



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gleeson

### Dear resident,

There are exciting times ahead for Capalaba with Council committed to revitalising the northern gateway to Redlands Coast.

Council, in partnership with subsidiary company Redland Investment Corporation (RIC), recently sought expressions of interest from potential development partners to deliver an exciting, innovative and landmark development to support Capalaba's revitalisation and improve transport connectivity with Redlands Coast.

I am pleased to report that there has been strong interest from the market and, once Council has assessed all submissions, we will invite proponents to provide a detailed project proposal to Council and RIC for consideration. The Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project provides the opportunity to deliver a world-class active urban heart for our area. The 2ha site in Capalaba's commercial and shopping hub includes the bus interchange, which has an important role in Council's efforts to improve public transport links.

Council's vision is for a transformation of the precinct into a new town square that is safe, activated, innovative and environmentally sustainable. The brief will include protecting the community feel of the area. The Capalaba Library, Council Customer Service Centre, Arts Centre and Hall will be key community elements of this once-in-a-generation opportunity.

With the right development partner, this project will breathe new life into Capalaba, boosting the local economy and enhancing connectivity between the two existing major shopping centres.

Meanwhile, Wentworth Park Drive has had an upgrade to provides a range of activities for toddlers through to primary-aged children. Two new play units have been installed to cater for a variety of ages, along with a three-bay swing and spinner.



### Making a statement

I am excited by the continuing transformation of the corner of Moreton Bay and Redland Bay roads which greets visitors to Redlands Coast and residents returning home.

New plantings will soon be the backdrop to a stunning sculpture by well-known artist Paul D. Johnson, called Passages, which will aptly symbolise "portals and pathways".

The concept is based on a seed pod, with each leaf markedly different, highlighting different stories of Capalaba's heritage as both a pioneer entry to Redlands Coast and the historical Quandamooka country border of Tingalpa Creek.

It will look particularly awesome at night as it will be lit by changing colours inspired by our local environment.

Council is working with the State Department of Transport and Main Roads towards having the sculpture installed as soon as practicable.

Many of you probably already know Johnson's work as Scribble (2003), the entry statement at Capalaba Regional Park, is also his creation. It uses original timbers from the first Tingalpa Creek bridge circa 1874, some of which will also be used in the new work to highlight local heritage.



## Take care around our schools

When dropping off or picking up your children from our schools please remember to take care and follow the signed parking rules at all times.

Council officer diligently enforce the stricter parking rules which apply around our schools, especially around school entrances at drop-off and pick-up times.

Drop-off and pick-up areas are generally marked as a loading zone and have a maximum two-minute parking limit during set times to allow you to drop-off or collect your children.

This is designed to ensure a safe environment for children, keep traffic moving and provide an opportunity for others to drop off or pick up their kids.

Ignoring the two-minute limit or pulling over into “no stopping” or “no parking” areas can cause potentially dangerous situations ... and will likely score you a \$130 fine as Council officers patrol all Redlands Coast schools.

The Loading Zone is designed to keep traffic flowing and provide a safe area for your children to be dropped off and pick up.

If your children are not ready, you will need to drive round the block and re-enter the area or find a parking spot. You should only let your children in or out once in the signed area, as it is dangerous to let them do so while waiting in a queue or double-parked.

## Report hoons to get action

We can all help 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.



## Keeping in shape in our parks

I recommend that residents consider taking the opportunity to join one of the activities in Council's Redlands Coast Healthy & Active Program.

Our popular group exercise program offers a diverse range of low-cost activities across Redlands Coast, at just \$5 per person, per session. This year, the program has introduced some new activities, including ninja warrior, cardio tennis and Billy's Buddies, a children's rugby league based program founded by former Queensland Origin great Billy Slater. Also returning are the very popular Zumba classes, as well programs which cater for all levels of fitness.

The program is having a positive impact on the community, with about 1500 people taking part in more than 20 different activities.

Visit [redland.qld.gov.au/rchap](http://redland.qld.gov.au/rchap) for details.

## Keep in touch



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It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening in our division.

**Cr Paul Gleeson**, Division 9