

NEWS from your Local Councillor



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Dear Residents

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This is my first newsletter but I will be writing to you four times a year with updates and our local news. I am very proud to be able to represent you and I thank you for your support throughout the election time.

There is a lot of anticipation surrounding the new Council within the community and I want to assure you it is definitely a community-based council that wants community participation and will listen to you.

Mayor Hobson has held the first of the new Redlands Conversation meeting and the community was well represented by about 40 residents from all over our beautiful city. Some came to listen while others expressed their concerns about various issues. These included the South-east Thornlands Structure Plan, the Local Growth Management Strategy, development assessment process, and parking issues at the Redland Hospital and Cleveland Central rail station. It was extremely constructive and I encourage you to attend these gatherings when possible.

Divisional Conversations Gatherings

I will be holding our Divisional Conversations Gatherings and the first one will be on **25 June at 7.00pm at Legends Café Main Road Wellington Point**. Please come along, not only to voice concerns but to meet neighbours and just have a chat.

Dates for your diary

Meet your Councillor

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

Location	Time	Day
Birkdale Shopping Centre	9.00am – 11.00am	3 rd Saturday of each month
Wellington Point Shopping Centre	4.00pm – 6.00pm	3 rd Thursday of each month
Ormiston Shopping Centre	4.30pm – 6.30pm	3 rd Wednesday of each month

Local Issues

Through communications with residents many of our local concerns are being or have been successfully addressed.

Hooning – Wellington Point

A priority is the “**hooning**” along **Main Road** and the congregation of youths at the Point. While many are just talking about their cars etc. there are a few that spoil it for the rest and cause a safety issue. We have identified these problems and are currently investigating the costing of security alternatives. The police, state and federal governments are also involved.

Lighting is also a safety issue along Main Road. A Council officer and myself walked along there last Thursday night and identified these areas.

School zones – SLOW DOWN!

All school zones are a safety issues and I implore people when dropping off and picking up students, please be mindful of the safety of all our children. I have discussed car parks, pedestrian crossings etc. with parents from several schools. I have prioritised the works in these areas and ask that we all take extra care.

SEQ Regional Plan – growth in Redland City

The community made it loud and clear that we want growth to be thoroughly planned and kept in scale with our infrastructure and environment. The Queensland Government is undertaking a major review of the **SEQ Regional Plan** and we at Council are encouraging locals to nominate their key concerns about how future growth is planned for our area. Additionally, the new Council has withdrawn the draft Local Growth Management Strategy from the first State interest review to allow it to further consider & revise the Strategy before re-presenting it back to the state government.

Koala Policy

Council has a new **Koala Policy** as part of the Summit held last year. Budget proposals are in place for those areas with koala activity.

ANZAC Services

Over the past two months I have had the pleasure of attending many local functions and meeting residents. Two occasions stand out as special occasions for our division. One was our various **ANZAC services**. To see the respect and pride that our community, especially our children, have for our soldiers is very moving.

Mother’s Day – Ormiston House

The other was Mother’s Day at **Ormiston House**. This was special as actual descendants from the Macartney family attended the ceremony to open a room dedicated to their ancestors. We live in an exceptionally beautiful city with many natural resources, but to also have two splendid heritage listed houses makes us very fortunate. If you have not been to Ormiston House, I recommend a tour.



Kind regards, Wendy

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