



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Bishop

Hello everybody

Thanks for taking time to read this newsletter, which gives a brief snapshot of the hundreds of things happening in our community, much of which is supported by volunteers, local businesses, individuals, officers and workers in our diverse community.

I am constantly humbled and inspired by the work of people from Neighbourhood Watch, Scouts, sporting clubs, local associations, committees, individuals and couples such as Ian and Judy Wintle, who recently won an Australia Day Award for their charity work associated with their Birkdale "Giving Garden".

Later this year, I would like to ask key members of the community to come together to consider what our various groups and networks are doing well and what we can do better, as we work together toward a more connected and cohesive future for families and residents in our neighbourhoods.

As always, if you have practical plans or suggestions for improvements in our area, and if you would like to be involved in "local community actions" that can help turn ideas into reality, please do not hesitate to make contact.

I hope you enjoy reading these updates and encourage you to make the most of loving living local in Division 10.

Kind regards,

Cr Paul Bishop
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History is in our hands

Fencing has now been installed around the historic 150-year-old Willard Farm Homestead and associated structures, as recommended by an expert Heritage Management Plan for the property. This will minimise the risk of further vandalism.

In coming newsletters, I will share some relevant updates about the amazing historic relevance of this homestead and the associated land that was once part of an extensive pastoral estate founded by James and Margaret Willard in 1863.

Now that Council owns the homestead, it will be important to piece together the relevant facts of significance and interest, so we can all learn about the past and better understand how our area was developed from pioneering days up to the present. Thanks to Councillors, community and officers for support in preserving this important site.



LOCAL HISTORY: Willard Farm Homestead was once part of an extensive pastoral estate so it is fitting that it is preserved for future generations.

Connecting pathways

Over the past few months, strategic links have been connected in our footpath network.

The section along Mooroondu Road, connecting the sport and recreation hub with the bustling cafe, juice bar and Thorneside's Beth Boyd Park, has been completed, with some trees yet to be put in place.

Previously, this ground was not easy for pedestrians or those with mobility scooters or prams to navigate, so the change has

made the area safer and will encourage more activity in our popular seaside area.

Recently, other pathway sections have been completed in Mary Street, Keppell Street and Haig Road, Birkdale.

If you would like to request other important links to be considered by Council, please do not hesitate to contact me (details below) and I will ask for it be investigated.



COMMUNITY: With Deputy Mayor Wendy Boglary and student leaders from Wellington Point State High School.

Students back into swing

Families love living in Redland City and it has been a great honour to attend so many events at local schools, supporting school leaders.

Please remember to be safe around school zones in the mornings, whether pedestrians or motorists, and to be on the lookout for children as they enjoy recreation in our parks and use our pathways.

Best wishes to students and families for your studies. I hope you enjoy the year as the winter sporting seasons commence in parks across the city.

Thorneside foreshore erosion update

Thanks to the many residents who participated in consultation regarding the Queens Esplanade, Thorneside, erosion issues that I have been campaigning for years to progress.

I am pleased to say that budget has been allocated for design of these works in the coming year and that delivery is scheduled for the next financial year, as these works require permits from state departments.

In the meantime, there may need to be some intervention to protect infrastructure in the area, which I have highlighted with officers.



Mobile library at Beth Boyd Park

Recently, our library staff conducted a very successful event at Beth Boyd Park with nearly 50 people coming along for story reading, games and activities as part of the First Five Forever program.

I have been wondering whether residents would like the location of our weekly Mobile Library visit on Thursdays from 1.30-4pm.

Would you like the mobile library to move to Beth Boyd Park? Please tell me what you think at Paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au

Join the 'Walking School Bus'

A safe and healthy community initiative is something we can all support, especially as we live in a very pedestrian-friendly area.

The "Walking School Bus" concept was pioneered a few years ago by Brisbane's David Engwicht to help encourage active transport and safety for school students, while reducing the number of cars and congestion around schools during peak times.

Discussions between Council officers and local school principals have begun, with the aim to enlist support from parents who want to engage in more healthy, active and meaningful exercise that supports local community safety, as they help "drive" the Walking School Bus each morning and afternoon, picking up and dropping off local passengers along the way.

For more info, contact me or go to www.walkingschoolbus.org.

Local park make-overs

Agnes Street Park

Work is underway renewing facilities in Agnes Street, Birkdale, with the primary play section being replaced with new equipment. This area is an important local gathering place for families with young ones. We hope you like the changes that will be made in the near future.

Aquatic Paradise Park West

Some of the popular equipment in the foreshore park area at the end of Commodore Drive is due for renewal this year. There are also plans to add extra seating, recreation spaces and picnic places in this area next financial year.



FUN: Some of our great local parks are getting new equipment to make them even more attractive for events such as First Five Forever.