and work hard to resolve their issues through negotiation, consultation and teamwork.

Above all, I am keen to foster unity for the good of all in this great City.

Cr Peter Mitchell
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MY FAMILY: Daughters Violet and Emma, my wife Jane, me with grandson Archer, daughter Sophie with grandson Sebastian and daughter Alice, mum to Archer and Sebastian.



City Plan ready for next stage

The huge task of assessing submissions on Draft Redland City Plan is well advanced.

Council officers have been going through each of the 6190 properly made submissions, identifying and analysing the key issues raised and making recommendations.

The recommendations will be based on submissions received during last year's extended 11-week consultation period, which included 52 community activities, including 13 open house and 12 pop-up information sessions, 10 key stakeholder group briefings and 17 "meet the planner" sessions.

Once these have been considered by Council, the proposed planning scheme - including any changes - will be sent to the State Planning Minister for approval.

There has been a great response by the community with thousands of residents taking advantage of sessions at which Council planners were available to answer questions concerning both property-specific and city-wide implications of the draft scheme.

Residents will be advised of proposed amendments and Council will write to each person who made a properly made submission advising of how it was dealt with.

Once the plan and any amendments are signed off by the Minister, anticipated later this year, the plan will come back to Council for implementation. The result will be a team effort informed by the community.

In the meantime, the Redlands will continue to operate under the current Redlands Planning Scheme 2006 Version 7.

Quandamooka Festival among many great events

The second annual Quandamooka Festival headlines a great line-up of events coming our way over the next few months.

The three-month celebration of our heritage includes a variety of arts and entertainment, including sport, as well as insights into the culture, country and people of Quandamooka, which embraces much of what we today call the Redlands. It kicks off in July and continues into September, with events including a welcome to the whales on their annual migration. Keep an eye on quandamookafestival.com.au for details.

The fun and big sounds (and hair!) of Greazefest will descend on the Cleveland showgrounds from August 5-9 ahead



INVOLVED: The Quandamooka Festival and, below, Straddie Salute are great local events.

of our annual RedFest family show on September 2-4. They add to the great sports events I have had the pleasure of being part of, including the Straddie Salute held in May.

Save the date

June 27-29: Lines in the Sand arts festival, North Stradbroke Island.

July 2-3: Yura - Quandamooka Festival's welcoming event, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island.

August 5-9: Greazefest "kustom kulture" event loaded with rockabilly and hotrods, Cleveland showgrounds, Norm Price Park.

September 2-4: RedFest Spring Festival, Cleveland Showgrounds, Norm Price Park.



Great upgrade for island tourism

It is great to see that our popular North Stradbroke Island Gorge Walk will get a \$600,000 upgrade thanks to a joint Council and State Government initiative.

The money, allocated under the Queensland Government's Scenic Lookout Upgrade Program, is great news for local tourism. Council will match the State Government's \$300,000 in funding.

The Gorge Walk is recognised as one the best spots to see whales and other marine wildlife.

Toondah Harbour update

Revitalising Cleveland, improving infrastructure and growing tourism are among Council's key aims.

Redeveloping Toondah Harbour is one of the projects on the horizon that could greatly improve community infrastructure to the tune of \$116 million. Plus it will greatly improve the community's and visitors' access to Moreton Bay through a new waterfront plaza, boardwalks along the foreshore, parklands and cycleways.

Currently preferred developer Walker Group has referred the \$1.3 billion project to the Commonwealth Environment Minister to consider the project's potential environmental impacts and benefits and the assessment methodology it requires. The Minister has until September to decide.

Rest assured that I have heard your particular concerns surrounding parking and also the design and functionality of the harbour. I will continue to advocate for good outcomes relating to these important issues. I encourage you to stay abreast of the facts by contacting myself or the Walker Group, which I have found to be very forthcoming with information and keen to consult.