



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Lance Hewlett
Deputy Mayor

Dear resident

It's great to see island groups already making good use of the new Council community shed.

The facility comprises the Coochiemudlo Island Men's Shed, Jock Allan Memorial Gym and the Coochiemudlo Rec Club Op Shop and replaces two old sheds.

An official opening was yet to be locked in at the time of writing, so check my Facebook page for updates.

The shed's position within Laurie Burns Reserve is the result of community consultation and it promises to be a worthwhile addition for the island community.



PLACE TO MEET: With Mayor Karen Williams at the new Coochie Community Shed.

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.



Carpark works aid school safety

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 has also 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.



Keeping Coochie natural

Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare has partnered with Healthy Land and Water in a project to restore areas around the Melaleuca Wetlands.

Funded by a \$18,651 State Government grant, the project will improve the integrity and resilience of the freshwater wetland which has high cultural and ecological values and is part of the wider Moreton Bay Ramsar site.

With support from Redland City Council, volunteers will work with Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) rangers and contractors on plant restoration and chemical-free weed control along several watercourses and the foreshore.

The four-month project started recently with Healthy Land and Water's Dr David

Manning establishing test sites with volunteers while contractors started weeding west of the wetlands track.

Hand removal of fruiting asparagus fern was seen as a key priority however, by the second day, morning glory, ochra, painted spurge, corky passion vine, umbrella trees and cocos palms were targeted. The saturated steamer was used on mother of millions, singapore daisy and guinea grass in a staged operation over several weeks.

For more information, call Vivienne Roberts-Thomson on 0411 226 363 or Chris Leonard on 0478 176 540.

This project is supported by Healthy Land and Water through funding from the Australian National Landcare Program.



RESTORATION: Council is a keen supporter of the rehabilitation of the Melaleuca Wetlands.

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.

Cr Lance Hewlett Division 4

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