



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Craig Ogilvie

Shark nets under review

Council has agreed to my call for an investigation into the merits of installing shark nets off the Raby Bay foreshore.

I am not suggesting the area is not currently safe but I have been approached by people who are nervous about sharks, so this is a chance to have a look at what can be done.

To this end, I tabled a notice of motion last month asking Council to prepare the report, as it makes sense to look at how we can make it as safe as possible for the visitors and locals who frequent the area.

It would be a shame if people don't feel comfortable enjoying our beautiful bay.

The report will include financial implications, so we can then consider the possibility of including shark nets in a future capital works program.

Nothing has been decided yet and we will see what the report tells us before going any further.

Dear Resident,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Quite a few things are happening in Cleveland at the moment and I hope that you find this newsletter informative. I will be around the traps as usual. You can usually find me at the Cleveland Markets on a Sunday.



You also can find me on Facebook on a page called 'Cleveland Town' and sign up for my email newsletter there. You can also follow me on Twitter @CouncilCraigO.

If I don't see you before Christmas, then I hope yours is a good one. As usual, if you have any questions or suggestions then by all means give me a call.

Regards

Cr Craig Ogilvie

Division 2 – Mainland

Helen's a master at supporting swimming

Our Inspiring Senior for 2014, Helen Holmes, is a real inspiration to others in our community.

Helen has been involved in water sports of all kinds, from local swim clubs and Masters swimming to surf lifesaving for nippers.

It is a journey which started in 1954 when Helen started teaching swimming in primary school, with her love of the Nippers starting when her grandsons became involved.

She is a Masters ranked swimmer herself as well as an official and has a long list of achievements to her credit.

Besides her very youthful outlook, she also is most generous with her time and support for competitive swimming.

Helen lives by the mantra that "If it is to be, it is up to me" and I am grateful for her wonderful contribution to our community.



IN THE SWIM: Inspiring Senior Helen Holmes has a long list of achievements to her name.

Tide turns for Raby Bay canal issue

The innovative trial treatment of revetment walls on the Raby Bay canals will hopefully lead to greatly reduced special levy costs for affected residents.

The trial treatment involves injecting grout to seal the revetment walls and block the movement that leads to structural instability. Hopefully it will

be successful as this new technology has the potential to save millions and reduce costs by as much as 95% compared with existing treatments.

Considering there are more than 20km of canal walls, this will significantly ease the burden on Council and Raby Bay ratepayers.

With existing repair methods estimated to cost between \$17,000 and \$30,000 a metre, it is time for a proactive approach that is efficient, cost-effective and prevents and or reduces failures by maintaining the long-term structural integrity of revetment walls.

Future is bright for Cleveland's Bloomfield Park

Here's a look at what the future may hold for Cleveland's Bloomfield Park.

This concept plan for the park echoes community feedback and has been designed to create a flexible, family friendly space that will attract new people and events to the central business district.

The design includes lighting, a performance stage, wi-fi, outdoor dining, enhanced natural amphitheatre and refurbished amenities.

This will enable the park to host a range of day and evening events, including concerts and movies.

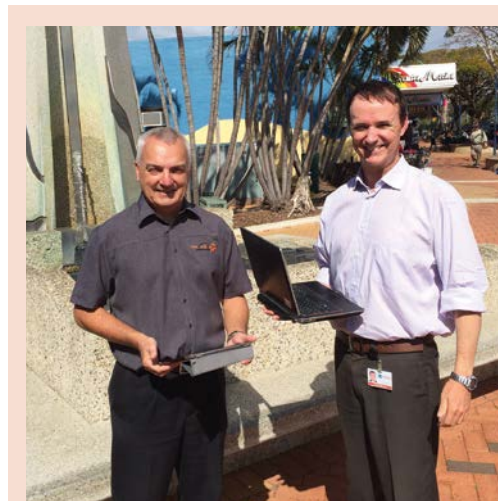
The upgrade also provides an opportunity for a new interactive children's play sculpture that will reflect the Redlands.

The sculpture design project will proceed in parallel with the other works. The park will be completed by mid next year.

It will be interesting to see what local artists can come up with.



TOP SPOT: Bloomfield Park will become a flexible, family friendly space.



CONNECTED: Bob Carter and I look forward to free wi-fi in the CBD.

Wi-fi a boost for our CBD

I am continuing my campaign for free wi-fi to be provided throughout the Cleveland central business district.

Council has agreed to a feasibility study of providing the service, which I believe would be a small investment with major benefits. It would go a long way to revitalising the heart of Cleveland.

It would certainly be a big incentive for people to spend more time in the CBD during lunch breaks and after work, and fits in well with what is proposed for Bloomfield Park.

Free wi-fi is currently available to members at the Cleveland Library on Middle street.

Timely rates refund

Savings from the repeal of the carbon tax are being returned via a rates refund.

Ratepayers will get back \$38.48 on their current rates notice, with this quarter's rates due by Monday, 10 November.

The repeal of the carbon tax in July means it will also cost Council less to dispose of future waste, so commercial tip fees have also been cut.

Toondah Harbour update

The next stage in the Toondah Harbour priority development project has begun following the decision by Council and the State Government to announce the Walker Group as the preferred developer.

The next step is for a detailed design to be developed. It is imperative that community values, the environment and the area's cultural heritage are all taken into consideration during this process.

The commercial details will also now be worked through with the Walker Group, State Government and Council. This should be finalised by Christmas.

Although the planning and consultation process has been controversial, I remain hopeful that there may still be a good outcome for the Toondah Harbour area that provides overall community benefit.

The Walker Group, which was selected from eight Expressions of Interest, has an international reputation for quality waterfront projects so I will be interested to see what it proposes. Toondah's role as an important transport hub and gateway to Straddie must be enhanced and the community has made it clear that public open space should be retained as a valued asset.