



Budget news from your Local Councillor

Cr Wendy Boglary

Ormiston exercise equipment and park upgrade

The new exercise equipment is stretching locals with a variety of new elements in the Raby Esplanade Park at Ormiston.

This equipment enhances the existing equipment and, with bollard lighting, it will be safer during winter afternoons as was requested by some energetic local ladies.

At present there is a proposed upgrade of park infrastructure in this area so I am requesting emailed feedback to assist in the final design. How about barbecues, shelters, toilets, goalposts or play equipment for instance?

I know my boys when young always loved climbing structures, so please email me to let me know what you think will be beneficial for your family.



FITNESS: Enjoying the new equipment at Ormiston's Raby Esplanade Park.



More park news

It's great to see the new equipment in Goodall Street Park, Wellington Point, getting the approval of local youngsters.

Council recently installed a new primary and toddler play unit (above), including rubber softfall, along with sandstone blocks seating and shade sail over remaining playground.

I am now working on other neighbourhood parks.

Building communities at Wellington Point

Recently there has been a revamp of Wellington Point Village to increase visitation and also the lengths of these stays.

It is important for our communities to be friendly, safe areas for us to gather and connect. Council provides dog off-

leash areas, exercise equipment, park seats and the like to make our communities more attractive places to live and relax, as well as making them more enjoyable places for people to meet.

This brings many positive social benefits,

such as helping to prevent social isolation with our elderly as well as economic benefits for our local businesses.

I cannot promote our local shops enough as this is how we keep our money local and increase local employment.



VILLAGE LIFE: Cr Wendy Boglary with local traders at the Wellington Point eagle ray sculptures

Community helping local koalas



Meanwhile, the Ormiston Koala Population Monitoring Project is collecting detailed information about our local koalas. It will particularly seek to gather evidence on their genetic relationships, health and movement. Some koalas will be captured for health checks and will be tracked by GPS so researchers can keep an eye on them. This information will be used by Council to refine conservation plans to better protect Ormiston's koala population against threats such as disease, dogs and cars.

Koala researchers from the University of Sunshine Coast will be using both koala detection dogs (pictured) and drones to locate and survey koalas for the project. If you see the researchers in the local parks or reserves, you are welcome to have a chat and hear all about the project. Council also has been trialling vehicle-activated messages in a bid to reduce speeds on roads in the area, with encouraging results.

I thank the many locals who have given positive feedback and joined in the trials.

Thank you to the Ormiston community for embracing the Koala Conservation Agreement Program and showing that by working together we can help improve the lives of our koalas.

Since the program started last September, Council's Environmental Partnerships team has been working closely with the community, with eight properties, including Ormiston State School, already signed up as participants and others keen to come on board.

Another 2000 koala trees were also planted during a community day within the Ormiston Koala Safe Neighbourhood.



GROWING: Thanks to the volunteers from DHL, Supply Chain and Surf Life Saving Queensland who helped with the recent tree planting at EGW Woods Sportsfield. To enhance our Division's environment and strengthen existing wildlife corridors, there will be two more tree plantings in April on the Northern Greenway Corridor and in Bibury street.

Increased safety for residents

I am satisfied that Council's new security camera policy will help to reduce anti-social behaviour and provide support to Council and the police.

Residents can also help by reporting offences, particularly hooning and vandalism.

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, you can call Policelink on 131 444.

For hoon-specific information call the dedicated hoon hotline 13HOON (134 666), which goes to Policelink, or report it online.

Formally reporting anti-social behaviour helps us to build a case for more resources to tackle the issue.



HARVEST: It was great to see locals enjoying the new Thursday market from 2pm at the Scout den site on the corner of Gordon and Bainbridge streets, Ormiston.

Catch up for a Chat

Ormiston Foodstore from 9am-11am

Wellington Point Foodstore from 11.30am - 1.30pm

April

Saturday, 27 April 2019

May

Saturday, 11 May 2019

Saturday, 25 May 2019

June

Saturday, 8 June 2019

Saturday, 22 June 2019

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