



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gleeson

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, 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 the 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.

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.

With Capalaba the gateway to Redlands Coast, I encourage you to write a formal submission to Council if you would like to contribute to our planning for the city's future transport and traffic needs.

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, as well as new environmental interpretation and education spaces.

The plans 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.

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

By the time you read this, Coolnwynpin Creek Corridor Park at Capalaba should have new playground equipment, weather willing.



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. The project's goal is to help struggling families celebrate the special day in a special way and last year, thanks to the generosity of Redlanders, assisted more than 380 families and almost 900 children.

The level of support that the Capalaba centre provides is dependent solely 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. Each child receives gifts which match their interests or hobbies. For information, call into the centre at 29 Loraine Street, Capalaba, or email info@redlandcommunitycentre.org.

Illegal 'car yards' and signs in sights

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

The practice is prohibited for good reason. It 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 those using the sign and advise that they will need to be removed.

If there is no compliance, Council will take steps to confiscate the sign and consider issuing fines of \$652 for each sign.



REDLANDS COAST... BE BUSHFIRE & STORM SAFE



Time to 'Get Ready' for summer

Summer regularly brings significant weather events and bushfires to Redlands Coast, showing that we are not immune from potential natural disasters.

With the Bureau of Meteorology expecting hot conditions this year, and with severe storms and an ever-present fire risk over the next several months, all residents should take time to make their homes ready.

You may not live in a bushfire or flood-prone area but that doesn't mean there is no chance of a disaster which might force you to quickly evacuate your home.

To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at disaster.redland.qld.gov.au.

The Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through Council's website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM radio.

Council's news and social media feeds are well worth following to stay up to date with the latest information. I trust you will find the information here useful.

Ten things you must include

Your emergency kit should contain:

- a portable radio with spare batteries
- a torch with spare batteries
- a first-aid kit
- candles and waterproof matches
- a waterproof bag for valuables
- important documents including emergency contact numbers

If evacuation is likely or required:

- a good supply of any prescribed medications
- any special requirements for babies, the disabled, infirm or elderly
- strong shoes and protective clothing
- food and drinking water



We are approaching bushfire and storm season, so it is important to plan for both.

- Prepare a family emergency plan
- Prepare your home to minimise damage

Redland City Council's disaster management plan provides information on how to prepare for and recover from a disaster.

The plan can be downloaded from disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

Assembling an evacuation kit

It is worth putting together an emergency evacuation kit containing the items that you will need should you be forced to relocate. Here is a list of essential items that you can personalise to suit your own requirements.

Medical: Prescriptions, medicines, Medicare number, contact details of your local doctor, puffers, spare glasses, a clear account of any special medical needs that you may have.

Documents: Passport, driving licence (copy), Medicare card (copy), bank account details, credit card numbers, birth certificate, copy of your will, list of critical telephone numbers.

Insurance: Policy documents including vehicle and or boat policies.

Clothing: Sufficient for five to 10 days (include comfortable shoes). Remember personal items such as a toothbrush, comb and toiletries.

Irreplaceable items: Photographs (scan irreplaceable memories onto a memory stick), jewellery (heirlooms such as grandma's wedding ring).

Other things to consider: A few good books, transistor radio and batteries and diaries.

There are other things that you might consider important enough to include in your kit, but the main thing is to be prepared.

We all hope that we will never need to grab the kit and run, but if the day ever does arrive, you will be so relieved that you have everything ready to go.

Here's a tip! Keep your kit somewhere accessible but secure - you do not want it falling into the wrong hands.

The Redlands Disaster Plan website contains suburb-specific emergency information and advice for Division 9 residents, so check it out at redlandsdisasterplan.com.au

We're all in this together disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

Council's holiday closures

Phone services: Closed from 5pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 8am Tuesday 2 January.

Cleveland and Capalaba Customer Service Counters: Closed from 4.30pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 8.30am Tuesday 2 January.

Victoria Point Customer Service Counter: Closed from 5pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 9am Tuesday 2 January.

For urgent assistance over the closure, please call 3829 8999.

Christmas Wishes

This will be the my last newsletter before Christmas so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Christmas.



To keep in touch throughout the festive season, please 'Like' my Facebook page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9 -Redlands)'.

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