



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman

Budget helps us get around

Locals will find it easier, safer and faster to get around the City with this year's Council budget committing more than \$21 million to upgrade roads, transport and pedestrian paths.

The funding includes more than \$8 million to resurface local streets across the City. A further \$4.8 million will be spent on new pedestrian and cycleway upgrades and bus shelters, encouraging residents to leave the car at home and use alternative transport.

A key allocation is the \$650,000 to construct the missing link in the Moreton Bay Cycleway. This 800m section of the cycleway along Redland Bay Road in Thornlands will combine with developer-



PEDAL POWER: Completion of a missing link in the massive Moreton Bay Cycleway project will be of immense benefit to the area.

contributed works to provide a continuous 12km cycleway from Cleveland to Victoria Point.

When completed, the Moreton Bay Cycleway will span 150km from Bribie Island to Redland Bay via the new Gateway Bridge

bikeway, and will become the longest cycleway on the east coast of Australia.

Locals will also see fewer potholes around the City, with Council's 2015-16 budget committing more than \$8.2 million to resealing local roads.

The funding takes Council's total commitment to resurfacing local roads to almost \$17 million over two years. The budget also provides \$200,000 to upgrade William Stewart Park at Thornlands, as well as \$97,000 for bus shelter upgrades in Division 3.



Dob in a dumper

Illegal dumping costs ratepayers money and presents potential health and safety hazards. Help us stamp it out by reporting incidents to Council on 3829 8999 or directly to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 74 68. A phone app is available at www.ehp.qld.gov.au.

Revitalised Toondah Harbour a big step closer

Plans to revitalise Toondah Harbour have now been formally endorsed, with the \$1.3 billion project now to go through critical environmental impact and development assessments.

This is a massive project with the capacity to generate more than 1000 jobs during construction and an estimated 500 jobs a year post construction.

This project is important to the Redlands' future as it will revitalise the local tourism industry

by delivering a world-class ferry terminal and marina, waterfront retail and commercial space, apartments and public parks on the 67-hectare Cleveland site.

Council will now work with the State Government and the preferred developer to formalise a development agreement and move forward on detailed plans for the project.

Importantly, residents will get a further say on the new harbour's design when the developer

lodges its environmental impact assessment and development application and I urge all interested to get involved.

Walker Group Holdings will now start preparing local and state environmental and planning applications as well as seeking the necessary approvals from the Federal Government.

The environmental impact assessment will inform the detailed design of the project. This could be available mid-2016.



Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at www.trolleytracker.com.au or by calling 1800 641 497.



Pet micro-chipping

Council offers a mobile micro-chipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home for \$25. People can pay on the spot via EFTPOS. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.



Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. You can download the handy VandalTrak app or visit www.vandaltrak.com.au to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au.



Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.



FORWARD THINKING: Development of our tourism industry and the jobs it will create will benefit residents across the Redlands.

Capitalising on our tourism potential

I welcome the new Redlands' tourism strategy, which sets out how the tourism industry and Council can work together to develop our tourism potential and create new jobs.

This is important for residents throughout the City, with tourism identified in the Redland City Economic Development Framework 2014-2041 as one of our eight key growth sectors.

Tourism currently accounts for 1.4 percent of the Redlands' Gross Regional Product and, by 2041, it is expected that this figure will reach more than 3 percent, providing many of the jobs we need to generate.

Under the Redland City Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2020, Council will work collaboratively with tourism operators to ensure the City offers world-class tourism experiences, facilities, accommodation, attractions and events.

The strategy highlights key opportunities that tourism operators and Council can focus on to activate and grow the industry in the areas of tourism investment and development, destination marketing and events, as well as supporting infrastructure and coordination. Importantly, it gives industry ownership of its future, with one of its key actions being the creation of a tourism subcommittee that represents all areas of our City. The tourism subcommittee will work closely with Council and the tourism representative on the Economic Development Advisory Board.

In the medium-term, the tourism subcommittee could become the local tourism organisation for the Redlands.

The strategy was informed by tourism industry feedback and includes valuable tourism trend data that will be useful not only to Council but local tourism operators. It will be regularly reviewed to make sure it is meeting tourism industry and community needs.

You can view the action plan on Council's website at www.redland.qld.gov.au.

Redland City was also represented at the recent Australian Tourism Exchange at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This is the nation's largest annual travel and tourism business-to-business event attended by more than 2100 international and Australian tourism product buyers, sellers and media groups.

It was the first time that a Redland package that included accommodation, activities, meals and transfers was presented at the Australian Tourism Exchange. The response was highly favourable and Council is following up with buyers on a number of requests.

Thanks to all

Thank you for staying in touch and helping to continue to make the Redlands a great place.

Warm regards,

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman
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