



# News from your Local Councillor

Cr Murray Elliott



## Paul proves a very inspiring senior

Division 7 resident Paul Barnes is our very popular Inspiring Senior for 2015.

Since Paul came to the Redlands in 2009, he has thrown himself into the community even though he was initially working full time as well.

Paul is a qualified accountant who also used to fill in for Santa at Christmas, which is not surprising as he always is good for a laugh.

He has a wealth of stories about being Santa and had many an unusual experience, including his times as Santa for the Sydney Royal Yacht Squadron where Santa would come into the harbour on a yacht.

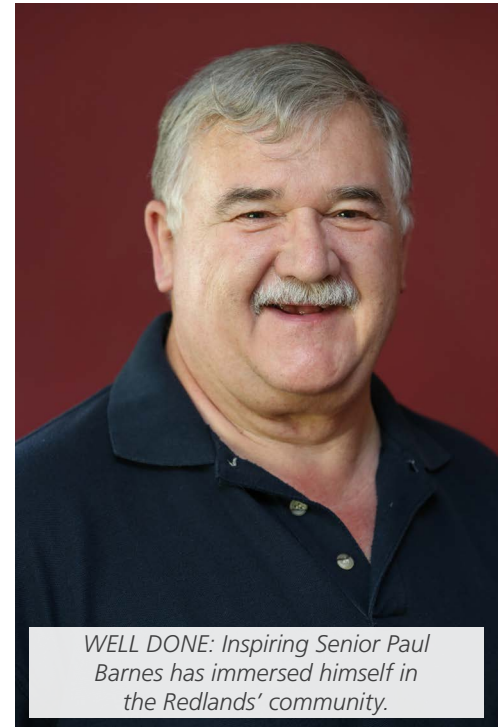
Paul's volunteering started well before he arrived in the Redlands. In Sydney he was involved with his local

school's P&C, Lions and what is now the Northcott Society.

When Paul and wife, Janette, came to Redlands they didn't know a soul. He started assisting one local organisation but soon was lending his time, expertise and good humour to a variety of groups, including the Donald Simpson Centre, Redland District Committee on the Ageing, Circle of Men and Oaklands Community Garden.

He also is convener of the Donald Simpson Hearing Impaired Group, a carer with the Redlands Wildlife Care Group and Chieftain of the Redlands Malt Whisky Society.

You will often find Paul on the end of the barbecue tongs at a sausage sizzle or wherever else a volunteer is needed.



*WELL DONE: Inspiring Senior Paul Barnes has immersed himself in the Redlands' community.*



## Schools' big birthdays

Alexandra Hills has been clocking up some big birthdays as we mark 50 years since officially being registered as a suburb. This year is also the 40th anniversary of the opening of Alexandra Hills State School, the 35th anniversary of the opening of St Anthony's Catholic School and the 30th anniversary of the opening of Vienna Woods State School.

## Toondah Harbour update

The Walker Group has been busy working with specialists in urban planning, design and the environment to prepare a concept masterplan for Toondah Harbour's revitalisation.

Since the State Government formally endorsed the \$1.3 billion Priority Development Area project in June, Walker Group has sponsored the Relish Festival at Raby Bay in October and the Island Vibe Festival at Point Lookout in October/November and launched a website [www.toondah-harbour.com.au](http://www.toondah-harbour.com.au).



*VIBRANT: The revitalisation of Toondah Harbour promises to boost the Redlands' economy.*

By the end of the year it is expected that Walker Group will refer the project to the Federal Minister for the Environment under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*

and apply to the Coordinator General for a coordinated project declaration. During the environmental impact assessment process, there will be opportunities for residents to have their say on the project plans.



## Time to 'Get Ready' for summer

The past few summers have brought significant weather events and bushfires to the Redlands, showing that we are not immune from potential natural disasters.

With the Bureau of Meteorology expecting hot, dry weather with an increased possibility of severe storms and increased fire risks over the next several months, all residents should take time to make their homes ready.

You may not live in a bushfire or flood-prone area but that doesn't mean there is no chance of a disaster which might force you to quickly evacuate your home.

To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to the Redlands is available at [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au).

The Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through its website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM radio and it would be well worth connecting with Council's social media feeds so you can keep up to date with the latest information. I trust you will find the information here useful.

## REDLANDS ... BE BUSHFIRE & STORM SAFE



We are approaching bushfire and storm season, so it is important to plan for both.

- Prepare a family emergency plan
- Prepare your home to minimise damage

Redland City Council's disaster management plan provides information on how to prepare for and recover from a disaster.

The plan can be downloaded from [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au)

### Ten things you must include

Your emergency kit should contain:

- a portable radio with spare batteries
- a torch with spare batteries
- a first-aid kit
- candles and waterproof matches
- a waterproof bag for valuables
- important documents including emergency contact numbers



If evacuation is likely or required:

- a good supply of any prescribed medications
- any special requirements for babies, the disabled, infirm or elderly
- strong shoes and protective clothing
- food and drinking water

### Assembling an evacuation kit

I want you to consider putting together an emergency evacuation kit containing the items that you will need should you be forced to relocate. Here is a list of essential items that you can personalise to suit your own requirements.

**Medical:** Prescriptions, medicines, Medicare number, contact details of your local doctor, puffers, spare glasses, a clear account of any special medical needs that you may have.

**Documents:** Passport, driving licence (copy), Medicare card (copy), bank account details, credit card numbers, birth certificate, copy of your will, list of critical telephone numbers.

**Insurance:** Policy documents including vehicle and or boat policies.

**Clothing:** Sufficient for five to 10 days (include comfortable shoes). Remember personal items such as a toothbrush, comb and toiletries.

**Irreplaceable items:** Photographs (scan irreplaceable memories onto a memory stick), jewellery (heirlooms such as grandma's wedding ring).

**Things to consider:** A few good books, transistor radio and batteries, diaries.

There are other things that you might consider important enough to include in your kit, but the main thing is to be prepared.

We all hope that we will never need to grab the kit and run, but if the day ever does arrive, you will so relieved that you have everything ready to go.

**Here's a tip!** Keep your kit somewhere accessible but secure - you do not want it falling into the wrong hands.

The disaster management and community safety section on Redland City Council's website contains suburb-specific emergency information and advice for Division 7 residents, so check it out at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au)

We're all in this together [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au)



### Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au) or by calling 1800 641 497.

### Have a great holiday season

I would like to wish all residents of Division 7 and their families all the best for Christmas and a healthy and safe new year. Feel free to contact me if you need help with any issues.

Kind regards,

**Cr Murray Elliott**

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