



News from your local councillor

Cr Wendy Boglary

Division 1: Wellington Point/Ormiston



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Dear resident,

Christmas this year, more than ever, will be a time of reflection. No-one could have predicted the challenges of 2020 and the year has certainly taken its toll on many people.

I would like to reflect on the good I saw within our city – the neighbours who banded together to assist each other, the ANZAC Day ceremonies held in driveways, the online meetings and catch-ups held, the increased popularity of old-fashioned board games and gardening as everyone found priorities.

People found a new strength as we became an even tighter-knit community. There were so many instances throughout this year where I was moved by the generosity and love of so many residents. If we had to be in isolation, there was nowhere better than Redlands!

Please take time over Christmas to care for yourselves and your family. I wish everyone a peaceful Christmas with much joy and prosperity in the New Year.

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Support our local businesses

Recently I attended the Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and I congratulate the incoming committee. The chamber is very focussed on “jobs for Redlands” and supporting our businesses in general. I encourage any business owner to join the chamber and see what assistance is available in these challenging times. The functions are also a wonderful opportunity for networking.

I have also been working with our Community and Economic Development Group and planners to see how we can encourage people to remain working from home as we have seen the recent positive flow-on effect to our local economy.

If you would like to continue working from home or perhaps set up as a home-based business, please contact either myself or Council as we are keen to assist.

Our Redland City Plan also makes it easier for home-based businesses to establish without the need for a development permit.

Of note, Council continues to provide information to businesses about the various



COLLABORATION: Redland City Chamber of Commerce and Council have been working together to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19.

government COVID-19 support packages available, including publishing information in our regular ‘Business on Redlands Coast - Coronavirus (COVID-19)’ e-newsletter. Our local home-based businesses directly contribute to our economy, increase local employment and take traffic off the roads, so please let me help you make this happen.

Council also holds regular manufacturing workshops which allow business operators to learn what is happening and network.

Let’s all consider doing our Christmas shopping locally - what a merry boost that would be! Ho! Ho! Ho!

LOCAL HEROES: With COVID restrictions hampering the fundraising efforts of many local charities, it is great to see the Redland Branch of the Queensland Cancer Council taking a new approach with the release of the Recipe Delights cookbook, which is full of recipes by supporters. This amazing group, of which Council has been a regular supporter, raises funds for cancer research, including increasing our understanding of how to prevent cancer. Every dollar raised will make a difference so please check the group’s Facebook page for details of how to get your copy.



TEAMWORK: With members of Wellington Point's Allstars Netball Club.

Vote of thanks

I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers involved in our city’s various clubs and organisations who have faced this year’s challenges with such gusto.

The Donald Simpson Centre has been an exemplary example of pivoting to be able to deliver classes and remain in contact with all their members.

Then we have all our Redlands Coast youth who have been able to continue to play cricket, netball, softball and other sports due to the dedication of their committees. Being able to still have this normality in their lives was extremely important to everyone’s mental health and everyone should be very proud of what has been achieved.

If anyone does need a hand, please reach out as there are many organisations here to help.

Our local businesses have been incredible with their support for the community and sporting groups through this time, so let’s repay them with our support.



IN THE SWING: What's in store for Plantation Place Park.

What's happening on the projects front

I am pleased to advise that the following major projects are underway or will start in the coming months, weather and site conditions permitting:

Raby Esplanade Ormiston Stage 2 – This upgrade will include an outdoor ping-pong table, multi-sport half-court with soccer goals, picnic facilities with connecting paths, additional carparking and shade sails over playground equipment.

Apex Park Stage 2 – Construction expected to start in the first half of 2021. It will include relocation of the public amenities, a multi-sport half-court with soccer goal, basketball and netball hoops, an upgrade to the BMX track to provide for different skills levels, picnic facilities and connecting paths.

Liner Street – Work to include new play equipment, including a net climbing unit and double swing to encourage motor skills in a natural setting, along with a table setting, sandstone seating and a new water bubbler.

Plantation Place Park – Work to include a play unit with rope nets, slide, double swing and interaction play panels, along with an upgrade to the bike track to include road safety elements for learner riders. The circular seat under the fig tree and fence barrier will be removed.

Fig Tree Place – Work is proposed to start in the first half of next year on a nature play area to complement the recently installed seat.

Wellington Point Village – Work is proposed to start on the streetscape in the first half of next year. It will include a timber marine post, pelican, Village Park noticeboard, an insect garden boat on the corner of Waterloo Street and additional decking over a planter box.

Wellington Point – A new footpath will be constructed along the western side of Main Road leading to Wellington Point Recreational Reserve early next year to provide visitors and local residents with better access to the reserve.



Keeping our local koalas safe

I am excited about the work being done to look after koalas in our local community.

Ormiston State School students, including the team pictured above, recently planted 114 native plants, including koala food trees, in the school grounds with the help of Council's IndigiScapes team.

With our wildlife corridors so vital to the sustainability of our wildlife, including koalas, I was delighted to see how enthusiastically this next generation "gets it".

Well done to Ormiston State School, a proud Koala Conservation Agreement Program participant!

Following the success of the Koala Safe Neighbourhood program in Ormiston and Wellington Point in 2018, the program is now being expanded into other areas.

Thank you to all residents who have been involved in raising awareness of our urban wildlife. Everyone can assist by becoming custodians of our local koalas and working with us to make sure our iconic koalas are protected for future generations by participating in Council's koala conservation programs and our environmental partnerships and citizen science programs.

All aspects of our enviable lifestyle in Redlands are underpinned by our natural environment. Our natural Redlands ecosystems are reported to be worth \$2.8 billion a year, with Moreton Bay generating another conservative \$9 billion a year, so Redlands is in a unique position to be truly valued for its natural assets. Caring for our environment is just as much an economic choice as an environmental option, so let's work together to "get it right" for our grandchildren and their children.

Should you wish to partner with Council to make environmental improvements for koalas or other wildlife on your property, call 3829 8999 to arrange a free property visit by an Environmental Partnerships Extension Officer.

Help is available

People have had to face different challenges during 2020 but please remember there is always someone to talk to or to assist you. Please reach out and have a chat. Supported by Council, a Disaster Chaplaincy Hotline has been established to help those affected by COVID-19. It operates daily from 8am-8pm on 1800 841 106. Other services include: Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636, Lifeline 13 11 14, Mensline 1300 78 9978, Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 and DV Connect 1800 811 811.

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