



News from your Local Councillor

Division 9
Capalaba

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Dear residents of Division 9,

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Redland City has just closed a chapter in the history of its existence with the loss of our Redland water business. I encourage all Redlands residents to be informed and closely question decisions made by all levels of government as these decisions will impact your future. We must strive to ensure responsible, accountable governance that reflects the needs and expectations of a Redlands working together.

ALLCONNEX – new water distributor and retailer

On 1 July, Redland Water officially ceased to exist. Allconnex Water began operations and will provide the following services to the residents of the Redlands, Gold Coast and Logan areas:

- buying water from the state government-owned SEQ Water Grid Manager and delivering it to residents and businesses
- collecting, treating and disposing of sewage
- managing and maintaining infrastructure and assets, including water supply mains and sewer networks
- operating water and sewage pumping stations
- providing a specialised recycled water service to a number of businesses
- managing accounts for household and commercial water and sewerage services and trade waste disposal.

Though Redland City Council remains one of the three shareholders of Allconnex, any control of pricing or delivery of future infrastructure will be determined by Allconnex's recently appointed Board. Our equity in this new business has not yet been finalised and an independent arbitrator has been appointed by the state government. Many residents over the last three years, have continued to oppose and question the loss of our water, and I thank them for their efforts. If you have any queries about water or waste water, please contact Allconnex directly **1300 000 WATER (1300 000 928)**

www.allconnex.com.au

PO Box 8042, Gold Coast, MC, 9729

Support your local Rotary Club of Capalaba



Our community stalwarts of the Rotary Club of Capalaba have been busy with the many projects that they are involved with.

Bushcare at John Fredericks Park along Tingalpa Creek – third Saturday of each month 6am. This area has been transformed in recent years with new play equipment and the relocation of the flag pole and time capsule. The club is always looking for helpers to improve this historic Capalaba park. Feel free to contact me for further information.



Works underway at Capalaba Regional Park.

User pay gate fee at tips increase

Council has decided to increase fees to use our local tips. Though I did not support this decision, it is important for us to be prepared for the following fees when you next visit one of our transfer stations.

The cost per vehicle for mixed waste is now:

Cars (sedans and station wagons) \$8	Cars with trailers \$12
Utes or vans \$12	Utes with trailers \$20
Trucks (less than 3 tonnes plus trailer) \$30	

Dates for your diary

Meet your Councillor

For your convenience, I have arranged to be at accessible locations in Capalaba so that you can share your concerns and opinions with me. Please note the following dates and venue:

Capalaba Park Shopping Centre - (near Michel's Patisserie)

Date	Time	Date	Time
25 August 2010	11 am – 12noon	16 September 2010	12noon – 1pm
8 September 2010	11 am – 12noon	25 September 2010	12noon – 1pm

What's On	Where	When
Taste of Tuesday Cooking Club	Art Space Capalaba Place (3843 8012)	1st Tuesday of each month
Seniors Refresh Space	Art Space Capalaba Place	Thursday every aged pension week
Bushcare -The Rocks	John Fredericks Park	3rd Saturday each month 6am
RedFest	Redland Showgrounds	3, 4, 5 September

Tips on wood fired heaters

It's been that time of year where we fire up our fireplaces to keep warm. Council does provide advice in a fact sheet which you can read online at: <http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/Council/factSheets/Wood-firedHeaters/Pages/default.aspx>. Remember to check and maintain your wood fired heater; use the right type of fuel; purchase dry clean seasoned wood and store it correctly; and check and monitor the direction of smoke, as you are responsible for making sure it does not adversely impact others.

I encourage you to contact me if I can be of assistance on any matter. Your views and opinions are always valued and assist in setting the direction for Council, your future and your city.

Kind regards

Karen Williams

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