



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gleeson

### Dear resident,

Capalaba is about to enter an exciting new era, with plans underway to transform the central shopping and business precinct into a vibrant town square.

Council's aim is to provide residents with an inviting centre that is innovative, activated, safe and welcoming, as well as environmentally sustainable.

The project will position Capalaba as a primary transit and mixed-use development centre with an "after hours" economy" which will boost local employment.

As the northern gateway to Redlands Coast, Capalaba has been designated as a Principal Regional Activity Centre (PRAC) under the South East Queensland Regional Plan.

The current plans to revitalise the shopping and business centre is the culmination of an effort that started more than two decades ago with the Capalaba Town Centre development in 1996.

However, it is no secret that the Capalaba CBD's development had become disjointed, resulting in divided shopping precincts and disconnected transport hubs.

A key feature of this revitalisation will be better connection between the two major shopping centres, along with inviting public spaces and streetscaping.

The revitalisation project is one of Redlands Coast's most exciting initiatives and I look forward to it providing residents with a thriving retail, commercial, entertainment, cultural and civic heart.

Importantly, it will also vastly improve public transport access, acting as a catalyst for much-needed transport infrastructure in Capalaba.

It will breathe new life into the area, presenting a great opportunity to deliver a world-class CBD which will draw people from across Redlands Coast and beyond.

Council, in partnership with wholly-owned subsidiary Redland Investment Corporation, launched an expression-of-interest campaign last year to seek a partner to deliver the landmark development.

A preferred developer will be selected later this year and we will then work to refine the plan and work through all the necessary approvals.



EXCITING: The vision for the revitalised Capalaba town centre and transport hub.





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

## Major projects great for Capalaba

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.

IndigiScapes 20th anniversary celebrations next February will be something to look forward to.

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](http://redland.qld.gov.au/IndigiscapesExpansion)

## Making our parks better

A range of parks across Capalaba are scheduled for makeovers or additions this financial year.

Killarney Crescent Park's play area will be renewed, with a road frontage bollard fence also to be installed. The play equipment will include swinging, climbing, sliding and sensory elements.

At Wentworth Drive Park, the sheltered areas and picnic facilities will be upgraded, along with the basketball court which will get a multi-goal and netball hoop. The plan includes a, new sensory play space and public toilet.

Naturally wonderful play spaces that blur between structured playground and natural spaces are in the pipeline for Bowen Street Park.


There will also be more work at Capalaba Regional Park, with the installation of solar lighting along sections of footpaths.



### Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at [trolleytracker.com.au](http://trolleytracker.com.au) or by calling 1800 641 497

## Keep in touch

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Please feel free to 'Like' my page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)' and be part of the conversation. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening in our division.

**Cr Paul Gleeson, Division 9**

### 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](http://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.



### Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.