



News from your **Local Councillor** Cr Mark Edwards

Boundary changes even up the numbers

With the next local government election less than four months away, the Queensland Electoral Commission needed to ensure that all the Council divisions are balanced in terms of enrolled voter numbers.

Division 5, which includes a large portion of Redland Bay plus the Southern Moreton Bay Islands, is the largest in terms of elected voters and

also in workload due to its diversity and needs.

A Council report found the average number of voters in each division last year was 9769, with Division 5 having 10,726 voters.

The Queensland Electoral Commission has determined that the electoral size of Division 5 needs to be reduced to ensure a fair distribution of voters across the City's 10 divisions.

It has determined that all properties west of Moogurrapum Creek will now fall into Division 6, which includes Mount Cotton.

This means that Redland Bay State School, of which I am a P&C member, will become part of Division 6 as of the next election.

However that will not be a problem as Councillors must represent the whole of the City.



Help is now at hand

Those impacted by domestic and family violence have a new support base with the opening of the first-ever Redlands regional domestic and family violence service - WAVSS Across The Redlands.

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

More information is available at www.wavss.org.



Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.

Better roads and footpaths



You may notice a number of roads being resealed in Redland Bay as Council continues to rollout road maintenance programs that will ensure our streets have a long operational life before replacement.

Pictured above is the work at Moreton View Parade at Redland Bay. Some nearby streets are being resealed as well.

School of Arts Road also is in the process of successive upgrades.

One of the main challenges was to provide safe footpath access on the northern side of the road, south of the Queen Street roundabout.

There are so many underground services on this side that providing a concrete path was problematic. However the new bitumen footpath, right, overcomes many of the issues and provides a safe thoroughfare.





Please support our Men's Shed

Members of the Redland Bay Men's Shed on site at the land newly allocated by Council for their building. The Men's Shed is a fantastic organisation which supports the community in many ways. Now they have the land they need financial support to build a shed to operate from. If you are able to assist them with a contribution, please let me know and I will put you in touch.

Help for our community groups

One of the great pleasures of representing our community in Council is the ability to support those local organisations that work in different ways to make our life a little better. The following photographs are from recent presentations of financial support from the Councillor grants program to local community groups.



VALUED: Redland Bay Volunteer Coast Guard offers a great service. To assist their operations, a grant was provided by Mayor Karen Williams and myself.



WORTHY: Redland Bay Amateur Fishing Club is our largest fishing club in Redlands. Mayor Karen Williams and I were happy to help when its leaky clubhouse roof needed urgent repair.



GOOD SPORTS: Victoria Point Magic Football Club probably should be called Redland Bay Magic, as it has a great presence here. Mayor Karen Williams, neighbouring councillor Julie Talty and myself were pleased to present this great community organisation with a grant to buy new sporting equipment.

Weinam update

Developing a proposal for Weinam Creek in the hope to be selected preferred development partner is a priority for Walker Group Holdings.

While Walker Group's focus has been on its plan to revitalise Toondah Harbour, the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area project remains a development the company is keen to do. It has until 19 December to submit a concept for Weinam Creek after Council and the State Government granted an extension of the Expression of Interest process.

Merry Christmas

I would like to wish all residents of Division 5 and their families a great Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Please don't hesitate to contact me for help if you need it. You can email me anytime at mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au or telephone 0407 695 667.

Warm regards,

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