



News from your local councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah edition



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Dear Straddie resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and thank you for the way you have worked with Council over the past few COVID-impacted years.

While it has been a tough time, Christmas offers us an opportunity to regroup and connect with what and who is important to us.

And what better way than to get into the spirit of the season at Council's five-day Christmas on the Coast festival at Raby Bay Harbour Park from Wednesday 14 December to Sunday 18 December. There are details in Mayor Karen Williams' newsletter.

I also urge you to buy local and support our island and Cleveland CBD businesses, which I am sure will get into the spirit to make our town centre a top spot to celebrate and get your Christmas gifts.

As we enter our peak storm and bushfire risk season, please be proactive and take precautions now to ensure that your family and your home are prepared. Be fire and storm aware, have evacuation kits prepared and brief everyone on your plans.

Being well prepared and having a plan ahead of the event, whether storm, fire or other eventuality, makes the difference.

Last year's severe weather events showed us we cannot be complacent. We hope you never need your emergency plan but don't

leave it until you hear there is a storm or fire on the horizon to take action.

To ensure you can be best prepared, go to disaster.redland.qld.gov.au.

During the holiday period, Council offices will close from 4.30pm on Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

If you need urgent assistance for an issue that may pose an immediate risk to Council's services and significantly impact residents' amenity or capacity to access services, then please call our main number 3829 8999 and stay on the line to be redirected to the after-hours service as we will have crews on call.

With the lifting of health restrictions there has been a welcome and regular return of my mobile offices across Straddie (pictured) and in the Cleveland town centre.

These face-to-face opportunities to consult with residents are highly valued and an important part of our work together. Keep an eye out in the usual channels for these dates.

Of course please don't wait if you have a question or idea to put forward.

Take care throughout the holiday season.

Cr Peter Mitchell
Division 2 – Island

Grants and sponsorship supporting community

I was pleased to see that a number of Straddie community organisations have received support under Council's various grants programs.

Well done to these organisations for being pro-active in making our area such a great place to live.

The grants have supported a range of deserving local groups such as North Stradbroke Island Arts and Pottery Group for its Winter Arts Trail 2022 and Goompi Give and Grow Connection for the Quandamooka Country exhibition and film launch.

Conservation support was provided to Wildlife Rescue Minjerribah/NSI, with assistance also going to North Stradbroke Island Golf Club, Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club, the Little Ship Club, Amity Point Community Club, Amity Point Progress Association, Amity Point Fishing Club and Minjerribah Moorgumpin Elders-in-Council.

Straddie Chamber of Commerce received grants to support its tourism promotion activities, as well as Life Education Centre Foundation Queensland to provide its award-winning early intervention education programs to 183 students at Dunwich State School.

Among the events supported were Surf Life Saving Queensland's Kozii Iron Challenge, GreazeFest, the Indigenous Recognition Intrust Super Cup match, Stradbroke Chamber Music Festival (pictured), the Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating & 4x4 Expo, Straddie Assault and local NAIDOC celebrations.



Indigenous mural making a difference

The mural by Quandamooka artist Joshua Gross at the Cleveland's Bloomfield Street underpass has transformed the area.

The young aspiring artist from North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) has a strong desire to use his talents to create public artwork for the community.

The Bloomfield Street underpass provided a great space and opportunity for Joshua to develop his art profile and share his Quandamooka heritage and creativity.

The commission has had plenty of positive feedback and brightens up this popular commuter area. It is also another small step forward in understanding and reconciliation

The street art initiative is part of a range of Council strategies to combat vandalism within our community.



HERITAGE: Quandamooka artist Josh Gross and Cr Peter Mitchell with the mural at the Bloomfield Street pedestrian underpass. The mural features fauna and flora of Minjerribah and also Quandamooka storylines and carpet snake totem.

With the Bloomfield Street underpass having sustained damage from graffiti and past wet weather events, it was time to

see new artwork in this location. An anti-graffiti coating helps to protect Joshua's amazing work.

Wanted: Community champions

Redland City Council has extended its Community Champions Program to North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) following the success of the program on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI).

It is now seeking expressions of interest from island volunteers interested in supporting their community in times of emergency and how to work with the wider Redland Local Disaster Management Group.

Under the new Minjerribah Community Champions Program, residents not currently serving as emergency volunteers will receive comprehensive training, becoming registered volunteers with Council, Australian Red Cross and Volunteering Queensland. This program is a win-win for everyone involved as the community gains new trained resources and our emergency services gain local connections. To find out more, phone 3829 8999 or email disaster@redland.qld.gov.au

Community upgrades update

I am pleased to report that the renewal of Alfred Martin Way from Mitchell Crescent to the end is scheduled for this financial year.

It is also great to see the Amity Community Club pedestrian and mobility-challenged access path that was delivered as an "add on" to the community and sports precinct pathway has been completed. Also at Amity, the upgrades to the culvert on Clayton's Road have been done, providing extra road width to support future growth.

In October, Stage 1 of the Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk project won the \$2 million to \$5 million category at the 2022 Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (Queensland) Excellence Awards.

The 400m walkway between Snapper Street and Frenchmans Beach features cliff-side boardwalks, viewing platforms and trails through the foreshore foliage,

highlighting the values that make Minjerribah such a special place for so many residents and visitors.

Meanwhile, work on Stage 2 of the coastal walk project continues apace. With upgrades to Moolomba Road completed, the focus is now on the continuation of the walkway from Frenchmans Stairs to Point Lookout Village.

Works will pause in December to support the busy Christmas school holiday period before resuming in late January.

Next on the schedule will be the revamp of picnic areas and the completion of the restoration of Frenchmans Stairs, during which time access to Frenchmans Beach will be via Deadmans Beach. Minor disruptions will be worth it when, by the end of 2023, the completed project will see a spectacular new walk experience.

Toondah parking boost

Redland City Council has been opening up free extra temporary car parking at Toondah Harbour to help those travelling to Straddie during busy periods.

The overflow areas, off Wharf Street and at the other side of the carpark, will be available from 19 December 2022 to 31 January 2023 for the summer holiday season, including Australia Day, as well as next Easter and through the school holidays

in April, the ANZAC and Labour Day public holidays and the September school holidays including the King's Birthday holiday. The extra parking will also be available for major Straddie events.

This is good for locals, businesses and visitors at peak periods and I thank Council and the State Government for what is a sensible outcome.

Council to livestream statutory meetings

Island residents will be able to see their local Council in action more easily next year, when all statutory meetings will be livestreamed. It will be an opportunity to better understand Council operations and get to know all of the city's Councillors.

More details will be provided ahead of the first meeting for 2023 on Wednesday 25 January.

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