



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Tracey Huges



Dear resident of Division 8

Following my last newsletter that featured our ever faithful family dog, I would like to thank residents for the feedback and follow up. It has been amazing - we really are a pet loving community.

There were many follow-up questions, particularly about cat laws, and it is clear that wandering cats and dogs being walked off-leash are a constant cause of complaint in our community.

In the interests of public safety and community wellbeing, I would like to offer a friendly reminder that the Redlands values responsible pet ownership as well as supporting the rights of others who may be affected by straying and boisterous pets.

As a pet owner in the Redlands you are required to register your dog or cat at 12 weeks of age and have them microchipped.

Residents also cannot keep more than two dogs or two cats on any property, although a permit for a third dog or cat may be available on compassionate grounds.

Wandering cats can be quite a neighbourhood nuisance and it is important that cat owners understand that they have a responsibility to keep their pets confined to their properties at all times. Cats will hunt at night and can be very destructive in our natural environment.

However, they can be happily kept inside or contained if you provide the right environment, so check out Council's website at www.redland.qld.gov.au for advice. It's under "animals and pets". Enclosures are also widely available and provide a fun space for cats.



FURRY FRIEND: Council's animal management team is happy to help pet owners.

When it comes to dogs, it is noisy and unrestrained pets which cause the most concern.

Dog owners must keep their furry friend's barking to a minimum and walk their dog on a lead at all times, unless in a designated off-leash area.

While many owners may believe their dog is well trained, friendly and no problem when walking off-lead, other people can become concerned and even fearful in the presence of an unrestrained dog, even if it is small.

Remember to also pick up your doggie do when in a public place. On-the-spot fines do apply.

Remember, it is the obligation of owners to ensure their dogs do not attack or frighten people or other animals.

Council's animal management team is happy to help both pet owners and other residents with advice.

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Stay safe on the roads

With our festive and holiday season fast approaching, the most important finish to every day is that we all get home safely. Please take note of our speed limits and take care.

Hooning such as street racing, burn-outs and other offences continue to be a problem. Dealing with this behaviour is the responsibility of police, who have suggested a number of ways for residents to report these offences:

- If life or property is in immediate danger or the event is time critical call Triple Zero (000);
- If it's non-urgent, not life threatening or there is little likelihood that the offenders are still in the area, call Policelink on 131 444;
- For hoon-specific information call 13HOON (13 4666), which goes to Policelink or report online; or
- Contact your local police station.

By calling police when you see such behaviour, the chances of catching the offenders increases.

Catch up at your local shopping centre

I have now added the Bluebell Street shops to my listening posts in the community. My next sessions will be:

November	Friday 18th	3.30-5pm	Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks
	Saturday 19th	9-11am	Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre
December	Saturday 3rd	9-11am	Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre
	Monday 12th	9-11am	Coconut Coffee House, Ormiston
	Friday 16th	3.30-5pm	Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks

On the air

I will be on BayFM 100.3 on Monday 28 November from 12.30pm.

If you would like to contribute to my divisional chat, please get in touch and let me know your issue.

McMillan Road Conservation Area update

At our onsite meeting at the McMillan Road Conservation Area in September, the following actions were decided:

- Council conservation officers to prepare a detailed plan for future plantings on site;
- Council to review possible levelling of some ground;
- A rubbish bin to be installed facing McDonald Road;
- Tap access to be investigated;
- Pedestrian access to be added from McDonald Road;
- Current fruit trees on the property to be retained;
- Possible seating to be held over during initial establishment of the area and re-assessed at a later date;
- Bush Care group to be established;

- Regulatory sign to be installed stating that the land is a conservation area.

We are looking at the possibility of naming the conservation area after the Wehr family, who have had a long association with the land as owners from the 1960s.

The family has been a significant contributor to the community for generations, currently still own land in the area and have great grandchildren attending local schools.

Helmut Wehr has prepared a short history of his family's connection with the land. Most at the meeting thought that naming the area after the family would be a worthy honour.



ACTION PLAN: Meeting with residents at the McMillan Road Conservation Area.

Christmas in our community

As is our tradition, there will be a host of fantastic and welcoming community carols at our schools, churches and care facilities. Here's a few to note in your diary.

- Carols at Birkdale – from 4pm Sunday, 11 December. Birkdale Baptist Church, Jones Road.
- Alexandra Hills State School in partnership with The Rock Church – from 5pm Sunday, 4 December, Alexandra Hills State School.
- Christmas by Starlight, our largest free community event, from 3pm Sunday, 18 December, at Mt Cotton's Sirromet Winery. Watch www.redland.qld.gov.au for updates.

Help spread the cheer

Wellington Park Private Care is looking for support from local residents to help decorate their facility in Balmoral Street on 7 December. The fun will start at about 10.30am, so if you are free the staff and residents would love to see you there.



Well done Muddies

A \$3000 grant has been provided to Muddies Cricket Club to help fund a Super Sopper and turf wicket covers to ensure the grounds are always looking as good as they do here.

The Muddies club fields teams from under 10 to under 16, as well as three senior teams playing in various grades of the Queensland Sub-Districts Cricket Competition, along with teams in the Winter Warehouse Competition. The club also runs "In2Cricket" sessions for children aged five to eight years and fields two very competitive teams in the Redlands Master Cricket competition.

For more information, go to www.muddies.com.au.



GOOD SPORTS: I enjoyed catching up with members of the Muddies Under 14 Bears team following a recent game.

Community Infrastructure Program priorities

Councillors have been working together to prioritise the most urgent footpath projects, understanding that connectivity for our residents is so important.

You will see significant works starting soon and continuing over the next 12 months across the

division, together with park upgrades and the highly sought unisex toilet which is being built in Bailey Road Park.

I will keep you updated on the progress in future newsletters. I know that many smiling faces from our young ones are to follow soon.