



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Wendy Boglary Deputy Mayor

Dear residents of Division 1

Keeping a tight rein on spending while improving community infrastructure is at the heart of Council's Budget for 2016-17.

Councillors also mitigated the impact on residents affected by significant increases in their State Government property valuations.

The impact of these valuations has been felt most in Wellington Point, which had the largest increase of 20.2 per cent, Ormiston at 15.2 per cent and Thornlands/Victoria Point at 14.8 per cent. Council was able to ease their impact by adjusting ratings categories. We put our concerns at the extent

of the increases during a meeting Councillors called with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, however Council is obliged to use these valuations when setting rates.

As your local councillor, I lobbied hard to limit cost increases and ensure the Budget delivered what we needed to take our community forward. Overall, the average rate rise is about 43 cents a week for a category 1a owner-occupied property with a land value of about \$306,450. This increase is the lowest in South-East Queensland.

This increase covers only a small part of the extra

impost on Council from rises in water, utilities and other State Government charges - particularly a 9.2 per cent increase in the State Government's bulk water charge. Council has kept its retail water costs at last year's levels.

There has been an increase in rebates to pensioners by \$5 to \$335 for full pensioners and \$2.50 for part-pensioners.

With \$1 million a year budgeted for park and other infrastructure over the next four years, I recently did a park audit to record what assets are where and would appreciate your views on what our community needs. So far, I have had a request for a dog off-leash area in the Riverton Drive area, more exercise equipment at the Point and a climbing structure for Raby Esplanade Park, so please email me your ideas. I will lettebox drop in specific

areas but all feedback is valued. Before decisions are made, I will hold community consultations in the areas.

Projects for this year also include \$3.9 million for road re-sealing, an upgrade for Three Paddocks, the Wellington Point Village streetscape, Starkey Street upgrade, and work in Coughian Street Park and Skinner Avenue Park.

If you have any issues, don't hesitate to give me a call on 0408 543 583, email me at wendy.boglary@redland.qld.gov.au or catch up over a cuppa or at one of my Community Chats.

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Catch up for a chat

I will be at Horizons from 9am-10.50am and Wellington Point Village from 11am-1pm on the first Saturday of the month; Ormiston Foodstore from 5pm-6pm on the first Thursday; and for early coffee at Tanja's from 6.30am-8am on the third Thursday. Watch my Facebook page for other chat venues.



I was proud to open the culmination of years of work by Council officers and residents at Redlands Track Park. Stretching from Cleveland to Alexandra Hills, this park is a fantastic asset for locals and the many cycling visitors we are attracting with our facilities. It is well worth a visit to enjoy a ride or a walk.

Awesome effort



Mark French has been a staunch volunteer for Redlands Cricket for more than 15 years and was recently honoured with life membership. Congratulations to Mark and well done to the club for a very successful year.



Work continues on our draft City Plan

Councillors are deep into an intensive series of workshops with officers on the draft City Plan.

This has been an informative and engaging process discussing issues raised by the community in more than 6000 properly made submissions received during the draft City Plan consultation period late last year.

Councillors have been carefully working on how to incorporate changes while still focussing on achieving the necessary balance to ensure protection of our Redlands lifestyle.

In making changes to the draft City Plan, it is important that Council complies with rules set out by the state's Guidelines for Making and Amending Local Planning Instruments.

It also must ensure that the planning scheme continues to appropriately integrate the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031 and the State Planning Policy 2014.

Although time has passed for public submissions, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries as this is the blueprint for the future of our home.

Best meals service

If you know someone who isn't able to cook for themselves, please connect them with Cleveland Meals on Wheels.

It offers an affordable and friendly service with quality meals. Info: 3286 2626 or go to www.clevelandmealsonwheels.com.au

Tackling the hooning problem

I am receiving an increasing number of complaints about hooning across our division. This includes street racing, high speeds, burn-outs and other offences. Dealing with this behaviour is the responsibility of police and recently I again chatted with them about our community's concerns. They have suggested a number of ways for residents to report these offences:

- If it's happening now and life or property is in immediate danger or the event is time critical call Triple Zero (000);
- If its non-urgent, not life threatening or there is little likelihood that the offenders are still in the area call Policelink on 131 444;
- For hoon specific information call the hoon line on 13HOON (13 4666) which goes to Policelink or report online;
- Contact your local police station.

I encourage residents to call police when they observe such behaviour as this increases the chances of catching the offenders.



Out in the community



Every third Saturday night, Dancing in the Streets is held in Wellington Point Village. This is a fun and free community night with lots laughter.



The Ormiston College community spent more than 10,000 hours knitting 7000 red poppies to adorn crosses at the 100-year commemoration of World War I's Battle of Pozieres in France.



Graham from Wellington Point Marine is handing over the helm to Chris and Donna after 15 years of being an integral part of our Village and lives.



Wellington Point High School celebrated our Indigenous heritage with a special NAIDOC Week assembly.



Redland City Council has reinforced its support of the local tourism sector by launching a committee of Redlands tourism professionals to advocate for and support the local industry.