



# News from our neighbourhood

## What's happening in Division 5

ISLAND EDITION

Thank you to the residents of Macleay, Russell, Lamb and Karragarra Islands for entrusting me to serve you as your Councillor. I appreciate your support.

In addition to my role as Councillor, I am very pleased to have been appointed the Chairperson of the Corporate Services and Governance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee.

In these first few months, I have engaged with many people in our community and I have assisted wherever I can in resolving issues. It has been a time of learning the constraints and possibilities of the Councillor role. We are continuing to look for operational savings that will keep your rates as low as possible. I support Mayor Williams' "Back to Basics" strategy. We are examining the ways in which services and infrastructure are delivered to reduce financial waste and ensure the sound financial management of the City.

The islands have no shortage of issues that need addressing, however transport, cost of transport and parking are major priorities. Weinam Creek now presents us with an opportunity, to engage with all stakeholders for a solution. Mayor Karen Williams and I are engaging with the State Government to work with Council and commit to a viable solution. During these discussions, we will be looking at the Weinam Creek precinct and also wider

transport issues. State Government participation is crucial as they own the land. I believe that a way forward will be found over the coming months.

The condition of our road network on the islands is poor. Of particular concern are road drainage and the washing away of gravel roads after heavy rain. I am engaging with Council to review the current road program to see if we can shift emphasis towards improving our gravel roads through increased maintenance and permanent drainage solutions. Effective road drainage will reduce maintenance costs over time.

One of the most satisfying roles of being a Councillor is in being able to assist residents and listening to your concerns. Every resident and ratepayer can contact me direct with any issue or ideas they may have. The best way to contact me is through email [mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au)

Warm regards

Cr Mark Edwards

### Upcoming projects

#### Island Roads upgrades

**Russell Island:** Tenanne Street, Union Street, Ross Street, Regal Street, Judith Street, Beth Street and an access road at Jock Kennedy Park

**Macleay Island:** Hastings Terrace, Attunga Street

**Lamb Island:** Paula Parade

**\$3,505,628**

#### Russell Island Sport and Recreation Park

A major sports field, including multi-purpose courts, for Island residents will be constructed.

**\$2,050,000**

#### Weinam Creek, Redland Bay – pontoon and walkway replacement

**\$519,000**

#### Macleay Island - upgrade to Toes Plank boat and barge ramp

**\$412,500**

#### Attunga Street, Macleay Island – recreational bridge construction

Improving access into the recreational area.

**\$200,000**

#### Russell Terrace, Macleay Island sea wall and asbestos capping

Design and application for works permits will be carried out this financial year to help remediate this area.

**\$100,000**

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