



News from your Local Councillor

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Exciting times ahead for City's heart

Residents will soon see a lot more colour and vibrancy in the heart of Cleveland thanks to a landmark agreement to put life back into empty shops.

Called Renew Cleveland, it is part of a national social enterprise designed to generate community renewal and economic development, while providing opportunities for Redland artists and creative industries.

An initiative of Redland City Council and supported by Stockland Cleveland and Ray White Commercial Bayside, it will work with communities and property owners to make otherwise empty CBD buildings available for short-term use by artists and for creative projects and community initiatives.

It is among a range of initiatives and strategies that are focussed on revitalising the CBD for community benefit. The concept has been very successful in Newcastle in NSW and Adelaide in South Australia, where it has helped to transform parts of their business districts while providing opportunities for grassroots business initiatives to flourish.

My hope is that Renew Cleveland will bring buildings to life again by



ON A ROLL: The crew from Cleveland's Brown's Bakery are doing their bit to bring new life and business into the city heart.

matching the property owners of vacant commercial premises with artists and new businesses under short-term leases for modest fees.

Tenants will be able to occupy these spaces for, say, a month or so for activities that create community, cultural and investor interest.

Besides the local opportunities that it will provide, Renew Cleveland is expected to generate plenty of community interest and increase the attractiveness of the CBD for local shoppers as well as daytrippers.

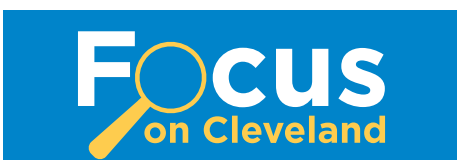
It is important to note that tenants under the program are not to compete with existing businesses (food vendors are excluded) and strive to bring positive community,

tourist or investor interest into the commercial centre.

It has the capacity to help property owners generate permanent tenancy agreements while highlighting the creative and cultural talent and great atmosphere we have in Cleveland.

Project participants pay a small fee to Renew Cleveland to cover insurance, as well as paying for utilities.

I encourage locals with creative talent who want to try a business idea of their own to make use of the program. Council has entered into a licence agreement with Renew Australia and will oversee the program. If you want to learn more about Renew Cleveland, visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/renew.



Park set to bloom in the heart of Cleveland

Cleveland's Bloomfield Park is about to undergo a transformation, with work to rejuvenate this great spot in the heart of the CBD due to be finished in June, all going well.

The final design was the product of five community engagement events, as well as feedback from local traders and the arts community.

Council is now working on a program of activities for the new space once it is completed.

After expressions of interest from the arts community, a new play sculpture has been designed as a feature of this popular family-friendly park. The new sculpture will have similar qualities to the existing sculpture,

which has become unsafe. Our new park, funded jointly by Council and the State Government, will also have a performance area, improved seating and better amenities. Open grass spaces and shady trees will be retained. Surveillance and safety will also be improved.



CONNECTED: Bob Carter and I enjoying free wi-fi in the CBD.

Connected in Cleveland

You can now stay connected in the heart of Cleveland, with Telstra providing a free wi-fi hotspot in Middle Street.

You can use the Telstra service on any wi-fi enabled device for up to 30 minutes for free. You don't have to be a Telstra customer to use it.

There appears to be good coverage in Middle Street, with the hotspot centred on the public phone booth near the crossing between the Stockland centres.

Cleveland is one of 250 centres around the country to get the service.

Free wi-fi is also available at Cleveland Library. All you need to log in is the membership number on your library card. Library membership is free.

City Plan update

Once State Government approval is received for minor amendments to the Redlands' proposed City Plan, it will go to public consultation.

This process will be widely advertised and include community forums, mail outs, interactive online engagement tools, displays, website and social media information and meet-the-planner sessions.

Quandamooka headlines great program of events

Cleveland is set to host a series of top events in the next few months which are of interest to a wide cross-section of the community.

I am particularly excited about the Quandamooka Festival, a three-month cultural celebration which will begin in July with a wide range of activities in Cleveland, on Straddie and across the City. Unlike anything the City has seen before, this initiative of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation will include traditional cultural activities, dance, music, film, exhibitions, sports and other activities celebrating the culture of the land and waters of the bay.

There are also a number of top events in the next month or so in this busy part of the Redlands.

The Redlands Easter Family Festival will resume on 6 April at Cleveland's Norm Price Park after a year's break. The free family festival started back in 2000 and this year will take over the showgrounds with a host of sideshow stalls and rides, an animal farm, children's performers, free food and drinks and a variety of kids' activities, street theatre and other entertainment. It is expected to attract about 15,000 people, making it one the largest annual events in the Redlands. The show will open at 10am and run to 3pm. You will find the full details at www.redlandchurches.org.



IT'S BACK: Get set for the return of the Easter Family Festival.

There will also be plenty to interest sports fans, with the Queensland Triathlon Series coming to Redland Bay on 19 April, the Redlands Relay for Life on 2-3 May and the Arthur Davis Memorial Cup Touch Competition on 17 May, both at Norm Price Park.

On 4 April, 16 May and 6 June, RPAC will host the RedArts Create and Connect Workshops, which are essentially creative industry forums where people can learn how to make their passion their business from experienced business people in the sector. The forums cost just \$5, including light refreshments. Find out more at www.redarts.org.au.

North Stradbroke Island will be the place in June, with the JUNetunes music festival on the Queen's Birthday long weekend and then the brilliant Lines in the Sand Arts Festival from 26-28 June.

Toondah update

Plans for the redevelopment of Toondah Harbour are continuing following the change of State Government.

I continue to hope that we may see this project deliver good outcomes for the City, which is particularly important for both North Stradbroke Island and Cleveland. I would expect that many of the jobs that this project is projected to create in the construction, commercial, retail and tourism sectors will be available to locals.

I will keep you informed of developments, with the preferred developer, the Walker Corporation, still to release its preliminary designs for this billion-dollar project.

Keep in touch



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

Warm regards

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