



News from your local councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: Cleveland edition



Cleveland town centre gardens blooming

The Cleveland Town Centre has been getting a spruce up with upgrades to the gardens and streetscapes starting at the roundabout at Bloomfield and Queen streets.

The work has included removing outdated hedges at crossings to improve vision for both pedestrians and vehicles.

Fresh mulch has been added to garden beds, with plants added that are low maintenance and attract birds.

You also may have noticed the addition of sandstone blocks as feature pieces.

Ahead of Christmas, some pavement areas will also get a clean.

Council is also working with the shopping centres on their streetscapes.

Once these works have been completed, the team will begin working at Cleveland Harbour.

Dear 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 Cleveland CBD businesses, which I am sure will get into the spirit and 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.

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.

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

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 – Mainland

Cleveland Local Area Transport update

Council will be seeking feedback from businesses, workers, visitors and the community on the draft Local Area Transport Plan for Cleveland Town Centre in the first half of next year.

A strategy document that communicates the main directions and priorities for the CBD transport system is currently being prepared.

Once the feedback on the draft plan is in, Council will be aiming to finalise it around mid-year.

The aim of the plan is to provide guidance over the next 20 years for managing the land use and transport system to ensure Cleveland evolves into a vibrant, active mixed-use centre.

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.

Council to livestream statutory meetings

Residents will be able to see their local Council in action more easily next year, when all statutory meetings will be livestreamed.

This will eliminate geographic and social barriers which may prevent people from attending meetings. It is also an opportunity to better understand Council operations and get to know all of the city's Councillors.

Since 27 June 2012, all statutory meetings of Council have been recorded, with the recording available on Council's website within a couple of days. From January next year, our meetings will still be uploaded to the website but you will also be able to watch proceedings as they are occurring online.

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

CBD parking update

In October, Council moved to make changes to Cleveland centre parking that balances the access needs of businesses, visitors, workers and commuters.

These changes are being implemented as we approach Christmas and information about them will be posted on Council's website and other channels, as well as being widely distributed to businesses, Council's Customer Service Centres and other destinations in Cleveland Town Centre.

Grants and sponsorship helping community

I was pleased to see that a number of Cleveland 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 Bayside Community Radio Association, for illuminating the poinciana trees in Bloomfield Street, and Redland City Bands for its Band in the Park project at Raby Bay, along with events such as the Queensland Triathlon Series, Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating & 4x4 Expo, Greazefest, Surf Life Saving Queensland's Kozii Ironman Challenge and the Young Entrepreneur Summit.

Other grants have supported the Redland Museum, local environmental projects and sports clubs such as Redlands Touch Association, Redlands United Football Club and Redlands Hockey Association.

Our exceptional STAR Community Services, which does so much to assist our community, has also been a beneficiary of grants, along with Redland Hospital Auxiliary, Fun Farm Ltd, Life Education Centre Foundation Queensland, U3A Redlands District, Redlands Orchid Society and the QCWA Redland branch.



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

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