



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Bishop

### Dear residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying living in our unique, seaside environment as we begin the journey toward winter.

In this update, I'd like to invite you to be involved with our community in any way you choose - whether it is supporting a local club, group or recreation facility; choosing to buy from and connect with local businesses; or simply sharing stories with other residents about what matters to you.

This place is your home and I invite you to contact me if Council or I can help you in anyway to make this area more enjoyable.

There are so many people doing great things and their actions inspire me every day.

Please contact me if you have any issues you would like to discuss or matters that need to be reported to Council officers.

**Cr Paul Bishop Division 10**

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### ANZAC Day Youth Leader Service

Residents are invited to join local student leaders and youth group members at the Wellington Point State High School Assembly Hall, as we commemorate ANZAC Day. On this important day, we pause to pay respects to the fallen and, at this year's service, we will acknowledge some local facts regarding "Redlands at War", including historic recognition of soldiers from our area and a feature on the unique contributions of the Women's Land Army, a volunteer labour force based at the Birkdale School of Arts Hall between 1942 and 1945. These young ladies would spend every workday harvesting local farmers' produce, including fruit and vegetables, from the many market gardens that were around Birkdale and Thorneside. Their combined efforts assisted the campaign against the Japanese Imperial Army during the War in the Pacific, in which Redlands Coast played a vital part.

The service relies on presentations and voluntary contributions from local schools, Birkdale Scouts, Redlands Baden Powell Guild, Wellington Point Girl Guides and a host of other supporters.

Attendees are welcome to bring floral tributes or messages (which will be transferred to the Cleveland Cenotaph). Residents who bring clearly marked donations of ANZAC-themed books should note that these gifts will be donated to the school of your choice, with relevant messages you wish to provide. This youth-focussed service has continued for more than 40 years, featuring performances by St Mary MacKillop Choir and presentations by youth leaders. Graham Hinson of Redlands RSL and other local dignitaries will attend.



#### North Redlands ANZAC Day Service

**7.45am for 8am start**

Wellington Point State High  
School Assembly Hall

Anson Road, Wellington Point



### Helping hands

Thanks to Billy and his Foreshore Clean-Up Gang, as well as members of the Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club who pulled three skips full of debris, waste and rubbish out of Tingalpa Creek as part of their ongoing campaign to keep our area beautiful.

Billy and his family invited Birkdale and Thorneside residents to clean up Queens Esplanade and the Beth Boyd Park area. Thanks Billy, you made us all very proud!



## Parks and places of Division 10

Have you noticed how many fabulous parks we have in our area?

During my seven years as your Councillor, I have focused on encouraging local people to have an appreciation for the many great assets we have within our community. Naturally, one of the best assets we have are our people. Let us also remember that another significant resource we have at our doorstep are the many parks, places, playgrounds and open spaces throughout Birkdale and Thorneside.

Over the past few years, I have supported Council's placement of sandstone blocks and recent "Nature Play" projects that are designed to encourage students, seniors, parents and children, carers, residents and visitors alike to embrace the outdoors and consider these places as a kind of "common": our shared resource. Whether you sit and contemplate, take a picnic, go for a walk, scoot, ride, run or exercise with pets and friends, or simply gather together with others and just enjoy the great outdoors, these places and spaces for you to relish.

Please respect surrounding neighbours, keep the areas clean and tidy and pick up after your pets, so everyone can enjoy the many, many hectares that Council workers regularly mow and maintain.

Here's a list of some of the places within our midst. I encourage you to engage with these places and to share the benefits they bring to locals, to visitors, to flora and fauna.

You will find more information by searching Facebook for "Places of Birkdale and Thorneside".

Why not share your own thoughts, poems, reflections, photographs or stories with others on the Facebook page while you are there?

### **Birkdale:**

- 59 Byng Road Playground & Nature Play;
- 2-16 Parkridge Reserve;
- St James Heights Park & Harrogate Bushland Reserve;
- 20 Leicester Street;
- Pistachio Court Playground;
- 10 Tulipwood Drive Parklet;
- Carinyan Drive, Birkdale - (connects with Fuchsia, Seeana, Bauhinia)
- Aquatic Paradise East Park (Commodore Drive)
- Agnes/Mary Pleasant Park/Playground/Gym
- William Taylor Park (Mary/Victor Street, Birkdale)
- William Eickenloff Memorial Park (22-24 Dorsal Drive/Swordfish Court)
- 3 Paddocks Park (Between waterfront Thomas Street & Birkdale Road)
- Galley Way Parklet (Joins Birkdale Road, Dorsal Drive, Galley Way)
- Hardy Road Parklet (Joins Agnola, Paul & Hardy Road, Birkdale)
- Macfarlan Street Parklet (Pandanus/Joslin Street, Birkdale)
- Birkdale Parkway (between Shonagh Ct/Lachlan/Napier Streets)
- Birkdale Bushland Refuge (between Burbank Road/Lapidus St/Palgold Court/Leilani Drive/Pattersonia Place/Goodenia Court)

### **Thorneside:**

- Mooroondu Sport Complex (William Taylor Sports Reserve)
- Railway Parade Thorneside (canoe ramp)
- 26 Boorana Street
- Penny Lane (20 Fisher Road) Bushcare Group
- Vic Arthur Park, Fisher Road, Thorneside
- 27 Fisher Road (Reserve)
- Willard-Weber Reserve - (Helen Street Bushcare)
- Helen Street Boat Ramp
- Thorneside Point Foreshore Reserve (Queens Esplanade/Thorneside/Mooroondu Road)
- Beth Boyd Park
- Queens Esplanade Foreshore Walkway
- Frank Street Reserve (Bushcare), Thorneside



*PARTNERSHIP: A collaborative arts project is helping to provide a safe place for local students and the community at Birkdale South State School.*

## Yanggabara - a safe place

Birkdale South State School recently created a safe place for students, parents, citizens and the Birkdale South State School community on their grounds.

Working with Quandamooka woman and artist Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, this collaborative arts project helps to provide an escape valve and a respectful place for all children and school community members facing challenges or issues. There are designated places around the school where the artwork is displayed and people can relax, talk to someone or just have some "time out". Several months of discussions led to the creation of the symbolic art work.

The Yanggabara space is a double-sized classroom that offers students a chance to feel supported by the partnership between school leaders, school council, P&C and Elders from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. It's a space for everyone.

The word "yanggabara" means "a safe place" in Jandai, the traditional language of the Quandamooka Peoples. This powerful project connects students, staff and school community to one another, and allows support services from around the Redlands to be just a conversation away. Minjerriba Moorgumpin Elders in Council shared permission for use of the traditional Jandai word Yunggabara.