



News from your Local Councillor

Division 1
Wellington Point/Ormiston

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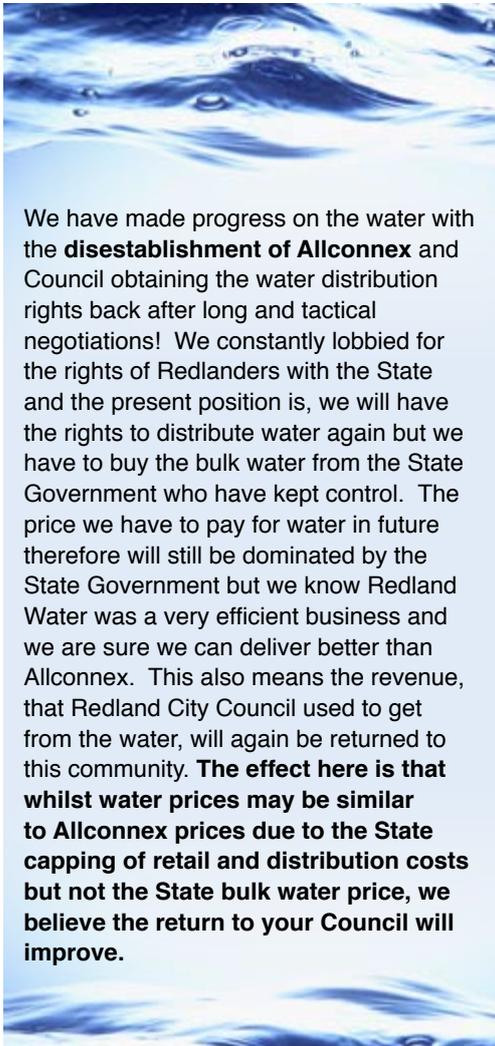
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Hello to all Division 1 residents,

We have come to the end of another year but what an exciting way to finish with huge savings of \$\$\$\$ and projects completed. So much has happened, like most of you, I'm sure I don't know where the year went.



We have made progress on the water with the **disestablishment of Allconnex** and Council obtaining the water distribution rights back after long and tactical negotiations! We constantly lobbied for the rights of Redlanders with the State and the present position is, we will have the rights to distribute water again but we have to buy the bulk water from the State Government who have kept control. The price we have to pay for water in future therefore will still be dominated by the State Government but we know Redland Water was a very efficient business and we are sure we can deliver better than Allconnex. This also means the revenue, that Redland City Council used to get from the water, will again be returned to this community. **The effect here is that whilst water prices may be similar to Allconnex prices due to the State capping of retail and distribution costs but not the State bulk water price, we believe the return to your Council will improve.**

Another massive win for Redlands is the change, since the 30 September 2011, in the set up of Birkdale Transfer Station. In 2008 it had been estimated for years that the dump was to reach capacity in 2011. Planning had commenced in 2004 with an extensive site selection process across the whole city which failed to identify any new ideal sites. Eventually the process was shortlisted to two sites under Council's control. Each site we found unacceptable due to impacts on residents and we were very concerned about the financial cost to the community to construct a new facility. We asked officers to investigate alternatives and after discussions the deal was completed with Brisbane City Council to be able to have our rubbish transferred to their Chandler and Rochedale facilities. There should have been dancing in the streets as **this new system still allows northern residents to have the use of the Birkdale Transfer Station area but importantly, SAVED the community, through cost avoidance, approximately \$50million** which would have been needed to build any new facility down here in the City!!! I can hear the tapping of Ginger Rogers' shoes while the trucks drive off to Chandler and Rochedale with our rubbish. This also means residents who live in the area may notice a reduction in the smell and other impacts

associated with living in this area. Also, as promised back in 2009, the gate fees have been reduced now we know we have this better financial alternative.

YOU also asked for a **Green Bin** and that service has commenced. I am finding this new bin very handy.

Another project I have been working on is the traffic concern at Wellington Point Shopping Village - Main Road and I am pleased to say an internal report should be completed within six weeks.

