



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Lance Hewlett



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 Division 4

Being my first newsletter for 2016, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the residents of Division 4, for your faith and support in re-electing me as your local Councillor for another term.

Through the many decision-making processes of local government, I will continue to be committed to representing not only the residents of my division but also the constituents of the whole City.

In my view, the role of a Councillor is a multi-faceted one. I look forward to supporting the diverse range of local community groups, local businesses, schools and sporting clubs, as well as addressing the needs of any individual as they arise.

I will strongly advocate for Council to continue to deliver high levels of service, with the ongoing provision of much-needed infrastructure to a level that exceeds the expectations of the local community.

As during my previous term as Councillor, I am very committed to personally communicating

and getting feedback from local residents.

I will continue to conduct my regular Council information booths at Victoria Point Shopping Centre and Pelican's Nest.

I always post times and dates on my Facebook Page. Just send me a friend request to remain updated on many local issues and events.

I am also more than happy to meet with you in person at your home or in my Council office - all you need do is phone 3829 8603 or 0421 880 371 to organise an appointment.

Thanks again and I look forward to meeting with you as I'm out and about in the community.

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SUPPORT: Celebrating with my wife, Sheena, family and friends at Redland Performing Arts Centre after the official swearing-in ceremony.



Keeping you informed about City Plan progress

The huge task of assessing submissions on Draft Redland City Plan is well advanced.

Council officers have been going through each of the 6190 properly made submissions, identifying and analysing the key issues raised and making recommendations.

The recommendations will be based on submissions received during last year's extended 11-week consultation period, which included 52 community activities, including 13 open house and 12 pop-up information sessions, 10 key stakeholder group briefings and 17 "meet the planner" sessions.

Once these have been considered by Council, the proposed planning scheme - including any changes - will be sent to the Planning Minister for approval.

There has been a great response by the community with thousands of residents taking advantage of sessions at which Council planners were available to answer questions concerning both property-specific and city-wide implications of the draft scheme.

Residents will be advised of proposed amendments and Council will write to each person who made a properly made submission advising of how it was dealt with.

Once the plan and any amendments are signed off by the Minister, anticipated later this year, the plan will come back to Council for implementation. The result will be a team effort informed by the community.

In the meantime, the Redlands will continue to operate under the current Redlands Planning Scheme 2006 Version 7.

Out and about



Environmental paradise in the midst of suburbia

It was my privilege recently to perform the plaque unveiling at the newest Eprapah Creek interpretative walk "Rainforest to Creek" at the request of the Scout Association of Australia and Eprapah Scouts Fellowship. The work was funded by a Redland City Council conservation grant.

The Eprapah Heritage Walk also received a high commendation in the National Trust of Queensland Community Awards in 2014. Eprapah is designated as a Scout Centre of Excellence for Nature and Environment site and is possibly the only Scout campsite in the world devoted principally to environmental education.

Park upgraded at Point Halloran Reserve

Redland City Council is committed to providing up-to-date play equipment in our City's parks and open spaces. I was very happy recently to see the new installation completed at Orana Street Park, Point Halloran Reserve. The installation has also been relocated several metres to higher ground to avoid the flooding issues experienced in the old play area. Enjoy.



Thank you for your support

As a committee member of the Run for Redlands 48-Hour Charity Festival (incorporating the Koala Fun Run), it was wonderful this year to be able to again support and raise much-needed funds for the Redlands Hospital Paediatric Unit, as well as the Redland Bay SES.

Thank you to Victoria Point Community

Bank Branch, Bendigo Bank and Redland City Council as our major sponsors and to all other corporate and community sponsors and donors who supported these vital community services.

My wife, Sheena, organised the JJ Richards-sponsored breakfast launch which raised almost \$7000.



Redland Bay SES member Lauren Folster of Victoria Point.



HEART-WARMING: Schools such as Faith Lutheran showed great respect for our ANZAC traditions.

Anzac spirit is alive and well in the Redlands

Having grandparents who served in World Wars I and II, it is heartening for me to see our local schools and the broader community embrace and honour the ANZAC legacy. Many Redlanders have served our country in conflicts and wars across the globe or have family or friends who have done so. This year I attended the Redland Bay dawn service, mid-morning service on Coochiemudlo Island and school ceremonies at Sheldon College, Victoria Point State School, Faith Lutheran Primary School and Redlands Special School, Thornlands. All were impressive and solemn tributes to our fallen and surviving servicemen and women.