



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Julie Talty

Helping our local community to thrive

There is a great sense of community in the Redlands and this is amplified within Division 6.

I have been honoured to support the following community groups and organisations through the Councillors' Small Grants Program during the 2014-2015 financial year.

Prime among them was The CAGE Youth Foundation, which provides free services for young people and their families in need from its German Church Road premises. Peter and Linda Grieve of The CAGE, which stands for Creating A Good Environment, continue to do remarkable work in the City.

Other recipients were: Victoria Point Meals on Wheels, 136 Army Cadet Unit Redland, the Mount Cotton Hall Association, Redland Sharks Cricket Club, Victoria Point Baptist Church,



GREAT WORK: Peter and Linda Grieve with Queensland rugby league legend Kevin Walters, myself and Council colleagues and supporters at a recent fundraiser for The CAGE Youth Foundation.

Mount Cotton Scout Group, Calvary Family Church Community Fellowship Mount Cotton Christmas Party, Lions Club (Capalaba), All Saints Anglican Church Redland Bay Parish, Swags

for the Homeless Ltd, Capalaba Rugby League, Scouts Association of Australia and Brisbane South Mountain Bike Club Chicks in the Sticks event at Mt Cotton.

Redland City Council's budget at a glance

The budget for this financial year delivers minimal rates increases. Overall, the average ratepayer will have an increase of 0.5 percent - or about \$16 a year including water and waste.

What it delivers

\$78 million on projects and improvements, including:

- \$16.45 million roads renewal program, including the Southern Redland Road Sealing Program
- \$6.96 million in transport infrastructure upgrades
- \$7.66 million to keep our natural environment and open space
- \$11.37 million for marine and foreshore projects
- \$2.38 million to improve the water supply network

- \$16.08 million for wastewater treatment
- Lowest per household debt of any local government area in South-East Queensland
- No new borrowings
- Surplus predicted for third year in a row
- Increased costs absorbed rather than passed on.

The headline capital increase of 1.99 percent will be collected through:

- Rates contributions: 29 percent
- Utility charges: 46 percent
- Capital grants and subsidies: 5 percent
- Cash reserves: 8 percent
- Operating grants and subsidies: 3 percent
- Fees and charges: 4 percent
- Interest and other revenue: 5 percent

Toondah and Weinam Creek PDA update

The Toondah Harbour redevelopment is a step closer with the State Government having now endorsed the process and authorised the preferred contactors, Walker Group, to proceed with the next stage.

This will include the Walker Group applying for a range of environmental planning approvals for the Toondah project from the State and Commonwealth governments. This \$1.3 billion project is expected to provide economic development and jobs into the future.

The second of our Priority Development Area projects at Redland Bay's Weinam Creek is also progressing, with more information on the redevelopment expected from the Walker Group in the next few months.



Upgrading sports facilities for our community

Working together for a great outcome for our Redland Bay community has been demonstrated with Cr Mark Edwards and myself advocating for an improved sports field at the corner of School of Arts Road and Denham Boulevard.

The open area in the picture only had one goal post and a cleared area of land that didn't cater for team sports.

Council has spent a modest \$125,000 to reshape the field and deliver a new team sportsfield for Redland Bay residents. With the population growth in Redland Bay, we need to continue to plan and deliver sports facilities in the southern end of the City.

Work is continuing on the new dog off-leash area, carpark, bike and walking trails and lease to the Men's Shed.



GOOD SPORTS: Myself with Victoria Point Magic Football Club president Adam Carmichael and Cr Mark Edwards at the grounds.

Our future as a destination looks bright

We hear a lot of talk about sustainable growth and finding ways to add new income streams to our economy.

The Redlands as a tourism destination is one viable stream, with the City's upcoming Economic Advisory Board and our recently adopted tourism strategy major steps towards achieving that.

We have only to look around us to see what great assets we have to add to the Redlands mix.

The City has some great destinations such as Straddie, Mt Cotton, Raby Bay and Wellington Point, as well as brilliant event-based destinations.

We have the world-class Sirromet Winery and function centre, as well as Mt Cotton Guest House and fabulous coffee shops, restaurants and pubs with brilliant views.

We have the MG Car Club Mt Cotton Hill Climb hosting state and national events right here. Council

also is creating a mountain bike competition circuit as part of our Days Road cycling/walking/horseriding trail complex which will be to internationally competitive standard. The Bayview Blast mountain bike competition, to be held there on the last weekend in October, is expected to attract more than 500 competitors and their supporters to the Redlands.

Council also has embarked upon a range of measures that cross-reference planning requirements, Council infrastructure and environment programs and incentive packages to facilitate and encourage strategic and sustainable growth in jobs and our local economy.

When these measures are viewed in the context of the great "bones" that we already have for a new and enlivened local economy, then it is easy to see the great future of the Redlands as a City in its own right and more than a dormitory suburb of Brisbane.



VROOM: The Mt Cotton hill climb is the centre of national attention.



GLOBAL: We were the only south-east destination for Hawaii's Hokule'a canoe.

Centre's success

The extension to the shopping centre and the opening of the new IGA in Mt Cotton have been very successful - so successful in fact that the centre owners are working on bringing forward plans for the next stage.

These plans had not been lodged with Council at the time of writing but I will keep residents posted via my Facebook page at **www.facebook.com/Taltyfordiv6**.

Plans are also under consideration for improved facilities in the park, including an area for extended car parking.

Keep in touch

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