



Redland
CITY COUNCIL

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News from your local councillor

Cr Wendy Boglary

Division 1: Wellington Point/Ormiston

Dear resident,

I am honoured to return as your representative and voice in Council and thank you for placing your faith and trust in me.

Since being elected in 2008, I have been repeatedly inspired by our community and, with COVID-19 causing uncertain times, the spirit of our community is again shining through.

Recently it was Volunteers Weeks when we acknowledge our fantastic Redlands Coast volunteers. "Thank you" doesn't seem sufficient, especially this year, as support and strength is being found across our community with new and innovative methods being taken on board in the interests of community safety and resilience.

I am currently working with the Chamber of Commerce on ideas to assist our local businesses which, of course, dominoes into our local economy and employment.



Where possible, please support local traders and suppliers. I would also like to thank all the local businesses which have been supporting our community more than ever lately.

My intent is to have no one going through the uncertainty of these times alone. Support is available so please reach out even if you are just feeling flat as mental health is also vitally important.



I'm back to business as usual, with Councillors busy in workshops - especially with budget planning.

I am also excited as several projects have come together. Banners have been added to the Wellington Point Village streetscape to add colour to our visitor experience.

Work has progressed on a couple of large projects at APEX Park and Raby Esplanade Park. I know our local children will be eager to try out the various new park infrastructure.



BANNERS: Adding colour and interest to the Village's visitor experience.

I'm also delighted to see work to beautify Fig Tree Place has commenced with further works expected to continue shortly, which will include a sign with the history of the site.

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LEST WE FORGET: Our community spirit shone on ANZAC morning.



FUN SPACE: There will be plenty for local youngsters to enjoy in Raby Esplanade and APEX parks.



FIG TREE PLACE: It is exciting to see this project progress.



APEX PARK: Kids will be delighted to explore their new climbing challenges.

Your Council is here to help

Council has measures in place to ensure eligible ratepayers, community groups and clubs directly affected by COVID-19 can access provisions to waive, suspend or defer Council fees. Payment arrangements for rates and utility charges are also available to support you at this time.

Through our business support program, dedicated officers are also assisting local businesses and groups with information about the various government support programs available.

You can keep up to date with the support available and the COVID-19 measures still in place by staying connected with Council via our COVID-19 Business and Community page. The very helpful team at Council's Customer Contact Centre on 3829 8999 can also direct you from 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

Getting Redlands Coast moving

Council has provided a \$2 million stimulus package so far to help residents, businesses and community and sports groups recover from the effects of COVID-19.

Council also has already put forward for funding 64 projects worth \$82.9 million that we will be ready to deliver under the Local Government Association of Queensland's job-creating Battleplan for Queensland Local Communities.

The city's "buy local" preference has also been strengthened, with the benefits already starting to flow through.

Council has established a dedicated webpage with industry-specific information and regular updates about government support packages, COVID-19 fact sheets and resources to support businesses at this time.

Future tourism campaigns are also being developed to promote and encourage post-COVID visitation to Redlands Coast.

Helping our clubs

Council is developing support packages for local sporting and community clubs, as well as offering assistance in accessing potential funding streams.

Clubs directly affected by COVID-19 can access Council's provisions to waive, suspend or defer Council fees.

A one-off contribution equivalent to three months of network charges has also been made available to clubs and associations directly affected by COVID-19 and registered under Council's Community Electricity Scheme.

Grants assistance

Council has introduced targeted grants to support local businesses and community organisations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic totalling approximately \$290,000.

It has also focused its Advancing Regional Innovation Program budget to support businesses introducing innovation to their business operations of approximately \$80,000, bringing the total grants assistance pool to \$370,000. For details, go to Council's COVID-19 Business and Community page at redland.qld.gov.au

Public centres and spaces

Council is working to restore operations across the city, with popular services such as libraries already open under state rules with some restrictions.

For the latest on what's happening at the libraries, art galleries, Redland Performing Arts Centre, IndigiScapes and Animal Shelter, check Council's website.

Parks, playground equipment, dog off-leash areas, skate parks, outdoor exercise equipment, basketball hoops, picnic settings and barbecues have re-opened subject to state rules.

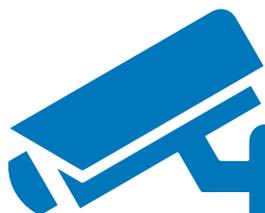
Watching your back

The Redland City Local Disaster Management Group continues to monitor COVID-19 developments around the clock and is working closely with state authorities and Councillors to ensure the safety and resilience of residents.

Stay informed

Council's recovery measures are guided by the State Government and its expert medical advice. You can monitor the latest state directives and advice by visiting the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus

Supported by Council, a Disaster Chaplaincy Hotline has been established to help those affected by COVID-19. It operates daily from 8am-8pm on:  **1800 841 106**



STOP THE PRESS

I am relieved that after years of lobbying for CCTV cameras, they're to be installed at the Wellington Point Reserve to assist police in dealing with anti-social behaviour! I thank the residents for their patience as this has been a long journey. I know residents in the area will be delighted with this news and hopefully some unwanted visitors will not. Thank you to Don Brown MP for assisting with a State Government grant.

Zooming into community meetings

Many different groups have found different ways to stay connected. Recently I attended the Cleveland Scouts AGM via Zoom and have been attending P&Cs, Rotary plus general meetings in the same way. Thank you to everyone for being innovative and keeping connected which is vital for the strength of our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like a meeting or may require any support.



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