



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gollè

### Fun day puts focus on park's next stage

Thank you to all residents who provided some great feedback which will inform the second stage of Thornlands Community Park.

About 90 people attended the recent family fun day in the park, off Waterline Boulevard, along with representatives from Council and the firm contracted to do the designs for this valuable community space.

Youngsters had a ball on the jumping castle, and everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle put on by the Capalaba Lions.

Participants were asked what design and play elements they would like to see in the design of the youth zone and play spaces. Your views will be included with feedback from more than 500 school-aged children to inform the ultimate designs of these spaces.



#### Suggestions include:

- Performances in the park
- Public art
- Accessible play equipment
- Picnic facilities
- Different types of play equipment
- Small-wheeled bike and scooter play
- BMX rideable terrain
- ball sports
- climbing
- Parkour training elements.

Work is now starting on the first stage of the park's upgrade, with construction of a formalised carpark and paths, new public amenities, fitness equipment, shelters, barbecues and drainage upgrades scheduled for completion by the end of September, weather willing.

The result will be a flourishing, vibrant place for local families and youngsters.



*FUN DAY: Myself with Ron Ford, Rob Butt and Tracey Marsh at the recent family day in Thornlands Community Park and, top, part of the plan.*



## Get out and active with free program

The Redlands Healthy and Active Program continues to be a fun and free way to fitness.

The program, which continues in local parks to the end of June, promotes the importance of physical activity for improved health and well-being.

Apart from the personal health benefits you'll enjoy, it also helps to create a more engaged and inclusive community and makes great use of our wonderful open spaces.

Supported by the state and federal governments and run by Council, it is open to all, including mums and babies, seniors, children and families.

Visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au/rhap](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/rhap) for a full schedule and information on the range of free weekly activities from yoga or boxing circuits, to kids' soccer and women's Zuu fitness - all out in our beautiful open spaces.



## Improving wetland quality

Many water bodies in the Redlands have significant problems with excessive nutrients and sediments.

These pollutants can result in poor water quality, algal blooms, water weed outbreaks, stresses on aquatic life and, ultimately, can affect the health of Moreton Bay.

At Crystal Waters, Council is addressing this through the use of a floating wetland, a raft of vegetation that floats on the surface of the waterbodies, acting as a natural bio-filtration system. They help to filter out nutrients, reducing sediments while also providing habitat for native wildlife.

## Helping community

I have been pleased to be able to help a range of very worthy organisations through my small grants program. I recently had the pleasure of being able to support Victoria Point and Redland Bay Meals on Wheels with a grant jointly with Councillors Lance Hewlett and Julie Talty. Meals on Wheels now has the means to manage its data with new computer hardware.

### Grants include:

Salt Water Murriss	\$500
Boomerang Bags	\$500
Redlands Netball Association	\$500
Bayside Masters AFC	\$500
Volunteer Marine Rescue Victoria Point	\$500
Cleveland Uniting Church	\$500
Redland City Bands	\$500
Redlands Rugby League Club	\$1000
Redlands Easter Family Festival	\$500



## Follow the dog rules

Dogs being exercised off-leash, except in designated off-leash areas, pose a significant risk to wildlife, other pets and people.

So to avoid a fine, which is currently \$252, ensure that you exercise your dogs on leash at all times, unless in a designated dog off-leash area.

Unfortunately some dog owners still disregard the rules and the wellbeing of others, with more than 260 complaints received across the city relating to dogs either attacking or acting aggressively towards people, wildlife and other pets.

**There are a number of off-leash areas around Division 3, including:** Manning Esplanade Park and Robert Mackie Park at Thornlands.

The Redlands also has some awesome waterfront dog areas.

Those caught with their dog off leash outside of designated off-leash areas will be booked.

## Keep in touch

Communication is vital and you can be confident that I am keen to take your calls and listen. My door is always open.

You also can check out what's happening and keep in touch with me on Facebook.

It has been an absolute pleasure helping residents to achieve outcomes and I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf.

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