

Raby Bay canals

Community update

Updating residents of Raby Bay on issues relating to canals

Community consultation

Redland City Council's community consultation on the management and funding of canal and lake maintenance activities has formally concluded.

Council extends its thanks to Raby Bay residents for participating in and engaging with the consultation process.

The community engagement was held after Council resolved at its Special Meeting on 26 June 2017 to consult with the wider Redlands community in 2017/18 about the best way to manage the maintenance activities at our city's canal and lake estates.

Currently, Council levies a special charge on canal and lake waterfront properties to help pay for the special services required in the maintenance works at these estates.

The maintenance activities include dredging the waterways so they remain clean and navigable, and repairing public and private revetment walls.

In holding the citywide consultation, Council sought to understand what principles the average Redland ratepayer would support in funding and managing these significant works.

While ratepayers who own canal or lake waterfront land pay the most directly for the maintenance, a portion is also contributed from general rates, which means all ratepayers are affected.

Council considered many options for the community consultation and ultimately chose the method it considered would best cover the issues and represent the interests of the community as a whole.

The process included the use of an independently managed Citizens' Advisory Panel, a survey to determine how widely used the canal and lake estate parks and waterways are, a series of meetings with estate ratepayers and/or ratepayer associations, and independent market research to test findings against the wider community.

With the consultation process concluded, Council will be considering the reports on the outcomes of the multi-streamed consultation ahead of any determinations on the matter.



Maintenance activities

An aerial survey of Raby Bay was recently undertaken, and data analysis is continuing.

Maintenance works, including mangrove removal, revetment wall rock restacks and some concrete repairs to revetment walls, is in procurement phase and Council anticipates work commencing soon.

The final trial site at Masthead Drive is under way, with the contractor onsite since mid-March, 2018.