



News from your Local Councillor

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Hello to all Division 1 residents,

It has been a very emotional start to 2011 and I hope anyone that was affected by the floods, bushfires, cyclones or earthquakes, has been given the support and love needed. Our community shone with its outpouring of generosity to our neighbours and once again I was extremely proud to be a Redlander.

We were so fortunate in our city not to have many incidents but we had two in Wellington Point.

The first was the collapse of a **private wall** at the Point on Main Road. The area was declared a disaster area by the Local Disaster Management Group and had to be evacuated for a couple of days while investigations were carried out and safety could be assured.

The owner of the property is co-operating with Council to ensure outcomes can happen as soon as possible. Council has worked closely with all impacted locals to reduce any inconvenience where possible.

Our second incident was the **road slippage at the causeway** on Main Road approaching the Point. This causeway was built in the 1930s by American soldiers, as originally the Point was basically an island attached by an old bridge. Council and geo-technical engineers have monitored and tested the site. The reports are being analysed so hopefully by the time you read this, repair might have started. This area is still closed to vehicles over 4.5 tonnes, but if any resident or business needs to have special access this is easily arranged by ringing the number on the sign or phoning me. I would like to thank everyone for their patience with both situations.



With the excessively high rainfall, our crews fell behind in their usual mowing and maintenance rosters. In January, many of our staff were deployed to Brisbane to assist in the **flood relief work** which also affected works to be done here at home. Crews are steadily getting up to date and I thank everyone for their patience and also for advising me when there has been water damage or other concerns.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our beautiful mature trees in Ormiston, due to a large basal cavity filled with rot and decay. It will be replaced with two Candlenut trees to tie back into the heritage of the Saint Andrews Church grounds. Down the road, our historical Ormiston House is cleaned and polished and ready for another year of visitors.

Recently I went to **Wyaralong**, 10km east of Boonah, for the launch of the new south-east Queensland (SEQ) Trailbike Facility. I joined the SEQ Trailbike Taskforce back in 2008 and it was fantastic to see the dreams become reality. We have approx 16,000 riders in the Redlands, mainly families, so it was important for Redland City Council to participate to support this growing sport. Investigations proved that Redlands simply doesn't have the amount of land required for a viable facility and this one at **Wyaralong** will be of national standard. Our riders will benefit and also local retailers, as participants buy more gear, bikes, camping supplies for the week-end away etc, and fill up with petrol. Hopefully it will also help reduce the number of illegal riders in our bushland.



In February, I attended a 'Best Practise in Urban Design Tour' organised by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ). It was very interesting to see what is happening in other areas - good and bad. I liked the innovative use of fruit trees for streetscape, swales for water filtering, keeping heritage features, and building around such sites. What shocked me was the concept of 5m-wide house lots! The tour inspired me to commence studying urban design. I figure if plans come in that aren't 'fitting for Redlands quality lifestyle' I will at least be able to give them informed alternatives.

Work is continuing with the **Anson Road carpark** and hopefully will be finished by the time you are reading this. Our long awaited **pathway to the netball courts** (with lights) has also begun, which will make this area much safer for all users. Both of these areas are part of EGW Woods Sportsfields, which is now having its master plan revised. There are multiple users of this area and it is important the facilities and space are used efficiently. I look forward to listening and working with the community to develop the site.

WATCH THIS SPACE

We live in such a beautiful area with a strong vibrant community. Wellington Point Shopping Village, filled with its unique charm and character, is a community hub for locals and visitors. I am so excited, as after two years of work, the Village Green is coming together. We will start having community get-togethers to keep building our community and supporting our local businesses. Some of the local traders are already working with me to hold a Mothers' Day function, and I am sure this will be the first of many. Make sure you look out for what is happening.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Last year I organised a safety meeting to inform residents of the various groups that offer assistance. The meeting was attended by around 40 residents who listened intently to police, Council's Safety Officer, Paul Stanley from the Walk Away Chill Out Campaign, and representatives from Safety House, Home Assist and Neighbourhood Watch programs. I continue to work with police and at present we are organising a traders meeting to identify concerns and work through them.

Please if you have any concerns ring your local station or these numbers.



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Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) play a significant role in assisting the Queensland Police Service. Vacancies for VIPs may exist at Capalaba and Cleveland Stations. Please visit www.police.qld.gov.au/join/vip/join.htm to obtain an application form if you are interested in the program.

Wendy's Chats

Wellington Point Shopping Village

2nd and 4th Saturdays
from 10am to 12noon

Ormiston Shopping Village

2nd and 4th Tuesdays
from 5pm to 6pm

Budget

Council has started our budget meetings, as there are many levels of decision – making, from going through all fees such as dog registration right up to million dollar projects. I deliberate all aspects to ensure the community's impact by rate rises is as minimal as possible, while still receiving the same number of services at the same standard. In March, we started the Core Service Review, as Council has 497 services and we need to ensure any financial savings anywhere can be found. A recent independent survey showed that Redland City Council is seen as a strong performer in terms of delivering community lifestyle and building a strong community. We need to also ensure we are financially sustainable so we enjoy our lifestyle and have a vibrant future.

Welcome to all the new people on the various schools P&Cs and other committees this year.

We have an inspiring community, which I look forward to working with throughout 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or come down to one of my chats.

Until then...enjoy paradise.

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