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COUNCILLOR FOR CLEVELAND AND NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND | DIVISION 2

Happy New Year!

2020 should be a fantastic year on Redlands Coast

As Councillor I resolve to:

Keep working to achieve the quality infrastructure we need through co-operation and firm advocacy with all three levels of Government plus private business partnerships

This campaign is carbon offset via donation to *Greenfleet* using Australian re-forestation
So, as always there is "No hot air from Mitch".

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Keep setting the standard of respect and hard work that you expect of your representative

Continue to respect and value all opinions and make final decisions that are ethical, balanced and fair for the benefit of the majority

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Council Infrastructure

Councils provide 25% of national infrastructure but receive only 3.5% of the tax revenue!

In 2019 /20 this Council is on track to deliver:

- \$20 million of new local roads e.g Princess St Cleveland
 - \$5 million in new sewer and water assets e.g. current Point Lookout expansion
 - \$9.5 million of Open Space spending
- Council maintains for you a whopping \$2.3billion in community assets!!



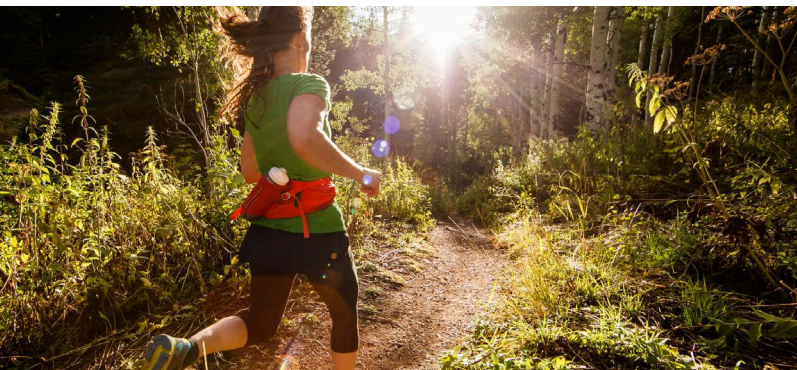
Value For Your Money

- I know you want value for your rates and I will always make decisions so Council lives within its financial means.
- Council currently has very low debt levels
- Council submits its books regularly for several independent, internal and external audits to minimize waste and ensure public transparency
- Council is on track for a budget surplus this year
- Council has strong cash reserves for required works and emergencies



Transport Infrastructure

- I have heard your frustration regarding the poor delivery of Infrastructure that is State government responsibility. Eg: major State roads, Cleveland rail line duplication, and Park & Ride.
- I'm always fighting for a long term fair go from any State government to address the chronic shortfall
- I also propose new regional status for NSI and all Bay Island to allow access to infrastructure grants such as Works for Qld and Building better regions.



The Importance of Natural Environment

- I am committed to practical and effective action that maintains and improves our natural environment
- Council is reducing fragmentation of wildlife corridors with better policy and active planting programmes
- Council is helping improve Bay and tributary water quality via regional healthy waterway collaboration
- I lead by personal example, not empty talk and blame, taking responsibility with practical green transport options, food and organic composting, soft plastic recycling and insisting on less packaging where possible.
- I believe by allowing carefully managed recreation access to conservation land this assists both lifestyle and environmental outcomes.

The "Mitch" election campaign is also carbon offset by re-forestation donation



Improved Sports and Recreation Opportunities

- I am strongly committed to helping provide quality, sustainable recreational and sports facilities and experiences that also showcase our area and talents.
- 2020 will see public engagement on the \$7 million Heinemann road sports and recreation precinct. It has on offer options for lit playing fields, fantastic nature, recreation, criterium and other safe cycling options.
- Raby Bay Foreshore has seen a beach replenishment and improved recreation facilities that are already being enjoyed by many.
- New Raby Bay Boulevard park infrastructure has been delivered, with much anticipated public amenities due early in 2020
- Council has authorized much needed long term strategic planning to help the city keep pace with community recreation needs.

Fire readiness a shared responsibility

Our hearts and wallets have opened in response to the Southern bushfires. Our recent local experiences are also fresh and we can be proud and confident of the combined responses including Council.

Current events are a timely reminders of our own responsibilities when it comes to disaster preparation. This cannot be left to "others" or government alone.

Now is the time to seek information via Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - QFES or on Councils disaster dashboard <https://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au/>

