



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Lance Hewlett Deputy Mayor

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### Dear resident,

With 2019 drawing to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas, as well as a safe and prosperous New Year.

The Christmas season is marked by a variety of joyous celebrations with friends and family, but it is also a time to think about those less fortunate than ourselves and to extend a hand of friendship and help to those need it most.

As in previous years, my wife Sheena is organising a toy drive to support the local Redlands Coast community through donations to the Redlands Community Centre and Champions Church Support Services. Anyone who wishes to contribute, please feel free to contact me for details. Collection can be organised.

These are also exciting times for our local school communities, where senior students are leaving their school to transition to their careers or to undertake further studies, while



*GOODWILL: Christmas wrapping at Victoria Point Shopping Centre.*

Year 6 students will be starting their first year in secondary school in 2020. Other students, teachers and staff will get a well-deserved break after a very busy year.

Being involved in the local school communities has been one of the most rewarding parts of my role as

your Councillor. We are so fortunate to have such amazing educational facilities and quality educators virtually at our door.

As members of RedVic Lions, look out in the coming weeks for myself and other Lions wrapping Christmas presents at Victoria Point Shopping Centre. A gold coin donation per gift represents excellent value and supports a very worthy cause. Also look out for my fortnightly Council information booth at local shopping centres and check my Facebook page for regular updates.

I am also happy to meet with you to discuss any issue, by appointment, in your home or at my office. Call 3829 8603 to organise a meeting. Enjoy the Christmas season and please stay safe.

**Cr Lance Hewlett** Division 4



Please connect with me on Facebook to stay posted on all local issues.



### Leaders of the future

I was thrilled recently to be invited to address the Year 7 cohort at Faith Lutheran College to present information on local government's role within Redlands Coast and discuss topics such as population, demographics, liveability and Council's range of services. It was great to see the students so interested and engaged with what's happening in their local area. I look forward to future opportunities.

### Park development good news for local families

The transformation of Thornlands Community Park is of keen interest to many Division 4 families as it offers a great open space for activities and get-togethers.

Development of the park is continuing, with a farmhouse makeover now underway. Preliminary underground works have begun and are scheduled to be completed in time for the December school holidays.

Additional work on the play elements is due to start in late January and are scheduled for completion in late May, weather and site conditions permitting.

This wonderful park will offer a variety of play spaces catering to all ages and abilities, including a climbing structure, spinner and double

cableway and a farmer's market café in the toddler play space.

Thornlands Community Park focuses on all-ability play spaces with the installation of an inclusive swing, inclusive orbit, accessible sand scoops and a sensory play centre which further supports the existing all-abilities public amenities.

Nature and water play will also be incorporated with the installation of water-pump play elements, including, tipping troughs and mini sluice gates.

This community park will provide a wide range of activities combined with existing picnic areas, kick-about spaces, off-street parking and public amenities, enhancing the liveability of the area around it.



## Helping hand for community

It has been my privilege to help a range of worthy groups important to residents through the Mayor and Councillors' Community Benefit Fund.

The money has been used for a variety of purposes, especially the purchase of vital equipment.

Recent grants have included:

- Redlands Touch Association
- Tranquil Waters Residents' Association Committee
- Southern Bay Cyclones Junior Rugby Union Club
- Redland City Bands
- Night Ninjas
- Redlands United Football Club
- Redlands Floral Art Club
- Coochie Historical Society
- Capalaba Amateur Fishing Club
- Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare
- Queensland Scouts
- Bayside Initiatives Group
- Horizon Foundation
- Guides Queensland Victoria Point
- Redlands Creative Alliance
- VMR Victoria Point



*ON SONG: Presenting the grant to Tranquil Waters Retirement Village president Rosemary Skelly to help buy a sound system for the Tranquil Tones Choir.*

## Save the date

Council organises, sponsors or supports a range of events including:

- Mt Cotton Christmas in the Park - 3.30pm-7.30pm, Sunday 24 November, Mt Cotton Community Park.
- Lighting of Council's Christmas Tree - 4pm-8pm, Friday 29 November, Cleveland Library Square.
- Council's Christmas by Starlight community carols - 4pm-8pm, 14 December, Norm Price Park, Cleveland Showgrounds.
- Coochie markets - Christmas market, Sunday 1 December. Australia Day Markets, 9am-2pm, Sunday 26 January. Main Beach, Coochiemudlo Island.

Meanwhile, the Victoria Point Markets are on again on Sunday 8 December at the Sharks Sporting Club, Colburn Avenue. Market convenor and local resident Nicole Kennon is excited by the community's support for these popular markets and encourages those interested in having a stall to please contact her at [victoriapointmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:victoriapointmarkets@gmail.com) or phone or text 0421 132 376.

## Supporting a valuable service

I was recently honoured to be named patron of Meals on Wheels Victoria Point for another year. I also have been proud to support this wonderful community organisation through my small grants program. I have been volunteer meal deliverer for eight years, among the 15,000 volunteers across Queensland who make Meals on Wheels possible, delivering two million meals a year to more than 10,000 clients. That's no small feat for an iconic organisation that has been established for more than 60 years. If you'd like to be a volunteer or a client and have delicious, home-cooked meals delivered daily, call 3207 7126 to organise.



*GREAT SERVICE: With the Meals on Wheels committee, from left, secretary Debbie Schimkat, vice-president Emma Graham, treasurer Megan Wilkie and president Garry White.*

## Cycleway on a roll

By the time you read this work should be completed on the section of the Moreton Bay Cycleway from Cameron Court up to School Road, Victoria Point.

The section from School Road to Orana Street, which will utilise the existing fire trail and include an upgrade to the existing boardwalk, will form stage two.

Lakefield Drive will have a portion of off-road cycleway with the rest an on-road cycleway.

This is expected to be completed about next August, providing an uninterrupted cycleway to the Victoria Point and Cleveland shopping precincts, and eventually to Redland Bay.