



News from your **Local Councillor** Cr Alan Beard (Deputy Mayor)



Your views sought on planning scheme changes

For the past 18 months Council has been preparing its new planning scheme to take effect about mid-next year.

The scheme has been on public display since the end of September and Council has been taking submissions from residents, both positive and otherwise.

There are few changes proposed for Division 8 or, in fact, the northern part of the City in general. The units and townhouses currently under construction along Finucane Road are nearing completion and no further residential land is being proposed for our division.

The only other issue directly affecting Division 8 residents is the proposed rezoning of two parcels of land determined by Council to be "surplus to requirement" and which, if agreed, will either be

sold or developed in order to return funds to be used for community projects and/or buy land for sporting and environmental purposes.

The first parcel is on McMillan Road near the corner of McDonald Road. This land was bought by Council at residential rates to prevent it from being poorly developed and to preserve its environmental values.

The minutes of the meeting at which the purchase was approved state that the land is to be developed in such a way as to return its purchase price and to preserve its environmental values.

It has approval for subdivision into 11 lots but the current proposal is to rezone it to a higher density, allowing for a small townhouse development to recover the \$1.5 million purchase

price while maintaining its environmental values.

The second lot is on the corner of Randal Road and Old Cleveland Road East. Currently there are four small units on the site, owned and managed by Council. The rest of the land is heavily vegetated.

The proposal is to extend the residential zoning from the corner to about half way along the block, allowing for greater development on the land but still retaining most of the vegetation. There also is a wildlife corridor across the road on Randall Road in the Judy Holt Park.

I reiterate that, if agreed, all proceeds from the sale of this land will be used to support community infrastructure, buy land for sporting fields and to complete environmental and wildlife corridors.

I would value your opinion on this issue.

Helping hand

I am delighted that the Councillors' Community Grants Program has been able to assist these organisations: Birkdale South State School chaplaincy program, Alexandra Hills State School, Muddies Cricket Club, Redland Multisports Club, Redlands Rugby Union Club, Redlands Community Cancer Support Group and Alexandra Hills High School P&C.

New work

The latest infrastructure delivered for Division 8 includes a shade shelter over the newly installed exercise equipment in Bailey Road Park and the addition of new goal posts at the Valantine Road Park.



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.

Donald Simpson Centre offers plenty for all seniors

Although in Cleveland, the Donald Simpson Centre provides a most astonishing array of activities, classes and events designed specifically to cater to our senior residents.

These include indoor bowls, cards, arts and crafts, painting, yoga and exercise classes, knitting, woodworking, computer skills and line dancing to name just a few.

I will be talking with the Donald Simpson Centre and the board of the Redland Multi Sports Club (RMSC) at Judy Holt Park with a view to extending some of the centre's programs to the Birkdale-based club.



In the meantime, check out the range of activities provided by the Donald Simpson Centre, which is well supported by Redland City Council, at www.donaldsimpsoncentre.com.au or link up with activities via the centre's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DSCCentre



Tip bypass lane

Anyone who makes use of the Birkdale Waste Transfer Station will be aware of the ever-increasing queues, particularly on weekends.

To alleviate the issue, Council has spent \$290,000 on the construction of a “green waste bypass lane”, which will enable residents carrying green waste only to access the tip directly, without passing through the weighbridge. This will result in much shorter queues both at the weighbridge and the bypass lane.

Well done Council.



BYPASS: The new 'green waste' lane at Birkdale Waste Transfer Station should make using the facility much easier, particularly on weekends.

Time to address unit aesthetics

These units on Old Cleveland Road East adjacent to the Horizons Shopping Centre present a dilemma for Council. The design, as presented to Council, was quite attractive, however the units face inward, presenting a much less desirable outlook to the main road. While this was done to address noise issues, it has presented aesthetic issues. I have been working with Council planning officers to simplify and strengthen the proposed new planning scheme to ensure that, in the future, unit and town house developments will present an attractive face to the road. The good news is that these units will eventually be screened by vegetation but that will take quite a few years to achieve.



Wild encounters

To report sick or injured wildlife, call Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031.

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

We're all in this together
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Helping our koalas

The work being done by Dr Romane Cristescu and her 'koala dog' is fascinating and very important to the Redlands as we work towards an education campaign to better protect our koalas. Watch Council's website for updates.

Merry Christmas and stay in touch

I would like to wish all residents of Division 8 and their families all the best for Christmas and a healthy and safe new year. I invite you to keep informed on Division 8 issues by visiting my Facebook page, 'Division Eight news'.

Alan Beard

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 Deputy Mayor and Councillor for Division 8