



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

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## Dear resident,

I wish you all well as we enter that hastening time of year that involves school exams, holiday break-ups and preparation for Christmas and storm season.

Please remember to be gentle and kind with family, friends and self as we prepare our homes to be storm safe. For more info: [www.RedlandDisasterPlan.com.au](http://www.RedlandDisasterPlan.com.au)

I'd also like to thank all those residents who collect litter, mow verges and volunteer on groups to make our city a better place. Thank you all.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance at any time via Council or [www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop](https://www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop)

**Cr Paul Bishop Division 10**



## Koalas, wildlife and pests

Locals have reported recent sightings of koalas in Mary Street, Birkdale State School and Quarry Road Park in the past weeks.

This is a busy nesting, breeding and teaching time for wildlife, so please be on the look out. Also, please remember that while Council does spray for mosquitoes it is not permitted to spray for biting midges for several reasons. Check Council's website under "Mosquitoes" to prepare your home or "Redlands Midges" on Facebook for more information.



*SIGHTS: This koala enchanted locals when it took up residence on corner of Birkdale Road and Mary Street.*

*IN STEP: Rain did not deter people turning out for the Junior Diabetes Walk.*



## Junior Diabetes Walk turns five

On the wettest day in many months, local volunteers, organisers, sponsors, civic leaders and Council employees joined residents and families impacted by Type 2 diabetes in Beth Boyd Park to help raise awareness, education and funds for research into this affliction. Thanks to all involved in this event. If you want to know more, visit: <http://walk.jdrf.org.au/qld/redlands/>

## Wild encounters

To report sick or injured wildlife, call Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031.







## Aquatic Paradise West renewal

The beautiful park at the end of Commodore Drive will get a playground upgrade and new picnic benches, above, for families to enjoy the vista in

the coming months. The Moreton Bay figs in the area are coming of age and the place is a popular spot for visitors and residents alike.

## Thorneside foreshore

After five years of calling for funding to proceed with the Queens Esplanade foreshore management plan, emergency works were conducted to manage erosion as a temporary solution.

I can assure residents that what you see is not the final solution. I have seen plans from engineers and requested that issues raised in community consultation be incorporated into the management plan for the area to ensure amenity, environment and practical considerations are addressed.

Once I have the updated plans I will share them with you via a newsletter.

## Alma safe as houses

After several years of uncertainty over the original application for 12 units on the 3020m<sup>2</sup> Alma Street site and many submissions by residents, an application was approved for eight units in 2016.

However local developers have responded to market and community concerns by choosing to proceed with five house lots on this sloping side site. Thank you to Councillors, officers, locals, submitters, owners, organisers and local developers for your involvement. It has resulted in a sensitive response to land-use planning in this prestigious area and is a welcome development.



## Mooroodu sportsgrounds

Over several decades, the many fabulous members of our Mooroodu Sport and Recreation Club and relevant committees (football, netball and cricket) have all worked with volunteers and community groups to manage and develop the grounds.

In rainy periods, the overland flow creates some challenges, so I have asked officers to consider mapping and managing a process to ensure long-term planning can be integrated with strategic objectives.

