



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Tracey Huges

Dear resident

Welcome to 2017, a year that has started with residents raising the issue of law and order following a spate of local incidents.

These have left many feeling unsafe in their own community and questioning the response that they were receiving from both the police and Council. This has led to a community Facebook group being set up and the police and Council meeting to address immediate concerns,

resulting in a collaborative approach to increasing security at identified hot spots.

Similarly, the ongoing issue of speeding and hooning on our local roads has continued to be of real concern to many residents and I would like to again highlight the Hoon Hotline and encourage you to please call and report frequent speeding on your street with as much information as you are

able to share. With your support, police will be able to respond where they are needed most.

Meanwhile, improving safety has been a priority at Ormiston College, where new entrance and speed zone signs have been installed. The speed limit is 40km during school times.

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Division 8

Speed check

You can help control hooning by reporting incidents to police on 3433 3333. Residents also have a responsibility to monitor their own speeds in our neighbourhood.



Community Watch invites you to join them

The Alexandra Hills/Capalaba Community Watch group set up by Alexandra Hills residents Emma Gillard and Carla Brouwer has attracted more than 700 followers in just a few weeks.

The group was created due to several incidents attributed to local youth but rapidly expanded with residents sharing concerns of vandalism, drug use, graffiti, hooning and threatening behaviour.

It hosted a community meeting on 15 January at Valentine Park, Alexandra Hills, attended by about 20 local residents, State MP Don Brown and a police representative from Capalaba. The meeting concluded with a positive message of encouragement, ensuring that residents have an opportunity to share incidents as they happen, with the intent that this will help local police improve safety, create a sense of neighbourhood pride and overcome recent negative behaviour.



CONCERNED: Residents meet to form Alexandra Hills/Capalaba Community Watch.

Following reports of people sleeping in our parks who may be homeless, I also urge you to be vigilant and report concerns to Council so we can try to help. Council has an arrangement with MICAH Projects and will pass on all information in confidence so friendly and professional help can be offered to those in our community who are at risk and vulnerable.



Residents and local businesses are encouraged to join the group, so please check its Facebook page at **Alex Hills/Capalaba Community Watch**. If you are not a Facebook user you can phone, text or email me to have your concerns shared with the group.

Time for a chat

March

Friday 17th, 3-4.30pm
Bluebell Street,
Alexandra Hills Foodworks

Saturday 25th, 9-11am
Alexandra Hills
Shopping Centre

April

Saturday 8th, 9-11am
Wellington Point Horizon
Shopping Centre

Friday 21st, 3-4.30pm
Bluebell Street,
Alexandra Hills Foodworks

Saturday 22nd, 9-11am
Alexandra Hills
Shopping Centre

May

Saturday 6th, 9-11am
Wellington Point Horizon
Shopping Centre

Friday 19th, 3-4.30pm
Bluebell Street,
Alexandra Hills Foodworks

Saturday 20th, 9-11am
Alexandra Hills
Shopping Centre

Men's shed



The Alexandra Hills Men's Shed members are an active group of gents who meet at 38 William Street, Birkdale, Mondays to Thursdays from 7.30am-noon.

There is no set agenda but there is an extensive workshop where they work to support the community through the many and varied requests that come their way. The ever-expanding model train set keeps everyone entertained and morning tea is a moving feast around a cuppa and conversation.

New members are welcomed and encouraged to share their skills, enjoy the company and relax.

Lighting up our community

Local Luke Ferre raised \$500 to help wildlife thanks to his wonderful light presentation that featured in the 4KQ Christmas Light Spectacular.

Thank you so much to the many families who chipped in to support Luke, your small donations have added up to make a significant contribution to our precious wildlife. Luke has chosen to share the money between two local wildlife rescue groups - Pelican and Seabird Rescue and the Wildlife Preservation Society's, Bayside branch.



AWARD: Luke Ferre is presented with a certificate of appreciation by Pelican & Seabird Rescue president Hammy Forrester following his donation and, left, his display.

Helping the community

Defibrillator

I was pleased to be able to provide \$3000 on behalf of the community to Redlands Multi Sports Club for a defibrillator, which is now available to help club members as well as visiting patrons and sportspeople.



In fine voice

The U3A Redlands District Vintage Voices Singers were most appreciative of Council's donation towards music and equipment.

This wonderful group regularly sings for residents at Sylvan Woods Aged Care and Buckingham Gardens Aged Care facilities.

This photograph was taken at the Christmas function at Sylvan Woods.



Softball event proves a big hit



Redlands Softball started the year on a high note with the successful running of the combined U15 Boys and U19 Men's National Championships. As well as hosting the event, Redlands Softball had a number of representatives playing for Queensland in both age groups.

The Queensland U19 side claimed the title after a great final game against NSW and you can see how happy the local Redlands boys were. Queensland made it a double by claiming the U15 final.

Redlands Softball is now looking forward to the start of their season with an increase in numbers and teams. Anyone interested in playing this year should contact office@redlandsoftball.com.au or check www.redlandsoftball.com.au for more details.