



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Tracey Huges

Look after our posties

I was recently stopped by our local postie, who shared a couple of hair-raising stories of his "near misses" on our streets.

It was enough for him to ask for support from residents as we head into the busiest time of the year, when he is making your highly anticipated Christmas deliveries.

Your postie, who also is a local, asked me to pass on the need to take special care when driving out of your driveway and also ensure cars are parked legally and safely on the street and potential hazards removed.

So please give a thought to our postie as he makes his deliveries.



IndigiScapes to open bigger and better

Council's popular IndigiScapes Centre is undergoing an expansion which will add unique environmental education experiences.

Work at the Capalaba centre will also include major refurbishments to the Bush Tucker Café, additional native landscape gardens, a new environmental interpretation space, education spaces and conference facilities.

The plans, supported by a multi-million dollar investment by Council and \$900,000 from the State Government, include a future skywalk, an exciting concept which will make IndigiScapes a world-class eco-attraction.

The café and bush setting is already popular with locals, with the new interpretive centre and future skywalk increasing its attraction to tourists and those with environmental interests.

With a key phase of construction approaching, Council will need to temporarily close parts of the centre in the new year to allow the work to be completed safely and efficiently.

IndigiScapes will re-open fully to the public mid-2019 as among the region's best environmental attractions.

The IndigiScapes team will continue many of the environmental services delivered from the centre during the period.

You can keep up to date on progress at www.redland.qld.com.au



Illegal 'car yards' and signs in Council's sights

Car owners who park their vehicles on Council land advertising them for sale risk a \$261 fine.

The practice - which is becoming a particular issue near the Alexandra Hills Hotel on Finucane Road, on the nature strip opposite Horizon Shopping Centre at Wellington Point and the northern arterial easement at Ormiston - is prohibited for good reason.

This is considered necessary for public safety as well as for aesthetics. Drivers stopping to inspect the cars can also cause significant issues.

It is a similar story with illegally placed signs on fencing and telegraph poles.

There has been a spike in corflute signs being attached to telephone poles, in particular. In the first instance, Council will contact the company using the sign and advise that they will need to be removed. If there is no compliance with this action, Council will take steps to confiscate the sign and consider issuing fines where applicable.

With fines of \$652 for each sign, it can soon eat up any profits from that sale. Council compliance officers conduct regular patrols, while also responding to residents' complaints.

Transport strategy update

Council is keen to hear your views on the city's future transport needs.

With community engagement on the Draft Redlands Coast Transport Strategy now underway, we are keen for feedback through **yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au**.

One of the key things we want your input on is the prioritisation of projects.

This strategy will guide how and where Council spends your rates: on local road upgrades or cycle ways, or programs designed to change travel behaviour, for example.

It also will guide which state roads, state infrastructure and state services Council will advocate for upgrade, duplication, extension or improvement of, as well as their order of priority.

The draft strategy was guided by engineers, transport and urban planners, futurists and other experts - and we listened to what the community told us at transport forums, and through other community consultation activities.

But it is important that you tell us whether we have got it right, so I urge you to have your say.

There is a copy of the draft strategy on the website, as well as an interactive map where you can make comments about certain locations in our transport network. You also will find a survey and fact sheets.

Pop-up engagement sessions are also continuing for residents to get information on this strategy, which will affect everyone who visits, works, or lives in our great city.

Have your say

The community will have its say on whether dogs should be prohibited or restricted from Cleveland Markets.

Dogs have actually not been allowed at the markets since 1997 but, following recent complaints from residents wanting the local law enforced, Council erected signs to educate the public about the local law. No infringement notices have been issued. In order to respect those residents who have asked for the local law to be enforced, the ban on dogs at the markets will remain until the review is finalised. Go to **yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au** for details.

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:

Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre	9-11am	Sat 1 Dec
Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks	3-4.30pm	Fri 16 Nov
		Fri 7 Dec
Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre	9-11am	Sat 17 Nov

Community celebration

Mark down Sunday, 16 December for the Christmas Carols and Community Picnic at Redlands Church of Christ, 51 Allenby Rd, Alexandra Hills. This year will feature the Christmas story, told in chocolates. Come and have some fun, meet the neighbours and celebrate Christmas in a relaxed setting. There will be hamburgers and coffee from 5pm, with the event from 6pm.

The church also has a range of programs over summer, including "Easy English Conversation" (contact Kaye Brennan 0412 577 706).

Helping community

The Redland Community Centre's Christmas project, which helps others in our community "doing it tough", is always appreciative of assistance at this time of year. Thanks to the generosity of Redlanders, the centre assisted more than 380 families and almost 900 children last Christmas. The support that the centre provides is dependent on community donations, so if you would like to lend a hand, please email Allison at **gm@redlandcommunitycentre.org**. The centre provides food hampers which includes festive food and gifts for each child. Info: call into the centre at 29 Loraine Street, Capalaba, or email **info@redlandcommunitycentre.org**

Seasons greetings to all

I always enjoy writing my Christmas cards and envelopes to personally deliver to older residents in care, hardworking small-business owners and their staff and my fantastic residents.

This year's card has been painted by local Ormiston artist Grant Anderson, whose inspiration was the historical value of the Redlands Coast buildings that have delighted many generations of families during the Christmas break as they enjoy our wonderful outdoors.

I will be available to you throughout the holiday season, so don't hesitate to give me a call if needed.

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