



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gollè

### Dear resident,

In what is shaping up to be a busy year I am keen to talk with as many residents as possible about local issues.

Communication is important and thanks to the awesome team at Victoria Point Shopping Centre, I will be available at information booths from 9.30am-noon on:

- Saturday May 25.
- Saturday 28 September.
- Saturday 26 October.
- Saturday 30 November.

Your feedback is important to me. I value and appreciate your compliments, suggestions or complaints in order to improve Council's services and the way we can communicate.

I am also available on Facebook Councillor Paul Golle, email paul.golle@redland.qld.gov.au or on 0438117265.

If you need direct assistance from Council during business hours, you can call the customer service team on 3829 8999 between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Your request will be handled quickly and efficiently when calling this number.

If you need to report an urgent matter after hours, you can call the same number and Council's after-hours service will manage your request.

**Cr Paul Gollè - Division 3**

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### Helping young veterans

Local Young Veterans have celebrated the opening of the first stage of their welfare drop-in centre, pictured.

Along with RSL Redlands, I was happy to provide a grant to help bring this much-needed service to life.

The Young Veterans Redlands team was overwhelmed at the support they received from the local community, local veterans and their families.

Young Veterans and their supporters at The Cage Youth Foundation are working hard to raise money for the centre through fundraisers such as the Afghanistan Roll of Honour surfboard raffle, which will be drawn 27 April. Go to [www.thecage.info](http://www.thecage.info) for details.

The centre is at the premises of Boss Customs body shop on Redland Bay Road, Capalaba, where veterans can help with vehicle restorations, engine conversions and body work.

### Students clean up

Well done to the students and parents of Thornlands' Bayview State School who did a wonderful job on Clean Up Australia Day to remove rubbish from our community. It was great to be part of the event and see the enthusiasm of our local "pickers" for protecting the local environment.





### Get your trees

Council's new IndigiScapes nursery off Runnymede Road, Capalaba, offers advice and recommendations to residents who want to plant native species in their gardens. These include free koala food trees.

There's always someone on hand happy to help out home gardeners, as well as extension officers who are also available for advice through a number of Council-run programs

The new nursery, which opened in mid-January, can still be accessed by the community along with the display gardens during work on the next stage of IndigiScapes' multi-million dollar redevelopment.

If you are interested, contact IndigiScapes on 3824 8611 or via email at [indigiScapes@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:indigiScapes@redland.qld.gov.au).



### Cat owners must take responsibility

While cats can be much-loved family members, owners have certain requirements and responsibilities to ensure their pets do not become a nuisance to others or kill native wildlife.

Redland City Council requires cat owners to register their pet by the time it is 12 weeks old or within 14 days of gaining ownership and that registration must be renewed every 12 months. While de-sexing is not mandatory, it is encouraged by way of discounted registration fees.

It is, however, mandatory to microchip all cats unless they were born or came into your ownership before 1 July 2009.

Cat owners also have a responsibility to adequately contain their cat to

their property at all times under Council's local laws, as wandering cats poses a risk to native wildlife. Putting your cat out day or night to let it roam the neighbourhood or nearby bush contravenes local laws. Besides, wandering cats are also more susceptible to injury, disease and ticks and can land you with hefty veterinary bills as well as a \$261 fine.

If you have a problem with a wandering cat, contact Redland City Council on 3829 8999 and lodge a complaint, which will be investigated by the Animal Management Team. Council also has a cat trap service which may be considered for use to assist and control with cat wandering issues.

### More to come for family park

Planning is almost complete for the next phases of Thornlands Community Park's transformation into welcoming family recreation area.

With the finishing touches to the initial stage now done, Council will be adding an all-abilities play area and exercise and youth recreation facilities subject to budget availability. Detailed designs for these latter stages are almost complete.

With the barbecues, a shelter with picnic seating and other amenities in place, as well as shade trees and other landscaping, the park is really starting to take shape.

I thank all those in our community who have had input into what will be a great space for our growing area.

It is among a number of parks across Division 3 which has or may benefit from Council investing in such family friendly park enhancements.

### 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.

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