



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Bishop



### Dear resident of Division 10

Division 10 is a tremendous place for families to call home. We have access to great schools, shops, sport, transport and restaurants, as well as recreation options all around.

As we approach the summer festive season, I'd like to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable time. Please remember to plan for storm season (you will find plenty of information at [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au)), look out for your neighbours and take advantage of the many activities,

places and events across Redland City to enjoy with your family, starting with Christmas by Starlight.

Our city's largest free community event will be held on Sunday, 18 December at Mt Cotton's Sirromet Winery.

It will again feature exceptional local talent as well as some of Australia's finest performers. The all-age family-friendly event will begin at 3pm with free children's activities, followed by carols and, at about 8pm, fireworks.

Watch [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for updates and transport arrangements.

I wish you all the best for the New Year and encourage you to make contact if I can be of any assistance in relation to council or community.

**Cr Paul Bishop**  
Division 10

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### Update on Rickertt Road

As principal petitioner calling for the State Government to assume responsibility for Rickertt Road, I recently received a letter from Transport and Mains Road Minister Mark Bailey suggesting that the road will remain under control of Brisbane and Redland councils.

While councils may apply for government funding for upgrades to ensure safe passage for cyclists, motorists and freight, he said only major priorities would receive allocation. While it is good to see that Brisbane City Council has resurfaced much of Rickertt Road, I will continue to campaign for upgrades as a member of the Cross Boundary Connectivity Committee, which aligns all levels of government. Thanks to those who supported the petition.



*CONSULTATION: Meeting with residents on local environmental issues.*

### Enhancing our foreshore

Waterloo Bay is a major feature in our coastal community. When officers recently proposed the construction of a rock wall to manage erosion near Beth Boyd Park on Queens Esplanade, I suggested that there may be other more appropriate options, such as geotextile bags and sand replenishment, given the many activities people enjoy in the area. Consultation is imminent so that officers can ensure future plans will include options that support people's diverse uses, as well as ecological considerations, such as the needs of protected species, coastal shoreline processes and extreme weather events.



*NURTURING: Keep an eye out for ducklings on our streets.*

### Local living

Please keep a lookout for the many local species that inhabit our area, particularly snakes, as the warmer weather arrives. It's great to see the return of the swans, the annual arrival of the migrating Siberian shorebirds, and the many

ducks with ducklings wandering our streets (we currently have a family of six wood ducks nesting and teaching little ones in our pool area). If you have any wildlife issues, call Redlands Wildlife Service on 3833 4031.

## Celebrating 100 years of schooling

I hope you are all ready for Birkdale State School's centenary celebration on Sunday 27 November.

The afternoon will culminate with past students from "Mr Fireworks" lighting up the night sky. Significant thanks go to Birkdale State School teachers, staff, P&C and Centenary Sub-Committee, with special mention going to John Bullion and Margaret Bean, who have been working with locals keeping records and documenting stories from the school's long and proud history. All of this will be on display throughout the day and locals are invited to share their experiences. The time capsule will be opened at 3.30pm, when the public events kick off.

## Redlands mossies & midges



Council's environmental health team run a year-round program to manage mosquito populations.

While we have this program, it is also vital that we play our part by emptying water out of pot plants and other containers from around our homes.

It is also important people know how to manage biting midges. Council's program doesn't target midges, so people need to protect themselves and their homes.

Search "Midges" at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for useful information.

## Exercise by the bay

While officers recently declined an application for a weekly event that might have attracted hundreds of runners each Saturday morning to Queens Esplanade foreshore, I remain committed to supporting healthy activity and exercise in our local area.

As such, I have requested officers mark out an established running course to help runners and walkers exercise by the bay in a less intensive and more regulated manner. As the area grows in popularity, it is important to find a balance between maintaining the relaxing seaside amenity for locals, while managing pressure caused by higher impact events. In coming months, there will be pleasant additions to the beautiful area around Commodore Drive that will invite people to enjoy the ambience of the bay. I will also continue to advocate for an upgrade to the toilet and parking facilities, and investigate a connected mapping of local exercise and natural environments which may assist in future community activities.

## Have you seen the blocks?



People seem to agree that "Birkdale & Thorneside Rocks". About a year ago, this placemaking idea was designed to allow local people to access parks and spaces in diverse ways.

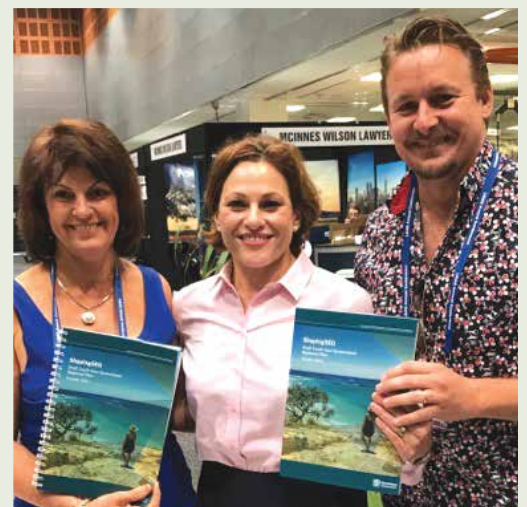
Have you seen where they are all placed? A new "Local Living Birkdale/Thorneside" page is being created on my [www.PaulBishop.com.au](http://www.PaulBishop.com.au) website to show where they are.

Please feel free to walk around Division 10 to visit and share ideas, a story or photograph on social media with **#BirkdaleThornesideRocks**.



## Addressing traffic issues

Colleagues Wendy Boglary, Tracey Huges and myself met with Council and State officers to discuss traffic issues at St Mary Mackillop Primary School recently.



## Draft SEQ Regional Plan

Planning for the future is an important part of Council's work.

While Councillors are finalising our response to submissions by residents on our draft City Plan, Cr Wendy Boglary and I recently attended the Local Government Association of Queensland's annual conference where Deputy Premier Jackie Trad launched the draft SEQ Regional Plan, ShapingSEQ.

This State Government document sets the scene for the settlement and development pattern of the south-east through to mid-century.

Consultation on this plan is now open and, on 7 December, state planners will be at Capalaba Place, 14 Noelene Street, Capalaba, from 10am-1pm, to answer your questions.

During the conference we met with Ms Trad (pictured), who is also Local Government and Planning Minister.

For more information on the plan, visit [www.ShapingSEQ.com.au](http://www.ShapingSEQ.com.au).