



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Bishop

Dear residents,

Democracy is everybody's business. I welcome your participation and involvement.

In this newsletter, I want to provide a few updates and invite you to participate in creating better futures using Asset Based Community Development. ABCD is an established process of local people defining "what is strong" in our community, rather than experts telling us what is wrong.

Over the next year and beyond, I am proposing a citizen-led "Local Unity ABCD Project" within our Birkdale/Thorneside area that will need support from local people.

The aim is to help us become more clear as a community of neighbourhoods about the local issues, values and vision that will help us co-design our future together. If you are interested in participating or learning more

about how the process can be used to help shape the way we build community together, I would like to invite you to a free information session (and night of entertainment) at the **Birkdale School of Arts Hall from 6pm-9pm on Friday, 31 August**. You can book through www.eventbrite.com under "Local Unity ABCD Birkdalethorneside". You will find more at www.abcdelarningsites.com.au.

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For local updates, please consider:

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Baden Powell Guild AGM

Redlands Baden Powell Guild is inspired by many passionate women of the village who are committed to values that help young leaders create better futures for themselves and others. Their annual meeting in July was held at the Birkdale Scout Den, with locals Barbara Geary, Joyce McGahey, Margaret Finegan and Merrill Ovenden celebrating more than 150 years of collective Guiding and Scouting service. Much respect to these wise souls who care deeply about good guidance and leadership for coming generations.

Nature Play coming soon

Thanks to the Councillor Infrastructure Fund, there will be some subtle new adjustments to areas of open space across Division 10 in the coming year. This is a partnership I have brokered with Nature Play Queensland, Council and IndigiScapes. I will keep you posted and look forward to active participation in some of our area's incredible outdoor places and spaces.

Playgrounds delivered

The stunning Aquatic Paradise West playground on Commodore Drive, the Byng Road playground and Pistachio Court play area are now all complete and ready for local youth and families to celebrate the coming of spring. Please be respectful of surrounding neighbours as you use park areas.



Aquatic Paradise West's new playground.



The upgrades to Byng Road Park.



The new Pistachio Court play area.



On track

Koala detection dogs from the University of Sunshine Coast visited the Birkdale Commonwealth land to observe active koalas recently. It was great to see the dogs in action and observe the incredible flora and fauna on the site that has been off limits to the public since World War II. Video link here: www.vimeo.com/276153746

Hanalie development

Residents around Makaha Drive may be aware of a change to the last farm in the area, for which 31 housing lots are proposed. While many of us will be sad to see the Osberger Farm transformed, the developers are planning to deliver an outcome in accordance with the Redland Planning Scheme and local residents' expectations. In July, I arranged a meeting with the developers and residents to discuss potential impacts, thanks to keen interest from some engaged citizens. I have also met with members of the pioneer farming family to discuss ways to keep memories alive. Thanks to all involved in the process.



Youth films on environment

It was great to be MC (since 2012) at the Cicada Awards and to present alongside last year's winner Laura Eban of Redlands College and Ocean Crusaders founder Ian Thomson. Students from local schools, including Birkdale South State School, were among the winners.

Olde English Fair

Every year, the Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay hosts the Olde English Fair in the grounds of St George's Church in Thorneside. Many members of the community join with people from across South-east Queensland in a family fun-filled series of cultural exchanges and community activities. I am pictured with Reverend Scott Gunthorpe and Gisella Gunthorpe.



Yoga by the Bay

Redlands Healthy and Active Program is a great initiative involving local residents, exercise leaders, Council and State Government. It is great to see our parks being used for healthy, active purposes. Video on www.Facebook.com/CrPaulBishop



Photo: Jon Norling



Wellington Point State High turns 30

To celebrate its 30th anniversary event, Wellington Point State High School will be holding an '80s themed dinner and dance on Saturday, 20 October 2018. Included in the celebration will be a fashion parade, with school tours in the afternoon. This is sure to

be an amazing event and one not to be missed. Check the school's Facebook page for details.

If you are a past Wello student with a story or two to share, please submit them with photographs to tbeal6@eq.edu.au, by Friday, 31 August.