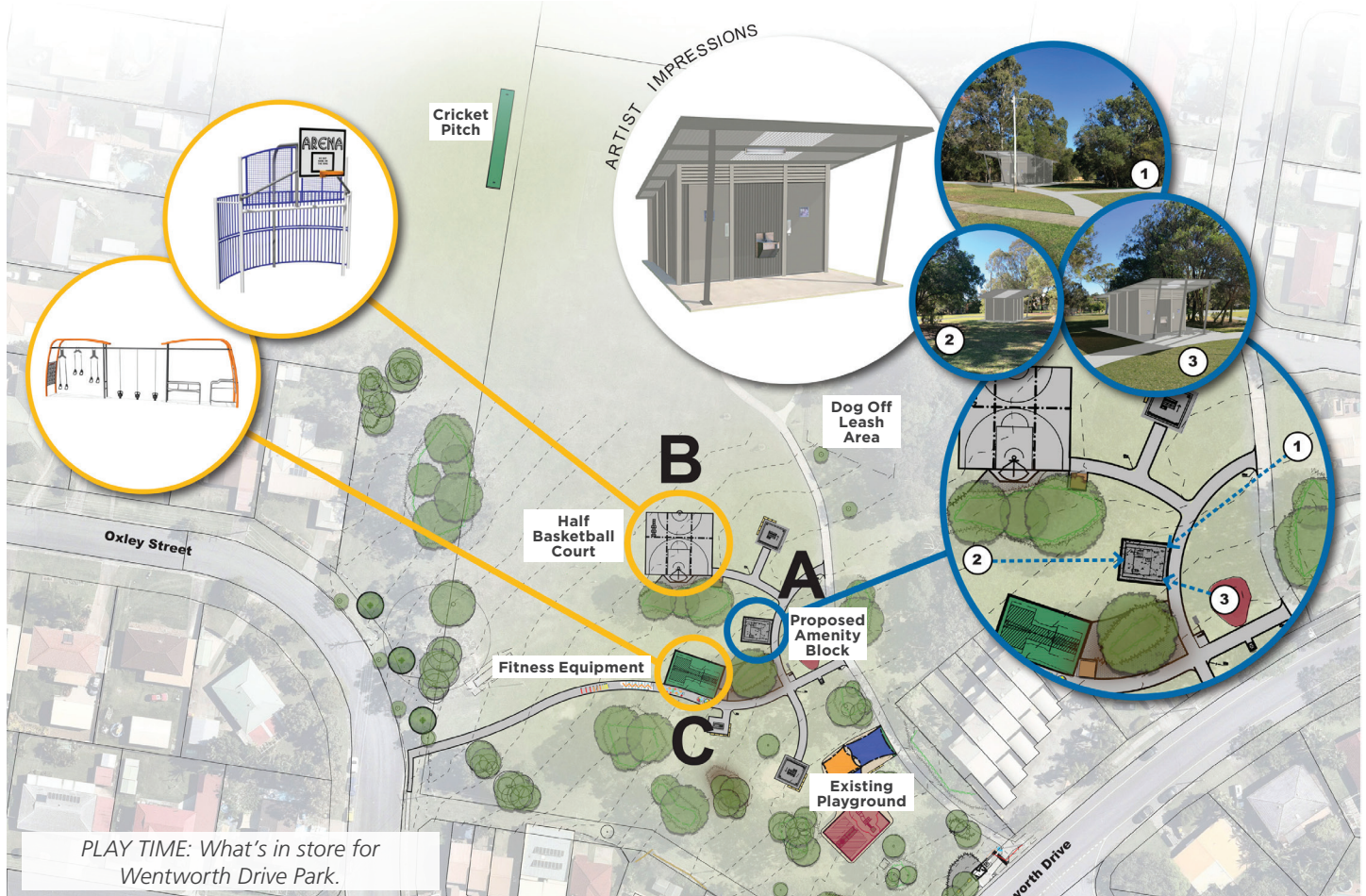




# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gleeson



## Dear resident

I am pleased to report that our local parks, open spaces and sports facilities continue to benefit from Council improvements and makeovers to make them even more attractive to residents.

Our wonderful Capalaba Regional Park has had another upgrade, with solar lighting installed along one of the key pathways. This is great news, with the park locked in as the venue for the 2020 Redland Bayside Blues Festival, supported by Council, on 7 March. Last year was huge, with 10,000 people attending, so mark it in your diaries.

Wentworth Drive Park will get a \$700,000 makeover with the work to include the renewal and upgrade of sheltered areas and picnic facilities, upgrade of the basketball court

to include a multi-goal and netball hoop, new sensory play space and a public toilet.

Killarney Crescent Park is also earmarked for improvements, including renewal of the play area and the installation of a road frontage bollard fence. This will become a fun space with the play equipment to include swinging, climbing, sliding and sensory play elements.

There is also more fun on the way for Bowen Street Park, with Council to invest in naturally wonderful play spaces that blur the lines between a structured playground and natural spaces.

Meanwhile I am thrilled that Council has approved a multi-million-dollar upgrade of the Capalaba Sports Club, including covered bowling greens.

## Helping community

I have been proud to help a range of worthy local organisations from the Mayor and Councillors' Community Benefit Fund recently.

All up, more than \$7600 was distributed to the Rotary Club of Cleveland to help with Redfest and the Rotary Club of Capalaba's Rotary Vocational & Police Service Awards, as well as Capalaba District Junior Rugby League Club, Horizon Foundation, Bayside Initiatives Group and Capalaba Football Club.

# TIME TO 'GET READY'

Prepare  
your home  
and a family  
emergency  
plan

Summer regularly brings significant weather events and bushfires to Redlands Coast, so I urge all residents to ensure they are ready.

As we have seen recently with bushfires across the state, even urban communities can be at risk. You may not live in a bushfire or flood-prone area but that doesn't mean there is no chance of a significant event which might force you to evacuate your home in a hurry.

With severe storms and fires an ever-present risk at this time of year, I encourage you to take time now to get your homes and yourselves ready. To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at [disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](http://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au)

Meanwhile, the Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through Council's website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM 100.3 radio. Council's news and social media feeds are well worth following to stay up to date with the latest information.

I trust you will find the information here useful.

## Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and downpipes
- Secure loose items around your property
- Trim trees around the house (check with Council first), install metal screens and ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk

## Make a household emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials such as medications, legal papers, first aid, a battery operated radio, batteries, pet food, money and a torch
- Identify a safe place to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you'd look after your pets
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan
- Have your bushfire survival plan ready.

Visit [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au) for more information.

## Know your neighbours

- Your neighbours can be a source of support during emergencies
- If you don't know who owns the property next door contact Council on 3829 8999 for their details
- Those without family or friends close by who would like more social contact can organise for a Red Cross check-in call by phoning 1300 885 698

## Be Informed

Visit [disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](http://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au) for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters. For weather and warning updates:

Bureau of Meteorology [bom.gov.au/qld](http://bom.gov.au/qld)



## Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. Download the handy VandalTrak app or visit [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au) to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email [graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au).

## Stay in touch over summer

As your Councillor, part of my role is to report problems in Division 9 back to Council staff for action. This can range from requests for the repair of potholes or the trimming of trees, to collecting dumped rubbish.

I'd like to thank those residents who contact me to let me know of local issues, as you are my extra eyes and ears in the community. If you have an issue that needs Council's attention, please email me or give me a call.

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas so I'd like to take

this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe festive season.

To keep in touch, please 'Like' my Facebook page at '**Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9 -Redlands)**'.



**Cr Paul Gleeson**, Division 9