



# News from your Local Councillor

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## Dear residents of Division 1,

November 2010

Unbelievably we are seeing the end of 2010 drawing close. What a fantastic and successful year we have had!!! I hope everyone takes time to reflect and though we all have difficult times we must cherish those precious family, friends' gatherings and achievements at our work. This is what is rewarding and makes our lives wonderful.

It has been a busy year in Council and I believe our achievements will all have a positive impact on our city and our treasured Redlands lifestyle.

For the first part of the year, most of our meetings dealt with investigating different aspects of the budget. We have introduced **rates reform** which has made the system fairer across the city and delivered a new **financial strategy** to ensure Redland City Council will be delivering the most efficient and effective level of service possible. We are leaving no stone unturned as we restructure and bring about a cultural and monetary shift throughout the organisation.

This second half of the year **waste management** was the major hot topic. Waste is a global issue and the Redlands is no different. We have investigated many options to find the most cost effective, waste reduction program available. It has been known for a decade that Birkdale Landfill had a limited life but unfortunately there was very limited progression on an alternative, therefore it became an urgent priority. We were not happy with the inherited situation or the solutions given to us. I was not happy that my residents were going to have to travel 25km to go to the transfer station so we didn't accept this situation and we asked for officers to think outside the box. Redland City Council through successful negotiations with Brisbane City Council have now signed a contract which means Redland City Council no longer needs to build a waste management facility and means Council will save around \$50m over the next 10 years in waste costs. This will allow time for a regional solution to be developed involving a number of south-east Queensland councils. As part of our waste strategy we will investigate building a new transfer station at Birkdale which will generate much less dust, smell and noise than the present landfill which is a win for neighbouring residents. It is such a positive outcome as we are now intending to provide facilities at both ends of the city, both at Redland Bay and Birkdale, plus it is a great outcome for the environment regionally.

Residents have asked about a **green waste recycling bin**. Brisbane City Council has recently introduced these bins on a trial basis and Redland City Council officers are monitoring their results.

**Kerbside collection** has also been requested by residents. Council investigated this idea in 2008 and was advised by other councils who offered the service not to proceed due to negative impacts and cost. Council is still investigating the options to implement some variance to this system.

There are some trying to hype up the **illegal dumping issue**. Out of 150,000 transactions at our transfer stations, Council only had 150 requests of illegal dumping. There has never been records kept on this concern until last year so at present there is no way anyone can accurately say if fees have caused an increase or not. Council can now monitor for future years. Unfortunately many items that are 'dumped' are free, so it is simply being irresponsible.

**Community**  
*Carols*

**Friday 3 December 6pm**  
**Wellington Point Traders Christmas Fair**  
**Sunday 5 December, 10am till 3pm**  
Both held at the Wellington Point  
Shopping Village, Main Road

I am currently in discussions with 'Keep Australia Beautiful' regarding various options for decreasing the amount of local litter and rubbish that continues to find its way into our waterways. Please remember every little piece of litter hurts our wildlife and will in turn eventually hurt us. I would encourage you all to investigate what is happening in our oceans by visiting this website –

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/campaigns/oceans/pollution/trash-vortex/>  
'The Trash Vortex of the North Pacific Ocean is an area the size of Texas'.

Every Redlands resident has to be responsible - please **reduce, reuse and recycle**

**Cleveland Centre Master Plan** has been adopted. This concludes a process that commenced in 2007. We initiated further community consultation and lowered the height of buildings from twelve stories to eight from the initial plan. We have widened the streets to allow for more street-scaping including plantings. More open space has been included and we have embraced the bay. When looking at the plans, remember this is only an artist's conceptual impression of what could possibly be built.

It is now up to the developers to work with the community and Council to deliver a city heart with character and plenty of social interaction while allowing our retail centre to thrive and increase our local economy. I walked the pavement of Cleveland heart and Shore Streets last week talking with business owners. We have some great outlets with very capable owners.

*Remember to increase local employment and benefit our local economy we must*  
**SHOP LOCALLY, SHOP LOCALLY, SHOP LOCALLY**

I urge all Queenslanders to read about South Caloundra. Recently the state government decided to take direct control of planning for this development from the Sunshine Regional Council and give to the Urban Land Development Authority, an unelected unaccountable bureaucracy. They might do a positive design, it might be fast tracked but the cost is the local community has lost all its rights of consultation or appeals. Yes that's right, a city of 50,000 will spring up without the local elected council or the community having any say! If it happens here, where will be next? I am not against needed, well planned development but *I am against community rights being ignored and thrown aside*. Please read up on this one and if you too decide Queensland residents should have their rights please let our premier know. South-east Queensland Mayors have reacted angrily and are supporting the role of the community. This is a chance for us to defend the local voice of the community, make sure we are heard.



We head into summer again and I'm sure there are a few who found an extra couple of kilos we didn't want from winter. Please take advantage of the **exercise equipment** I had placed in Three Paddocks Park. A healthy body has a healthy mind as Olive Weber at 103 years of age fully knows. Olive LIVES every day to its fullest and is a true inspiration. Recently she won an **Inspiring Seniors Award** as she and her friend Ken entertain many people, including the Governor, with their fantastic music. While Olive sings at every opportunity she brightens the days of others by showing the true enjoyment of giving simple pleasures. Olive you are wonderful and I am honoured to know you. Another inspiring Redlander!

Recently Council held a '**Night Stalking**' in Hilliards Park and we had nearly 80 people there with torches spotting the wildlife. It was a lot of fun but also very informative. In many areas of our city there are Bushcare groups that passionately care for environmental areas in their neighbourhood. If you would like to join a Bushcare group please contact Council's Bushcare Extension Officer on 3824 8611.

**For any sick or injured wildlife please contact Redlands Wildlife Service on 3833 4031 or 1300 130 372.**

## Wendy's Chats

(except during January)

### Wellington Point Shopping Village

2nd and 4th Saturdays  
from 9am to 11am

### Ormiston Shopping Village

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

**Galena Street/ Valley Way lights are shining!!!!** - making this pathway a lot safer for walkers.

**APEX bike jumps** are now also completed. This was the first time Council has designed and built dirt jumps like this and we have been amazed at the number and variety of users. This facility fills the need for those children in the older age group who have out grown the swings. I even saw a dad showing some skill the other day.

The sealing and redesign of the **Anson Road carpark** will start around mid November. Yippee I hear? Hopefully most of the work will be finished over the school holidays but I ask for patience and care in the school traffic while this much needed safety work is being done.

I would like to wish you all a merry and safe Christmas. May you all find time to relax before we bounce into another great new year here in the best part of the world - the REDLANDS!

**Safe holidaying, merry Christmas, happy new year and I look forward to being your voice in 2011.**

Joy to the world,

**Wendy Boglary**

**Councillor for Division 1**  
Redland City Council

