



Roadworks

By the time this newsletter arrives, the road reseal program of about 30 streets in the division will have been completed.

IndigiScapes continues to grow

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, a theatrette and better public amenities and administration facilities.



City plan update

The new City Plan was returned to the State Government recently to consider questions asked regarding some matters within the scheme. Hopefully these issues can be resolved in the short-term and Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe will approve the plan.

Recreation boost

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

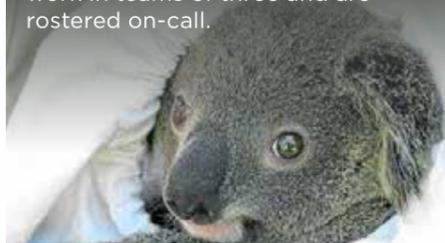
This is a wonderful world-class facility for the city, with a \$1.3 million upgrade transforming what was vacant grassed area into a family-friendly outdoor recreational destination for locals and visitors.

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.



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 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.

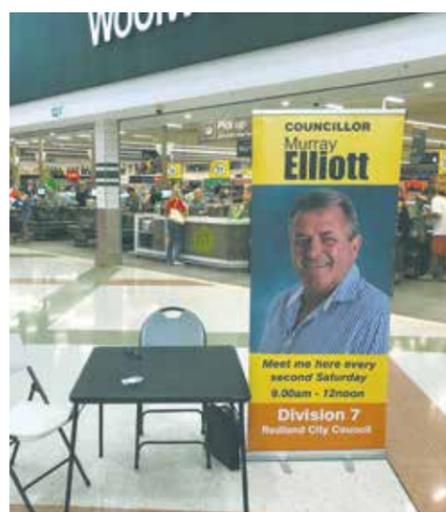


Helping our volunteers

More than \$16,000 has been approved for infrastructure for volunteers in groups such as the Koala Action Group, Oakland Street Community Garden, Volunteer Marine Rescue Raby Bay, Ormiston House and The Cage Youth Foundation.

Tree planting

So far, 885 street trees have been planted across the division as residents take up Council's offer. If you want a street tree planted outside your home, please call Council on 3829 8999 to express your interest.



Call in for a chat

I am at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday from 9am-midday to discuss your concerns and what's happening throughout Division 7.

Thank you to all the residents who have contacted me with regard to issues in our area.

Kind regards,

M. Elliott

Cr Murray Elliott
Division 7



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Murray Elliott



Land for the future

After years of negotiation with the State Government, Council has bought a 7ha freehold site at the end of Macarthur Street, Alexandra Hills.

The "old chook research station", formerly owned by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, is an amazing site which will be available for future community use.

A report is being compiled on options and costs and Council will set its direction for this exciting challenge.

Ava project's jobs boost

The Ava Terraces townhouse, in Alexandra Hills, is nearing completion, with local tradies getting much of the work on the project.

More than 20 Redland electricians, carpenters, plumbers, civil contractors, aluminum fabricators and others have been involved, with a positive spin-off for the economy and community.

Construction for the Ava Terraces project at 9-11 Oaklands Street, which started in August last year, is expected to be complete in May.

The development has attracted strong interest, with three of the 13 terraces having sold with a further expressions of interest.

Last year, Council decided to provide a quality townhouse project, with the potential to deliver quality homes for the Alexandra Hills community.

The project is well located, with shops, schools and public transport all within walking distance.



Park upgrades provide fun family spaces

Work in parks at Capalaba's Chantelle Court and Alexandra Hills' Workington Street and Burwood Road have now been completed.

Equipment in each has been fully renewed and is already proving a hit with local families.

The developer-built play area at the Rise development at the end of Kinross Road,

Thornlands, is now complete as well and is providing great enjoyment to the residents in that part of our division.

The new basketball half-court is now completed in Lorikeet Drive, Thornlands, and being put to good use.

Heffernan Road and O'Gorman Street parks are also being upgraded, with work expected to be finished mid-June.



FUN SPACES: Local play areas have benefitted from new equipment and upgrades, including, clockwise from above, Lorikeet Street, Workington Street, Burwood Road, Chantelle Court and Kinross Road.



Shopping centre's energy boost

Solar generation on a very large scale is being undertaken at Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre.

The centre commissioned Veida Renewable Power Systems to design the system and make the centre more energy efficient.

The operations team at Alexandra Hills worked collaboratively with Veida's engineering team to outline the daily power habits of the centre and identify opportunities for improvement.

The first stage of the design involves a 510kW roof-mounted solar system, with Veida and the centre exploring the future use of batteries, additional solar generation and energy efficiency upgrades.

The system is designed to provide clean, reliable and affordable power to the centre for the next 25 years.

The environmental benefit is equivalent to removing 800 tonnes of CO2 or taking 60 vehicles off the road every year.



ENERGISED: Our local Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre has invested in eco-friendly solar power generation.

Reporting key to getting hoons off our roads

We can all help put the brakes on hoons and speeding drivers by reporting incidents to police.

There are a number of ways for residents to report offences such as street racing and burn-outs:

- 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 the dedicated hoon hotline 13HOON (134 666), 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.

Residents should also remember to observe speed limits themselves and take care while on the road at all times.



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 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.