



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gleeson

### Investing in our community

Redland City's 2017-18 budget invests heavily in community infrastructure.

Council is investing \$82 million across the city to cater for priorities identified by residents and the business community.

Nearly half of that is committed to improving the road network, renewing marine transport infrastructure and upgrading footpaths, bikeways, carparks and bus shelters.

More than \$23.6 million has been earmarked for road projects alone, while transport infrastructure such as footpaths, bikeways and bus shelters will account for another \$6.5 million.

This money will lead to real improvements for residents.

Parks and conservation are major beneficiaries, with \$14.39 million for open space and conservation projects, including \$1.176 million for Capalaba's IndigiScapes Visitor Centre expansion.

Local community spaces will get a boost in Capalaba.

On the list for this financial year is shade, seating and other improvements for Capalaba Regional Park, one of the real gems of our city.



Park renewals and upgrades are also scheduled for Gundagai Drive Park, Jacaranda Road Park, Little Killarney Park and Wentworth Drive Park.

Money has also been earmarked for safety improvements to the supervised zebra crossing at Coolwynpin State Primary School.

### Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au) or by calling 1800 641 497.



### Maintaining our roads

With Capalaba having some of the city's older roads, I have been working to get as many resurfaced as possible.

Recent completed works have included sections of Jupiter Street, Tauris Road, Saturn Street, Scorpio Street, Neller Street, Burns Street, Barton Street,

Patterson Street, Philippa Court, Coolong Street and Balandra Street.

Meanwhile, the new concrete pathway along Moreton Bay Road in front of the park-and-ride should be completed about now, weather willing. The work includes pram ramps and a 2m-wide pathway.



*FESTIVAL TIME: Our big blues bash, which supports local causes, is on again in October at Capalaba Regional Park.*

## Join the fun and blues

The annual blues event at Capalaba Regional Park is back on 14 October, so get along to one of our city's best family events in the best outdoor destination in the northern Redlands.

Organisers are expecting to build on the 5000 people who attended last year's music festival.

The park is an excellent venue for family-oriented festivals of this type and

it will only get better with the improvements that are to come.

The Bayside Blues Festival also helps to achieve a lot in our community as the money it helps to raise supports the great work of the Rotary Club of Capalaba.

Although it is free entry, Rotary asks for a small donation to help fund its worthy projects.

This is very much a family event for people of all ages, with plenty of well-priced food and market stalls, as well as eight hours of awesome live blues music.

For the price of a gold coin it is hard to beat.

This year's line-up will be decided soon so keep an eye on the festival's Facebook page for details.

## Boost for sports and community groups

I am committed to helping as many worthy not-for-profit groups as possible and have been able to distribute almost \$20,000 to local sporting, community and cultural groups under our small grants program.

Sport is particularly important for our kids so I was particularly pleased to be able to support the Capalaba junior rugby and soccer clubs, which provide plenty of fun, exercise and mentoring for so many of our youngsters.

### Recent grants have included:

Cooee Indigenous Family & Community Resource Centre \$3000

Polish Association of Queensland \$1389

Redland Community Centre, Rotary Club of Capalaba for the Redlands Bayside Blues Festival \$3000

Mt Cotton Fellowship/Calvary \$3000

Capalaba Junior Rugby League Club \$3000

Capalaba Soccer and Recreation Club \$3000

Zoe's Angels \$2611



## Graffiti gone

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## Wild encounters

To report sick or injured wildlife, call Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031.



## Are you on Facebook?

People either love or hate Facebook. For me, it is a very quick way to get a message out or advise residents of local events.

Feel free to 'Like' my page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)' and be part of the conversation.

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