



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gleeson

Program targets pesky mozzies

The wet start to the year has created ideal conditions for mosquitoes, which can present a significant public health issue.

They are more than just a nuisance as they can pass diseases to people, as well as transmit deadly heartworm to pet dogs.

Council's mosquito management crew has been ever vigilant, conducting surveys and ground and aerial treatments, but it is important that as a community we stay on top of the issue.

Residents can help by regularly checking there's no unnecessary water where mozzies can breed around homes, such as in pot plant bases, boats, unscreened rainwater tanks, ponds, blocked gutters and garden features.

You can find out more about Council's treatment program and what you can do to help at www.redland.qld.gov.au. Go to "About Council" and then "news and publications".

Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at www.trolleytracker.com.au or by calling 1800 641 497.



Last year of this council term

Where has the time gone? There is only a year left of this council term, with Electoral Commission Queensland confirming that the next elections will be held on Saturday 19th March, 2016.

I look forward to this year as a number of projects that I've been working on for Capalaba will come to fruition. As always, please feel free to contact me with your concerns, thoughts and suggestions.

Moreton Bay Road makeover continues

The second stage of the Moreton Bay Road beautification works about to start.

The work will include a footpath extension from the intersection of Redland Bay Road, landscaping, seating and the installation of a large (and very proud) entry statement (pictured).

In the 2015-16 budget, money has been allocated to formalise a bikeway/pedestrian path to complete stage three.

This will ultimately improve connectivity between Mount Cotton and Redland Bay roads.

At this point, I'm still trying to secure funding for stages four and five to complete the project.



\$30,000 Council grant to help our koalas

Council is taking great strides towards helping koalas by financially supporting a plan to target the cause of one of the biggest single killers - chlamydia.

Unanimous support was given to moves to extend a University of Sunshine Coast chlamydia vaccination trial to the City and to use specially trained rescue dogs to track koala colonies. This is an important step towards a more scientific approach to koala protection.

Mayor Karen Williams has met with Professor Peter Timms from the University of Sunshine Coast, who developed the chlamydia vaccine for koalas, to formalise the Redlands' role in the research. Professor Timms reports encouraging results from the trials of the vaccine so it makes good sense to extend it here. To that end, Council resolved to contribute up to \$30,000 from the environmental reserve to

support this targeted approach to koala protection within the Redlands. The university will provide a scholarship for a PhD student to do laboratory work.

As part of the project, koala detection dogs will be used to locate scats which will be tested for signs of chlamydia.

The researchers believe that the future of koala conservation will rely on the ability to non-invasively assess koala presence and health, so key koala populations - or "green islands" - can be identified.

During the trial, researchers will vaccinate koalas from the Redlands taken into care before they are returned to the wild. Council will also look to partner with the State Government in a wider vaccination of koala populations.

Chlamydia is responsible for up to half of all koala deaths, with cars, dogs and habitat loss also taking their toll.



Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. You can download the handy VandalTrak app or visit www.vandaltrak.com.au to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au.



Dob in a dumper

Illegal dumping costs ratepayers money and presents potential health and safety hazards. Help us stamp it out by reporting incidents to Council on 3829 8999 or directly to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 74 68. A phone app is available at www.ehp.qld.gov.au.



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.

Development in the Redlands

We are currently seeing a significant increase in the building industry in the Redlands due to industry confidence and market growth.

Redland City Council is planning for the future with work now underway to prepare a new planning scheme for 2015 and beyond.

We reached a significant milestone in the State Government-prescribed planning process when we submitted the draft of the 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 ministerial 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, mailouts, interactive online engagement tools, displays, website and social media information and meet-the-planner sessions.

When adopted, the Redland City Plan will be Council's blueprint for the future development of the City, and everyone in the community is encouraged to have their say when it opens for public consultation.

Capalaba Regional Park on show

Through the Councillor Benefit Fund, I have secured funding to build the largest permanent outdoor stage in Redland City. Construction of the stage (including three-phase power) will be completed in the next few months.

I hope that with this facility, new groups will be encouraged to host their events at Capalaba and I can see this part of the City becoming the entertainment hub of the Redlands.

Communication has already started with external groups about ideas such as hosting movies in the park, music festivals, multicultural days and the like.



SOUND IDEA: The stage at last year's Bayside Blues Festival.

2015 Bayside Blues Festival

The Capalaba Rotary Club and myself are very happy to announce that we will be hosting the Bayside Blues Festival at Capalaba Regional Park on Saturday 12 September.

Once again, it will be a free, family friendly community day with some world-class Blues acts. Lock the date into your diary. Last year, more than 2500 people attended and we anticipate that the event will only become bigger and better.

Are you on Facebook?

People either love or hate Facebook. For me, it is a very quick way to get a message out or advise residents of local events.

Feel free to 'Like' my page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)' and be part of the conversation.

Warm regards,

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