

DIVISION 6



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OUT AND ABOUT

Through the Council's grant funding program, I have been able to support local groups such as CPec (Riding for the Disabled), Equine Learning for Futures Inc (which runs programs for traumatised children) and the distribution of safety handbooks in schools as well as support budding young sports stars of the future to compete at higher levels. The Councillors' Small Grants Program continues in 2013-14 and community groups can contact me if they have programs or initiatives that qualify for support.

Mt Cotton Neighbourhood Watch is now welcoming new members and making plans. Contact and membership details can be found on the Neighbourhood Watch website at www.nhwq.org.

There's also a lot to look forward to with plans currently underway for several Christmas events. Stay tuned.

NATIONAL FOCUS

Car racers from throughout Australia will be heading to Mt Cotton for the national hillclimb championships, with the main event on November 2-3.

Hosted by the MG Car Club of Queensland it promises to be an action-packed weekend of racing at the track off Gramzow Rd, off Mt Cotton Rd.

Visit: www.mgccq.org.au.

OUR ROAD AHEAD

Residents' feedback crucial

It has been a significant first year in office as your councillor and we have a lot happening across the City.

Council has prioritised roads in our budget for this year and we have increased funding significantly for asset projects and maintenance works.

We have listened to the people and we are responding, as a good Council should.

The City has a lack of completed footpaths, with many areas having gaps, and we are doing what we can to accelerate their completion.

We continue to refine and assess the capital works budget to ensure that we are getting work done in order of priority and for the best possible value.

Division 6 is a beautiful part of a wonderful City that I want to help make even better. We have plans in place for improvements to parks and road reserves.

I invite residents to provide feedback to me on other projects they think will improve our local amenity and strengthen the local community. As your elected representative I commit to supporting worthy projects and programs through the Council approval processes.

As the Portfolio Chair for Planning and Development I am involved in strategic consideration of our next town plan and the ways in which the moving paradigm of State legislation and the Regional Plan will feed into our Town Plan 2015-16.

Some of the policies that Council is working to incorporate into our planning are the Rural Futures Strategy, Tourism and the Seven Cs Trails and Paths Policy. These strategies will support economic growth through jobs and encourage entrepreneurship in ecotourism and rural enterprise.

We are working to reduce the complexity of Council processes and ensure we are user-friendly.

As part of this process we have reviewed the way we communicate our vegetation management regulation. An easy-to-use information sheet is now available to help people understand their rights and responsibilities. We also have removed the fees associated with vegetation assessment on private property so, if you are unsure, you can ask without fear of it costing thousands of dollars in assessment.

This first year in Division 6 has not been without its challenges with a number of controversial development applications coming before Council. I am always available to answer your questions in regard to any issue that arises and to seek and provide information in answer to your questions within Council.

You may have seen some information in the local papers about the southern Shoreline development proposal. Please let me know your thoughts on this or any other matter of concern to you.

SEALING BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY



Cr Julie Talty with Brent Hailey of Silkwood Estate at Mt Cotton's resurfaced Heinemann Road.

Local residents and motorists will have noticed the benefits flowing from the \$1.4 million upgrade of Heinemann Road at Mt Cotton.

The road has been sealed and widened to provide an all-weather surface for those who regularly use it.

This upgrade, which includes street lighting, will provide a safer and more reliable road for residents, as well as reducing ongoing maintenance costs.

The road's sealing, in conjunction with the Yarram

Group, should also help control the dust nuisance for surrounding residents in this growing area.

This project now completes the sealing of Heinemann Road, providing an alternative route for motorists and helping to alleviate traffic congestion across the City.

The upgrade has been funded as part of the Mt Cotton Estates development, to ensure the future of the Mt Cotton area includes safe and reliable roads.