



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Julie Talty

Dear resident of Division 6

Now that the City's Budget for 2016-17 has been completed and passed, projects scheduled and funded for this financial year can advance.

Among the great projects in this Budget for the whole of the city are:

- Continuing improvements to our natural tracks and trails network in support of our Redland lifestyle and local economy;
- Support and planning for the Redland Community Hub for our seniors in Cleveland;
- Improvements to our boat ramps and jetties; and
- Finalisation of the lighting project at Charlie Buckler sportsfield.

I am pleased to report that this Budget provides for some great outcomes for the residents of Division 6 and southern Redlands.

The inclusion of more road and footpath funding than ever before, and special items such as the new Mount Cotton skate facility and the new all-abilities playground to be added to the current playground in the park, will be welcomed.

The planning for the first major works in the redevelopment of Mount Cotton Park is underway and you will



COMMUNITY: The new Mount Cotton skate facility promises to be a great facility for local youngsters. The design drawings above and below show a purpose-built park that will be among the best in the region.

see some big changes happening in the next six months.

Wiring will be installed to provide lighting for the first section of footpath as well as the dog off-leash area shelter so the park can be used for longer.

Power connections will be available for events in the park, which will save many thousands of dollars in generator hire each year.

An area for small dogs is expected to be added to the dog off-leash area in the second half of the financial year.





Wildlife volunteers

The Redlands' after-hours wildlife ambulance service, co-ordinated by Council, is always seeking volunteers to rescue and transport sick and injured wildlife. Inductions are held as required, so please contact 3824 8611 or email lisa.bailey@redland.qld.gov.au if you can help or would like more information. Council supplies a fully equipped vehicle and our volunteers work in teams of three and are rostered on-call.



Weinam Creek plans

Work on the next stage at Redland Bay's Weinam Creek Parkland is underway.

It will include the carpark in Donald Road and an area designed for teenagers, as well as more bike and pedestrian paths, a new nature play area for four to seven-year-olds and upgraded play equipment off Denham Boulevard.

The Southern Redland road sealing program is ongoing, with most of the major dirt roads in Redland Bay scheduled to be sealed. We will also see new bus shelters and footpath links.



Connecting our community

The missing links in the footpath on Bunker Road are finally slated for completion, while a further \$1.6 million has been earmarked for safety improvements at the Collins and School of Arts road junction, as well as \$300,000 towards planning and engineering improvements for the intersection of School of Arts and German Church roads in Redland Bay. Improvements to Avalon and Serpentine Creek roads have been funded and will include new stormwater culverts. This will continue to improve liveability for residents of Division 6.



COMMUNITY: Myself with School SafeST committee members - Victoria Point State High School Principal Scott Steinhart, Student Council representatives, MP Matt McEachan, Cr Lance Hewlett and P&C secretary Trish Bunin.

School safety a priority

In my role as Councillor for Division 6, I recently convened and chaired the first School SafeSt meeting for Victoria Point State High School.

This committee, like the one already supporting Mount Cotton State School, brings together the school, the community in the form of the P&C, state MP Matt McEachan and Councillors, local and state roads engineers, Education Queensland school safety officers, police and representatives from Translink to

identify and find solutions to safety issues around the school and in the transit of students to and from school.

Some of the issues discussed at the first meeting included bus timetabling and overcrowding, road design around the school and safety signage.

The goal of this committee is to support the school in ensuring the safety of students and members of the community through better planning and resourcing of infrastructure and services.

Keep in touch

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