



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Craig Ogilvie

Our sporting achievements

Congratulations to all the sporting stars who have been covering Straddie in glory of late.

The surfers have individually and collectively been on fire. The Point Lookout club's performance at the Australian Championships was amazing. Amity Cricket Club also won the TuTu Cup. The island is a breeding ground for Champions!

Quandamooka first

Congratulations to Quandamooka's Lianne Enoch on being elected Queensland's first female Indigenous Member of Parliament.

Lianne is a proud Straddie Nunukul/Nughi woman and represents the seat of Algester as well as being appointed Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation.

A former high school teacher, she is the first member of her family to graduate from university. Her election and appointment as a Minister is no doubt a source of great pride on Straddie.

Amity Basin access

Council has deferred a decision on whether to construct a new vehicle access road to this popular spot pending talks with the State Government. Council no longer controls the original road to the basin and a report found it would cost more than \$400,000 to build a new road, carpark and staircase into the basin area.

Straddie Camping will provide 24-hour emergency vehicle access.



Township meeting a positive exchange

Many thanks to those who provided feedback at the recent township meeting at Dunwich.

These meetings, which have been held regularly since late 2012, are a valuable vehicle for me as your local councillor to hear your concerns about a range of issues.

The latest meeting at Dunwich Community Hall was dominated by issues at One Mile.

The work there is expected to be completed by the end of June, with

additional parking made available to counter the loss of some spaces close to the jetty that were required to make it safe for buses to turn around. We also have responded to safety concerns by reducing speed limits in Yabby Street and along East Coast Road and will make carparks closer to the jetty 24-hours only, giving priority to day commuters.

While Council will try to minimise disruptions, please allow extra time to access One Mile Jetty and the pontoon while work is underway.

Signs of the time

Council is well advanced in determining an agreed approach to signage on the island.

The North Stradbroke Island Signage Project now has a dedicated officer assessing all types of signs with the aim of delivering high quality, informative signage that meets the needs of the community and visitors.

Signage will meet national standards while blending with the beauty of the island.

Since November, the project has been in a research and

development phase, with a review of current signage and consultation with land owners and managers such as QYAC and state departments.

Some signs will change during the project but most of the visible changes will happen once an ongoing maintenance program is developed.

The signage project will deliver some "on the ground" initiatives such as entry statements for Straddie, as well as for townships.



Boost for popular Gorge Boardwalk

The new work on Point Lookout's ever-popular Gorge Boardwalk will be wrapped up before the busy Easter period, with visitors having a new viewing platform to take in the stunning views.

Keeping the 1.2km cliff-top walk in top shape ensures it remains one of South-East Queensland's most acclaimed sustainable-tourism attractions. The latest work will make it even safer and easier to enjoy.

The work has been progressing in three stages to allow limited access to the boardwalk during construction and full access during the busy Easter break.

This latest stage will bring the total cost of the boardwalk's construction to more than \$2 million.



MISSING LINK: Council workers install the latest section of Point Lookout's world-class Gorge Boardwalk.

Leaders in the making



TOP CLASS: I was pleased to attend Dunwich State School's 2015 leaders' ceremony.

Toondah Harbour 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 should the phasing out of sand mining on Straddie be brought forward.

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 island residents as the community transitions away from mining to sustainable tourism.

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

Environmental impact studies by state and federal agencies still have to be completed to ensure that the transformation of Toondah Harbour delivers on all community expectations.

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.

Keep in touch



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You can also follow me on Twitter @CouncilCraigO.

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

Warm regards

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