



# Budget news from your Local Councillor

## Cr Wendy Boglary

### Our area shines

This has been a very productive year with several park projects being delivered along with infrastructure to entice visitors to our local traders, thereby supporting the economic development of our area.

Our local traders have excelled lately with congratulations to Manny’s Italian, Punjab Curry Club and Jaipur Palace, all winners in the best Brisbane restaurant competition, plus Bayside Seafood and Wellington Point Farm, which provided produce for the Regional Flavours Festival at South Bank recently.

This recognition and exposure puts focus on our region’s quality produce and restaurants, which is constructive for tourism. Well done to all concerned.

Our local businesses also excel in giving back to our community with Ildiko, from the “ Heart of Europe” restaurant at Ormiston, supporting a recent fundraiser for our Scouts. We had a fantastic and delicious evening. By the time you read this I expect the new Scout den at Ormiston will have re-opened.

Dancing in the Streets should also have resumed in the recently revamped Village Green at Wellington Point, so please keep an eye out for updates on my Facebook page, as this is truly a fun community event (plus we all have a night off from cooking!).

Another major step forward is Council’s adoption of a CCTV policy that I proposed. We are now awaiting State Government funding and the engagement of an expert to recommend camera placement. I will continue to push the project to completion.

Also a priority of mine for this year was a policy to allow businesses to light up trees outside their premises. It is now in place and I am working with several traders as everyone loves the areas when “lit up”.



CONGRATULATIONS: Our award-winning restaurants and farm have put the spotlight on local food and produce.

### Our environment supporting tourism

Our environmental corridors not only provide food and shelter for native creatures but add enormous value to our community as a place of quiet walks, reflection, stress relief, exercise and tourism potential.

I recently talked to a school group from Brisbane about our local wildlife on a walk out to King

Island. The Koala Action Group also recently hosted a walk and tour through the Bligh Street Wetlands, acquired last year through the City’s environmental levy.

Our unique location and environment gives us access to local and international tourists who all want an eco-friendly experience,

so we need to protect our natural assets for a variety of reasons, including our local economy.

I also recently attended a recreational vehicle forum in Brisbane and continue to work with the association while lobbying for areas to be available throughout Redlands Coast.





## Exciting news for our parks

Our parks provide areas for families and friends to come together to build relationships, have fun, de-stress and exercise. The health and wellbeing of communities can be greatly improved through these wonderful spaces, so I am very pleased that this financial year there will be more major works in our division.

Apex Park, on the corner of Starkey Street and Old Cleveland Road East, will get a major upgrade with more than \$700,000 being invested. This work will include popular features such as a new flying fox, exciting climbing challenges for primary school-aged children, a parent-child swing and pathways to connect these areas. The works will also include a toddler play area with a fairy-themed space with a dragonfly slide.

At Hilliards Street Park, Ormiston, more than \$150,000 will be spent on new play equipment, such as a rope bridge, climbing frame and themed elements.

Also at Ormiston, stage one of

work at Raby Esplanade Park will include beach nourishment, shade trees, a toilet and an upgrade of the existing playground to include play experiences for toddlers up to primary-age students. Future stages are proposed in this \$720,000 project. I will keep you posted when details are finalised.

There will also be upgrades to local parks as part of the Councillor Community Infrastructure Program.

Liner Street Park, Wellington Point, will get exciting new nature play elements. Also at Wellington Point, the park at Skinner Avenue will get a picnic table and seating, while Bibury Street Park will get new seating and a water tap, near the bike/pedestrian pathway. Although smaller projects, I am very eager to see these projects completed as I know local grandparents enjoy using these areas and will appreciate being able to extend their “play” time through having a seat to relax on.



*GREAT SPACE: The new play equipment proposed for Raby Esplanade Park.*

## Better planning

To address residents’ concerns about increasing density, Council will use October’s Local Government Association of Queensland conference to urge the State Government to develop a more prescriptive planning framework to give the community certainty.

The State Government prioritises higher density along the train line. The reason is to use existing public transport infrastructure to reduce cars on roads and also to use spare capacity in existing pipes rather than fund new water and sewerage infrastructure. But the current “performance based” system allows too much flexibility for the development industry, creating uncertainty for residents who are concerned it can affect the character of their suburbs.

Council wants a system that makes it clear to residents what can and can’t be built in their neighbourhoods. I have also put forward a motion to the conference calling on the State to address higher density impacts, along with a park-and-ride strategy for bus and train stations such as Ormiston and Wellington Point to alleviate parking issues in local streets.

### Catch up for a chat

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

#### September

14 and 28 September

#### October

12 and 26 October

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