



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Mark Edwards

### 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 with 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 magnificent 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 it will bring to residents who use this area.

### Wild encounters

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



### Hall upgrades aid resilience

The Redland Bay Community Hall will soon be upgraded to better serve residents in times of potential emergencies.

It follows Council's successful bid for funding under the State-Commonwealth Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) for upgrades to evacuation centres across the city. Council will fund 40 percent of the upgrades.

The Redland Bay Community Hall will benefit from an onsite generator system to ensure continuity of power and an upgrade to its amenities to include showering facilities.

The work is expected to be finished by mid-2019.

Council has also received a donation of a mobile shower trailer from the Rotary Clubs of Salisbury that will provide additional capacity should residents ever need to evacuate their homes. Automatic flooded road warning signs will also be installed at five critical water crossings across the city, including at Moores Road, Redland Bay.

The upgrades will reduce our vulnerability to natural disasters and help to build community resilience.



## Boost for popular park

Redland Bay's Fielding Park is set for a makeover to make it even more appealing to local families.

This year's works program includes replacement of playground equipment under the existing shade sails, extending the playground to adjoin the recently installed nature-based play area and the installation of sandstone seating blocks.

There will be play equipment for five to 12-year-olds, as well as a toddler space with a slide, hiding spaces and climbing

elements, and a double swing with toddler seat.

There also have been improvements to the nearby skate park and dog off-leash area in the Donald Road Community Precinct Park.

An open day is 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 area.

Keep an eye on my Facebook page for details.

## Helping community

I am pleased to be able to assist a range of worthy local groups through my Councillor Small Grants program.

These grants are a small way that I can recognise and help the great work being done for fellow residents by members of sporting, youth, cultural and not-for-profit groups.

As local Councillor, I am privileged to see the extent of the work that is done every day in our community and I regularly hear just how much it is valued by residents.

Recently I have been able to help the local Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, Victoria Point Redland Bay Meals on Wheels, Running Wild Youth Conservation and Redland Bay RSL.

These grants will support the growth of these great organisations which do so much to engage and support local families.

Redland City Council also supports community projects from cultural events to wildlife programs through its annual community grants program and I urge anyone with an initiative that clearly benefits our community to apply.

For eligibility criteria and to learn more about how to apply for grants or sponsorship, visit

[www.redland.qld.gov.au/Grants](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/Grants), email [grants@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:grants@redland.qld.gov.au) or call 3829 8999.



## Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. Download the handy VandalTrak app or visit [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au) to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email [graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au).

## Sportsfield carpark project begins

The 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.

## Keep connected

Why not join the hundreds of residents who have already contacted me for help with an issue?

You can email me anytime at [mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au) or telephone 0407 695 667.

Warm regards.

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