



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Tracey Huges

### An exciting year for Judy Holt sport precinct

The Judy Holt Sports Fields at Birkdale have developed into one of Redlands Coast's premier sports and fitness precincts.

Council's additions to the area and support for those who use it has made this a great example of a community facility for all age groups.

It stands as testament to the late Judy Holt, who worked tirelessly to encourage children to take part in sport and promote a community for families to support each other.

Our community was saddened by her recent passing, as well as that of John Smallwood, who has also left a wonderful legacy at Judy Holt Sports Fields.

Judy was a patron and life member of Muddies Cricket Club, helping it since its establishment in the 1990s as an offshoot of the rugby union club, while John, also a life member, worked tirelessly to promote cricket in the Redlands.

Through their efforts, and those original members of Muddies Rugby Union Club, Muddies Cricket Club has evolved into a first-class cricket facility with two turf wickets and a synthetic wicket.

Muddies Rugby Union Club also celebrates 40 years in the Redlands this year, a great achievement that would never have been possible without the support of Judy, its founding patron.

The club now has more than 350 juniors playing, plus two senior teams and the Golden Oldies, boasting players from just three years to 35-plus. You can find out more about the club's fundraising activities and celebrations planned for the year by going to [www.facebook.com/redlandsrugbyunion](http://www.facebook.com/redlandsrugbyunion).

It is great to see Muddies' new playground, complete with its colourful shade structure, now being

enjoyed. It was funded through my Community Infrastructure Program and installed in time for the new rugby season. Meanwhile, I was also pleased to be able to provide a Councillor Small Grant to the cricket club to help seal the concrete shelter structures.

They are among a range of clubs finding success in the precinct.

Since moving there two years ago, Starfish Tri-Athletic Club has grown into one of Queensland's premier triathlon and athletics clubs.

Starfish Tri-Athletic won Triathlon Queensland's Small Club Championship and the Overall Aggregate Trophy last year, with head coach Ben Luscombe awarded Triathlon Queensland's Junior Coach of the Year.

In the past 12 months, this proudly inclusive community club has had nine athletes selected to compete at national level and 29 selected to compete at state level.

The club is a fine example of the importance of having access to quality facilities, such as the Judy Holt Sporting Fields, which has become vital to our community's wellbeing and sporting growth.

It offers training in a safe and natural environment, well-kept grassed ovals and surrounding bushland described as "priceless" by members of Starfish.

Redlands Dog Obedience Club also has spent much of its 40-year history at the Judy Holt precinct, using it from Monday to Fridays to help residents train dogs as well as prepare them for competitive dog sports. The club also hosts regular competitions in association with Dogs Queensland and the Australian Flyball Association, bringing in competitors from across South East Queensland and further afield.

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*POPULAR ADDITION: The new play equipment at Muddies Rugby Club.*



*CHAMPS IN THE MAKING: The crew from Starfish Tri-Athletic.*



*BETTER FACILITIES: Presenting the grant to Muddies Cricket Club.*



*CATCHING: The Judy Holt precinct has been home to dog flyball for almost 40 years.*

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It welcomes new members on the first Wednesday of the month, so contact [admin@redlandsdoc.com.au](mailto:admin@redlandsdoc.com.au) if you are interested or go to [www.redlandsdoc.com.au](http://www.redlandsdoc.com.au).

Council's Redlands Coast Healthy & Active Program has been running Over 50s strength and fitness classes in the Judy Holt precinct on Monday's 9am-10am. They cost just \$5 a session. You can keep up to date with what the program has on offer in our area during Term 2 at [redland.qld.gov.au/rchap](http://redland.qld.gov.au/rchap).

Council has been a proud supporter of the Redlands Multi Sport Club, which is also based in the precinct and home to Redlands Darts' 200 members who play in 22 teams on

Wednesday nights across three divisions catering for all levels of ability. There is also an Over 50s social darts competition on Friday mornings, as well as social darts on Friday nights.

Redlands Darts recently hosted the South Queensland "Adam and Eve" tournament with 27 teams and nearly 300 players and supporters battling for honours over two days of competition. The club can be contacted via [www.redlandsdarts.com.au](http://www.redlandsdarts.com.au).

Judy Holt Sports Fields is a place that, through the support of Council and the hard work of those in our community such as Judy and John and today's volunteers, provides a space for families to walk, play sport and enjoy themselves.



*ON BOARD : The Judy Holt precinct recently hosted a regional darts competition.*



*FIT: With participants in Council's Healthy & Active Program at the Judy Holt precinct.*



**Supporting community**

With a Council grant enabling the recent addition of air-conditioning to its main hall, the Redlands Multi Sports Club now offers two large rooms which can be hired by community groups free of charge. There's also a kitchen to cater for your needs. New members have been joining our club from all around the Redlands, including families with children of all ages most welcome.

The club, off Randall Road, Birkdale, has had a busy start to the year which kicked off with a very popular Australia Day event, that was well attended (above).

If you are looking for a place to hold your next function or community event, give the club a call on 3824 8999 for booking information.

**Monitoring trees - take extra care**

There have been reports of the recent high winds bringing down branches in local parks.

Council's tree crew continually monitors park and street trees in the interest of public safety and you can help by reporting any suspect trees on 3829 8800.

**JP services & shopping centre dates**

I am delighted to have an opportunity to meet with residents at three local shopping centres. I am also going to continue to offer my services as a JP at these shopping centre listening posts. Please know that you can contact me at any time and I will try to help you. My next sessions will be:

<b>April</b>	Saturday	27th 9-11am	Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre
<b>May</b>	Friday	3rd 3-4.30pm	Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks
	Saturday	4th 9-11am	Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre
	Saturday	18th 9-11am	Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre
	Friday	31st 3-4.30pm	Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks
<b>June</b>	Saturday	1st 9-11am	Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre
	Saturday	15th 9-11am	Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre
	Friday	28th 3-4.30pm	Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks
	Saturday	29th 9-11am	Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre

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