



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Mark Edwards

Walker Group preferred developer for Weinam Creek

Residents are a step closer to a vibrant waterfront development and new jobs at Weinam Creek after the State Government and Council announced Walker Group as the preferred partner in the project.

Walker Group has delivered many of Australia's most successful waterfront communities, including Hope Island Resort in Queensland, The Wharf at Woolloomooloo, King Street Wharf and Rhodes Waterside in Sydney, as well as Malaysia's Senibong Cove.

Group Executive Chairman Lang Walker said that "apart from being great places to live, work and play", his waterfront developments had delivered important benefits for local residents and the tourism industry.

As the Divisional Councillor, I believe the Walker Group has recognised the potential of Redland Bay and will deliver not only a world-class facility but also hundreds of jobs. It will be the catalyst for a tourism boom.

Walker Group is currently developing about \$3 billion worth of residential, commercial and industrial projects across Queensland and its portfolio of developments across Australia and overseas has created a development pipeline worth \$17 billion over the next 15 years. It also has been an early adopter of green building technology and environmental management practices.



VISION: Walker Group Executive Chairman Lang Walker has a history of producing vibrant waterfront developments.

The project's final design, now being worked on, will reflect the needs of the community.

Open space is something the Walker Group embraces and there will be the retention and improvement of public open space. This is a significant chapter in our history and ensures we are the best place in the world to work, rest and play.

New home for CAGE

The CAGE Youth Foundation has been providing free youth life skills support, counselling and school programs for many years from its base in Capalaba.

With success comes growth and, as a result, the foundation has relocated to 882 German Church Road, Redland Bay.

This larger facility offers a wide range of free services for Redlands youth.

CAGE (Creating a Good Environment) has another slogan, "Go MAD" (for "Go Make a Difference"), which is certainly what founders Peter and Linda Grieve and their team have done. Providing free youth support services and engagement activities has turned around the lives of many of our teens and young adults.

To help this non-profit foundation to make a difference, Council contracts it



GREAT WORK: I had the privilege of meeting CAGE Foundation co-founder Linda Grieve.

to do litter pick ups and clean up our playgrounds and skate parks.

On Saturday, 29 November, there will be a CAGE Community Day at their German Church Road base from 2.30pm. There will be markets, live broadcast by radio station NOVA and a heap of activities. Visit www.thecage.info for more details.

Tax repeal leads to rates refund

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

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

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

As well as these immediate savings, Council will continue to identify other cost reductions from the removal of the tax.



Pet chipping

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



Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.

Conchita's joyful spirit

Macleay Island's Conchita Maulguet is an inspiration to others in our community and a worthy recipient of an Inspiring Senior award for 2014.

Originally from Spain, she arrived in Australia with her husband Jon-Claude in 1971 and settled on Macleay in 1997.

The islands didn't have an ambulance service then, so when the volunteer First Responders were formed, Conchita was among the first to put their hands up to provide first aid to patients within 10 minutes of a 000 call being received.

At one stage, Conchita was the only First Responder and was on call 24/7 for a couple of months.

She did this while organising and fundraising at the local seniors' group and volunteering with Blue Care and her local church.

When the local bowls club needed help, it was Conchita who stepped in and took



TIRELESS: Conchita Maulguet is an inspiring presence on Macleay Island.

management and hospitality courses. That was about two years ago and she has been there nearly every day since.

She has a wonderful view of life, saying that "no joy can equal that of looking after others".

The Redlands is indeed fortunate she and Jon-Claude chose our part of the world to settle in.

Portfolios brought into line with Council structures

In 2013, Council underwent an organisational restructure. One consequence of this was that the Councillor portfolios no longer aligned with the Council's new structure.

This resulted in an unstructured situation where some portfolio spokespeople had to consult with more than one member of the Executive Leadership Team and vice-versa.

To improve effectiveness and efficiency and better align portfolios with Council's new organisational structure, a new system was adopted by Council with six portfolio chairs.

The new portfolios are:

- Office of the CEO;
- Organisational Services;
- City Planning and Assessment;
- Community Services, Environment and Regulation;
- Infrastructure and Operations; and
- Emergency Management.

I was elected by Councillors as portfolio spokesperson for the Office of the CEO, which includes responsibility for:

- Financial services: rates, financial reporting, monthly management accounting, related financial compliance;
- General Counsel: legal services, including complaints management; and
- Human resources: workplace development, workplace relations, health and safety.

In addition, I will continue my role as the Chair of the Audit Committee.



Hazardous waste

A dangerous goods container for hazardous and regulated waste, including paint, will soon be installed at the Redland Bay waste transfer station.

While more convenient for residents, it is expected to save Council about \$20,000 a year when compared with holding hazardous waste collection days.

Keep in touch

Why not join the hundreds of residents who have already contacted me for help with an issue?

Email me at mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au or telephone 0407 695 667. Warm regards,

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