



News from your Local Councillor Cr Lance Hewlett

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Dear resident of Coochie

It's hard to believe that another year is drawing to a close, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a very joyous, blessed Christmas season and a safe and prosperous New Year.

It is the time of year we reconnect to enjoy time with family and friends and to take a well-earned break from our very busy lifestyles.

As always, it has been a privilege for my wife, Sheena, and I to be involved with many of our local community groups, and I would like to personally thank them all for their invaluable contribution to our great city.

At this time of year, I especially enjoy attending the many graduation and award ceremonies at our wonderful local schools and wish those students transitioning

to further studies, jobs and careers the very best as they embrace an exciting new chapter in their lives.

As members of RedVic Lions, Sheena and I will again be on roster, enjoying wrapping presents at Victoria Point Shopping Centre at various times throughout December.

A gold coin donation for this service is appreciated and always goes to a very worthy cause.

In 2018, I intend to 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.

Please enjoy the coming season and stay safe.

Cr Lance Hewlett Division 4

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



Great stories promote the Redlands



It was my pleasure recently to attend the "Our Redlands Story" competition prize presentations at Council's IndigiScapes Centre at Capalaba.

Redland residents were asked to submit entries - in writing, song, video, artwork or any creative style - which told a story of living or growing up in the Redlands, whether it was a favourite memory, a special place or just depicting what they loved about the Redlands.

I am proud to say that of the 12 award recipients, five were residents of Division 4. Prizes of new iPads and GO Pro Runners were gratefully received.



TOP EFFORT: With Our Redlands story winners, from left, Hazel Porteous, Amy Damant and Jennifer Parker.

Island barge ramp update

The procurement documents are currently being prepared for the Coochiemudlo Island barge ramp project.

With the cost of upgrading the island's barge ramp and berthing piles to top \$1 million, tenders are being called for the work.

It is hoped that the evaluation will be completed in time for construction to begin next year.

The project includes provision of a temporary barge landing area to operate during construction to ensure continuity of barge services to the island.

I will keep you up to date as the project proceeds.



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Get in the spirit

An awesome community Christmas celebration is planned for this year. The first major event will be the lighting of the city's Christmas tree in Cleveland's Library Square, on the corner of Bloomfield and Middle streets, from 5pm-7.30pm on Friday, 1 December.

You are all welcome to come along to celebrate, with a heap of free Christmas fun and entertainment. The event will include the Twilight Makers Market, "Christmas on Bloomfield", from 4pm.

Christmas by Starlight, the Redlands' biggest free community event, returns to Norm Price Park - Redlands Showgrounds in the heart of the city on Saturday 16 December from 3pm-8pm.



SUPPORT: Presenting the cheque to Victoria Point Senior Citizens.

A helping hand

I was pleased to be able to assist a diverse range of local community groups through small grants recently.

All up, about \$9000 has been distributed to worthy organisations including:

Redland Organic Growers \$300, Victoria Point High School P&C Association \$370, Victoria Point Senior Citizens Club \$1290, Victoria Point Magic Football Club \$1000, Redlands Netball Association \$1000, Bayside Masters AFC for the 48-hour Relay \$2500, Victoria Point Volunteer Marine Rescue \$2500 and Coochiemudlo Surf Life Savers \$3000.

Funding was also provided to Uniting Church Redland Bay, with Victoria Point Scouts also to benefit.

These organisations and their members provide valuable service to local residents and are worthy recipients.



GREAT DAY: With colleague Cr Tracey Hughes at the very successful PawTober event in aid of Council's animal shelter.

Paws event a barking success

Redland Animal Shelter's first PawTober Fest recently was a barking success, with a steady stream of animal lovers, pet owners and furry friends braving the weather to attend.

Popular was the pet advice from vets and trainers, including Beacon Dog Training, as well as the range of pet accessory and animal treat stalls serving up doggie cup-cakes and ice-cream for the four-legged patrons. For the rest, there was glitter face painting, arts and crafts, live music and food vans to enjoy.

Animal adoptions, discounted pet micro-chipping and the shelter's new retail space were also popular.

Santa-themed Paws pet photos were taken by local pet photographer Amanda Whelan of Paw Prints Pet Photography, who donated half of the proceeds to the shelter. Amanda also photographed the 2018 Redland Animal Shelter calendar, which went on sale at the event. The new calendar features some of the shelter's recent cat and dog adoption success stories, and all profits go directly to supporting the shelter's animal adoption program. You can buy the calendar at the shelter, Council Customer Service Centres and mainland Redland libraries. Buy one for \$12 or two for \$20.