



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Murray Elliott



### 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](http://www.wavss.org).

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

### 'Food Circus' proposed for City

Chefs Inc has lodged a development application to utilise Council land below the Cleveland Library building as a weekend food precinct.

Under the plan, the "Food Circus", as it would be called, will operate between 5pm and 10pm on Fridays and from 10am to 10pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The restaurant precinct will have fare from 15 different kitchens that change menus and concepts regularly, so there is always something new to enjoy.

Total informal seating is 416 with shade covering 75 percent of the seating. It's an amazing concept to boost the Cleveland CBD.



### Sod turned on Runnymede community facility

The \$3.27 million Horizon Foundation Community and Education Centre next to IndigiScapes will transform under-utilised Council-owned land and provide hundreds of jobs.

I recently turned the first sod on the project with Mayor Karen Williams to mark the start of about nine months of construction on what is one of the largest community services infrastructure projects in the Redlands. It is an exciting project offering great opportunities for our community and the region.

The old chook shed site has been unoccupied for about 10 years but will now be transformed into a vibrant community and disability services hub which will inject an estimated \$8 million into the local

economy through construction investment and new jobs.

Horizon Foundation is a highly respected disability service provider and currently employs 200 staff at the organisation's Capalaba office. It is expected 20 new full-time equivalent jobs will be created at the new Runnymede centre, plus hundreds of jobs during construction.

Redland City Council has given Horizon Foundation a 50-year lease of the footprint of its new building.

I am proud to have played a role in facilitating this new centre which will meet the needs of our community.

Council is working on a concept plan for potential uses for the rest of the site.



## Popular park now even better for families

Windemere Road Park is sporting some great new additions, pictured.

There are two new gazebos, one close to the Cumberland Drive end, which will make the park more attractive for local families to use and enjoy.

The electric double barbeque placed in the western gazebo, off Windemere Road, along with the new stand-alone unisex toilet, will complete this much needed upgrade and will allow families to extend their stay in the park.



### No need for speed

I remind residents that the sole responsibility of enforcing speeding laws on all roads rests with police.

Only continued writing and calls to police on 3433 3333 will provide the resources we need "on the ground". There is simply no other way to achieve this police presence.

Residents also have a responsibility to their neighbourhoods in monitoring their own speeds when driving and encouraging others to do so as well. It all helps to ensure a safer environment in which to live.



### Wildlife volunteers

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](mailto:lisa.bailey@redland.qld.gov.au) if you can help or would like more information. Council supplies a fully equipped vehicle and our volunteers work in teams of three and are rostered on-call.



### Call in for a chat

I am at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday from 9am-midday to discuss your concerns and what's happening throughout Division 7.

Thank you to all the residents who have contacted me over the past few months with regard to local issues in the area.

Kind regards,

**Cr Murray Elliott**

Division 7