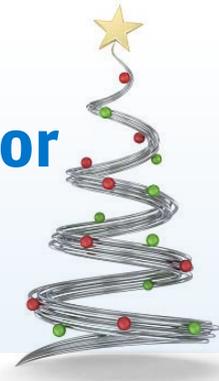




News from your local councillor Cr Adelia Berridge

Division 9: Sheldon/Capalaba/Thornlands



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Dear resident,

Congratulations Division 9 on an outstanding performance throughout COVID-19 and still managing to assist me with a creek clean-up, wildlife signs, keeping kids in sport, continuing fundraisers and watching out for neighbours. A gold star goes to everyone.

After a full-on, hit-the-ground-running start to my role as Councillor, I have loved every new day because I've met the most amazing people. Your knowledge, passion and warm hospitality – with many of you welcoming me into your homes for chats - has been the catalyst for getting things moving.

I love surprises and was thrilled when Peter from Capalaba sent me a photograph of the Coolnwynpin Creek clean up he'd done over a few days, adding: "If you could organise a ute to pick this load up ... I hope you don't mind but I didn't use chemicals or machine,

just my hands." I called him immediately because I need to meet and connect with the wonderful people who care for our people and environment for the simple reason that it's where we live.

We had a long conversation about his 30 years in Capalaba, Coolnwynpin Creek, adjoining parks, curlews, shore birds, Bushcare, Toondah Harbour, Capalaba art, Council's IndigiScapes, cultural music and more. I have now connected Peter with a cultural organisation as well as IndigiScapes so he can join the residents' groups we are putting together for bush and creek care. It's a fine example of people connecting with Council.

I am delighted that we are now forming Bushcare and creek care groups in Capalaba and that together we are making a change. If you would like to be part of our community

volunteers, even just picking up paper from creek walks, please call me so we can thank you because those who care are the pillars in our foundations.

I would need many more pages to tell you all the good work people are doing in Division 9, which is why I have a Facebook page. So keep telling me your stories so I can inform others of the quality work you do. I plan to organise community chats once we get the COVID-19 all-clear and look forward to hearing your stories and visions for our city.

Cr Adelia Berridge
Division 9

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Lions makes our community a better place to live, work and grow

Lions Club Capalaba members are the quiet achievers of Redlands Coast. For the past 50 years, the Lions have quietly raised funds to help build Capalaba fire station and support Meals on Wheels, Capalaba Lawn Bowls and the local Scouts, to name a few. This year Capalaba Lions donated a bus to Nandeebie Blue Care Retirement Village, donated \$10,000 to the Redlands Mater Auxiliary and provided scholarships to students from Alexandra Hills State High School.

Who would know they have donated to Zoe's Angels, Epilepsy Queensland, MS Queensland, Royal Flying Doctors, Legacy, Childhood Cancer Research, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Queensland, Hummingbird House, Point Lookout SLSC and many more? At this month's meeting, I was in awe when I learned Lions Australia supports medical research, people with disabilities, emergency relief and leadership development through its projects and activities. There's just not enough room in my newsletter to cover the magnitude of work these volunteers do.

On behalf of residents, Council supports the local Lions Club by providing land for their centre on Degen Road on a 20-year lease rent free.

It's now time to support those who support us through their annual fundraiser. Lions Christmas cakes are a major fundraising project of Lions Clubs in Australia. With its origin in 1965, the Lions Christmas cake has become a staple tradition at the Christmas table of many Australian homes and it is estimated that since it began, the cakes have raised more than \$50 million.



Whether you need large, small or tiny cakes or Christmas puddings, this high quality product can be purchased now from Pattermore's Meats in Alexandra Hills or by contacting Lions. If your budget is somewhere between \$2 - \$17, there's a perfect present and a cake for you. Just think, when you eat a slice of Lions Christmas cake, someone is getting the benefit.

If you would like to know more about volunteering or feeling useful, give them a call on 0437 020 217, 0499 028 674 or 0411 716 679.

