

# Budget news from your & Local Councillor \* Cr Wendy Boglary



#### Dear resident,

After a busy but rewarding year I would like to thank everyone who assisted with projects, pitched in and helped others when the call went out, attended park chats and gave feedback, volunteered, collected rubbish and helped to make our area a better place to live.

Nothing is ever achieved alone and, when I look back through the highs and lows of the last year, our strengths have shone through, especially our community's passion and resilience.

That resilience was on show when everyone came together when the Scout hall burnt down and again when we recently gathered with the Governor to celebrate the opening of the new hall. This did not happen without the enormous support of many in our local Scouts, as well as the generosity of members of our community, including local businesses. I extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in restoring this much-loved community corner.

Across our division there has also been much-valued work carried

out by our Bushcare volunteers, the Koala Action Group and Council to enhance our v environment. This includes the planting of more than 10,000 trees in our area, including the Hilliards Creek Corridor.

Residents also have embraced the Ormiston Koala Safe neighbourhood, which has been an amazing success with valuable scientific data being gathered on our precious koalas.

Service groups such as Wellington Point Rotary also deserve a huge shout out!

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I felt it was important to highlight how valued our local community groups and individuals are in helping Council to make our area such a unique and beautiful place to live.

On the planning front, I continue to lobby the State Government and within Council for improved outcomes relating to development applications and encourage residents to contact Council or myself with any concerns or to have feedback included in assessments. We all value our area's character and I know the impact of infill development is a subject of concern.

Areas surrounding local train stations and villages have been zoned for higher density for decades, with development applications that meet the land-use intent of the City Plan code assessable.

To keep residents informed I do letterbox drops in affected areas and use Facebook to advise of proposals received.

I also have given several presentations on the importance of City Plans as they really do dictate the character of our areas.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderfully merry Christmas and a safe, successful and happy New Year!

Cr Wendy Boglary Division 1

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#### **Christmas cheer**

Once again this year local businesses are coming on board with our Christmas baskets.



In the true spirit of the season, we are seeking donations of non-perishable food and unwrapped gifts to be distributed through our school chaplains to provide some Christmas cheer to local families in need. Just look for the donation baskets. I thank you in advance!



RESILIENCE: It was great to see so many happy faces at the opening of the new Scout hall.





CARING: The Sovereign Waters Bushcare group has been helping to improve our environment and, top, Koala Action Group members planting at Bligh Street.







INVITING: Ormiston's Hilliard Street Park is getting a wonderful makeover and, below, the fun carvings for Liner Street Park

## Continuing to improve our great outdoor spaces

Our wonderful local parks have been getting a lot of care and attention with a range of projects underway or proposed.

The addition of nature play elements is on track for Wellington Point's Liner Street Park. Fire, rain and riverstone-inspired timber totems, a rope climbing unit with possum, snake and koala carvings, a jungle drum, timber



steppers and sandstone boulders will make this a naturally inspiring space. At Ormiston, Hilliard Street Park is also benefiting from a makeover with renewal of the play equipment, including a new four-tower play unit, double swing, spinner bowl and other fun equipment.

# ATTRACTION: Wellington Point Farm is set to become a new tourism destination for Redlands Coast.

#### Support for local economy is paying dividends

Local businesses are expanding in a great sign for our local economy and employment. On the back of significant Council investment in Wellington Point to make it more attractive for locals and visitors, it is great to see businesses such as The Beach House expanding to next door, Hogan's opening its new function room and the launch of the new Inart Gallery.

The new Wellington Point Farm tourist destination will also increase visitations to our area. Please continue to support our local businesses as that is what keeps them open and local. As a former small-business owner, I am passionate about supporting our local businesses and have been working to have a street light policy adopted by Council to further enhance our business areas. During the trial at Wellington Point Village I have been working with traders to ensure they are supported in lighting up their footpaths. A few more wonderful surprises are being planned, especially for Christmas and beyond.

> WE ARE EXPANDING

### **Divisional boundaries move**

The Change Commission has altered our division's boundaries to unite the entire suburb of Ormiston and balance the number of electors in neighbouring Division 8.

As a result, I will be saddened that Division 1 will lose a portion of Wellington Point which will become part of Division 8 at the local government election in March.

Our division will gain the balance of Ormiston following Hilliards Creek south, east along Shore Street West and then north to the Ormiston locality boundary.

# TO HERE INVESTMENT: Business expansion is a positive sign for Wellington Point Village.

#### Well done Julie

Congratulations to Julie Porteous, the Division 1 Blue Care Inspiring Senior for 2019 and a tireless worker for our community.

Julie was away at the time of the award presentation but her efforts to connect seniors with lifelong learning should not go unrecognised. Julie continues to liaise with Redland City Council about Redlands Coast becoming an age-friendly community.



# Community chats

9am-11am Ormiston Foodstore 11.30am-1.30pm Wellington Point Village

- Saturday 23 November
- Saturday 7 December
- Saturday 1 February
- Saturday 15 February
- Saturday 29 February

Please continue to stay in touch and feel free to email me at wendy.boglary@redland.qld.gov. au or call 3829 8619 or 0408 543 583 if I can assist.