



News from your local councillor

Cr Lance Hewlett

Division 4: Victoria Point edition

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Dear resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the residents of Division 4, for your faith and support in re-electing me as your local Councillor for another term.

As we emerge from COVID-19, I look forward to supporting our diverse range of local community groups, businesses, schools and sporting clubs, as well as addressing residents' individual needs.

I also remain committed to representing not only the residents of my division but also the constituents of the whole city.

I will strongly advocate for Council to continue to deliver high levels of service, with the ongoing provision of much-needed infrastructure to a level that exceeds the expectations of the local community.

A range of new community projects are in the pipeline for our division for the next financial year.

Work proposed for Victoria Point's Jeanne Drive Park, which has been identified as part of the Division 4 Community Infrastructure Program, includes the construction of a shelter with a new table setting and drinking fountain.

At Duncan Jenkins Park, there are plans for the renewal of existing play equipment, landscaping and associated infrastructure, while at Les Moore Park the plan is to upgrade the existing play equipment and install new shelters, seating, barbecue, fitness equipment and associated landscaping and infrastructure.

Another project identified as part of our division's Community Infrastructure Program is the proposed construction of a shelter over the existing table setting on Coochiemudlo Island.


These are all subject to funding and I will keep you updated on their progress.

I will resume my regular Council information booths at Victoria Point Shopping Centre and Pelican's Nest once that is considered appropriate. In the meantime, just send me a friend request on my Facebook page to remain updated on many local issues and events.

I am also more than happy to discuss your ideas or concerns - all you need do is phone 3829 8603 or 0421 880 371 to organise an appointment.



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 Please connect with me on Facebook to stay posted on all local issues.

Victoria Point local plan update

Last November Council resolved to submit the South West Victoria Point Local Plan to the State Government for state interest review and seek approval to undertake public consultation. The local plan was submitted to the State Government shortly after and is currently being reviewed. Once approved by the State, the draft plan will go out for public consultation and Council will be seeking community feedback.

In submitting the local plan, Council gave notice to the State Government that it would not adopt it until the State publicly released the full details of the Victoria Point bypass study and there is a firm commitment to increasing Cleveland Redland Bay Road to four lanes between Magnolia Parade, Victoria Point, and Giles Road, Redland Bay, to accommodate the growth of the area.

I will keep you updated on the plan's progress.

Wilson Esplanade upgrade

Council is working to improve and protect a section of the foreshore at the southern end of Wilson Esplanade at Victoria Point. The project will deliver new foreshore protection at adjoining locations along the beach, including the extension of two stormwater pipes and construction of new rock groynes, and the upgrade of an existing rock seawall.

In March 2020, the project team undertook community consultation on the seawall concept designs via an online survey. Residents were asked whether they wanted the upgrade to include a foreshore access ramp for non-motorised watercraft and, if so, which of the two suggested ramp locations did they prefer. Most survey respondents were in favour of the access ramp and preferred the location of the existing informal ramp. The next step for the project team is to request pre-lodgement advice on the approval requirements, followed by the detailed design phase, subject to Council budget, and prioritisation. More information can be found on the project's Your Say page at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

Your Council is here to help

Council has measures in place to ensure eligible ratepayers, community groups and clubs directly affected by COVID-19 can access provisions to waive, suspend or defer Council fees. Payment arrangements for rates and utility charges are also available to support you at this time.

Through our business support program, dedicated officers are also assisting local businesses and groups with information about the various government support programs available.

You can keep up to date with the support available and the COVID-19 measures still in place by staying connected with Council via our COVID-19 Business and Community page. The very helpful team at Council's Customer Contact Centre on 3829 8999 can also direct you from 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

Getting Redlands Coast moving

Council has provided a \$2 million stimulus package so far to help residents, businesses and community and sports groups recover from the effects of COVID-19.

Council also has already put forward for funding 64 projects worth \$82.9 million that we will be ready to deliver under the Local Government Association of Queensland's job-creating Battleplan for Queensland Local Communities.

The city's "buy local" preference has also been strengthened, with the benefits already starting to flow through.

Council has established a dedicated webpage with industry-specific information and regular updates about government support packages, COVID-19 fact sheets and resources to support businesses at this time.

Future tourism campaigns are also being developed to promote and encourage post-COVID visitation to Redlands Coast.

Helping our clubs

Council is developing support packages for local sporting and community clubs, as well as offering assistance in accessing potential funding streams.

Clubs directly affected by COVID-19 can access Council's provisions to waive, suspend or defer Council fees.

A one-off contribution equivalent to three months of network charges has also been made available to clubs and associations directly affected by COVID-19 and registered under Council's Community Electricity Scheme.

Grants assistance

Council has introduced targeted grants to support local businesses and community organisations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic totalling approximately \$290,000.

It has also focused its Advancing Regional Innovation Program budget to support businesses introducing innovation to their business operations of approximately \$80,000, bringing the total grants assistance pool to \$370,000. For details, go to Council's COVID-19 Business and Community page at redland.qld.gov.au

Public centres and spaces

Council is working to restore operations across the city, with popular services such as libraries already open under state rules with some restrictions.

For the latest on what's happening at the libraries, art galleries, Redland Performing Arts Centre, IndigiScapes and Animal Shelter, check Council's website.

Parks, playground equipment, dog off-leash areas, skate parks, outdoor exercise equipment, basketball hoops, picnic settings and barbecues have re-opened subject to state rules.

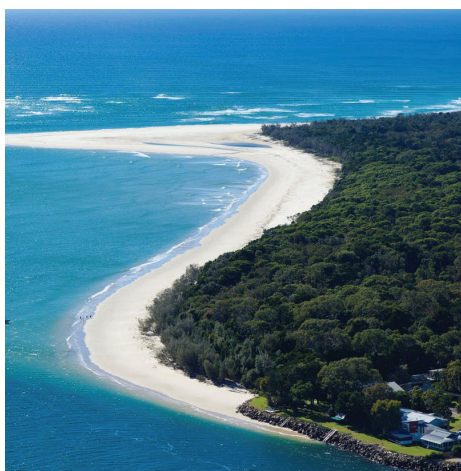
Watching your back

The Redland City Local Disaster Management Group continues to monitor COVID-19 developments around the clock and is working closely with state authorities and Councillors to ensure the safety and resilience of residents.

Stay informed

Council's recovery measures are guided by the State Government and its expert medical advice. You can monitor the latest state directives and advice by visiting the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus

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](tel:1800841106)



Caring for our coast

In 2020, Council began work on phase six of its Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS), a city-wide plan that identifies key assets and values in Redlands Coast that are at risk from the likes of sea-level rise, storm tide inundation and erosion out to the years 2070 and 2100. The strategy will outline how Council, the Redlands Coast community and other stakeholders can adapt to these hazards and manage the risks. Phase six of the strategy involves Council identifying a list of potential adaptation options that will help safeguard our region long into the future. Council is seeking feedback from the community on what they value most about Redlands Coast and their understanding and experiences of coastal hazards via an online survey. The survey will be available from June 2020. More information on the strategy, and the survey, can be found on the project's Your Say page at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au by searching Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy.

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