



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gollé

Dear residents of Division 3

In support of open and clear communication, I would like to give you a quick update on what has been happening since I was sworn in as your representative.

The first three months of being in the Council has been a great learning experience involving workshops and inductions that ensure that, as decision makers and directors of Council, we are informed and prepared to consult with the community.

My colleagues and I have statutory obligations which have taken priority. These obligations required methodical attention to the 2016-17 Budget and the draft City Plan of which 6000 submissions were lodged by residents.

The draft City Plan is a vital document that dictates the future design of the Redlands. Right now we are still being governed by the 2006 plan and it is this plan that is in review. There is a requirement to review the plan every 10 years.

Henry Ziegenfusz Park in Southern Cleveland has been granted approval for new field lights after community consultation. Residents who felt they would be directly affected by the new lights took the opportunity to meet with Council officers and discuss any community challenges

that may have arisen. Many people have been consulted and hopefully all concerns have been addressed.

I have addressed immediate community challenges with various reports lodged to departments within Council in order to have works started and completed. I have achieved this by getting out in the community and registering any issues that are prevalent.

The issues that I have submitted reports on from direct community consultations are:

- Dog bites and compliance checks;
- Cats in wildlife corridors;
- Dumping of pets in parklands;
- Sign installation to monitor speeding traffic;
- Signage repair and replacement;
- Pedestrian crossing points at Ziegenfusz Road near Bayview State School;
- Blue-green algae blooms;
- Footpath lighting installation;
- Removal of traffic islands that cause problems;
- Cycleway access and new footpaths;
- Cleaning up the Black Swamp walkway;
- Mowing;

- Footpaths being washed away and trees falling over footpaths;
- Roundabout and water mains repairs;
- Installation of new bus shelters;
- Trimming of large fig trees;
- Illegal dumping;
- Installation of artificial wetlands;
- Completion of long-standing applications, some of which go back 10 years; and
- Pressing matters involving legal action which can be time consuming.

I also attended many community functions in the Redlands, in some cases as the guest speaker.

Rest assured I am working hard to represent the needs of the community and I am enjoying working with you to make the Redlands a community of which you can be proud.

Thank you for your support.

Cheers,

Cr Paul Gollé

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Community work honoured

Four outstanding Redlanders who were recognised with Order of Australia Medals in the Queen's Birthday Honours were recently presented with certificates of appreciation at a Council reception. Pictured with Councillors are: Peter Beauchamp, Ross Bower and Richard Thomason. The fourth, Susan Russell, was travelling and could not be with us on the day.





Representing our city in Canberra

An opportunity was afforded to colleagues Peter Mitchell, Tracey Huges and myself to represent Redland City at the National General Assembly 2016 in Canberra, where we discussed and debated many issues that affect local governments Australia-wide.

Topics ranged from smart cities, digital disruption (internet), technology and cyber crime, to congestion, infrastructure, environments, development and animal management.

Across Australia the issues were much the same - federal and state governments being held accountable for their lack of collaboration and responsibility when it comes to supporting local government in development and infrastructure, along with forecasted growth.

Among the resolutions was that developers should be held accountable for all associated infrastructure.

I was privileged to be able to address delegates on behalf of the Redlands.



Wildlife volunteers needed

The Redlands' after-hours wildlife ambulance service, co-ordinated by Council, is always seeking volunteers to rescue and transport sick and injured wildlife. Inductions are held as required, so please contact 3824 8611 or email lisa.bailey@redland.qld.gov.au if you can help or would like more information.

Out and about



ON SHOW: At the Kingfisher Art Show with Redlands MP Matt McEachan, Shadow Minister for Communities, Women and Youth Ros Bates and neighbouring Councillor Lance Hewlett.



ON TRACK: Congratulations to all who got behind the community push to support and open the new trail head at our highly rated Redlands Track Park.



THANKS: Well done to Flor Birkett, who found keys in Thornlands and handed them in to me so I could get them returned to happy tradie Justin.



HERO: I was honoured to attend the moving Reinterment Ceremony at Cleveland Cemetery for Kevin Conway, the first Australian soldier killed in action in the Vietnam War.



CONNECTING: From left, having coffee with a cop on Fatality Free Friday; the Redlands rugby league touch football carnival for special schools at Pinklands; and handing out awards at the Redlands Junior Netball Carnival, also at Pinklands.



COOKING: Staffing the barbecue on polling day with the awesome people at Bayview State School.



IN THE FRAME: I was privileged to open a spectacular exhibition by local artist Anni Badge at the Redlands Museum.