



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Murray Elliott

Dear resident,

All going well, IndigiScapes will re-open in time for the December school holidays, with a range of exciting activities and programs in the planning for the new year.

The transformation of Council's environmental centre into one of the region's premier environmental education destinations is now well into the construction phase.

There will be a brand new café and a wonderful new interpretation and discovery area where children and their parents can learn about our local environment and enjoy the outdoors, as well as a new theatre and conference room, along with an outdoor classroom and grandstand and new administration centre.

It will undoubtedly be one of the best environmental education centres in the region and build on its popularity with locals and visitors alike.

I am also looking forward to IndigiScapes 20th anniversary celebrations next February.

Redland City Council's 2019-20 budget includes \$2.2 million to continue the

project, which is being jointly funded by the State Government.

Another exceptional project for the city is Council's plan to turn land acquired on Heinemann Road, Mount Cotton, in 2017 into a regional sport and recreation precinct.

Council has appointed Ross Planning Pty Ltd to deliver a master plan for the land, which is ideal for sports and recreational activities.

There is scope to connect this area with existing multi-use tracks and trails in nearby conservation areas, such as Bayview Conservation Park.

The recreational potential and environmental benefits will provide residents across Redlands Coast with more sporting fields and community space to enjoy, while also protecting another significant area of bushland.

The master planning study is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

Info: redland.qld.gov.au/IndigiscapesExpansion



O'Gorman Street's park make-over one of the best

With our local parks so important to us, I was thrilled when Alexandra Hills' O'Gorman Street Park, above, was recently named one of Queensland's best after its Council makeover.

It received a high commendation in the Queensland Parks and Leisure Conference Awards of Excellence for its outstanding and innovative upgrade.

It has become a vibrant community space that stands as a great example of work being done by Council in parks and playgrounds throughout the city.

O'Gorman Street Park was designed to engage children by providing a space where they enjoy a sense of freedom. It is colourful, imaginative and full of opportunities for local families to interact with the natural wonders of our area.

The work on our local parks is set to continue with Wimbourne Road Park getting a new shade structure and play equipment, David Parr Park to get a shade sail over the new playground and Hyde Court Park to be landscaped to make it an area for natural relaxation.



TOP CLASS: The concept drawings for the new IndigiScapes centre.



Supporting local Shedders

I was pleased to be able to support the great bunch at the Alexandra Hills Men's Shed, joining with colleague Cr Tracey Huges to fund a dust extractor.

Shed president Dave Smith is proud of the growing membership of local Shedders, with more than 120 members contributing to new and innovative projects that support the community.

They meet in the mornings from 8am at the Williams Street sheds and are happy to help anyone who has a project.



COMMUNITY: Some of the crew at the Alexandra Hills Men's Shed, where Council has helped fund a new dust extractor.



Registering your pet is easy

Make sure your cat or dog is registered with Council. It's as easy as visiting redland.qld.gov.au/RegisterPet or visiting one of Council's Customer Service Centres. It is mandatory for all cats and dogs over the age of 12 weeks to be registered.

Keeping hoons in check



I urge residents to continue helping to put the brakes on hoons and speeding drivers by reporting incidents to police.

There are a number of ways for residents to report offences such as street racing and burn-outs:

- If life or property is in immediate danger or the event is time critical, call Triple Zero (000);
- If it's non-urgent, not life threatening or there is little likelihood that the offenders are still in the area, call Policelink on 131 444;

- For hoon-specific information call the dedicated hoon hotline 13HOON (134 666), which goes to Policelink, or report online; or
- Contact your local police station.

By calling police when you see such behaviour, the chances of catching the offenders increases.

Residents should also remember to observe speed limits themselves and take care while on the road at all times.

I am also working with Queensland Police to keep residents informed of pertinent topics through crime prevention messages such as the one below.

In an EMERGENCY dial TRIPLE ZERO (000)



For NON-URGENT Police contact call POLICELINK 131 444

Crime Prevention Corner

Six Most Commonly Breached Traffic Offences

If you drive a motor vehicle there are laws that ensure that you obey the road rules.

Driving involves risk and safe driving reduces the risk. By paying attention, making good decisions and taking responsibility for ones driving, the roads are safer for all road users.

As a driver you should consider the risks of unsafe driving every time you operate a motor vehicle.

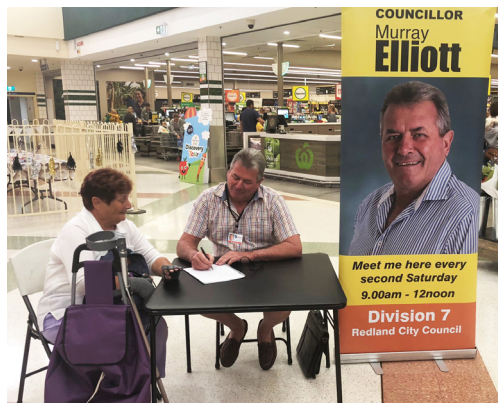
The most commonly breached traffic offences so far this year (2019) within bayside patrol group are:

- Speeding
- Unregistered / uninsured vehicles
- Failure to stop at stop sign
- Using a mobile phone
- Driving a defective vehicle
- Failure to wear a seat belt

Road Safety is everyone's responsibility – Don't become a statistic.

Having a good attitude to driving is key!

A/Sgt Brendon Winslow - Bayside DCPC – ph: 07 33088180 - email DCPC.Wynnum@police.qld.gov.au - blog www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/bayside



Call in for a chat

I am at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday from 9am-midday to discuss your concerns and what's happening throughout Division 7. Thank you to all the residents who have contacted me with regard to issues in our area.

Kind regards,

M. Elliott

Cr Murray Elliott, Division 7