



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gleeson

### Keeping it clean

Redland City's fight against graffiti vandals continues to reap rewards, with a significant reduction in incidents since the VandalTrak reporting system was adopted four years ago.

Council's strategy involving the police and community has become a model for other areas, with quick responses to vandalism and identification of culprits reducing graffiti across the city.

Reported graffiti incidents have fallen from a peak of 294 in November 2013 to an average of less than 60 a month since the implementation of VandalTrak, an online database with mobile app functionality which also has a police interface.

Brought in at the same time as Council centralised its graffiti clean-up effort, Council worked with VandalTrak's creators to customise the system to better suit the Redlands' needs, linking it with contractors and social enterprise groups.

The results speak for themselves, with this initiative saving the community many thousands of dollars.



Importantly, there has been a decrease in the amount of damage done in the past three-and-a-half years and offenders continue to be tracked, charged and either prosecuted or sent to mediation.

Council has partnerships with the Redland Youth Justice Service and Yourtown to clean up graffiti vandalism, and a great relationship with Queensland Police Bayside Property Team, whose members track serial graffiti.

The key to continuing success is for quick reporting, so you can help the fight against graffiti by downloading the VandalTrak app and using it to report graffiti as soon as it appears in our community.

### Slowing hoons

Residents can help reduce issues with hooning by reporting incidents.

Making a report through Policelink, the Hoon Hotline or our local station ensures the extent of the problem is reflected in the police statistics, which can be used to demand extra resources to deal with this issue.

So if you see or hear anti-social behaviour, please make a report to ensure that the statistics are an accurate reflection of local concerns.

Non-urgent reports relating to hooning and vandalism can be made through the Policelink service, either online at [www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink) or by calling **131 444**.

You also can call the dedicated hoon hotline on **13HOON (134 666)**.



### More shade for premier park

Council has installed more shade sails at Capalaba Regional Park to make it even more attractive for local families and visitors.

These sails now protect three swing sets, ensuring the park's play areas are sun safe.



### New leisure option

Bayview Conservation Area's new day-use area is now open.

This is a wonderful world-class facility for the city, with the \$1.3 million upgrade transforming what was vacant grassed area into a family-friendly outdoor recreational destination for locals and visitors.

Bayview already has a great reputation, and the new facilities cement its place as a fantastic regional facility for trail users including walkers, runners, mountain bike riders and horse riders and outdoor events.

Bayview, at Redland Bay, is a superb example of recreation co-existing within areas of high conservation value.



## Get out and active

The Redlands Healthy and Active Program continues to be a fun and free way to fitness.

The program, which continues in local parks to the end of June, promotes the importance of lifelong involvement in physical activity for improved health and well-being.

Apart from the personal health benefits you'll enjoy, it also helps to create a more engaged and inclusive community and makes great use of our wonderful open spaces.

Supported by the state and federal governments and run by Council, it is open to all, including mums and babies, seniors, children and families.

Visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au/rhap](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/rhap) for a full schedule and information on the range of free weekly activities from yoga or boxing circuits to kids' soccer and women's Zuu fitness - all out in our beautiful open spaces.



## Road reseal program

A massive amount of road resealing work has been done in Capalaba recently or is on the way.

Work done already includes Mt Cotton Road from School Road to Larbonya Crescent and sections of Loraine and Rickey streets, Estaway Court, Beenwerrin Crescent, Kingfisher Place, Larbonya and Myora crescents, Fern and

Pinewood streets and Persimmon, Redwood and St Peters courts.

Work on Almara Street, Aramac Court and Holland Crescent should be done by the time this newsletter arrives, with Allambee Crescent to follow.

I am hopeful that room will be found in the program to do a range of others streets across the division.



## Protecting waterways

Following recent reports of illegal dumping into the City's waterways, please be mindful of what you pour down the stormwater drain.

Sometimes people just don't think of where those contaminants end up when they pour something down the drain.

Residents need to be aware that they end up in our waterways, including Moreton Bay.

Potential prescribed water contaminants include pollutants such as chemicals, oils, fuels, paint, waste water from roof cleaning, concrete or sediment run off.

Recent incidents are being investigated and action will be taken under the Environmental Protection Act where appropriate.

## IndigiScapes heads to next stage

The new propagation sheds at Council's Capalaba IndigiScapes Centre are now completed as the centre moves into the second stage of its development.

This is expected to include refurbishment of the existing centre and construction of new garden spaces, theatre and better public amenities and administration facilities.

## Keep in touch

You can check out what's happening and keep in touch with me on Facebook.

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