



News from your **Local Councillor** Cr Paul Bishop

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Dear residents of our village

I truly hope this message finds you well as we approach summer months.

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and healthy festive season as we prepare for the storms and hotter days that may come our way. Please remember to visit stormwise.com.au. Also remember to provide plenty of water for beloved pets and plants during these warmer days.

Our community ripples with many volunteer groups and commercial

businesses that make this area a great place to call home. I extend my sincere thanks to all those who give their time to make our village a better place.

I really hope you will come to meet me and other local people in the coming weeks as we plan for the future together (see "Local Unity" below).

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any Council matters.

For local updates or interesting insights, check my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop or website at www.paulbishop.com.au

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LANDMARK: Birkdale School of Arts Hall is 103 years old this year. Come to share local ideas with me (see below).

Local Unity and common-sense making

Residents are invited to Birkdale School of Arts Hall to learn more about the process of Local Unity in our area. Local Unity is a citizen-led initiative inviting residents to discuss, share or contribute ideas and resources in the common interest.

Join me to contribute to our local conversation! All your ideas are welcome in these safe and friendly community discussions at Birkdale School of Arts Hall, 101 Birkdale Road, on:

Saturday 1 December

11am-12.30pm

1pm-2.30pm

3pm-4.30pm

Please RSVP your preferred session time to **paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au** or just drop in.

Common-sense suggestions and offers to contribute will be most welcome.

Info: paulbishop.com.au/localunity

Nature play in our parkland areas

Plans are progressing to provide natural play elements along Tarradarrapin Creek, which runs through Birkdale and Thorneside.

Look out for sculptural additions between Carinyan Drive and Fuchsia Close, and in the popular Mary Street Park near Victor Street, which will include extra elements for interactive play. The astonishing William Eickenloff Park Reserve will also have some raised grassy areas established to

encourage toddler play and simple appreciation of this unique local place which is surrounded by residents on every side.

The idea with these slight adjustments in different areas is to extend our awareness of the natural world and make it easier to interact with some of the many hectares of open areas that Council maintains which are not always recognised for their importance. Let me know what you think of our open space areas!



NATURAL: Pine cones in William Eickenloff Reserve.



CARING: St George's parishioners (seated) and the church council (standing) with Rev Scott Gunthorpe.

Community, by St George!

I was recently heartened to attend the launch of the Mission Action Plan 2022 by parishioners, the church council and Rev Scott Gunthorpe from Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay (www.apwb.net) at St George's Church.

This local network of kind-hearted citizens is growing and offering pastoral care to people in a variety of ways. While a growing number of citizens identify as agnostic or athiest in their beliefs, we all recognise the importance of having safe spaces and community gathering places for citizens of all kinds. The inclusive approach by this network is a great asset for our community and it aligns with other examples of best practice in our area. Congratulations to all involved.

Junior diabetes awareness walk

On Sunday 21 October, local citizens raised more than \$10,000 at the Redlands JDRF OneWalk. Volunteers, sponsors and elected representatives from all levels

of government raised funds and awareness about junior diabetes, while connecting families and community with support agencies and medical professionals.



Dunny in Mary Street

Thanks go to Council officers for freshening up the toilet in Mary Street. The area is an important community hub for families. School, day care, Scouts and Bushcare groups all use this amenity block, as well as local picnickers and park users. Please report any graffiti to Council.