



# News from your Local Councillor

**Cr Lance Hewlett**  
Deputy Mayor

## Dear resident

Last December, Victoria Point State School's School Road carpark was resurfaced and relined by Council contractors ready for the new school year. The entire length of School Road also has been fully resurfaced.

It is important to note that the exit from the Colburn Avenue carpark at the school is now "Left Turn Only", as signed, at drop-off and pick-up times. This will improve safety and assist in reducing queuing times.

It is vital that drivers take extra care within school zones. Please monitor your speed and ensure you are safely parked before allowing your children to exit or enter the vehicle.

A simple error in judgement can have a devastating outcome. Please keep our kids safe.



## Save the dates

Coochie's colourful Flinders Day celebration is on Sunday 21 July. A feature of the day is the historical re-enactment of Matthew Flinders arrival on the beach there in 1799, which is well worth seeing. Visitors to the island can catch the ferry on the hour and half hour from Victoria Point.

Faith Lutheran College's annual Funfest promises to be another great day out on Sunday 25 May at the junior school at 132 Link Road, Victoria Point.

Coochie Markets will be held on Easter Sunday 21 April and Flinder's Day on Sunday 21 July,

*JOB DONE: Completion of Victoria Point's Masters Avenue revetment wall is welcome news.*



## Work ramped up

I am pleased to report that Council contractors have completed the new revetment wall project on Masters Avenue and are currently working to replace the existing Victoria Point barge ramp.

Six car/boat trailer parking bays have been fenced off from the seawall project to house equipment and a site shed.

At the time of writing, work was expected to be finished about now, weather permitting.

The barge ramp is a \$765,800 project, with the new revetment wall costing about \$357,000.



CONGRATULATIONS: With new president of U3A Redlands Debra Barker, of Victoria Point, and colleague Cr Wendy Boglary at Thornlands' Faith Lutheran College.

### Debra leads the way at U3A

It was wonderful to catch up with so many local residents at the University of the Third Age Redlands (U3A) Enrolment Day at Faith Lutheran College, Thornlands, recently.

I also attended the U3A Redlands AGM last December where Victoria Point resident Debra Barker was elected its new president. She took the reins from Julie Porteous who, as president since 2010, has been a tireless worker and a strong and effective advocate for the organisation.

Debra and her husband John have a strong connection to our area and I have no doubt she will excel as president.

Redlands U3A provides members with affordable education and activities with the opportunity to study and learn in a relaxed environment, something which Council has been proud to support. There is an extensive and diverse range of courses from which to choose. They can be contacted on 3821 3888.



HELPING HANDS: With local residents and students and parents from Faith Lutheran College, Victoria Point.

### Volunteers clean up

Despite intermittent rain on Clean Up Australia Day, a wonderful and enthusiastic group of parents and children from Faith Lutheran College and local residents joined me to collect rubbish along Colburn Avenue and through the Cascades and Ern Dowling parklands.

Bags of rubbish were collected, largely food wrappers, plastic lids,

paper cups, cigarette butts and old signs. Noticeably, there were far fewer cans and bottles collected than on previous pick-up days, most likely due to the introduction of the Containers for Change program late last year. The program appears to have had a positive impact on the local environment and assisted many local not-for-profit community groups with their fundraising endeavours.

### Stay in touch

I continue to be as accessible to the community as possible and will keep you updated on what's happening in the local area via:

- My fortnightly Council information booths at local shopping centres;
- My regular Council newsletter;
- Regular updates on my Facebook page.

I am also happy to meet with you to discuss any issue, by appointment, in your home or at my office. Call 3829 8603 to organise a meeting.

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