



News from your Local Councillor

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Getting the DV message across

Council is throwing its support behind WAVSS Across the Redlands, the first domestic violence support service to operate in the Redlands for 20 years.

The not-for-profit organisation, which launched its Redlands operations last September, offers free information, support and counselling, predominantly for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

To coincide with Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in May, signs were posted on Council bus shelters, waste collection trucks and other vehicles to send a clear message that domestic and family violence will not be tolerated.

As an organisation, we've also introduced a 10-day leave allowance for Council staff members who might be affected by domestic violence.

On behalf of WAVSS, we're also including a bumper sticker with this newsletter to help kick off their "Non-violence is contagious ... give it to your friends!" campaign.



For information or to seek support, visit www.wavss.org.

The service offers a range of support, including free information, court support, counselling, crisis response and perpetrator intervention programs.

Dear resident of Redland Bay

The new term of Council has begun and I am honoured to have been re-elected as your Councillor.

With three new Councillors joining our ranks, the first few months are focusing on daily training and review workshops on the wide variety of areas that make up the works of Council. In forming our new team, there has been a commitment to working together in the best interests of the whole of the Redlands.

Redland Bay and the Bay Islands have some particularly challenging issues that require a "whole of Council" approach and the Councillors' commitment to resolve long-standing problems is most welcome.

In Redland Bay, the flow of traffic in peak periods is constrained where Council roads meet State roads.

Council will be challenging the State Government to work with us to resolve congested roads. We also need a renewed commitment to plan and provide more sporting fields, boat ramp facilities, footpaths and cycleways throughout the City.

On the Southern Moreton Bay Islands, I see an opportunity to progress infrastructure such as green sealing all the roads, planning and

delivering adequate ferry terminal parking and upgrading waterfront infrastructure. These three items alone are not only achievable but will remove a lot of the disparity between island and mainland living.

Of all the challenges, Weinam Creek is to me the most pressing and hardest to resolve. It is an area which affects both the islands and Redland Bay residents, with the surging sprawl of parking impacting beyond the transport precinct and into the nearby neighbourhoods and shopping centre. While the Priority Development Area process will eventually transform the area into a functional transport hub and public waterfront space, interim action will need to be taken to improve parking availability and ease the current pressures until redevelopment is complete.

The next term of Council will be a challenging one for all Councillors but I am sure that in working together to address the areas of greatest need, we will deliver great results for our City.

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Weinam Creek update

Council has agreed to give the Walker Group another three months to complete its proposal for the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area. The extension will enable Walker's proposal to accommodate feedback provided by the new Council, particularly relating to parking and strengthening public access to the foreshore.

It is important the community remains patient while the necessary steps occur to make this multi-million dollar project a reality.

Once the Request for Proposal phase is completed on 1 August, a panel of Council and State Government representatives will evaluate Walker Group's proposal.





More wildlife volunteers needed

The Redlands' after-hours wildlife ambulance service, co-ordinated by Council, is always seeking volunteers to rescue and transport sick and injured wildlife.

Inductions are held as required, so please contact 3824 8611 or email lisa.bailey@redland.qld.gov.au if you can help or would like more information.

Most of our native animals are nocturnal, so it's vital that we are able to transport sick or injured wildlife for veterinary care between 5pm and 8am, when incidents are more likely to happen.

Council supplies a fully equipped vehicle and covers running costs, including fuel and equipment for volunteers, who work in teams of three and are rostered on-call for a seven day period once every five-to-six weeks.

We currently have 15 trained ambulance volunteers, with the service answering more than 2400 calls last year.

All volunteers must be over the age of 18, hold a current driver's licence and live in the Redlands. No experience is needed to join this community volunteer program and full training is provided.



ANZAC spirit alive and well in the Redlands

Of all the days we come together as a community, ANZAC Day is one held in the highest regard.

My family, like many others, had relatives serve our country over the years and some who made the ultimate sacrifice. ANZAC Day is a day to remember all men and women of the Australian Defence Force, regardless of the time or place they served.

When I attended the Redland Bay State and Victoria Point High ANZAC Day ceremonies, it reinforced to me that the future of this special day is in good hands

with our youth. They understand and embrace the ANZAC spirit.

At every event I attended on ANZAC Day - the dawn service at Redland Bay, the 11am commemorative service on Russell Island and the dusk service on Karragarra Island - the community involvement was very strong, as I believe it was at other services in the City. A fundamental message I take away from ANZAC Day is that in paying homage to our veterans and those who gave their lives in serving our nation, we recognise that peace and freedom have always required a sacrifice that should never be forgotten.



Illegal dumping a significant impost

Dumping garden waste in bushland is more than an eyesore - it has the potential to destroy our natural environment and introduce invasive weeds.

It has become a bit of a problem across the City, with lawn clippings, garden prunings and fallen palm fronds discarded in bushland rather than being

taken to the tip or put in greenwaste bins.

Illegal dumping is a significant financial burden for ratepayers, as it is a costly exercise to clean up illegally dumped waste of any kind.

You can visit www.redland.qld.gov.au to order a greenwaste bin to responsibly dispose of garden waste.

