



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gleeson

### Dear residents of Division 9

While concessions had to be made, the Budget for 2015-16 is responsible and prudent - delivering necessary capital works while keeping rates rises at a minimum.

Approached by Councillors with a city-wide focus, it was unanimously adopted.

The average rate rise is about 43 cents a week for a category 1a owner-occupied property with a land value of about \$306,450, the lowest in South-East Queensland.

This increase covers only a small part of the extra impost on Council from rises in water, utilities and other State Government charges - particularly a 9.2 per cent increase in the State Government's bulk water charge.

While managing to keep rate increases as low as possible, Council acknowledges that the State Government's recent property revaluations will mean some residents will have higher-than-average increases.



*DELIVERING: The 2016-17 Budget provides for a healthy \$20.97 million spend on improving roads across the city, with 13 roads in Division 9 scheduled for resurfacing.*

The state's valuations, however, are outside of Council's control.

The Budget also delivers a predicted fourth successive operating surplus while maintaining a low level of debt.

Improving community infrastructure was at the heart of Budget

deliberations, with a healthy \$77 million capital works program scheduled for 2015-16.

All up \$20.97 million will be spent on improving roads across the city, with another \$5 million to be spent on footpaths, bikeways, carparks, bus stops and shelters.

These Division 9 roads are scheduled to be resurfaced this financial year: Stanley Street, Glencarron Court, Meldawn Place, Frost Street, Clement Court, Gundagai Drive, Molton Court, Pulbrook Drive, Jupiter Street, Neller Street, Saturn Street, Scorpio Street and Tauris Road.

### Community work honoured

Four outstanding Redlanders who were recognised with Order of Australia Medals in the Queen's Birthday Honours were recently presented with certificates of appreciation at a Council reception. Pictured with Councillors are: Peter Beauchamp, Ross Bower and Richard Thomason. The fourth, Susan Russell, was travelling and could not be with us on the day.





### Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. You can download the handy VandalTrak app or visit [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au) to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email [graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au).



### Dob in a dumper

Illegal dumping costs ratepayers money and presents potential health and safety hazards. Help us stamp it out by reporting incidents to Council on 3829 8999 or directly to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 74 68. A phone app is available at [www.ehp.qld.gov.au](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au).



### Pet micro-chipping

Council offers a mobile micro-chipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home for \$25. People can pay on the spot via EFTPOS. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.

## Bluesfest to rock on in October

The Bayside Blues Festival will be back in Capalaba Regional Park on 15 October.

Gates will open at noon for this free family event (a gold coin donation would be appreciated).

There will be live music, a fully licensed area and, with 5000 people expected to attend, it should continue to build its reputation as a low-cost and fun family event.

I will keep you posted as this year's line-up is confirmed.



### Draft City Plan update

Councillors are deep into an intensive series of workshops with Council officers on the draft City Plan. This has been an informative and engaging process discussing issues raised by the community and stakeholders in more than 6000 properly made submissions received during the draft City Plan consultation period late last year.

The draft City Plan is intended to get the balance right - to accommodate projected population growth, offer a greater housing choice, and stimulate local business, jobs and investments while using contemporary data to identify and protect the city's key natural assets.

The draft City Plan is a shorter, clearer document that will be easier to use.

It will remove duplication of regulation but does not remove or dilute regulation.

It also will bring Council's land-use planning into line with the standard zones, overlays and definitions used throughout the state.

Councillors will be carefully considering options for making changes to the draft City Plan to respond to issues raised in the public submissions while still focussing on achieving better design outcomes without unnecessarily restricting innovation and diversity in future development.

The formal report on issues raised and any proposed amendments is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year.

### Stay in touch



I am keen to hear your views on what our division's most pressing issues are. You can connect with me by "liking" my Councillor page on Facebook.

You will find it by searching **Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9 - Redlands)**. I am also keen to hear suggestions for our entire City.

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Division 9