



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Bishop

### Rickertt Road update

It is clear Rickertt Road is a challenge for motorists and governments.

A recent RACQ poll listed it in the five worst roads in Queensland, so I decided to start an e-petition to State Parliament, sponsored by Capalaba MP Don Brown, to get it on the agenda.

Residents and impacted motorists may like to raise awareness of this issue and ask others to sign the e-petition.

You will find it by searching: "Queensland Parliament, current e-petitions, Rickertt Road Upgrade".

### Verge gardens

A few years ago, I started a Facebook group called Redland City Verge Gardens to support neighbourhood connections and allow people to learn about the best ways to manage the shared public/private space outside their front yards.

I have since been speaking with Council officers about simple and practical steps to minimise concerns and make our neighbourhoods feel more unique, safe and well loved.

I would like to host a meeting for anyone interested. Pencil in 6.30pm, Thursday 2 June at The Red Place, Metro Arcade, 99 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

### Sandstone blocks

While some people are enjoying the sandstone blocks in our parks, others are feeling under-consulted.

Let me assure you they are able to be moved. If the general view suggests they are not being used or appreciated, I will request on-site meetings to consider your thoughts and suggestions.

Visit [www.paulbishop.com.au](http://www.paulbishop.com.au) for details of where the blocks are located.

### Thank you ... now what's next?

Thanks to all who supported me as your preferred council candidate for Division 10 and also to Joy Stewart for her respectful and dignified campaign.

In my second term, I will invite your ongoing participation in the process of "local community action" to deepen our sense of neighbourhood vibrancy and community cohesion. While I vow to make decisions in the best interest of the whole City, I will also offer my services as a facilitator, to help local people "reconnect our village" and build our sense of pride and connection to the people and places that make Birkdale and Thorneside feel like home. This newsletter suggests some ways we can work together to create a sense of local unity for a safer and healthier community. I invite your willing support and assistance on the journey. Thanks to all who have contributed, worked and volunteered locally to date.

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### Your new Council

There are 11 Councillors in Redland City. Ten of us represent geographic "divisions", with residents in these areas voting for us as their preferred local representatives. Our Mayor is also a Councillor, who receives a majority of votes from across the entire City and is Council's spokesperson. Our collective role is to define policy that is then drafted and delivered by officers, who work in Council administration.

For more information and contact details, go to [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) then click on 'About Council'. You will find me on the **Mayor & Councillors** page.

Councillors can ask questions about Council operations but are not permitted to instruct or advise officers. Councillors are your representatives, while you are our local "eyes and ears", so please make contact on any relevant Council issue that needs to be addressed. I vow to treat each issue on its merits and vote in the best interest of the majority of citizens for our long-term future.



## Birkdale/Thorneside Community History Project update

History is coming alive as residents are learning to conduct oral history recordings about significant stories and events that have happened in our area.

Trained by award-winning professionals, many recently recorded digital files are being shared among locals and then stored in our Council library's Local History Collection and the Queensland State Library archives.

If you are part of a local club, group or organisation, perhaps you might like to document the history of your

club to enhance the project? **The next public sharing will be from 2pm-5pm on 11 June at Mooroodu Sport and Recreation Clubhouse, Mooroodu Road, Thorneside.**

Please bring a local memory to share (even if it happened just last week).

This process is only just starting, so if you want to learn more or be inspired, visit:

**[www.birkdalecommunityhistoryproject.org](http://www.birkdalecommunityhistoryproject.org)**



*HISTORY: Isabella Alcock (The Goat Lady) is a local treasure, while our community history project meetings, right, are always informative.*



### 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 offers free information, support and counselling, predominantly for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

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

### Like to volunteer two hours for Bushcare?

There is a Bushcare working bee most weekends somewhere in Birkdale and Thorneside. Your help to plant trees and remove weeds would make a difference to our local environment as well as giving you an opportunity to meet your neighbours. Just turn up in safe shoes and work clothes and sign on and you may even get a cuppa and a biscuit! Go to:

**Mary Street, Birkdale:** First Sunday of the month, 8am, Mary Street Bushland Reserve, Mary Street, Birkdale.

**Frank Street, Thorneside:** Second Saturday, 8.30am, Frank Street Bushland Refuge, Frank and Henry streets.

**Helen Street, Thorneside:** Last Saturday of the month, 8am, Willard-Weber Park, Helen Street.

**Birkdale Bushland Refuge:** Last Sunday, 8am, Burbank Road and Palgold Court.



*TAKING CARE: The Frank Street Bushcare volunteers are doing a great job looking after our natural environment.*

### New Bushcare site off Fisher Road

Did you sign the petition to save the Fisher Road, Thorneside, park? If so, we now need your help to keep costs down and manage the environmental land with support of local Bushcare volunteers. Get in touch and I will give you details of how you can show your support.