



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Bishop

Dear Residents of Division 10

As spring arrives, I hope you are all well and making the most of life in our fabulous part of the world.

Councillors have had a busy time lately, preparing the 2016-17 Budget, reviewing the draft City Plan submissions and bringing newly elected members up to speed with Council processes.

I am looking forward to staying in touch with locals about the things that matter most to you, so please do not hesitate to contact me for any Council-related reason. I am also keen to hear practical ideas or suggestions for the area.

In addition to our ongoing Bushcare volunteer groups, there's so many ways people can enjoy our delightful bayside environment.

Some of you may like to learn more about how to record and document the natural wonders, places and species around our division so we can celebrate what we have in our special area. I'll be hosting a Local Living Birkdale & Thorneside event from 10am-noon on 17 September in the Mary Street Park playground, opposite Birkdale State School (weather permitting). At this gathering we will discover practical

ways we can learn about the real things that make our area so special. Think of it as Pokemon Go with living creatures.

Also, congratulations to all the players and families of winter sport codes as the season ends.

Thanks to all volunteer trainers, managers, committee members and organisers - your collective contribution to our community is immeasurable.

Finally, we are looking to create a local showing as part of the Birkdale Community History Project.

Dates are yet to be revealed but if you want to be involved, please make contact with me.

Best wishes to you, your family and say hello to your neighbours who make our community so great.

Kind regards,

Cr Paul Bishop
Division 10

Birkdale/Thorneside community history update

We are learning a lot of amazing local stories through our local history project.

- Did you know about Birkdale's bora ring?
- Have you heard about Thorneside ferals?
- Are you aware of the Birkdale Land Army girls?
- Did US General MacArthur stay in Birkdale?
- Who knows stories about "The Goat Lady"?
- Where did Artist William Robinson farm?
- Is your local club's history documented?

To learn more about these or get involved, go to www.BirkdaleCommunityHistoryProject.org or contact me and I may be able to assist.



*(Birkdale) Goats 1982-83
by William Robinson*

Sandstone block discussions

In my last newsletter, I suggested meetings to talk about the sandstone blocks in our local parks and have now scheduled a get-together from 2pm-4pm on Saturday 17 September in Beth Boyd Park to discuss the sandstone blocks there (meet at the pirate ship).

Many of us have seen or heard reports of people waiting, reading, chatting, kissing, reflecting, observing the view or just sitting between activities on the blocks.

There also have been suggestions that some of them are not placed in useful areas

or could do with some landscaping, which I'd like to confirm with locals.

If you have other ideas, thoughts or suggestions in support or expressing concern, can you please let me know and I'll arrange a time to meet and discuss them with you.





Aquatic Paradise dredge delivers

One of the greatest achievements I have witnessed has been the deep collaboration between Council officers, Aquatic Paradise Residents Association committee members and elected representatives. This process has resulted in local residents playing an active role in the confidential selection process for a commercial tender, which has resulted in multi-million-dollar savings, increased trust and gained respect for how Council and community can work together. The road has not always been easy, yet all deserve congratulations for a collaborative plan that has set a precedent within Redland City.



COLLABORATION: Aquatic Paradise Residents Association committee members Wendy, Janine and Bill with myself and Council officers at a recent meeting.



PROUD HISTORY: Centenary Committee members John Bullion, Leanne Gill (P&C Fundraising), Margaret Bean and Principal Greg Gosling with students.

Birkdale State School Centenary plus P&C congratulations

Birkdale State School was officially opened on 27 November 1916. Now, almost 100 years later, the school is a major hub of family activity.

Plans for an outdoor classroom and learning environment, a recent bush dance, sale of memorabilia, sharing of memories and local histories are all part of the lead-up to what will be an amazing open day on its 100th birthday.

The day will feature class photographs, opening of the Bicentennial time capsule, festivities and fireworks.

Stop press: Birkdale State School P&C has been acknowledged for its members' tireless community work by P&Cs Qld in that organisation's 70th year.

Monster Garage Sale at St James Park

Members of St James Park Neighbourhood Watch community will host their annual garage sale on 3 September from 7am-11am. This event attracts people in search of bargains from far and wide. Birkdale Scouts will host a sausage sizzle and a coffee and cake stall in St James Road. This is a great community day to explore others' trash and find yourself a treasure.



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