

NEWS from your Local Councillor

Redland Shire Council



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Dear Residents

Greetings to all residents and ratepayers of Division 2 at the end of a very long hot summer.

Planning Scheme

There is a new Redlands Planning Scheme. This scheme outlines development in the Shire for the next 15 years and will come into effect from March 30, 2006. There were over 6000 submissions received during the community consultation phase. I did not vote for the scheme, my reasons are outlined in more detail online at <http://www.craigogilvie.com/planningSchemeSpeech.htm>.

Masthead Drive Park

I want to thank all the residents who took the time to send Council your views on the future planning of the Raby Bay Foreshore Park. Following the analysis of the survey results, Council will develop a draft master plan which will be placed on public display around June 2006 for further community comment.

Raby Bay Foreshore is a regional park and attracts visitors from outside Redlands. The development of a landscape master plan is part of a broader strategy to improve Redlands regional parks to ensure these important public spaces are developed in a planned and logical manner.

Climate Change

Council recently responded to a State Government report on Climate Change. This was the scariest report I have read since being in Council. If the whole world stopped emitting Carbon Dioxide gas tomorrow then "global temperature increases", would have a 2 degree increase in average temperatures over the next twenty years. There are many unsavoury effects, but the increase in the likelihood of flooding, weed invasion, pest and insect borne disease, loss of native ecosystems, extreme weather events, hotter drier summers and economic dislocation caused by loss of some industries, are just some of them. This is the biggest challenge of this generation and we can all play a part in finding a solution. The full paper is available at <http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/science/climate.html>



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Cleveland Koalas

The koala survey that was conducted on 11th December found 14 koalas in the Cleveland area. Seven of these were in William Ross Park. Organisers have asked me to thank residents for their assistance and remind people that eucalyptus trees in our road reserves can play an important role in linking foreshore areas with parklands. We have recently planted a lot of street trees in Cleveland, but if you see an opportunity to plant a Eucalypt anywhere, please contact Council.

Rates and Budgets

Council is discussing the budget for the next financial year. If you have any views about rates, or other matters to do with the budgets, make your views known to me and other Councillors.

Cleveland High School and Redlands United Soccer Club

I was very pleased to be able represent the residents of Division 2 at the badge ceremony for this year's leadership ceremony at Cleveland High School. Congratulations go out to the students and their families.

I was honoured to be able to present the 'Captains Shirt' to Gary Henshaw of Redlands United Soccer Club at their recent season opening game. I am a proud patron of this grassroots club that fields quality teams and does fantastic things for the kids.



Cleveland Markets

Council has allowed the lessee of the Cleveland Markets to trial for 1 month a flea market on Sundays in conjunction with the Arts and Crafts Market. This is all the more reason to get along on a Sunday and enjoy the action!

As usual, two pages is not enough with all the Council news happening. If there are any questions, or ideas you may have for Council, don't hesitate to call me on the numbers listed.

Until next time

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