



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Lance Hewlett



### Touching tribute

I was privileged recently to attend and celebrate the official naming of Dr Noel Barker Park at Church Street, Victoria Point, which was officially approved by Council in late 2014.

Before about 100 family members and friends, Dr Barker's eldest brother, Anthony Barker, spoke fondly of Noel's love of the waters of Victoria Point where he and his siblings spent their childhood. I had opportunity to pay tribute to Dr Barker and his genuine care for his patients and his enormous contribution to the local community.

Long-term local resident William Lowe, who suggested the park be named in honour of Dr Barker, also attended.

Dr Barker's wife Lyndal and daughters Carolyn and Bridget said how much it meant to so many to have such a beautiful place to visit.

### Pet micro-chipping

Council offers a mobile micro-chipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home for \$25. People can pay on the spot via EFTPOS. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.

### Foreshore project to complement new Coochie jetty

Council will be undertaking substantial landscaping improvements to Coochiemudlo Island's main beach to complement the new jetty and pontoon.

These improvements, beginning in July, will cost an estimated \$860,000 and will boost Coochie's attraction as a destination, particularly for families.

The much-anticipated new ferry terminal is one we all should be proud of. It provides a safer, more accessible facility, particularly for passengers with mobility issues or prams.

The new floating pontoon landing area will allow easy all-tide access in line with disability design standards. Being covered, it also provides protection from the weather.

The State Government's investment also includes the work on the Victoria Point jetty and upgrade to the jetty bus terminal.

The new bus station is sure to be welcomed by commuters and Coochie residents. The work, which is expected to be finished in July, will provide residents and visitors with improved facilities when interchanging between the island ferries and TransLink services.

The architecturally designed, fully sheltered bus station will have capacity for two buses, as well as an improved waiting area with extra seating. Security will be improved with better pedestrian access and lighting, as well as 24-hour video surveillance.

This new station was identified as a priority in the area.

The State Government's contractors are making every effort to keep disruption to a minimum during construction but there may be short delays and inconvenience while the temporary bus stop is in use and the carpark partially closed.



*READY, SET:* It is time to get your teams together and start training for this year's Run for Redlands 48-Hour Charity Festival and Koala Fun Run.

### Save the date and get ready to run

Victoria Point Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, along with Redland City Council, are major supporters of this year's Run for Redlands 48-Hour Charity Festival and Koala Fun Run.

This year the event will start on Friday 15 May at the Ern Dowling Sports Field, Colburn Avenue, and will continue through to Sunday 17 May.

The JJ Richards-sponsored breakfast launch is on Friday 1 May at Redlands RSL, Cleveland, with a dinner and auction on Friday 15 May. For tickets and to register for the runs, go to [www.runforredlands.org.au](http://www.runforredlands.org.au).

This year's proceeds will be going to two fantastic causes: The CAGE Youth Foundation, Redland Bay, and the Paediatric Unit at Redlands Hospital.



## Our P&Cs making a wonderful contribution

With the 2015 school year well and truly underway, I believe it is important to acknowledge the great work of the P&C associations within our wonderful school communities.

As a member of most of the P&C's within my division, I have found it very rewarding to be involved in the great work that they do.

Responsibilities of the P&C include many fundraising initiatives, school functions, policies, promoting community interests of educational matters, facilitating

the development and improvements of the schools, and encouraging closer cooperation between the parents, members of the community, staff and students.

It's also a great way to network, make friends and build a stronger community. If you have the time, it's really worth getting along to your school's P&C meetings.



*STRONGER COMMUNITY: Myself with St Rita's Primary School Parent Network members, from left, principal Anne McKenny, Fr Paul Kelly and parents Debbie Stone and Antoinette Page.*



*...and with Victoria Point State School P&C members Darren Sloan, Bronwen Bryett, acting principal Ben Manthey, Angela Woodall and, sitting, Nicole Smeelie and Bronwyn Wood.*

## Redland City Plan project update

Redland City Council reached a significant milestone in the State Government-prescribed planning process when it submitted the draft of its new City Plan for State Interest Review in November last year.

Subsequently, Council has made a number of minor amendments and resubmitted them for the Minister's approval. Once approval is received, Council will take the proposed City Plan to public consultation, giving the community its chance to both review the scheme and provide formal feedback on it through a submission process.

This process will be widely advertised and include community forums, interactive online engagement tools, displays, website and social media information and meet-the-planner sessions.

## Helping hand for our VMR



*VALUED SERVICE: Presenting the cheque to Commodore Alex Malcolm at VMR Base, Victoria Point, watched by members Ian Ivory, Don Jackson, Del Mirams, David Paylor, Neville Mills and Ted Scovill.*

It was my pleasure recently to present the Volunteer Marine Rescue, Victoria Point, with a Councillor Grant for \$3300 to buy new wet-weather equipment.

Established in 1982, Volunteer Marine Rescue Victoria Point currently has 44 active members who ensure this essential service is ready to assist boaties across southern Moreton Bay. They are located at Victoria Point near the northern ramp, with two rescue vessels operating between Cleveland and the Logan River.

With minimal government funding, the volunteers spend a lot of time fundraising. Their boaties market continues to be popular, with three events throughout the year at Victoria Point State School. For just \$60 a year, the VMR provides an invaluable on-water service and peace of mind.

## Meet and greets

I am committed to getting out and meeting residents in person as much as possible and, as such, continue to set up my Council information booths at Town Centre Shopping Centre and Victoria Point Shopping Centre at least twice a month.

I am also out doorknocking and always happy to visit you at home or arrange a meeting in Council to discuss any issue you have. Just call 3829 8603.



You also can friend me on Facebook for the latest Council updates and other information.

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