



News from your **Local Councillor** Cr Craig Ogilvie

Plenty happening on beautiful Straddie

Economic transition

Council is working with the State Government to ensure Straddie can smoothly transition from sand mining to a sustainable economy.

A range of projects are currently with the State Government for consideration but in the meantime Council has completed the Point Lookout boardwalk and is continuing with the signage project on the island, both of which promise significant benefits for tourism. The success of the recent Quandamooka Festival also underscored the value of indigenous cultural heritage to the island.

While the State has pledged \$20 million over five years to develop the North Stradbroke Island Economic Strategy, Council believes the priorities need to be established now and the money allocated to give islanders surety for the future. I will keep you posted on the developments.



WHALE TAIL: The sculpture kindly donated by Michael Bulloch titled 'Monumental Lab Whale' will be installed behind Point Lookout Community Hall. The location was established through community feedback, with the installation expected in the new year.

Point Lookout well on track

Thank you to all the people who provided ideas, submissions and feedback for the Point Lookout Coastal Walk project. We are expecting the consultant, Tract, in association with landscape architect Catherine Brouwer, to provide a community feedback summary and concept plan shortly.

New top for Amity road

Amity Point's Sovereign Road, between Dugong Street and the beginning of the gravel access beach track, has been fully reconstructed as part of North Stradbroke Island's roads program.

The work followed numerous pavement failures along this stretch and has involved removing the old bitumen seal, adding 200mm of new gravel pavement and the application of a new two-coat bitumen seal.

All up, about 6000m² of the existing road has been reconstructed. At the time of writing, the job was on track to be completed by about now.

Thank you for your patience during construction but the wait has been well worth it.

Islanders have their say on draft City Plan

Island residents have had two opportunities to talk with Council planning team members about the draft City Plan.

The sessions at Dunwich and Point Lookout were good opportunities to learn more about the process, ask questions and air any concerns about City Plan, as well as other pressing issues.

Transport, the management of erosion-prone areas and the twin issues of property and vegetation management when it comes to dealing with fire risks were among themes to emerge, along with a desire to preserve the island's character through an island-specific development code.

Thank you to all who attended and had input into this important planning document.

Members of the City Plan team also met with representatives of the Stradbroke Island Management Organisation to provide a City Plan briefing.



LISTENING: Straddie's transport needs was a consistent City Plan theme.



Consultation on Junner Street parking proposal

Community consultation on a proposed amendment to the City's subordinate local laws which would allow Council to regulate and enforce parking conditions at the Junner Street ferry terminal, Dunwich, will wind up on 25 November.

Stradbroke Ferries asked for Council's help to manage parking issues at this key location for island commuters.

To ensure your views are considered, you will need to make a formal submission.

All relevant information, and an online submission form, is available at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au, along with a map of the proposed regulated parking area.

Toondah update

The Walker Group has been busy working with specialists in urban planning, design and the environment to prepare a concept masterplan for Toondah Harbour's revitalisation.

By the end of the year it is expected that Walker will refer the project to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and apply to the Coordinator General for a coordinated project declaration. During the environmental impact assessment process, there will be opportunities for residents to have their say on the project plans.

Grants helping community

I am pleased to have been able to help a range of worthy local organisations through grants which help them continue their highly valued work in the community.



TOGETHER: I was proud to assist Aunty Margaret Kucirek and the Aboriginal and Islander Housing Co-operative's NAIDOC celebrations.



SUPPORT: I was happy to help Straddie Golf Club with a grant to help with the clubhouse renovations.



INVALUABLE: The great work of Straddie's Volunteer Marine Rescue was supported with a \$3000 grant.

Time to 'Get Ready' for summer

During the 2013 Stradbroke Island bushfire emergency, many families had to move into an emergency shelter.

Although more than 70 percent of the island was burnt out in the days to follow, the fire was contained and, as a result of the wonderful work of the firefighters and other emergency personnel, no lives were lost and there was no significant loss of property. We were very lucky.



With the Bureau of Meteorology advising that we are entering an El Nino cycle, we can expect hot, dry weather with an increased possibility of severe storms over the next several months.

To ensure you can be best prepared, valuable information for all residents and visitors to the island is available at www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au.

Council and the Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through

its website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM radio.

It will also be well worth connecting with Council's social media feeds so you can keep up to date with the latest information.

Best wishes to all

Best wishes for the season to all Division 2 residents and their families and I hope you all enjoy a safe and happy new year. If you want to follow Island news and my activities, please like the Straddie Futures page. You can also follow me on Twitter @CouncilCraig.



If you have any further questions about any issues please contact me at any time.

Warm regards

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