



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Julie Talty

Smiles aplenty as Mt Cotton's new skate park proves a hit

It was a great pleasure to officially open the new \$600,000 Mt Cotton Skate Park with Mayor Karen Williams last month.

Our community came together for a day of celebrations, with the event attended by more than 500 Redlanders young and old.

The new skate park is a fabulous facility for locals and is expected to attract skateboarders from around the city and further afield. The excitement on the day and the opening crowd shows the support of the community for the vital role these facilities play.

The Mt Cotton skate park has been built to high standards and, importantly, was designed in consultation with the community. Through a series of extensive community consultation sessions, we were able to ensure the best possible design and construction so this will be a well-used facility where people can enjoy physical activities that are appropriate to all ages and skill levels.

The park overall and the skate park in particular have been very popular, with record numbers of people enjoying the early spring



Mt Cotton's new skate park received an emphatic endorsement from local skateboarders who attended the the official opening.

weather since the opening. The skating on display during the opening event showed incredible skill and athleticism and I am certain some of these talented young skaters will go on to great professional and amateur success.

Council will continue to manage and monitor the park and surrounding facilities so that it remains part of a great family facility, suitable for all ages.

The official opening included a ribbon cutting, giant cake donated

by the local IGA for the community to share, skate lessons for learners and prizes and give-aways donated by local businesses IGA and Blackrock Surf and Skate Shop. There also was a free barbecue by RedFrogs, information and feedback sessions and a demonstration by top Australian amateur skateboarders Dennis Durrant, Andrew "Beacho" Beauchamp, Mitch Morrison, Joel Mcilroy and Pat Dandy.

Plans are now underway for a new skate facility at the corner of School of Arts and Donald roads, Redland Bay. This project is in the tender phase.



It was great to see so many young smiling faces during the demonstrations and entertainment at the Mt Cotton skate park opening.



Cutting the cake with Mayor Karen Williams.



Top amateur skateboarder and Redlander Joel Mcilroy gives the park the thumbs up.



Eprapah Parkway upgrades on the way

Residents east of Bunker Road in Victoria Point will soon receive a letter from me updating them about plans for the construction of a new dog off-leash area and basketball half court within the parkland adjoining Liriopie Place (refer to map above).

These additions will answer some of the requests from local residents about what they would like to see in Eprapah Parkway.

I have been able to support these upgrades through my Division 6 Community Infrastructure Funding.

The area proposed for dogs to run off-leash is already used

to exercise dogs and will allow owners to do so without risk of their pets running off into the creek area or onto the road.

The proposed design includes separate areas for small and large breeds, fencing, signage, water and dog bowl, bin and bag dispensing, shelters and seating.

The basketball half court has been requested by our local children and teens and is within walking distance of many homes. It will be accessible as part of the Eprapah Parkway.

The works are programmed to start this financial year, weather permitting.

Fire management

I urge you to go to Council's website and read the independent report provided by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services into management of fire risks in the Redlands.

Although this report focusses on the islands, it includes some sobering reading for residents in Redland Bay, Mt Cotton and Sheldon. Page 75 provides a summary.

The report makes 56 recommendations, with Council already working to implement 26 of these actions. We also need a clear, easy-to understand way for residents to understand their rights and responsibilities in regard to planning and vegetation management. Council will consider these matters in coming months. Please contact Council with your views and concerns.

Helping community

I was pleased to help Redland Bay Senior Citizens to buy a new bingo machine through a Councillor's Small Grant. The cheque was presented at the Redland Bay Senior Citizens annual meeting in July.



Charlie Buckler Memorial Sportsground at Redland Bay has new LED lighting thanks to Council and the Southern Bay Cyclones Rugby Union Club. I was pleased to join with Mayor Karen Williams, colleagues Lance Hewlett and Mark Edwards and sports club representatives at the opening.

Transformation

Work is continuing off Boundary Road, opposite Charlie Buckler Memorial Sportsground at Redland Bay, to transform what was a boggy area into a park and conservation corridor. This will become a public space, with the possibility of future sports areas. The design provides for a linked community parkland with full public access on both sides. The project will also improve stormwater issues in the area.

Keep in touch

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