



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Lance Hewlett

Budget allows for significant works

Council's \$275 million Budget includes provision for a significant program of works throughout Division 4.

Prime among them will be the installation of an A-line seawall along the Thompson Esplanade, renewal of existing seawalls and replenishment of the beach.

This \$1 million project will also include the relocation of stormwater infrastructure.

The project at Thompson Esplanade, pictured, will be undertaken in stages over three years, with stage one starting this financial year.

Also provided for is the renewal of the seawall at Wilson Esplanade, Victoria Point, along with beach sand replenishment and the installation of a beach access ramp.

This \$80,000 project will be designed this financial year ready for construction the following year.

More than \$712,000 has been earmarked for the Coochiemudlo Island foreshore project.

The Orana Street Park playground at Victoria Point will also get a \$278,000 upgrade, among a range of works.



Community footy is back at Victoria Point!

As a member, supporter and sponsor of the Redlands Football Club, Victoria Point, I am pleased to see the welcome return of community footy to the bayside with the birth of the Victoria Point Sharks Football Club.

Aligning under the banner of the Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club, where the great Redland Bombers currently play in the second tier NEAFL competition, the Sharks aim to retain the Redland Sharks junior footballers who wish to remain at the club and who are not selected for the NEAFL, while also attracting former local players back to the club.

"It is our intention to field senior and reserve teams in the QAFA (A) in the 2015 season," club president Nigel Hyland says.



WELCOME BACK: The Sharks will offer opportunities to local AFL players.

"We really want to bring the community feel to the place and attracting those who have moved away from the club in recent times is at the heart of what we are about. We are creating an opportunity in the Redlands for AFL players

who normally would not have had that chance."

The club has appointed Rod Brown as senior coach. Brown comes to the club from the Wynnum Football Club, where he played and coached more than 400 games.



School helping to preserve its natural environment

Victoria Point State High School has been doing a wonderful job looking after the natural bush areas within its grounds.

Thanks to a state Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's Everyone's Environment Grant and the assistance of the team at Council's Redland IndigiScapes Centre, the school has been working to preserve its remnant bushland for the benefit of local wildlife and ensure its conservation for future generations to appreciate.

As part of the project, invasive weeds have been removed and native species planted in this important link in the local bushland corridor.

As Council's environment spokesman, it is gratifying to see the school's commitment to providing havens for our wildlife.



WELL DONE: Victoria Point State High School P&C president Sharon Hunter is proud of her school's environmental achievements.

Here's what P&C president Sharon Hunter has to say about the project:

"This project, through the assistance of the staff at Council's IndigiScapes environmental centre, will reinforce and support work done through

the Land For Wildlife program at the school.

Redlands IndigiScapes staff have been integral in the planning and implementation of this project."

Fabulous fun run aids charities

It was my privilege again this year to be part of the leadership committee of the Run For Redlands-48 Hour Charity Festival and Koala Fun Run.

Sponsored by Bendigo Bank, Victoria Point, Redland City Council and many corporate supporters, and with the help of a terrific team of volunteers, it is an event that not only supports worthy Redlands charities but also brings the community together to enjoy healthy outdoor activities and lifestyle.

On Friday 25 June at the Victoria Point branch of Bendigo Bank, cheques of \$15,000 each were presented to Dr Kapoor Vishal, director of paediatrics at Redland Hospital, and Linda and Peter Grieve, directors of the CAGE Youth Foundation, Redland Bay. The fourth annual event will be in May next year.



DONATION: Run for Redlands president Nigel Hyland and I presenting the cheque to CAGE directors Linda and Peter Grieve.



G'DAY: Russell and Dawn Rubie stopped by my information booth to say hello recently.

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.



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