Mutual appreciation

The Mayor and Councillor's Community Benefit Fund is available to individuals and not-for-profit organisations to help them with items such as equipment or incidental costs. I had no hesitation in recommending a grant to community group Big Red after seeing the benefit they bring to our community and was thrilled by their response:

"Big thanks go out to our new Councillor Adelia Berridge, Mayor Karen Williams and Redland City Council for their amazing support of Big Red's new gardening group through the Mayor and Councillors' grants program which has awarded our peer support community funding to install four new garden beds to accompany our new outdoor area.

"We're thrilled to be able to offer this new gardening group to the Big Red



community, not just to explore the benefits of gardening on mental health and wellbeing but to tie-in with our community lunch program, where we can now grow our own fresh produce to use when cooking healthy meals with our members.

"We're so excited to be working with you as our new Councillor for Capalaba and looking forward to the many exciting ways we can work together in the future to support positive mental health and wellbeing for the wonderful folk of Redland City."

Other worthy local organisations I have been proud to support through the program include:

- The Rock Family Community Support, for computer upgrades.
- Koala Action Group, for koala videoing/monitoring.
- Redlands BMX Club, for track resurfacing.
- Birkdale Progress Association, for creek weed removal.
- Capalaba Wildcats Basketball Club, for training equipment.
- Redlands Softball Club, for plumbing repairs.



GREAT WORK: With the Wildcats, who recently celebrated reaching 250 registered members. What an achievement!

Well done Wildcats Basketball

I was honoured to be invited to speak to the Wildcats Basketball girls recently, who were back training under COVID-safe measures.

It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge that they represent the future of Redlands Coast and that Council is proud of their commitment.

It was an easy decision to provide Wildcats with a grant for much-needed equipment to help them go on to be champions, not just in sport but as leaders in our community. Great coaches produce great leaders. They help others learn to be their best, and that's what leadership is all about.

Wildcats' president, treasurer and development officer took time out to tell me their goals and achievements and Council is proud to be helping them on their path to success.

Getting kids into sports builds friendships, with players often becoming buddies for life.

Drive like your children play here

I recently met "the kids" - Fred, Wilma, Alistair, Timtam, Clover, Topaz, Coral, Lulu and Wendy - the newest orphans in the nursery of a Capalaba wallaby carer.

It followed an invitation by members of a residents' group who approached me for help after they identified that their road had a high incidence of wallaby strikes.

Together we found signs designed by a wildlife organisation and we've had them made for their streets and another in Capalaba.

Residents have been only too willing to erect signs on their properties to send an important message to motorists to watch out for wallabies.

We are now in the breeding season, so we need to be mindful when in rural residential areas to watch for wildlife. Wallabies often travel

together, can be unpredictable and, after rain, are more tempted to cross roads for green grass.

If you see a dead or injured animal call the Council-supported Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031. If safe to do so, please stop and check a wallaby pouch for a baby.



Bushcare at The Rocks

Back in June 2003, the Rotary Club of Capalaba formed a Bushcare group in association with Council to enhance and maintain natural flora and to stabilise the Tingalpa Creek area, as well as preserve the land markings of the original Rocks crossing, the initial gateway from Brisbane to the Redlands.

The club was issued with a Biodiversity Award from Council in recognition of its improvements to the environment.

I have been a part of this dedicated group of early risers who spend a couple of hours on the third Saturday of each month to care for the area. The day always starts with fresh croissants, a cup of tea and high-spirited jokes to get us ready for our Bushcare work.

Since the group began, it has planted more than 400 trees, bushes and ground cover plants. In 2008, the group became part of the Brisbane Habitat Eastern Region under the leadership of Kylie Withers. Remnants of the 1874 bridge supports have been unearthed on the Brisbane side at the lower end of Whites Road (now Camrose Street). In September 2009, the area was an important part of the Queensland 150 years (Q150) celebrations. Now that makes for a very special place!