

NEWS from your Local Councillor

Redland Shire Council



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Dear Residents

Hope you had a good Christmas break and enjoyed the New Year's celebrations.

Cleveland Showground

A large number of trees have been planted at the Showground area as part of the implementation of the Showground Masterplan. The need for these trees was something that came up consistently in the public consultation phase of planning. No doubt these trees will look great in years to come. The redevelopment of the sport fields are also nearing completion. This will provide additional physical activity space as well as opening up the grounds for events and festivals.

Soccer

Council has partnered with Redlands United Soccer Club in returfing their number one playing field. This field is now as good as any in Queensland and should be a real asset to both the club and Cleveland.

Raby Bay

The Raby Bay Foreshore Park Masterplan submission period has now closed. I would like to meet with interested residents to discuss in more detail these draft plans, revetment wall issues and the Canal Levy. The meeting is set down for 19 February, 7.00pm at Raby Bay Volunteer Marine Rescue.

Cleveland Bowls Club

I was pleased to be able to present a plaque to Cleveland Bowls Club President, Gordon Hughes, on the occasion of the Men's Branch 40th Anniversary. Congratulations to all the members and particularly to those whose volunteer efforts have made the club a feature of Cleveland life over the years.





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Koalas

Prior to Christmas a report was put to Council quoting unverified data which suggests there has been a decline in our local koala population of about 31% in the koala coast area and 47% in our urban areas. Obviously, this is sad news for the Redlands. The major causes of koala deaths are loss of habitat, stress and disease caused by urbanisation, cars and dogs. None of these things are going away and the prospects for koalas look dim unless some changes are made.

Climate Change

Many will be keeping up with the climate change debate. Discussions seem now to be centred on what can be done rather than whether it is a real threat. My own reading of the situation is that it is time for some urgent action. We can all play a part. I have decided that I am going to start riding my bike to work in future. Apart from being fun, it is good for me, good for the parking situation in town and benefits the environment. I realise that it is only a small change but if others join me, we can make a large difference. I will be outlining some of the other ways to make a difference in future newsletters.

Relay for Life

Can I encourage anybody who is thinking about getting involved in the Redlands Relay for Life to get on board. It really is one of the premier events in the Redlands for me. It is a very touching event which is both fun and highly rewarding from both a personal and fundraising point of view. Being part of a team is the real fun but you can still join in the experience by donating directly to team members or even sponsoring a whole team.

Doorknocking

I will be in these places on 10 March:

Cnr of Wharf and Middle St	8.00am
Cnr of Middle and Channel St	9.00am
Island St, William Ross Pk	10.00am
Cnr of Russell and Passage St	11.00am
In front of 84-88 Wynyard St	12.00pm
Cnr Haggup and Queen St	1.00pm
Cnr Compass and Masthead Dve	2.00pm
Cnr Smith and Long St	3.00pm
Cnr Wellington and Queen St	4.00pm

Feel free though, to contact me at anytime on the numbers listed if you have any Council related concerns. I also encourage you to call if you see something that requires attention. I spend a lot of time walking and riding around the division but the more 'eyes' that Council has watching - the better.

Until next time.

Yours sincerely,



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