



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Lance Hewlett Deputy Mayor

Dear resident,

As Deputy Mayor I have been honoured to take on greater responsibility in steering the future of our city.

I look forward to supporting Mayor Karen Williams and Councillors in delivering important outcomes for the Redlands at a higher level.

I was humbled that my fellow Councillors saw fit to entrust me with the position of Deputy Mayor and I will work above and beyond to meet their and your expectations.

I believe strong and united leadership is in the best interests of our city and during my 12-month tenure I am intent on building and strengthening the leadership partnership developed by Cr Williams and former deputy Cr Wendy Boglary.

As part of my professional development in the role, I recently attended a council meeting at Sunshine Coast Regional Council at Nambour to gain an insight into their meeting procedures and the issues they manage within their local government area. As members of the Local Government Association of Queensland, I believe it is important that we maintain good relationships with other councils in our region.

My appointment, however, does not diminish my capacity to listen to and deal with your concerns and needs.



*LEARNING: With Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson during a recent professional development visit to study his council's handling of community issues.*

I continue to be as accessible to the community as possible and will keep you updated on what's happening in the local area via:

- My fortnightly Council information booths at local shopping centres;
- My regular Council newsletter;
- Regular updates on my Facebook page.

I am also happy to meet with you to discuss any issue, by appointment, in your home or at my office. Call 3829 8603 to organise a meeting.

**Cr Lance Hewlett** Division 4

Please connect with me on Facebook to stay posted on all local issues.

## A safer community

Community safety is becoming a growing concern locally and in response I, along with Member for Redlands Kim Richards, local police and Council officers will be conducting a Community Safety Forum at Victoria Point at a date and venue to be advised. I hope to provide locals with important data, statistics and information on how, as a community, we can all be part of the solution. Please keep in touch with me via Facebook, or email or phone for further information.

## Honour for a great local

Prominent local Dan Holzapfel has been honoured for his commitment and altruism, with Victoria Point's Sandy Drive Creek Corridor to be renamed after him. This year's Redlands Citizen of the Year, he spent most of his working life farming the Redlands with his late sister Una. A dedicated Rotarian, he is by any measure a great humanitarian and most worthy of the accolade. Thanks to Raymond McAllister for proposing the renaming of the ecological corridor, which is next to Dan's current home.



## Runway project a life-changer

I was thrilled to recently launch the Redlands Runway Project 2018, which supports disadvantaged students to attend their high school formal.

The project will make a positive difference within our community and I commend the Redland Community Centre for an initiative that will be life-changing for some of our youth.

Many of us take for granted that graduation ceremonies or formal events are a given for all high school students to attend. But it is an unfortunate truth that not everyone has the means, creating anxiety around whether it will be attainable.

Formal events are more than a tradition, they are a way for students to acknowledge any academic, personal or social struggles they may have had, and overcome.

All of us have an opportunity to play a significant part in creating those memories. You can donate clothes (gowns, suits, shoes, bags, etc) to Redlands Reform Church Hall,



HELPING HAND: Myself with Member for Redlands Kim Richards and Member for Capalaba Don Brown, along with Rebecca Patterson and Alison Wicks of Redlands Community Centre at the Runway Project launch.

Delancey Street, Ormiston, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm or donate services such as hair and beauty treatments or transport, as well as items for raffles and charity auctions.

The organisation is also looking for volunteers.

## Subdivision update

Council has started preparing the structure plan for the area of land which includes the site of a development application between Bunker Road and Double Jump Road, Victoria Point.

The plan was ordered by Council after it deferred the application for the new subdivision off Clay Gully Road and Brendan Way.

It will provide an opportunity to guide future growth in this area, including identifying the state

infrastructure that we need to accommodate this growth.

Public consultation will be undertaken as part of this process.

It is currently proposed to complete the structure plan and any associated amendments to the Redland City Plan over the next 12 months.

Council is working to ensure the best possible outcomes for the transport network. This includes resolving the current intersection configuration at Anita Street.

The transport network will be a critical element to the successful delivery of the Victoria Point Structure Plan.

We are also continuing to liaise with Member for Redlands Kim Richards and the Transport and Main Roads Department on other road upgrades, as well as improving the accessibility and frequency of public transport.

Many of the roads in and out of the planning area are state roads.

## Local projects improving our area

I am pleased to report that there have been significant local projects started and delivered by Council recently, including the Poinciana Avenue Park upgrade; Thompson's Beach restoration and groyne construction; Bayview Conservation Area; Lirioppe Place dog off-leash dog area; Coochiemudlo playground equipment installation; and multiple shelter and seating upgrades. We have also seen progress on the Thornlands Regional Park and Coochiemudlo's new barge and recreational boat ramp projects.

This financial year, Council projects will include: a new playground installation at Cascade Gardens, Colburn Avenue, along with landscaping and beautification works around the fountain/water feature with gazebo upgrades; upgrades and new revetment wall at Masters Avenue, Victoria Point Reserve, including footpath widening; construction of a new barge ramp at Victoria Point Reserve, which will include resurfacing of the adjacent carpark; revetment works on Wilson's Esplanade; Coochiemudlo community shed; Coochiemudlo's Main Beach public toilet upgrade;



PLAYTIME: Inspecting the new playground at Poinciana Avenue Park.

and Coochiemudlo War Memorial and pathway upgrade.

Council is continuing its accelerated road resurfacing program. Of note, both School Road and Bunker Road will be resurfaced this financial year.