



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Julie Talty



### Major road project is underway

I am pleased to report that work is about to start on the major upgrade to Collins Road and School of Arts Road, Redland Bay, an intersection of interest to many residents of our division.

The \$4.5 million project will make this area much safer, as well as improving convenience and conditions for nearby residents.

The relocation of services was due to start by the time you read this newsletter, with road construction scheduled to start in late September.

It will be followed by the resealing at the other end of Collins Road, with the project expected to be completed by end of June 2020.

Works will start at the roundabout at School of Arts Road and Queen Street and finish at the roundabout at Collins and Penzance Streets, about 820m away.

Recent residential development on Collins Street triggered Council to design an upgrade which will see the intersection of Collins Street and School of Arts Road swing behind the

Queenslander house at the existing intersection.

The wonderful Moreton Bay fig at the existing intersection will be saved.

There will be unavoidable disruption due to what is a major construction project and I urge residents to be patient but I am sure the temporary inconvenience will be far outweighed by the benefits that this vital upgrade will bring to residents who use this area.

### Sportsfield carpark project begins

Work is now underway on Redland Bay's Charlie Buckler Sportsfield carpark project.

There has been \$622,240 allocated in this year's budget for the work and, as it is substantial, the project will need to be completed in stages.

During the design stage Council will be working with sporting groups which use the complex to understand their requirements.

The work includes renewal and expansion of the carpark at this very popular sportsground.

### Stay tuned for community precinct opening

The new dog off-leash park, skate area and carpark have been completed at Redland Bay's Donald Road Community Precinct, with an open day planned for September 22 to coordinate with the official opening of the Redland Bay Men's Shed.

It would be great to see you there to celebrate yet another first-class

community space for our division. Keep an eye on my Facebook page for details.

Meanwhile, planning is now complete for the upgrades to the play areas in Hardwood Drive Park and Seeana Park at Mount Cotton and the Denham Boulevard Park play area in Redland Bay.



*IN THE SWING: The style of equipment planned for Denham Boulevard Park.*

## Bayview proves right on track

The opening of the \$1.3 million upgrade to Bayview Conservation Area at Redland Bay earlier this year drew quite a crowd to enjoy the free activities, view displays and explore new trails.

It was great to see so many horse riders, walkers, mountain bike riders and families coming together to celebrate the transformation of what was an empty field into a world-class facility.

Ranger Stacie from Totally Wild joined in the fun and was a favourite with the kids – as was the opportunity to get up close to some of our native animals at a wildlife display.

Bayview has developed a reputation for its natural beauty and extensive trail network, and is proving to be a real asset for the city bringing significant economic and social benefits.



*COMMUNITY: With Mayor Karen Williams and visitors during the opening of the new Bayview day-use area.*



*COOKING: The team from Mount Cotton Scout Group man the barbeque at the Bayview opening event.*



*HOSPITALITY: With the team from Mount Cotton Scouts catering for the Bayview opening.*



*TRAILBLAZERS: With members of RATS Cycling Club at Bayview, one of their favourite riding destinations.*

## Calling all green thumbs

### Are you interested in growing a community garden?

If so, please register your interest with me via the contact information on this newsletter.

I have been approached by a group keen to start their own community garden in our division, so if you let me know I'll put you on the invite list for the first meeting.

Community gardens offer a variety of benefits other than just food production, as they also help to promote healthy lifestyles and good nutrition, and are great places to meet others for a cuppa and a chat.



## Sniffing out information on koalas

Specially trained Koala detection dogs, Maya and Baxter, and their expert handlers visited Native Dog Creek recently as part of a city-wide koala population assessment .

The dogs can detect scats which helps to identify where the koalas are.

This unique tracking program is part of Council's five-year Koala Conservation Strategy which will focus on the key threats to koalas.

It's a critical first step in understanding koala density numbers, health, population size and survival rates, population genetics, and identifying important koala habitat.

The Detection Dogs for Conservation Team is led by senior ecologists and geneticists, Dr Romane Cristescu and Dr Celine Frere, and has more than 25 years' experience in koala ecology having undertaken more than 1400 scat surveys across South-East Queensland.

## Keep in touch

Please continue to stay in touch and feel free to email me at [julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au) or call 3829 8606 or 0418 218 847 if I can be of assistance.

You can catch up with me at these events:

- August 25, 9.30am, Community Chat, Mt Cotton Village Shopping Centre
- October 13, 9.30am, Community Chat Hatch & Snout, RedEdge
- October 13, 11am, Community Chat Mt Cotton Village Shopping Centre
- September 15, Mount Cotton State School Fete
- September 22, Community Open Day and grand opening of Donald Road Men's Shed, Donald Road, Redland Bay

You can also keep up to date at

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