



News from your local councillor

Cr Adelia Berridge

Division 9: Sheldon/Capalaba/Thorntlands

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Dear resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for electing me as the new representative for Division 9 and to introduce myself to those who don't know me.

It is a special privilege being chosen to promote and support your needs and it is my aim to be your personal Council contact, someone who is accessible, keen to listen and quick to respond to your concerns and needs.

I bring the experience of being a business owner, professional bookkeeper and tax practitioner, community volunteer and campaigner to the role.

With three decades of volunteering in support of Redlands Coast community organisations, such as Rotary and Forum, and as an advocate for Redlands Coast koalas and their environment, I have come to know our community as one with strong family and civic values.

I also have been a supporter of organisations ranging from sporting clubs, schools, and army cadets to the Redlands National Trust of Australia.

I aim to apply my advocacy, business and financial experience to informing Council's planning, governance and environmental outcomes. It makes me excited about our future and I am determined to promote the aspirations of our division, as well as the city.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. I am happy to chat and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

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Improving security

The Capalaba Central and Capalaba Park shopping centre precinct has had a substantial security upgrade with Council installing cameras to monitor behaviour.

All up, there are 31 cameras as part of the Capalaba precinct project –19 at the bus interchange and 12 around the community centre and library building.

It is the culmination of a lot of work by Council, police and traders to address and maintain safety in the area between the shopping centres.

Council received funding from the Federal Government's Safer Communities program towards the cost of the security cameras, as well as those at Redland Bay's Weinam Creek.

They will greatly assist with policing in the precinct.

Caring for environment

The Capalaba Rotary Bushcare Group is keen to keep up the good work in the Bushcare site at John Fredericks Park.

The Community Bushcare Program teamed up with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) in 2019 to rehabilitate riparian areas within the site after CVA approached Council's Bushcare team looking for suitable work sites.

The result was the hand removal of more than 50 large bags of Madeira vine, mile-

a-minute and Singapore daisy and the planting of 1000-plus native species.

The Capalaba Rotary Bushcare Group, of which I am a member, contributed to the project, installing erosion control matting and planting more than 200 natives. It was a wonderful team effort and a great result.

The group meets on the third Saturday of the month at 6am at John Fredrick Park, Old Cleveland Road, Capalaba.



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.

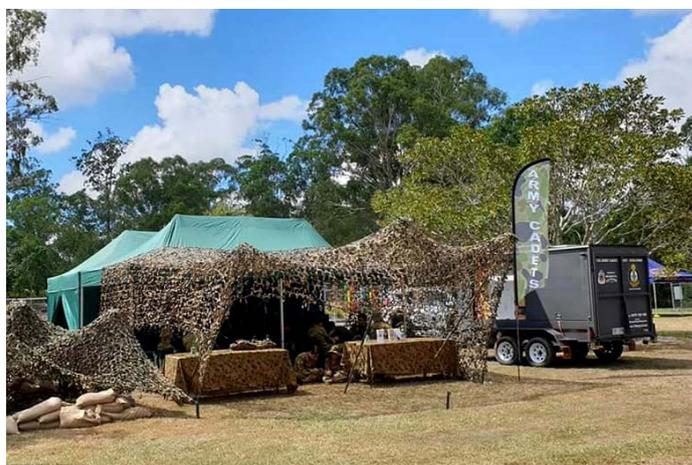
Stay informed

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**

Well done cadets

Congratulations to the Redlands Army Cadet Unit ACU136 for its continuing support of the Redland Bayside Blues Festival. Members worked from 7am until closing to help Capalaba Rotary and Council run another great community event which was luckily able to go ahead before the coronavirus restrictions.



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