Two fantastic wins - cost avoidance of at least \$50m and getting the water distribution rights back at no cost!!! **Both financial benefits will enhance our overall financial position, which Queensland Treasury have stated has improved since their last review in 2006.** Another bit of news that I was excited about...an improved financial position. It is encouraging to get positive feedback when changes to policies and financial strategies are made.

The recent decisions by the State Government for the closing of sand mining plus the historic Native Title determination has impacted on **Stradbroke Island**. Council's role now is to assist the local residents to move forward by actively being involved with economic transition planning.

Awards:

- Redland City Council this year won 3 awards in the **Sustainable Cities Awards 2011**
 - ♦ Litter Prevention
 - ♦ Environmental Innovation and Design; and
 - ♦ Water conservation.
- A **Healthy Waterways Award 2011** for our Waterway Extension Program
- The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects awarded the Cleveland Centre Masterplan with a **Landscape Architecture Award for Excellence**; and
- **National Fleet Safety Award** for improvements to work related road safety and procedures.

Congratulations as these are also your awards due to the partnership between Council and the community.

Projects

Projects I want and am presently working on although not all approved yet:-

- markets Wellington Point Village
- banners for the street poles Main Road Wellington Point
- playground in the Village Green
- stairway linkage to Geoff Skinner Wetlands from village
- installation of CCTV camera, Wellington Point
- shared parking Mon - Fri, Wellington Point Reserve
- EGW Woods Masterplan, Wellington Point
- Raby Esplanade Masterplan, Ormiston
- mural on QR bridge on Gordon Street, Ormiston
- upgrade of round-about Shore and Wellington Streets, Ormiston by the Department of Transport and Main Roads
- wi-fi in libraries
- more youth activities – BMX track, skate park, car night outs.

Many hours have been spent on examining and discussing the many issues surrounding the **Southern Moreton Bay Islands** including the Social Impact, Economic and Transport Studies which have all been completed and involved numerous community consultations. Parking is just one of the issues we have addressed with works commencing to improve the quality of life of these Redlands' residents after years of the issues being put in the too hard basket.

This year I again joined the Executive for **Redlands Chamber of Commerce** to assist local businesses in this harsh economic environment due to global influences. I encourage all businesses to join the Chamber but also to use Council's free service – Business Grow. Please phone Melanie 1800 282 208 for a free visit to discuss and gain valuable advice on all business aspects. I am pleased to report that Redlands has an unemployment rate of 4.5% (the national average varies between 5.2% and 5.5%) and also had 1267 potential new business number (ABN) registrations recorded in the Redlands last financial year. We must all support our local businesses if we want them to stay open and create employment for locals. Congratulations to all the businesses who were recognised at the recent Business Awards in October - another great night where we recognise local achievements.



New Wellington Point Village Business 'Cold Rock'

It is time to start planning again for projects in Division 1 and I will be holding a community consultation early in the New Year.

The car-park sealing at EGW Woods and pathway behind Wellington Point State School should be under way by the time you read this.

This means that ALL projects asked for by the community in 2008 have now been delivered!

The long awaited road works in Kefford Street are looking great.



The consultation period for the trial dog off-leash area (DOLA) at Ormiston has now concluded with all received submissions being considered. I am looking forward to seeing the results of this project.

The much awaited **speed hump** at the entry/exit behind the shops onto Birkdale Road should be underway by now. This was such a safety issue for me. I hope this slows everyone down!

There are numerous subdivisions happening. I always endeavour to letter box drop to keep neighbours informed but you can look up any block and see what is happening by using PD On-line on Council's website.

For your diary

- Christmas Carols Friday 2 December.
- Wellington Point Traders Street Fair Sunday 4 December

Both are held in the Wellington Point Shopping Village Main Road, Wellington Point.

I will not be holding the usual fortnightly Community Chats in January but they will commence again in February.

I strive to empower my community with factual updates, please follow my days and work on my web site. www.wendyboglary.com or facebook.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and relaxing holiday period with your family and friends and look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

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